# REFLECTOR

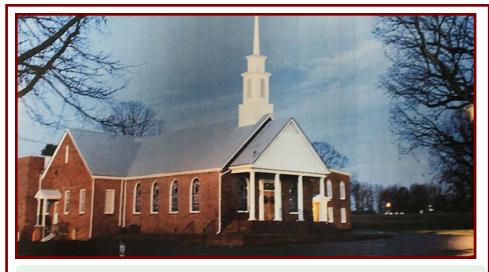
VOL.62, No.11 "Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21 November 2016



#### THE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT

(Shakesperean English)

Wouldest thou be a teacher? Then let God teach thee. Wouldest thou be a leader? Then let God lead thee. Wouldest thou be a guide? Then let God guide thee. Wouldest thou be a helper? Then let God help thee. The prepared soul must be of most exquisite sympathy and have a tenderness that is born of suffering and the compassion that is conceived in love. The effective instrument must be so attuned to the heart of Christ that he may be freely yielded.



#### THE RINGGOLD STORY

On April 13, 1967, the church extended a call to Rev. Jim G. Henry, a Tennessean, working in Berea KY with the schools and pastor of the Kerby Knob Baptist Church. The Henrys (Sue and the 3Ms—Mona, Mark, and Melody) moved to Ringgold on May 31, 1967. During his fifteen-month ministry in the church, the church experienced significant growth with 45 additions, 29 by baptism. Sunday School enrollment increased from 265 to 376 with the weekly average 235, and in August, 1968, achieved its goal of becoming a Standard Sunday School within the Southern Baptist Convention. Special mission offerings also increased to record highs. Additionally, 24% of regular tithes and offerings were given to world missions through the Cooperative Program. The church also supported the work of the associational mission program on a monthly budgeted basis. In 1967, the **Ringgold Baptist Reflector**, a weekly paper, began publication during this time and was distributed into more than 400 homes. A Church Council was formed. Another highlight involved Sue Henry's directing the Christmas drama, "They That Sit in Darkness," with more than 100 persons participating.

On June 30, 1968, Roy N. Ford, Jr., who had been licensed by the church in November 1961 to preach the Gospel, was duly ordained into the ministry. A month later, Rev. Henry announced his resignation and he accepted a professorial appointment at Eastern Kentucky, Richmond. The church had been sharing its pastor with Averett College, Danville as he taught psychology classes there.

Taken from the HISTORY OF RINGGOLD BAPTIST CHURCH RINGGOLD, VIRGINIA

"O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good" (Psalm 118:1)

Our thoughts have often turned toward Ringgold Baptist Church. Sunday, September 18, was a very special day for Sue and me as we returned to Ringgold after forty-eight years. As noted in the Ringgold History printed above, God kept His hand of blessing upon us as we labored together. Although our time serving RBC was surprisingly brief, we had certainty that

the LORD Himself had opened the door for us to return to Kentucky and a position with Eastern Kentucky University. The position there was an administrative one, as well as teaching human development. Those years at EKU prepared me well to be in a position to provide the academic leadership for the newly formed Lynchburg Baptist College (now Liberty University). To say that God blessed the years at Liberty would be an understatement. He "richly blessed" and taught us valuable life lessons of trusting Him. Dr. Jerry Falwell often said, "Dr. Jim, God sent you and Sue to us. You have freedom to lead LBC as God leads you. He has used you to secure the needed foundation for truly Christian higher education." He had indicated that he wanted a college/ university that would compete with a Notre Dame University in degree of excellence. Since I was scheduled for a sabbatical with EKU, the president authorized that period be honored stating that I had earned this time of paid leave. Therefore, we moved to Lynchburg in April 1972 to assume our responsibilities. At that time, Dr. Falwell shared that my salary would be higher than his. Sue was employed by Virginia Baptist Hospital where she held the position of head nurse in their intensive care unit.

It was during the early years at Liberty that I agreed to travel to Winchester, Virginia (175 miles north of Lynchburg) to serve as the founding pastor of a new Baptist Church. We chose the name **Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church**. I told the congregation that I would stay with them until there were 100 members. Amazingly, God blessed

and I baptized ninety-nine in ten months. It was a tremendous joy to return to SVBC on Sunday, October 23. Pastor emeritus Eric Farel who served the growing congregation for twenty-five years, accompanied Sue and me. To sum up, with our eyes we have seen that the Lord has done great things with these two congregations, one near the North Carolina border, and one on the West Virginia border in the north. The joy bells are ringing in my heart.

In a later article, I will share the formation of the prayer seminar ministry, a story that will include Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia; Immanuel Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia; Northeastern Bible College in the New York City area (which I served as the second president after Dr. Charles . Anderson retired); **Transnational** Association of Christian Colleges and Schools [TRACS] headquartered in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (which I served as Executive Director); and J. Gordon Henry Ministries (sharing prayer seminars worldwide on six continents—North America, South America, Australia, Asia. Africa, and Europe).

Rejoice with Sue and me as we ponder the goodness of God in allowing us to see His unending blessings and the evidence that labor done for His glory is never in vain. GOD IS GOOD! Praise the LORD and give Him glory! "The Lord has done great things for us" and we extend our THANKSGIVING to Him for calling us into the ministry as a pastorteacher and as an administrator in Christian higher education.

#### One-Minute Sermon

Charles Spurgeon, the great English preacher, rode home one evening after a very busy day. He was tired and depressed. Everything seemed to have gone wrong. As he rode along, this Bible verse came to his mind, "My grace is sufficient for thee." As he thought of the rich meaning of the words, he said to himself, "Why, I should think it is" and he burst out laughing. His unbelief and fears seemed so absurd in the light of God's grace.

Spurgeon thought: "It is like a little fish in the Thames River, fearless lest it should drink the river dry, and Father Thames says, "Drink away, little fish, my stream is sufficient for thee." Or like a little mouse in the granaries of Egypt during the seven years of famine, afraid that it would die of hunger, and Joseph says, "Cheer up, little mouse, my granaries are sufficient for thee." Or like a man on the mountain saying to himself, "I fear that I shall exhaust all the oxygen in the atmosphere" and the heavens cry out, "Breathe away, o man; fill thy lungs. My atmosphere is sufficient for thee." And so a great peace came over the man of God as he thought upon the inexhaustible grace of God. You can depend on it: God's grace is sufficient for you.

## CHRISTIANS NEEDED! What is Christianity?

In the home, it is kindness;
In business, it is honesty;
In society, it is courtesy;
In work, it is fairness;
Toward the unfortunate, it is pity;
Toward the weak, it is help;
Toward the wicked, it is resistance;
Toward the strong, it is trust;
Toward the penitent, it is
forgiveness;
Toward the fortunate, it is
congratulations;
Toward God, it is reverence and
love.

#### Are you a Christian?

## What the Church needs today

What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Spirit can use, men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men, men of prayer.

—E.M. Bounds (August 15, 1835 - August 24, 1913) American Pastor, author, and attorney)



# YOU KNOW IT AND I KNOW IT. OUR BELOVED NATION IS IN PERIL.

America's moral foundation has been under intense attack for over fifty years. The deterioration the past eight years has been horrific. Christians, it is now our watch. How we handle this situation will determine our future.

#### PRAY! THEN cast your VOTE. STAND FIRM!

# A Pastor's Heart Rosedale Baptist Reflector January 1960

Sue and I began our third year of ministry here in Rosedale with the coming of 1960. During this year, we wish to be more of a blessing to each of our dear members and to do our best to reach the lost and unchurched in our community. In order to do this, we know that each member of Rosedale must hold our arms up. Remember Moses? Israel won the battle as long as Moses' hands were raised toward heaven? When his arms became so tired that he could no longer hold them up, his soldiers came to his aid. The load is great here. PLEASE! PLEASE! HOLD YOUR PASTOR AND SUE CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH PRAYER.

The church has graciously consented for me to be away January 11-23 to lead an evangelistic crusade in Placetas, Cuba. This is a great privilege. Pray that we may be used at least just a little by the Holy Spirit in this revival. Please pray for me as I go and Sue as she remains here to hold the fort and take care of Mona and Mark.

THE REST OF THE STORY. 70 SAVED. 50 YEARS LATER, NINE OF THE SEVENTY WERE PRESENT AT FIRST BAPTIST PLACETAS.

Ringgold Baptist Reflector July 27, 1967

#### HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM? John 1:12

Have you heard the blessed story How Christ Jesus came to save; Shed His blood for poor lost sinners.

All He had He gladly gave?
Willingly He came from glory,
From His Father's home above,
Just because He knew you needed
His salvation and His love.

He knew that your soul without Him Would be lost eternally;
He knew that without His mercy Heaven's light you'd never see;
He knew what He had to suffer,
That the cross He had to bear,
But unto the end was faithful
That the crown of life you'd wear.

Will you trust Him as your Savior? There's no other way, my friend. You must come the way of Calvary Or you'll perish in the end. Open your heart's door to Jesus, Let Him come and live with thee, For as many as received Him, Only they his sons shall be.

Elsie Peterson

#### Walking with God

Sometimes I walk in the shadow, Sometimes in the sunlight clear; But whether in gloom or brightness The Lord is very near.

Sometimes I walk in the valley, Sometimes on the mountain's crest; But whether on low or high road, The Lord is manifest.

Sometimes I walk in the shadow, Sometimes in waters cold; But whether by sands or streamlets The Lord doth me enfold.

Sometimes I walk in green pastures, Sometimes on barren land; But whether in peace or danger, The Lord holds fast my hand.

**Anonymous** 

#### OUR EXEMPLAR: A MAN OF FAITH

"Enoch walked with God" (Genesis 5:24) and "before he was taken away he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5).

The climax was a simple invitation from God Himself. Someone has surmised the conversation: God said to Enoch, "We are nearer My home than your home. Come with me!" And Enoch went Home to Heaven!

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#### NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 3061. We would do well to let the Word explain the Word."

Note 3062. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible."

Note 3063. "God is still speaking through what He has spoken," - John Stotts

Note 3064. Don't forget thanksgiving; the parameter of thanksgiving is simply stated: "In everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Note 3065. "Silence in the face of evil is evil." Dietrich Bonhoffer

#### DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2 9/20--10/20, 2016 Regular 79 \$6,200,41

Martin/Kenya<u>2</u>
Total 81 \$6,350.41



Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

WELCOME! NEW DOORKEEPER! Eileen Camarena (NJ) Nancy Fowser (NJ)

#### PRAYER CALENDAR

#### **NOVEMBER 2016**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ACTS 1-4 (USA 319M)

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

Allie Allen (LA)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunjoo Anderson (VA)

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ACTS 6-7 (USA 319M)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC) Eldon & Gay Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (OK)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ACTS 8-9 (USA 319M)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Buelah Baptist Church (VA)

Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ACTS 10-12 (USA 319M)

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ACTS 13-15 (USA 319M)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL) Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Joeretha Capers (FL)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL) Robert & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ACTS 16-18 (USA 319M)

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8)

ACTS 19-20 (USA 319M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ACTS 21-23 (Cuba 11M)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Nancy Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Freedom Through Faith (VA)

Pastor Bob Tribodeau

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

James Fugate (CA)

Travis & Emilee Fulcher (VA)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

#### ACTS 24-26 (Kenya 45M)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

Gethsemai Evang Center (MD) Robert & Ann Lara, Pastor

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

ACTS 27-28 (Venezuela 31.9M)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND) Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA) Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Mike Hall (MD)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN) Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA) Jim Hengoed (CT)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

ROMANS 1-3 (USA 319M)

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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA) John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Jim & Debbie Howell (MD)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA) Ed Hurlow (IN)

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ROMANS 4-5 (Cuba 11M)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

William/Marsha Jester (DE)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Jule Jobe (SC) Millicent John (NY)

Bob & Rhonda Johnson (VA)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY) Gwen Johnson (AZ)

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15)

ROMANS 9-11 (Kenya 45M)

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)

Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Sandy Pederson (MN)

Mark & Lois Knolls (DE) Kenneth & Amy Kollar(NY) Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA) Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE) Steve & Donna Lambert (SC) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Phil & Edra Landers (OK) Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI) Bob Lawrence (MD) Del & Mary Leach (VA) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ROMANS 12-16 (Venezuela 31.6M) 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 FRIDAY, NOV 18 1 COR 1-6 (USA 319M) 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) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 1 COR 7-10 (Cuba 11M) 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) Betty Nichols (WA) Northeastern Baptist College (VT) Mark Ballard, President SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI) Peter Dorn, Pastor Ann Palumbo (PA) Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA) Mildred Pittman (NC) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA) Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA) Marjorie Randall (TX) Dave Ricker (ME) Alice Riddick (NC) Joyce Riley (KY) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 Virginia Trask (VA) 1 COR 11-14 (Kenya 345M) Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA) Cynthia Roach (VA) GALATIANS (Cuba 11M) John & Sandra Roberts (NC) Bo & Betty Robinson (MS) Isabel Robotham (NY)+ James & Shelly Rode (FL) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) Fred Rolater (TN) Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) Frances Turpin (VA) Sandra Rumore (VA) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 1 COR 15-16 (Venezuela 31.9M) Patsy Ann Voss (DE) John Saint (PA) Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL) Steve Schrank (IL) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH) Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor Nellie F. Shepard (CT) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 2 COR 1-5 (USA 319M) Rodger Watts (WI) Ray Shields (VA) Richard Shorter (NJ) Charlie & Liz Sill (VA) Kay Wice (GA) Mary Skiles (KS) Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN) Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA) Sonshine Church (MD) Terri/ Debra Turpin, Pastor Jeff Williamson (FL) Helen Sourlis (MD) Tim & Pam Steger (ID) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Carol Snow Stewart (CT) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 Eva Winebarger (VA) 2 COR 6-9 (Cuba 11M) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Charles Stinson (VA) Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX) William Suttles (NC) Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA) Brian/JaniceTarraferro (TX) Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA) Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 2 COR 10-13 (USA 319M) Stephanie Taylor (GA) Mona Henry Thomas (VA) W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN) Montez Thompson (WI) William & Katie Toney (NC) Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) Joe & Benita Troutman (KY) Malcom Troutman (KY) Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY) SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 Sara Underwood (TN) Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 EPHESIANS (Kenya 45M) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)) Horace & Becky Ward (NC) Michael/Sandra Ward (IN) Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA) Kay Warmerdam (TX) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 PHILIPPIANS (Venezuela 31.9M) Joyce Warpoole (TN) Frank & Nell Weer (KY) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) Paul & Diane Wieland (PA) Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 COLOSSIANS (USA 319M) Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) David & Lili Wykle (VA)

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS USA, CUBA, KENYA, VENEZUELA

Burma Abbott [Zane] (VA) Milcie Arnold [Carrol] (VA) н Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA) F Joe Brunco (Martha] (CO) A Margarie Coffee (VA) Kathie Connolly (VA) Georgia Covington [Foster] (VA) т Joy Harper (VA) н Sam Hough [Linda] (VA) Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY) Jean Smith [Jim] (KY) Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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Willie Troutman [Diane] KY

Ben & Judy Armacost (England/Europe)
Digmar & Lisbeysi Garcia (Cuba)
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)

aam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezueia Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
Paula Tipton (Thailand)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)

Roberto & Joanne Waisman (Brazil)
Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)

Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

IF NOT YOU, WHO?
IF NOT HERE, WHERE?
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?
"The fields are white."
PRAY FOR LABORERS!
Matthew 9:35-38

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

#### Twenty-third psalm

(Vest-Pocket Edition)
Beneath me, green pastures;
Beside me, still waters;
With me, my Shepherd;
Before me, a table;
Around me, my enemies;
After me, goodness and mercy;
Beyond me, the house of the Lord.

### IN LOVING MEMORY DOORKEEPER

George A. Harper
22 July 1922 - Sunrise
18 September 2016 - Sunset
Goode, Virginia
We pray for Joy and
the Harper family
knowing "absent from the body"
means "present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8
"The man with the
unforgettable handshake"

### SHOULD NOT THIS BE OUR CONCERN AS WELL?

"MY CONCERN IS NOT WHETHER
GOD IS ON OUR SIDE; MY
GREATEST CONCERN IS TO BE
ON GOD'S SIDE, FOR GOD IS
ALWAYS RIGHT."
Abraham Lincoln

DID YOU HEAR THE THIRD PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE? SHAME ON US IF WE STAND AGAINST GOD IN THE NAME OF TOLERANCE/FAIRNESS!

# A Letter to Pathway Sunday School Class Members (A Church within a Church) Forest Baptist Church, Forest Virginia

Fourteen years ago, Sue and I moved our membership to Forest Baptist Church sensing that was the will of God for our lives. At that time, the prayer seminars kept me on the road both domestically and internationally. From May 1984, when JGHM was incorporated in the State of Tennessee until 2005, I averaged 52 seminars a year. We were welcomed into the fellowship and Sue became actively involved. Pastor Jack Barrett asked her to establish a women's ministry, a library, and a prayer ministry. She was an active member of the Disaster Relief Team traveling as far away as Louisiana when Katrina struck. She participated in many Forest Baptist Mission Trips to Thailand, Taiwan, and Macau to distribute Bibles to the Chinese. She developed a wide network of correspondence with missionaries, not only providing much needed contact from home, but seriously receiving their prayer requests and providing ongoing prayer support. When Pastor Jack resigned, she was asked to serve on the pastoral search committee. The

hours that she spent on the Tellers' committee and working in the church nursery are incalculable.

Prior to our relocating in Lynchburg, Sue held nursing and administrative positions at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She used vacation time to travel with me to many nations (perhaps forty nations). Consequently, she is known as "Mama Sue" in many of the nations since she developed friendship with many. For years, she taught a ladies Sunday school class. For eight years or so, she spent time each summer at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, with Native Americans. At that time, she developed a correspondence course for ladies on the reservation that kept her in contact year round. For eight years, each fall, she led a "retreat" at the Peaks of Otter (VA) for many of her friends. She served as a liaison person for several missionaries receiving their letters, duplicating, and mailing them to their

supporters. She also served on the pastoral search committee for our home church in Murfreesboro. She has developed friendships that have stood the test of time. Many call her "best friend."

A few months ago, in the light of some memory impairment, Sue asked me if I had thought about our moving our membership to a church nearer our home at 1127 Lakeview Drive, Lynchburg. I had not, but agreed that was a viable idea. We began to ask for God's leadership during our morning devotions. God, as usual, was faithful to answer our prayer for guidance.

A few weeks ago in the Sunday school class, I asked for prayer for an "unspoken request" and many of you prayed for us. For years, we have looked upon the Pathway Sunday school class as "a church within the church" and have strong confidence in the praying of the class members. The culmination of our search came on Sunday, October 2, when we

moved our membership to Beulah Baptist Church, 528 Leesville Road, Lynchburg, which is less than a fiveminute drive from our home. We had attended several Sundays and could not be better satisfied: nearby location, tremendous Sunday school teaching, powerful music (choir, organ, piano), anointed preaching, strong pastoral care, and just about the friendliest church we have experienced during the sixty-two years that I have been in ministry. The Sunday evening service is special and more like an "old-time" Sunday night service in reality. God is good. There is a strong interest in prayer and I have been asked to lead the October 12th mid-week service (6:30 p.m.) teaching from the Prayer Seminar Workbook. Actually, we have found something that we thought we were likely to never see again in this lifetime! God is good!

We will miss the fellowship of our brothers and sisters, who have become personal friends. Anytime you have some time, both Sue and I would be honored if you would visit us. Have you visited the Golgotha Rock Garden? Have you visited what recent quests termed "the prayer seminar museum?" We will continue to pray for Forest Baptist Church realizing that it is well located for evangelism and outreach. Thanks for your partnership in the prayer seminar ministry these past years. Thanks for the support you have given both of us and, above all, to the prayer seminar ministry around the world.

We plan to focus on JGHM: East/. Central Africa Branch (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, and Democratic Republic of the Congo) under the able leadership of Martin Shikuku and JGHM: Cuba/Venezuela Branch (the Caribbean and Latin America) which will be launched officially in January 2017 with Digmar Garcia and Adam Nathanson leading. Although we have other branches, an effort will be made for the next few years to provide prayer seminar workbooks (Spanish, Swahili, English). Although I must reduce my travel, we will mobilize ROPEHOLDERS to provide prayer/financial support for each venue in these nations.

We both have e-mail addresses: jghm84@aol.com; suethenry@aol.com. and phone (STH: 434-239-8836) or phone/texting (JGH: 434-239-8837). Please call on us if you need a friend/helper/prayer partner/a shoulder to lean on. We can laugh together in fellowship or we can cry together. We have learned to do both. We hope to stay in touch through the monthly **Reflectors**.

One of our best friends, discerning our need for special prayer in this decision, recently wrote, "we miss you, but we understand." We will miss you as well. Let's stay in close touch. Then in Heaven we will confirm: "Heaven will surely be worth it all!"

Yours in Calvary love, Jim and Sue Henry

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THANKS FOR OVER 100 CARDS/ LETTERS FOR SEPTEMBER LETTER-WRITING MONTH. Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

#### A BIT of HISTORY

Thirty-two years ago, we were in the process of establishing J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES as the entity to provide prayer seminars around the world and other ministries to serve the body of Christ. There were many decisions to make. Paul Jennings, an attorney and our Sunday school teacher at Southeast Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN, began the work of drafting our bylaws as a part of our establishing a non-profit corporation in Tennessee. Decisions were made related to membership of a Board of Directors to oversee the work.

One of the steps was to design a logo to depict the work God called us to do. As I prayed, I began to get a sense of what the logo would be. The focus would be on an intercessor for the world. Thus, the logo should include a person kneeling in prayer. A map of the world in the background would remind us to keep the world on our hearts as we pray. A hand on the cross would signify being in touch with Heaven's power.

Earlier, I had lead the annual staff retreat for Missionary Tech Team, Longview, Texas, one of the most effective helping ministries anywhere. They asked what they could do for the prayer seminar ministry. The answer: Help design the logo! John Goodding took my ideas and turned them into the JGHM logo. The logo's message speaks all languages. Read the logo for yourself. Christ is alive; the Cross is empty. Put your hand on the Cross and resolve to be an intercessor for the world's 7.2 billion people, remembering that as many as two out of three have never heard the name of Jesus in a saving sense one time. Why? There are no laborers because we do not obey the mandate Jesus has given His followers.



Then He said to His disciples: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). "THE FIELDS ARE WHITE" John 4:35).