

REFLECTOR

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I Give Thee Humble Thanks

For all the gifts that Thou dost send,
For every kind and loyal friend,
For prompt supply of all my need,
For all that's good in word or deed,
For gift of health along life's way,
For strength to work from day to day,
I give Thee humble thanks.

For ready hands to help and cheer,
For listening ears Thy voice to hear,
For yielded tongue Thy love to talk,
For willing feet Thy paths to walk,
For open eyes Thy Word to read,
For loving heart Thy will to heed,
I give Thee humble thanks.

For Christ who came from Heaven above,
For the Cross and His redeeming love,
For His mighty power to seek and save,
For His glorious triumph o'er the grave,
For the lovely mansions in the sky,
For His blessed coming by-and-by,
I give Thee humble thanks.

Clifford Wilson



OMINOUS WORDS: "I NEVER KNEW YOU"

There are a thousand or more valid reasons to be thankful during this thanksgiving season. To me, few would be higher on the list than thanksgiving to God, in His infinite wisdom, for giving us His expectations in plain, vivid writings, the Holy Scriptures. Those of you reading these thoughts have one of more Bibles nearby. His expectations are not given in only one place in the Bible. These are abundant in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament. One special place for basic information is **Matthew 5, 6, and 7**, three chapters known as the **Sermon on the Mount**.

To merely read the Sermon on the Mount is quite revealing. Some call it the constitution for Christ's Kingdom laying out what He expects of its citizens. As one begins to study the sermon, he begins to examine himself in the light of what Jesus teaches. Studying the section known as the "preamble" for the constitution will illustrate the force of these Scriptures. The term given to verses three through twelve is "**The Beatitudes**."

The Holy Spirit, who is the believer's Teacher, internalizes and personalizes the words of each beatitude, speaking directly to the reader. Long ago, I learned to write one of two questions beside each beatitude as appropriate, "Am I?" or "Do I?" Likely, any Christian who does this will sense conviction that we do not always live up to His expectations. **To experience conviction as a Christian is something for which we should be thankful.** It is then that we can take steps to draw nearer by repenting and confessing our sins and shortcomings.

Since launching the prayer seminar ministry in 1980, much of what I teach is for Christians. Only the last few years have I realized, however, that the basic

Points to ponder

"Do not be satisfied to know that you are saved from hell, blessed as that is. But go on day by day to a fuller walk with God that you may be saved from sin and that your whole life may be lived to His praise and glory."

Harry Ironside

"One of the greatest errors in the church today is the artificial distinction we have created between accepting Christ as Savior and confessing Him as Lord. We have made two experiences of it, but the New Testament makes them one."

Vance Havner

Self-Examination Matthew 5

"Blessed are . . ."

v 3 "poor in spirit" AM I?

v 4 "mourn" DO I?

v 5 "meek" AM I?

v 6 "hunger and thirst
for righteousness" DO I?

v 7 "merciful" AM I?

v 8 "pure in heart" AM I?

v 9 "peacemakers" AM I?

v10 "persecuted for
righteousness sake" AM
I?

v11 "reviled [slandered] for
His sake" AM I?

V13 "salt" AM I?

V14 "light" AM I?

**Talk the results over with
Jesus. He understands
and through the power of
the Holy Spirit will help.**

questions that must be raised with the participants are "Are you a Christian? Is the Holy Spirit living in you?" Once these questions are raised, based on **Ephesians 2:8-9** and **Hebrews 11:6** we discuss how does one become a Christian looking at a key word, "faith."

John 3:16 states the gospel so clearly and simply. A way has been provided by which all might be saved, but a person must acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior and place His faith in Him as an act of the will. When he does this, he has eternal life as a personal possession. **FAITH PLUS NOTHING** is the manner by which the New Birth is received. A person, at a given time and place, must receive what Christ has done for him before God will give him eternal life. Incorporated within the meaning of the word "believe" as related to salvation is trust demonstrated by faith (action).

A person hears the good news that God sent His Son, who had no sin of His own, into the world. When He died on the cross, He paid for our sins in His own blood. The good news is His death, burial, and resurrection. Intellectual belief, although the starting point, is not enough. One becomes a Christian the moment that he trusts Jesus. He is able to answer a key question: "Where were you when you trusted Jesus as your Savior?" I was in a tent.

Jesus told the people that the first thing they must do is accept the One whom God had sent. So it is today. Many seek to earn their way to heaven by good works. But before they can do good works for God, they must first **believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ. Good works do not precede salvation, they follow it. The only good work a sinner can do is to confess his sins and receive Christ as Lord and Savior.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warned against self-deception (**Matthew 7:21-23**), a mere verbal profession of lordship without **obedience** to the will of God. **Never undervalue obedience.** His warning was against people who falsely profess to acknowledge Him as Savior, but have never been converted. Not everyone who calls Jesus, "Lord, Lord" shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who do the will of God enter the Kingdom. The first step in doing the will of God is to **believe** (put your trust in, place your faith in) on the Lord Jesus (**John 6:29**).

It is even possible for a self-deluded person to exercise a spectacular ministry, using the authority of the Scriptures and of the name of Jesus, without walking in genuine, obedient discipleship.

Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them. **'I never knew you;** depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'" (**Matthew 7:21-23**).

With thanksgiving, we thank God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit for working together to reveal the importance of being born again and on how to use our lives for God's glory. I am thankful for the opportunity to share with our readers each month thoughts that we trust will bless, enrich, and encourage each reader.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Signs of the times

As Sue and I traveled through Kentucky a few weeks ago, we picked up a copy of the Lexington Herald-Leader dated September 23, 2013. As we traveled, Sue read aloud some of the news. The lead story, accompanied by a large picture, was a Sunday night vigil at the candlelit Boyle County Courthouse as several hundred people celebrated the lives of three people who were shot to death a few days before. Two of those murdered were a local youth pastor, Michael Hockensmith, and his wife, Angela, who were from Danville. Daniel P. Smith was from Richmond, Kentucky and was a customer in their business establishment. Six local pastors spoke, "each preached on the theme that those who had died too soon were in a better place and that God had the power to heal those left behind."

A lifelong member of the Danville community, Jason Kilby, pastor of Centerpoint Church, urged the crowd to use the deaths as a springboard to making God a priority in the life of the community. He said the slayings were just the latest example of evil that seems to be encroaching on the town of 16,000. We prayed that this might be so.

Since that Monday, I have had difficulty getting out of my mind the very last item that Sue read, also on the front page of the Lexington Herald-Leader:

SATURDAY

Pagan Pride Day Festival

The festival, which celebrates pagan beliefs from Wiccan to Asatru and heathen, will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza,

120 N. Limestone. Organizers hope it will help teach tolerance. The festival will feature activities such as Ask A Witch, merchants and food, and three pagan rituals. (Lexpaganpride.org).

The Captain's Prayer

The voyages of an old sea captain from New Bedford, Massachusetts, often took him to a lonely area off Cape Horn. One morning, out in the broad reaches of the ocean there, the wind was hard and the sea was heavy. "Why not head north?" the sea captain thought. He did, and two hours later he came upon two lifeboats carrying eleven men. They were the sole survivors of the crew of a vessel that had burned two weeks before.

The sea captain said about that experience: "No matter where I am, I start each day with this prayer, 'O God, use me today to help someone else.'" I believe that on that morning off Cape Horn, God put into my mind the idea to change the course of my ship. By doing so, God used me to save the lives of eleven men who couldn't last much longer."

How wonderfully God might use us if we made the sea captain's prayer our daily prayer, "O God, use me today to help someone else."

Sunday Digest

Martin Shikuku (Kenya)

God used Martin in Minnesota, Oregon, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia during his long visit to the U. S. (September 5- October 18). Not only did he bless folks through his messages, his very countenance touched lives. Other than some major "homesickness," he did fine thanks to your prayers. Continue to pray for his work as a pastor and as director of JGHM-East/Central Africa Branch. Pray for Anne and his children.

Why schedule a prayer seminar?

- To encourage believers "to know Jesus more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly" (from a Prayer by Richard of Chichester);
- To awaken interest in His Word;
- To clarify how to walk in the Spirit;
- To ground the believer in Biblical teaching on prayer;
- To challenge believers to witness;
- To raise the banner of faithful stewardship in everything;
- To bring God glory, to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to obey the Holy Spirit's leading;
- To establish **Lighthouses of Prayer** to penetrate the spiritual darkness and to lead men, women, boys and girls to the light.

Testimonies from a Virginia seminar illustrate the impact of a six-hour prayer seminar in individual lives.

(1) "Brought me back to my first love and a desire to be working for the Lord. Material excellent. Speaker kept my attention."

(2) "Made me sense how shallow I am in my prayer life."

(3) "A new determination to be all that God wants me to be in the matter of prayer. Bible based."

(4) "Created a desire to start discipline in my relationship with God and make prayer priority. My small prayers are important and powerful."

(5) "This seminar was the most beautiful experience I have ever been involved in spiritually. It has truly touched my life. It has made me realize how much help I need in my prayer life. But I know with God's help I will surely become a much better person and a much more dedicated Christian. The power of God was truly present throughout the seminar."

(6) "I'm thankful for the seminar. I recognize it as God's gift to me individually and to our church as a whole. I was already doing most of the things you suggested, but you just encouraged me so much. The Scripture passages were wonderful. The strength was the Word of God. The Holy Spirit really was the Teacher here."

A get-acquainted packet containing testimonies, a prayer seminar workbook, and scheduling information is available upon request. **A church seeking renewal and revival should schedule a prayer seminar in 2014.** Since 1980, the prayer seminar has operated as a faith ministry. Therefore, we do not have a set fee. Consequently, the smallest church can host a seminar. There have now been 1,585 prayer seminars around the world.

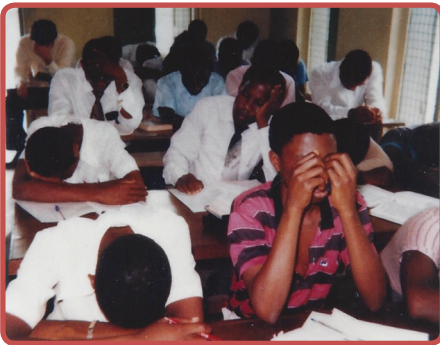
**Forever, O Lord, Thy Word
is settled in Heaven.
Psalm 119:89**

Begins and Ends by Thanking God

The Rev. Leslie L. Church related the following story at the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society:

A friend of his was staying in Yorkshire one very wet Sunday with two other friends. On the way to church he was told that they would be the only people there probably, and that the service would be taken by a lay preacher who would have walked fifteen miles over the hills in the pouring rain to get there. "Is he a great preacher?" the friend asked. "No, but he can pray. He always begins, continues, and ends with thanking God." Sure enough, they were the whole congregation, and the old man came into the pulpit, drenched through with the rain, but punctual. He began his prayer thus: "Almighty God, we thank Thee that it is not always as bad as this."

E. Edmunds



A FAVORITE PICTURE
A time of commitment --
Baptist Bible College
Owerri, Nigeria
Friday, January 30, 1987
11:50 a.m.

The next day, hundreds attended
Prayer Seminar #226 at the
Owerri Baptist Church.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2141.

Every man is free to make his choices in life, but he is not free to

choose the consequences of these choices.

Note 2142. Children do not have to become adults to be saved, but adults have to become like children (**Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:15**).

Note 2143. The Lord wants righteousness and reality, not just ritual.

Note 2144. The truth is that America has changed, not America is changing. We are an immoral nation already!

Note 2145. "The nation that sanctifies the profane will end up profaning the sacred." Rabbi Jonathan Cahn.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"YOU ALSO HELPING TOGETHER IN

PRAYER FOR US" 2 Cor. 1:11a

September 19--October 15, 2013

Regular	40	\$3,066
Venezuela	33	3,205
Total	73	\$6,271



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS
Walter & Pearl Shields (VA)

PRAYER CALENDAR**NOVEMBER 2013**

"I will give myself to prayer..."
Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**ACTS 1-4 (Kenya 43M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**ACTS 5-7 (Kenya 43M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**ACTS 8-9 (Kenya 43M)**

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 Bob Bouchard (KY)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**ACTS 10-12 (United States 313M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Carol Buck (NJ)

WED, NOVEMBER 6**ACTS 13-15 (Uruguay 3.3M)**

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**ACTS 16-18 (Venezuela 28M)**

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**ACTS 19-20 (Zambia 14.3M)**

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Ivy Early (NC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**ACTS 21-23 (Nicaragua 5.7M)**

Paul/Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Fellowship Baptist Church (FL)
 Pastor Wm/Virginia Green
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 James/Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald/Brenda Fristoe (VA)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Frank/Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Robert & Sara George (GA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald/Maryann Gold (ND)

MONDAY, NOV 11**ACTS 24-26 (Niger 17M)**

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam & Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Velma Graven (KY)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**ACTS 27-28 (Niue 1,269)**

Jim Hengoe (FL/CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

WED, NOVEMBER 13**ROMANS 1-3 (Norfolk Is 2,182)**

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**ROMANS 4-5 (Mariana Is 44,582)**

Betty Jackson (OH)
 Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**ROMANS 6-8 (Norway 4.7M)**

Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/ Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**ROMANS 9-11 (Oman 3.1M)**

Robert & Rose Klous (VA)

Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch:
 Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell Jr., President

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

ROMANS 12-16 (Pakistan 190.3M)

Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Rachel Mann (NC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
 Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1 COR 1-6 (Palau 21,032)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)

Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Gwen Miller (VA)

WED, NOVEMBER 20

1 COR 7-10 (Mauritania 3.3M)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger Minney (VA)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1 COR 11-14 (Malawi 15.9M)

Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1 COR 15-16 (Mauritius 1.3M)

Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

2 COR 1-5 (Mexico 113.7M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
 Gene Jones, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Walter & Pearl Shields (VA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2 COR 6-9 (Moldova 4.3M)

Faye Skaggs (KY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2 COR 10-13 (Monaco 30,539)

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Ch (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)

WED, NOV 27

GALATIANS (Panama 3.5M)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D & Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (CO)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28

EPHESIANS (Papau N.G. 6.3M)

Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Keith/Doris Snyder Verrell (FL)
 Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PHILIPPIANS (Paraguay 6.5M)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

COLOSSIANS (Peru 29.5M)

Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)



Daily intercession

Intercession focuses the power of God on a person or circumstance. The "**Daily Intercession**" list is for pressing needs. Most relate to health issues. For God's glory, let's ask for healing (**James 4:2b-3**). Life is dynamic and no one, except God, knows what a day will bring forth.

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Lin Custalow [Barbara] (VA)
Deanna Jones [Paul] (KY)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Lowry Miller [Marjorie] (VA)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Isabel Robotham [Dudley] (NY)
Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
Virginia Whitner (FL)
Eva Winebarger [Roy] (VA)

Contact us IMMEDIATELY when a pressing need arises. **Call any hour of the day or night (JGH): (434) 851-4721 (SUE): (434) 851-4722.** E-mail: jghm84@aol.com or suethenry@aol.com. You do not have to bear your burden alone. We will pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Always keep us updated.

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Janice Bugg (China)
Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)
Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Enock/Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
Paula Tipton (Thailand)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Silas Yashim (Nigeria)



Birthday Floral Arrangement from Joyce A special partner. Buddy & Joyce Hunt (TN) became **Doorkeepers** on January 26, 1993. None have been more faithful than has this couple. Buddy is now in Heaven awaiting our coming. Although Joyce lives 500 miles from Lynchburg, Sue and I have felt that she is looking after us. Her cards, letters, and flowers stay with us a long, long time. We are enjoying my 76th birthday floral arrangement.

A visit from Paula Tipton. Paula is serving as a missionary to Thailand through the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (IMB). She is a **Doorkeeper**, a JGHM Board member, and a special friend. Board member Susanne Adams invited the board to her home for a special breakfast in honor of Paula and it was memorable (as is each board meeting).



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Board Members: W. D. Thomason, Jeannette Rolater, Paula Tipton, Loretta Mathis, Beverly Blankenship



Paula praying for us

Signs of the times: The killing of Christians and the silence of the White House

In the past few weeks, radical Islamists have murdered hundreds of Christians around the world. **Without question, Christians are being targeted for assassination solely because of their faith in Christ.**

Entire families, including children, are slaughtered in their homes, churches and public gatherings. Ironically, while Christian lives are being silenced by radical jihadists, the United States White House is silent in its response. These killings have not been condemned by the president, his secretary of state, or his administration.

Below, we have summarized the senseless slaughter of Christians since the middle of September. Join us in asking President Barak Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry to speak out and use the influence of the United States to halt the slaughter of Christians by radical jihadists. Of the nations cited, **JGHM** has close ties with Christians in three of the nations: **Pakistan, Nigeria, and Kenya.** We weep and cry out to God for His mercy upon our brothers and sisters in these nations and wait upon God to answer our cries.

Sunday, September 22: Peshawar, PAKISTAN. Several hundred Christians committed themselves to become **Lighthouses of Prayer** during prayer seminars. Shortly after Sue and I were there, one of the host pastors and his driver were captured by the Taliban and beheaded, accused of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. On Sunday, September 22, Islamic bombers mingled with Christians gathering after morning worship

service at All Saints Church for dinner on the grounds. The Islamists blew themselves up, killing 90 Christians and injuring 120 more. We are in a spiritual war!

Sunday, September 29: Potiskum, NIGERIA. When we first started working in Nigeria (Imo State, Ibo tribe in 1987), we were made aware of attacks upon Christians and churches in the northern part of the nation. Christians were murdered in large numbers and churches burned (immediately following one trip to Nigeria, over one hundred churches were burned to the ground) in the name of Allah. A few years ago, Muslims began to move south. Although few in number, they have worked havoc in Plateau State, especially in Jos, the headquarters of many evangelical ministries. On one occasion, Steven Latong and Jerry, leaders of the prayer seminar ministry, were returning to their homes in Jos not knowing trouble had flared up and a curfew imposed. They were stopped by Islamist terrorists. One held a knife against Steven's neck ready to behead him. Their families and friends were in prayer in Steven's home praying for their safety. The terrorist withdrew the knife and allowed them to get to their homes. On September 29, members of the Islamic radical group Boko Haram shot 50 college students and burned the school as the students slept in their dorms. Although the victims included both Christians and Muslim students, the name of the assassins, Boko Haram means "Western education is forbidden."

Saturday, September 21: Nairobi, KENYA. During a recent visit to Kenya, two pastors in Mombasa went into an Islamic community to disciple a witchdoctor who had recently trusted Christ. A mob gathered, accused them of being thieves, killed them, and burned their bodies. On September 21, Jihadist members of Somalia's al-Shabab took hundreds of hostages and killed 67 Christians at the Westgate Mall, after allowing people who identified themselves as Muslims, and who could give the name of Mohamed's mother to leave.

Wednesday, September 18: Maaloula, SYRIA. Islamists arriving in this 2000-year-old village, which is one of the only places in the world where Aramaic is still spoken, announced, "We are from the Al-Nusra Front and have come to make lives miserable for the Crusaders"; (an Islamic slur meaning Christians). After many deaths, the town was retaken by the Syrian Army, but only about 20 families remain.

Saturday, September 21. Dorawa, NIGERIA. Jihadists killed a pastor and his son and burned their church in the northern state of Yobe where Islamists are attempting to impose Sharia law.

Wednesday, September 25: Derna District, LIBYA. Two Christian men, Waleed Saad Shaker, age 25, and Nash 'at Shenouda Ishaq, age 27, were traveling on a rural road when they were surrounded by a crowd of Muslim men. The Christians were robbed, tied up and beaten. Then the Muslims demanded that they recite the shahada, the declaration of conversion to Islam. When the Christians refused,

they were shot. Shakar died before they were found by a shepherd. Ishaq died in a hospital.

TAKE ACTION. **Pray** that God will strengthen, comfort and protect His people who live in Muslim lands. Pray that our national leadership will use their influence to put a stop to the ongoing persecution of Christians

Peaceful Muslims

Peaceful Muslims gain acceptance for the religion. Peaceful Muslims are able to win converts. Peaceful Muslims have facilitated the building of over 2,000 Mosques in the U.S. This all makes it possible to teach the Koran to millions. Most will never obey it, but some will accept it as God's commands. They will become the terrorists, the homegrown killers. The end result could be acts of terror and murder by our own people. This would be impossible without 'peaceful Muslims.' Peaceful Muslims are the most dangerous ones.

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Since we learned the concept of Lighthouses of Prayer in Pakistan in 2004, we have sought to establish lighthouses through individual Christians, families and churches. Pray that these lights will shine brightly showing the way to Christ.

Prayer for our Nation

During our traditional month of thanksgiving, be reminded of the importance to place prayer for the United States as a priority in your praying.

[Father,]

We are thankful for the abundant blessings that You have bestowed on America. Our forefathers looked to You as Protector, Provider, and the Promiser of hope. But we have wandered far from that firm foundation. May we repent for turning our backs on Your faithfulness.

We pray that this great nation will be restored by Your forgiveness. From bondage, You grant freedom. Through Your own sacrifice, You offer salvation. From the state of despair, You offer peace.

From the bounties of Heaven, You have blessed, not because of our goodness, but by Your grace. You have given us freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth as Your holy Word instructs. May our lives honor You in word and deed. May our nation acknowledge that all good things come from the Father above.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that our nation should set apart a day for national prayer to confess our sins and transgressions in sorrow, "yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon ... announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that these nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

"We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own ... we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us! It behooves us then ... to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Help us to pray earnestly for our president and leaders who govern, that they may humble themselves and seek Your guidance so that everything we do will shine the light of Your glory in a darkened world.

May our prayers as a people and a nation be heard and blessed for such a time as this. We make this plea in faith, believing in the mighty Name of Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

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