

# REFLECTOR

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## Early in the morning = Strength for the day!

"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, [Jesus] went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed" (**Mark 1:35**).

Was prayer important to Jesus when He was on earth? It certainly was and most times He was alone. His ministry was brief, three and one-half years some say. During these first years, His daily schedule was packed full. Mark, especially, writes His Gospel in such a way as to reflect this. From sunrise until sunset, He was on the go teaching, preaching, and healing. Crowds pressed upon Him to the extent that He instructed His disciples to keep a small boat available that could be used as His pulpit. Read again: **"Jesus was moved with compassion" Let us never read these words without a sense of exultation and gratitude.**

Jesus rose a long while before daylight and went out to a place where He would be free from distraction and spend time in prayer. The Servant of Jehovah opened His ear each morning to receive instructions for the day from His Father (**Isaiah 50:4-5**). If the Lord Jesus felt the need of this **early morning quiet time**, how much more should we!

Notice that Jesus prayed when it cost Him something; He rose and went out **a long while before daylight**. Prayer should not be a matter of personal convenience, but of self-discipline and sacrifice. Does this explain why so much of our service makes no difference and exudes ineffectiveness?

By the time Peter and the other disciples got up, the crowd was gathered outside the door again. The disciples went to tell the Lord of the rising popular sentiment. Surprisingly, He did not go back into Capernaum, but took the disciples into the surrounding towns, explaining that He must preach there also (**Mark 1:38**). How unlike Jesus we often are when the crowds come. We would likely

### Addition to the Eagle's Nest

Without a doubt, the celebration of my 80th birthday was a highlight of my life. The love that was reflected in cards and letters that I received has touched me deeply. You have blessed me beyond words.

The pinnacle was the birthday dinner arranged by my immediate family. We are still eating birthday cake.



Thanks to our son Mark and grandson James' directive--no more owls, only eagles--my study is full of eagles and has been dubbed "The Eagle's Nest." The latest edition is the painting displayed on the front cover. **Isaiah 40:31** is featured as a reminder to wait on the Lord for His strength for every need.

September 30 ended one phase of the prayer seminar preparing the way for October 1, the beginning of my 81st year and the Five-Year Plan approved by the JGHM Board of Directors.

I am more excited about the prayer seminar ministry than ever before. May the Father be glorified as we move into the tomorrows.

tarry there and say "sing another song." When I was teaching this at a Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, a number of years ago, someone commented with tongue-in-cheek, "Yes and you Baptists would take another offering!" But Jesus did not go back to the city. Why? **He had just been in prayer and had learned what God wanted Him to do that day.** There is a lesson for all of us to learn in His example.

Jesus' great interest was on preaching the Word. The healing miracles that Mark told about, while certainly intended to relieve human misery, were also designed to gain attention for the preaching. Thus, Jesus went to the synagogues throughout all Galilee preaching and casting out demons. He combined preaching and practicing, saying and doing. It is interesting to see how often He cast out demons in synagogues. Would we be unkind to note that many churches today correspond to the synagogues?

Our time alone with God early in the morning can be a time of preparation for service during the day that is ahead. One guideline for each believer is preparation in private prepares us for encounters in public. The basic principle of service is fixed: we must spend time with Him before we move out as God's representative. Proclamation of the Word of God (either with one person or many) is the basic method of evangelism and must always be central. Nothing must be allowed to subordinate it.

It is obvious from looking at the role of prayer in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ that anointing comes and the enablement of the Holy Spirit

is unleashed as we pray. **Prayer is the work that must be done before all other work. "Lord, teach us to pray!" (Luke 11:1).**

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

## The Laver

The laver was made of bronze from the mirrors of the women (Exodus 38:8). The laver was for the priests. It spoke of the necessity of cleansing for service (Isaiah 52:11). The priests were bathed once on entering their office (Leviticus 8:6). After that, they were required to wash their hands and feet regularly. One bath many cleansings. Today all believers are priests (1 Peter 2:5,9). We need the bath of regeneration only once (John 3:5; 13:10; Titus 3:5). But we need to constantly wash our hands (for service) and our feet (for the godly walk) (John 13:10). We do this with the water of the Word (Psalm 119:9-11; John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26).

**"Therefore by [Jesus] let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."**

**Hebrews 13:15**

**DON'T FORGET  
THANKSGIVING!**





## Thanksgiving

Once again our glad thanksgiving  
Rises before our Father's throne,  
As we try to count the blessings  
Of the years so swiftly flown;  
As we trace the wondrous workings  
Of His wisdom, pow'r and love.  
And unite our "Holy! Holy!"  
With the seraphim above.

As we gather 'round our firesides  
On this new Thanksgiving Day  
Time would fail to count the blessings  
That have followed all the way;  
Grace sufficient, help and healing.  
Prayer, oft answered at our call,  
And the best of all our blessings,  
Christ Himself, our All in All!

While we love to count the blessings  
Grateful for the year that's gone,  
Faith would sweep a wider vision,  
Hope would gaze yet farther on;  
For the signals, all around us,  
Seem with one accord to say:  
Christ is coming soon to bring us  
Earth's last, best Thanksgiving Day.

A. B. Simpson

## Every Day a Thanksgiving

"O that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psalm 107:8).

Thanksgiving should never be wanting in a life. It is not enough to observe one day in the year for thanksgiving, although that is a beautiful thing to do. Nor is it enough to put a sentence of thanksgiving into our daily prayers, although this also is proper. It is the grateful spirit that pleases God, the spirit that is always full of praise.

Too many of us go to God only with requests, our burdens, our worries, but rarely go to Him with praise. We are not to be thankful only for pleasant things that come into our days we are to be thankful, too, for the things that appear to us to be adversities. The parameters for thanksgiving are set in **1 Thessalonians 5:18**: "In everything give thanks." Thanksgiving does not change God; thanksgiving changes us.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"  
2 Corinthians 9:15

## September Letters

For most of our history, September has been dubbed "Letter-Writing Month." The idea came from one of God's anointed Bible teachers, **Dr. J. Vernon McGee** (1904-1988). 2015 has been a record response. Not only were the letters precious, the stack of cards were exceptional, especially those acknowledging my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mary Troutman, our sister-in-law from Owensboro, Kentucky, wrote a note in one of her recent cards: "This card made me think of you and Sue."

"There are times when helping hands can grow weary, and there are times when those who give also need to receive. 'He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed' (**Proverbs 11:25 NIV**). May the Lord renew & refresh you as you continue to touch the lives of others."

Cast thy cares upon the Savior,  
He will bear them all for thee;  
And thy soul which now is burdened,  
Shall be kept forever free.  
Cast thy burdens all on Jesus,  
Leaning on His gentle breast;  
And if storms do gather round thee,  
Sweet will be thy peaceful rest.  
Cast thy cares upon the Savior,  
He will gladly bear them all;  
Even though they seem like  
mountains,  
Even though they may be small."

Thank you, dear friends and **Doorkeepers**, for the expressions of love and support. Many have indicated that every day, as they sit before the Father, our names are breathed in intercessory prayer. In my heart, I know without doubt, that these prayers make a difference in every way. My heart was blessed!

## "Have you heard my story?"

Some years ago, an elderly lady approached me during a break in a prayer seminar in York, Pennsylvania and enthusiastically asked: "Have you heard my story?" My response was, "No, I have not heard your story. I can tell the way that you are looking I would like to hear your story! What's your story?" I was somewhat taken aback when she said, "I have terminal cancer!" Then she explained her spirit of rejoicing.

The lady said that she had never had so many opportunities to talk about Jesus and encourage everyone to trust Him as Savior and Lord. Even her surgeon commented, "Woman, I don't understand you at all. Under your circumstances, how can you be so happy?" Her reply was, "Let me tell you about Jesus. You, too, can have a relationship with Him that will give you joy."

"In everything give thanks in Christ Jesus for you" (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**). That means in the sad days as well as in the glad days, when clouds are in the sky, as well as when the sunshine is pouring everywhere. It is especially said here that this is the will of God for us. This is the way God wants us to live. A rabbinical reading says that the highest angel in heaven is the angel of praise. The most Christ-like life is one that is always keyed to the note of praise and thanksgiving.

"Bless the Lord o my soul and forget not all His benefits" (**Psalms 103:2**). "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" (**Psalms 118:1**).

"His mercies are new every morning" (**Lamentations 3:22-23**).

## Thanksgiving: The Religious Holiday

As we think of the Pilgrims who established the first Thanksgiving Day, we need to recall the reason they left the land of their birth and came to the New World. The Puritan separatists were not allowed to worship freely in England according to the dictates of their hearts and minds. In August of 1620, they boarded two small ships, the Speedwell and the Mayflower, in search of religious freedom in undeveloped America.

The Speedwell soon sprung leaks and most of the crew and passengers transferred to the Mayflower before the Speedwell turned back. There were 102 Pilgrims who suffered the 67 days of rough sailing before they finally landed in Plymouth Bay in November 1620.

Their troubles were just beginning. No housing awaited them. No reception group. No physicians or medical facilities. There were no stores. A cold winter lay ahead with sickness for most of them.

By March 1621, not even a year after arriving, only 51 of the original 102 remained alive. It would be another two years before a ship arrived carrying supplies to help them. They were compelled to live off the land in whatever way they could.

Fortunately, some Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, how to fish the waters, how to find game, how to live without the comforts of England or Holland. The newcomers built houses. They farmed. They fished. They filled a storehouse with corn and other foods. At the end of the first harvest, they decided to hold a feast of celebration and have a time of thanksgiving.

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## NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 3001.** "TRY THANKSGIVING" and often the burdens flow away.

**Note 3002.** Thanksgiving does not change God. God will never be any greater than He already is. Thanksgiving changes you.

**Note 3003.** A simple guide for daily thanksgiving is to choose one specific blessing out of four "categories of life"--physical, material, spiritual, and people. Then tell the Father why you are thankful for the blessing.

**Note 3004.** Don't forget thanksgiving. Only one of the ten lepers returned to say "thank you."

**Note 3005.** Nothing speaks more powerfully and eloquently of a walk with God than an exhibition of continuous thankfulness.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

**9/20--10/15/15**

Regular	43	\$3,939.00
Martin/Kenya	1	100.00
Venezuela	<u>35</u>	<u>4,329.00</u>
Total	79	\$8,368.00



**WELCOME! NEW DOORKEEPERS!**

**Sadie Harris (VA)**

**Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)**

**PRAYER CALENDAR****NOVEMBER 2015***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Mae Adams (NC)  
 Marie Adams (VA)  
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)  
 Norma Ailes (FL)  
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**ACTS 1-4 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)  
 Eldon & Gay Armstrong (SC)  
 Milcie Arnold (VA)  
 Leonor Avila (MD)  
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)  
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)  
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**ACTS 6-7 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 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)  
 Bob & Hilda Bondurant (NC)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**ACTS 8-9 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)  
 William/Debbie Bowden (MD)  
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)  
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)  
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)  
 Nancy Bretz (PA)  
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**ACTS 10-12 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
 Arretta Bruce (TN)  
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)  
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)  
 George & Janet Buck (NJ)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**ACTS 13-15 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 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)  
 Martha Cecil (VA)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**ACTS 16-18 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)  
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)  
 Vernia Coleman (MD)  
 Mary Columbus (VA)  
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)  
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)  
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)  
 Dan Cravey (VA)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)  
 John Davis (VA)  
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)  
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)  
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)  
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**ACTS 19-20 Venezuela 31.7M**  
 Lynn Elkins (TN)  
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)  
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)  
 Fellowship Baptist Ch (FL)  
 William & Virginia Green  
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)  
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)  
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)  
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
 James Fugate (CA)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**ACTS 21-23 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)  
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)  
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)  
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
 Frank Geiger (HI)  
 Sara George (GA)  
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)  
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor  
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**ACTS 24-26 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)  
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)  
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)  
 Velma Graven (KY)  
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)  
 Odether Gray (GA)  
 Linda Gregory (UT)  
 Charles Hale (VA)  
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)  
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**ACTS 27-28 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Gina Henry (VA)  
 J. Gordon & Sue 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)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**ROMANS 1-3 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)  
 Joanna Holland (VA)  
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
 Anita Horton (VA)  
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
 Joyce Hunt (TN)  
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
 Ed Hurlow (IN)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**ROMANS 4-5 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)  
 Betty Jackson (OH)  
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)  
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)  
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
 Millicent John (NY)  
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA)  
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)  
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)  
 James Jones (FL)  
 Paul Jones (KY)  
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
 Mohan Katta (IL)  
 Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)  
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)  
 Darren Hisel, Pastor  
 Larry & Janet King (NC)  
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)  
 Sherry Klutz (WA)  
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)  
 Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
**ROMANS 4-5 (Venezuela 31.7M)**  
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)



Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)  
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)  
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)  
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)  
 Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)  
 Bob Lawrence (MD)  
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)  
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**ROMANS 9-11 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)  
 Liberty University (VA)  
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President  
 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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV 18**

**ROMANS 12-16 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Wilma Marcum (KY)  
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
 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)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**1 COR 1-6 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Betsy Miedema (MI)  
 Gwen Miller (VA)  
 Marjorie Miller (VA)  
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
 Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)  
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
 French & Laura Moore (VA)  
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)  
 Elaine Moser (MN)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**1 COR 7-10 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Ann Palumbo (PA)  
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)  
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)  
 Sandy Pederson (MN)  
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
 Mildred Pittman (NC)  
 Ben Poplin (VA)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
 Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)  
 Jeannette Ralph (VA)  
 Marjorie Randall (TX)  
 John Reed (NH)  
 Dave Ricker (ME)  
 Alice Riddick (NC)  
 Joyce Riley (KY)

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**1 COR 11-14 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
 Cynthia Roach (VA)  
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
 Isabel Robotham (NY)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
 Fred Rolater (TN)  
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
 Sandra Rumore (VA)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

John Saint (PA)  
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
 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)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**1 COR 15-16 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Ray Shields (VA)  
 Rochard Shorter (NJ)  
 Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)  
 Mary Skiles (KS)  
 Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)  
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
 Gene Steele (VA)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**2 COR 1-5 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles Stinson (VA)  
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)  
 William Suttles (NC)  
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**2 COR 6-9 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
 Rose Tengstrand (VA)  
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
 Montez Thompson (WI)  
 William & Katie Toney (NC)  
 Virginia Trask (VA)  
 Carroll/Ouida Troutman (KY)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**2 COR 10-13 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)  
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**GALATIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Frances Turpin (VA)  
 Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**EPHESIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)  
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**PHILIPPIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
 Rodger Watts (WI)  
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 Kay Wice (GA)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**COLOSSIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jeff Williamson (FL)  
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
 Eva Winebarger (VA)  
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

**TELL SOMEONE ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE  
 PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY**



## DAILY INTERCESSION

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Burma Abbott [Zane] (VA)  
 Marilyn Barry (VA)  
 Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)  
 Margarie Coffee (VA)  
 Kathie Connolly (VA)  
 George & Joy Harper (VA)  
 Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)  
 Marvel Mills (VA)  
 Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)  
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)  
 Donna Thompson [Larry] (VA)  
 Bruce [Vickie] Tribbett (DE)  
 Willie Troutman [Diane] KY

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)  
 Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)  
 Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)  
 Alexis & Noraida Montero (Venezuela)  
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)  
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)  
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)  
 Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)  
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)  
 Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)  
 Paula Tipton (Thailand)  
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)  
 Roberto & Joanne Waisman (Brazil)  
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

### DO YOU HAVE THE WORLD ON YOUR HEART YET?

Remember  
 "The fields are white."  
 PRAY FOR LABORERS!  
 Matthew 9:35-38

### ONLY BELIEVE

Pray and believe,  
 all things are possible,  
 pray and believe!

### IN LOVING MEMORY

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is  
 the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15)  
**DOORKEEPERS**  
 Doris Snyder/Verrall  
 8/2/1932-9/14/2015  
 Ft. Myers, Florida/Cambridge, Ohio

Tommy Turpin  
 7/7/1930-9/21/2015  
 Big Island/Lynchburg, Virginia

Dorothy Hornbaker (Mrs. Russell)  
 5/2/1928-9/30/2015  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

David Cecil, Sr.  
 3/14/1928-10/10/2015  
 Newport News, Virginia

"Absent from the Body;  
 Present with the Lord."  
 2 Corinthians 5:1,8

When you kneel before the Father, intercede for Frances Turpin, Martha Cecil, and family members. In my last conversation with Dot Hornbaker, she said she did not want to stay here and she was waiting to join Russ who had gone home on April 15. We prayed. On September 30, she joined him and is now filling her place in that great cloud of witnesses. In her personal papers was a note which I will keep in my Bible: "Please send a copy of this obituary to Dr. Henry. Thanks. Signed Nemi." Her daughter-in-law found the note with the original copy of the obituary that was submitted to Stroo Funeral Home and fulfilled her wishes.

## A tribute to a true friend

The Spring of 1983 was an exciting time. A year earlier, Pastor Roland Gerdes, before a large congregation at the Sunbury (PA) Bible Church, was bringing a moving Wednesday evening service to a close. It was the closing for their annual missions conference. I had been invited to be the keynote speaker with a message on Sunday morning and then on Wednesday night. For the Wednesday night service, I brought a contingent of students from Northeastern Bible College to interface with the youth during the dinner hour and to bring special music. I ate with a table of missionaries who updated me on the week. Then one said, "a major topic of conversation was the Sunday morning service. I believe if you had given an invitation that many would have made commitments."

At the close of my message, I did give an invitation. Large numbers, some weeping before God as the Holy Spirit continued to bring the Word of God alive, were at the altar. The pastor looked at me and said, "Now, Mr. President, how soon can you return and conduct a prayer seminar for us?" When I explained a full schedule and the demands of a college presidency, he retorted: "Let Northeastern get another president. You need to be on the road sharing with God's church about prayer." That was the catalyst for a decision to follow his advice.

After prayer and careful analysis, Sue and I relocated to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the very heart of my home state. As we "counted the

cost," we both knew that God was in the move and we knew that having an itinerant ministry would not be easy. As we waited upon the Lord for guidance, Paul Jennings, my Sunday school teacher at Southeast Baptist Church, an attorney, and I became friends. Not only was he an excellent attorney, he was one of the best Bible teachers whom I have ever encountered. When I approached him in early 1984 about establishing an entity to oversee the prayer seminar ministry, he agreed to draw up the Articles of Incorporation to become a non-profit organization. Incidentally, God had prepared him for this task by his doing the very same task for the Nashville Symphony a short time before. In late May, I was doing yard work when Paul appeared with the papers in hand. J. Gordon Henry Ministries was an official organization!

But that is not all. Paul's law office was in Nashville, but he had a suite of offices on the square in beautiful Murfreesboro in the heart of the city. He graciously offered these beautiful offices to be the home of both the ministry, and the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools. The address was 201 W. Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130. Although I have often acknowledged the role Paul Jennings played, it is time to tell the story of how God provided a true friend. His wife, Suzanne, became one of Sue's closest friends as well. **Thank you Paul and Suzanne Jennings for being our personal friends as well friends of the prayer seminar ministry.**

Both wrote letters for September-Letter Writing month that I will keep, but I want to share Paul's letter since his understanding is one that needs to be publicized.

J. Gordon:

Happy 80<sup>th</sup>. I know how it feels as on October 5, I will be 77. I appreciate receiving the **Reflector** and the **Board Reports**, to keep up with JGHM. Must be ordained of God to start in a small borrowed-lawyer office space and blossom into where it is now!

I know very little about seminary curriculum; do they have courses on prayer? It seems that since the disciples had to ask Jesus how to pray and how not to, not how to preach, maybe that should be a major emphasis, and perhaps it is.

What is needed is the endowment of the James Gordon Henry Chair of Prayer and let you add that to your duties for a couple of years. Just what you need, another duty!

One thing is certain, until we "His people" pray, we are not going to have the awakening we must have. That is what got us here or better said, it is this "lack" that got us here. Just like the days of old, it is not the kings or politicians but "us" that bear most of the blame.

May God grant you another span of years and like Caleb (was he 80 or 90), you too will conquer new territory. Certainly, you share his faithfulness. Best wishes,  
Paul Jennings

**Thank you, Paul and Suzanne Jennings, for being true friends. Thanks, also, for the photo of your four beautiful grandchildren (Abbie, Maggie, Jake, and Palmer) who will represent you two and the Jennings family on our PHOTO PRAYER BOARD.**

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to God for their freedom to worship as their hearts desired.

They invited their Native American friends to enjoy the occasion with them. Ninety came and stayed for three days. They must have enjoyed the worship, feasting, and merry making.

The main point to remember is that the Puritans were willing to pay an enormous price for the privilege of freedom of worship. They were profoundly grateful to God. Here, in America, no established church harassed them, and no one ridiculed them. They were free to worship in the manner they chose. And they did just that!

On Thanksgiving Day we will be grateful for our abundance, thankful for our manifold blessings. Let us also be profoundly appreciative of our freedom to worship according to our hearts and minds.

The article appeared

in **First Pages** (Vol 15, Issue 11, November 1999).

**Doorkeeper J. Reginald Martin**

**was pastor. Reg and**

**Glo were among the**

**original Doorkeepers**

**for the prayer**

**seminar ministry**

**and are now retired**

**from First Baptist**

**Church, Zanesville,**

**Ohio. Other Ohio**

**pastorates include**

**First Baptist**

**Church, Cambridge**

**and First Baptist**

**Church, Mt. Gilead.**

Over the years, I have

reread the article many times thanking God for its simplicity and the story that it tells.

This year, we would do well as a nation and as Christians to pause and reflect on the motivation of these early Pilgrims. We must be careful to never allow this legacy to be betrayed.



REG & GLO MARTIN

**PRAY DAILY FOR AMERICA!**

# RETURN TO BEAUTIFUL VENEZUELA

## "DO IT AGAIN, LORD!"

Venezuela 2015:

October 30-November 16.

In many ways, Venezuela, one of the world's most beautiful nations, is in crisis. Since our first trip there in 1992, we have interceded for this nation. The investment that we have made in time and resources ranks near the top of the fifty-eight nations that have hosted prayer seminars. At this point, we have basically blanketed several nations with prayer seminars, e.g. India, Nigeria, Peru, South Africa, South Korea, Venezuela. Thousands of prayer seminar workbooks in the native language of the people have been distributed. Feedback is abundant that lives had been changed and churches revived. Most of our work is with indigenous churches led by national pastors. Many have come to Christ. Thank you for providing prayer covering for so many days on the road and so many prayer seminars. **What can we say as we return for our tenth visit to Venezuela but "Do it again, Lord!"** It appears that there will be prayer seminars daily. Some of the seminars will be in Caracas, the nation's capital city; most will be in nearby Vargas State, home of the international airport.

## TRUST GOD AND TELL THE PEOPLE!

You will remember that my goal for the past few years is to have one hundred gifts for each trip. Why? Jesus pointed out that where you

treasure your heart will be there also. When your heart is with us, you will want to provide the prayer support that is necessary. That makes a difference! Forty-seven contributions have been received; need 53 more!

**Thanks.** I am encouraged and humbled that you will let me go on your behalf. As always, I will keep you informed and will provide a full report as to the results of our working together with God (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).



## NEEDED: 100 PARTNERS FOR VENEZUELA

(OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 16)  
Vargas State

**PRAY FOR ADAM NATHANSON  
AS HE CONTINUES TO  
PREPARE FOR THE SEMINARS  
ON OUR NINTH VISIT**