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"There were 212 Doorkeepers in those days ...chosen on the basis of their genealogies ...and appointed because of their reliability."
1 Chronicles 9:22b



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LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

THANK GOD FOR THE DOORKEEPERS WHO HAVE BEEN USED BY GOD TO PROVIDE THE PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED TO TOUCH LIVES AROUND THE WORLD SINCE 1980.THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PARTNERSHIP. (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God." Philippians 4:6 (KJV).

"Don't worry about anything. Instead pray about everything. Tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." Philippians 4:6 (LB)

How are you getting along in your personal, regular daily time with God? Since January 1990, the purpose of the monthly studies shared in the **Doorkeeper Reports (Waymarks, or Reflectors)** has been to strengthen our **Doorkeepers** in their own prayer lives and in their spiritual walk. So often ministries accept the support of their partners without ministering to them. We do not want to operate that way. My desire is to encourage, not discourage; to build up, not tear down; to be a stepping stone, not a stumbling block.

We began with twelve studies on intercession. This was followed by twelve studies on adoration. The intention was to include material that would not only be inspirational and challenging, but useable as well. Often we tend to receive truth as mere information and not incorporate into our lives what the Word has revealed. My prayer has always been that our own partners will be strong prayer warriors and that our writing ministry would provide ongoing assistance to each **Doorkeeper**. Both the twelve studies on intercession and the twelve studies on adoration became books: **Intercession: Prayer as Work** and **Adoration: Prayer as Worship**. Across the nation, some have used the books in small group Bible studies or in Sunday school lessons for a quarter (three months study). **Thanksgiving: a missing element.** I have

Dear Doorkeeper family,

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD THROUGH THE PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY. When the Holy Spirit began to touch my spirit related to developing a prayer seminar ministry in the early 1980s, we knew of only one in existence—Dick Eastman's Change the World School of Prayer. This came out of Jack McAlister's World Literature Crusade. Now there are many prayer ministries! Praise the Lord!

I remember the conversation Sue and I had when a decision was made that a prayer ministry must take priority in our lives. We "counted the cost." We considered the implications for our relationship and family knowing that I would be away from home and she would have to "man the fort." We have both given our best. God has blessed beyond words.

Keep praying! **The Board of Directors has approved a plan that will carry us to December 31, 2020. By December 31, 2019, plans are to place the responsibility for the prayer seminars into the capable, willing hands of Adam Nathanson. For the next fifteen months, we will undergird Adam and seek to develop support for the branches to continue active under his leadership.** Then we will fade away. Some of you will remember the memorable words of General Douglas MacArthur at the end of his active military career: "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." Our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, our commander and chief, is to end well. Your prayers will help make that a reality.

JGH/STH

not written a book on thanksgiving although there is plenty of material in the Word of God that could be the basis of a comprehensive treatment of the subject. The focus of this September study, as well as the studies in October and November, is **thanksgiving**, one of the five elements of prayer that should be included daily in our prayer time: **A-doration**, **C-onfession**, **T-hanksgiving**, **S-eeking for self (petition)** and **S-eeking for others (intercession)**.

I often think, as I teach the element of **thanksgiving**, that it should be unnecessary to teach thanksgiving. We should all be thankful. But in the light of **Luke 17:17**, I have no choice but to remind my students of the importance of including thanksgiving in their daily prayers.

How much Jesus appreciates gratitude can be seen very clearly from the account of the ten lepers whom He restored to health (**Luke 17:11-17**). He had healed them by sending them to the priests to receive the certificate required by law to show that they had been cleansed of their leprosy. While they were on their way to the priests, they were suddenly cleansed, every one of them.

Nine of them continued on their way to receive their certificates. And in so doing they were in reality complying with Jesus' words, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." One of them, however, turned around, went back to Jesus, fell down on his face before the Lord, and returned thanks to Him joyfully speaking His praises. This act of overt thanksgiving by one who was a Samaritan elicited Jesus' probing question. "Were there

not ten cleansed, where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger?" Does this mean that nine out of ten receive the blessings from the Lord and never express gratitude? That could very well be true. Perhaps we are like the hogs under the acorn trees over in East Tennessee where I grew up which eat the acorns, but never look up to see their source!

Thanksgiving defined. Here we have the definition of thanksgiving given by Jesus Himself. To give thanks means to give glory to God. Remember that we were created to give glory to God, now and forevermore. We can be sure that our own spirits will rejoice when we offer genuine thanksgiving because we will be in harmony with His purpose for our lives!

It is obvious that God both notices and is moved by our response. Jesus attached high value to the words "thank you." Each of us is either the one who gives thanks or one who does not. Either we appreciate His daily gifts, or take them for granted. Jesus is not made of stone. He is moved to happiness every time that He sees that we appreciate what He has done for us. Let's grip His nail-pierced hand and say to Him, "I thank You, Savior, because You died for me." Then, let's thank Him for all the other blessings He showers upon us daily.'

Difference in praise and thanksgiving. Although praise and thanksgiving are very closely akin to each other there is a difference in praise and thanksgiving. Both consist in giving

glory to God. Praise is seeking **God's face** for fellowship. It is praising God for who He is and what He is in Himself. Adoration is looking at God and loving Him. Thanksgiving, on the other hand, is expressing appreciation for what God's hand has provided. We give God the glory for what He has done for us. One of my favorite verses is **Psalm 68:19** where we are told to praise the Lord who "daily loadeth us with benefits." "Daily" does not mean "every now and then;" "loadeth" means not a "little" but a "lot." His blessings come every day. Thanksgiving of this nature exalts God, gives Him credit, and takes our eyes off ourselves and focuses them on God. Thanksgiving is our response to the goodness of God who is the Source of "every good and perfect gift" (**James 1:17**). Thanksgiving will naturally express itself in praise. And praises will be called forth by the acts of merciful kindness for which we are giving thanks.

Biblically, thanksgiving means expressing gratitude to God, not for who He is, but for what He has done. Thankfulness is defined as gratitude for blessings. The importance and spiritual benefit in thanksgiving in our prayer lives cannot be overly emphasized. We have a tendency to spend too much time asking and too little time thanking. We should cultivate the attitude of gratitude. Ingratitude is one of our most serious shortcomings. He pours out blessings; we fail to say thanks. Thanksgiving is meaningful to the Lord when it is offered as a sacrifice as we call on the name of the Lord (**Psalm 116:17**, "Offer to God thanksgiving" **Psalm 50:14**). "Come before His presence with thanksgiving" (**Psalm 5:2**). We

are directed to "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise " (**Psalm 100:4**). A lack of thanksgiving is an evidence that true worship is missing.

An expression of humility

The Bible reminds us that "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (**James 4:6**). Humility means dependence on God, not ourselves. Thanksgiving is God-centered, not self-centered. One evidence of humility is a thankful heart knowing that who we are and even hope to be comes from God. Humility particularly includes acknowledgment of our own inadequacy both physically and spiritually from the very first days of our lives. Whether we are aware of it or not, even the air we breathe comes from Him. It is a serious matter to fail to have a thankful heart. It was the sin of thanklessness that caused the people long ago to plunge into the sin of sexual depravity (**Romans 1:21-22 LB**).

We need to remember that we learn to pray according to God's will only as we learn His will and way in the Book in which it is revealed, the Bible. Through prayer we speak to Him, and also open our souls to let Him speak to us.

Further studies will be forthcoming in the October and November issues of the Reflector.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

THE PARAMETERS
"IN EVERYTHING
GIVE THANKS"
1 Thessalonians 5:18



U. S. Military Bases

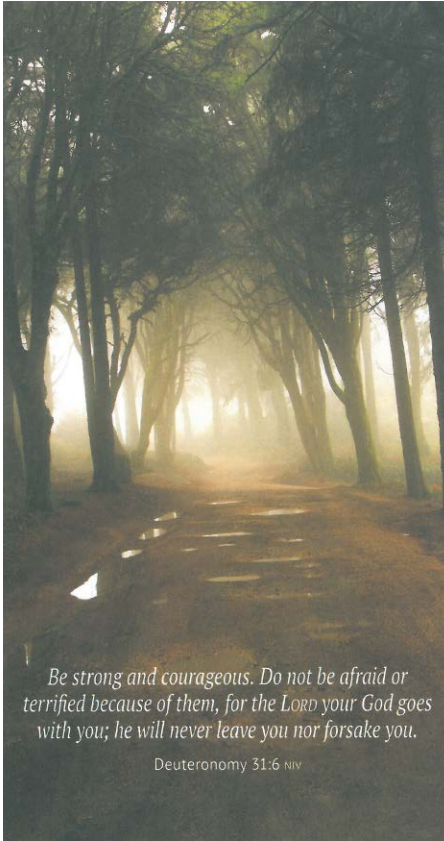
One of the special blessings that God has given me over the past thirty-nine years is to share the prayer seminar and preach in chapel services on military bases both here in the United States and bases in other nations. The liquid love that flows from heart to heart has been incredible. Many have been renewed and some have come to Christ. I have been treated as royalty on the bases with a warm welcome and an invitation to lodge in VIP lodging. In my initial remarks, I express my delight on being with our troops and their families knowing that it is an opportunity to reach many states from this one point.

The reception at Goodfellow Air Force Base (San Angelo, Texas) was encouraging and humbling since there was an opportunity to meet separately with the three ranking officers on the base. After considerable time, I expressed concern that I was taking up too much of their valuable time only to be assured that my presence in their midst was what they needed to motivate and challenge them to renewed service.

Many of you are aware of **an attack on the chaplaincy in our armed forces**. An insidious effort has been launched to silence voices of evangelical chaplains. One can easily document elements of the attacks emanating even from government and military officials. "Don't mention the name 'Jesus' in any military chapel or function." A brigade official ordered Army Chaplain Captain John Stertzbach to "modify" his prayers at the funeral of a slain sergeant to minimize use of the name "Jesus." On and on, we could go. "What shall we say to these things?" We must fervently push against the spiritual darkness through our prayers and the groups that are behind these attacks. Pray for the ministry of chaplains in the chapels and with individuals and their families.

Keep in mind that "Righteousness exalts a nation; sin is a reproach to any people" (**Proverbs 14:34**). Many actions taken by our legislative and judicial bodies are those favoring acts that God calls "abominatdion" leading us farther and farther away from God's Word, His ways, His will. Pray against evil and the evil one. Pray for those who are seeking to defend our religious liberties as a free people. **Stand up for the right and oppose the wrong**. Remember that "the nation that forgets God will be turned into hell" (**Psalms 9:17**).

**"I will instruct you and
teach you in the way you
should go; I will counsel you
with My loving eye on you."
Psalm 32:8**



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The power of
God's Word
changes things.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 5021. The freedom to choose is one of the many gifts God has given to each of us.

Note 5022. Choice, not chance, determines destiny.

Note 5023. Jesus IS Lord!

Note 5024. Each person must make a choice in this lifetime--either FOR Him or AGAINST Him.

Note 5025. We can freely choose to serve the Lord and find blessings or we can resist to the end, and be destroyed when His wrath comes in judgment at the Day of the Lord.

**GOD IS
LOVE!
TRUST GOD TO DO
WHAT HE SAID HE
WILL DO!**

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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SOWING...THEN COMES HARVEST!



PRAYER CALENDAR**SEPTEMBER 2019***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)
 Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Hosea 1-3 (Argentina 44.3M)
 Marcia Barna (PA)
 Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dr/ Dennis Hollandsworth

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Hosea 4-6 (Australia 23.2M)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michael Breed (WI)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 4

Hosea 7-8 (Bahamas 329.988)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Anne Campbell (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Cliff/Laura Cannon (FL))

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Hosea 9-11 (Botswana 22M)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Hosea 12-14 (Brazil 207.4M)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Tina Darden (MD)
 Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Jo Ann Dudley (VA)
 Micheal & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Joel 1-3 (Burundi 11.5M)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Duane Eriean (WI)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

James Fugate (CA)
 Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Amos 1-2 (Canada 35.6M)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Mike Hall (IN)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 William & Sara Hefner (PA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Amos 3-5 (Chile 17.8M)

Jim Hengood (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11

Amos 6-7 (China 1.4B)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)
 Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA))
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Amos 8-9 (Colombia 47.7M)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene Jeffries (AR)
 Mark & Debbie Jenifer (MD)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Obadiah (D.R. Congo 83.3M)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Aaron & Iris Johnson (MD)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Vicky Johnson (MD)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)

SATURDAY, SEPT 14

Jonah (Costa Rica 4.9M)
 Theo/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Darren Hisel, Pastor
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
 Harriet Kennedy (VA)
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)
 Larry & Janet King (NC)

Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Micah 3-5 (Dominican Rep 10.7M)

Korean Branch:

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Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Micah 3-5 (Dominican Rep 10.7M)

Liberty University (VA)
Jerry Falwell Jr., President
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Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
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Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18

Micah 6-7 (Ecuador 16.3)

Wilma Marcum (KY)
Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Beau Ware Masonry (V)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Nahum (England 66.6M)

R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Nancy McPherson (ME)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Betsy Miedema (MI)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA))
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Habakkuk (Fiji 920.938)

Doris Moos (NJ)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Betty Nichols (WA)
NE Baptist College (VT)
Mark Ballard, President
Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
Peter Dorn, Pastor

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Zephaniah 1-3 (France 67.1M)

Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)
Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jack & Carolyn Peernan (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Joyce Riley (KY)
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
Isabel Robotham (NY)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Haggai (Germany 80.6M)

James & Shelly Rode (FL)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
John Saint (PA)
Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Zechariah 1-2 (Greece 10.8M)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Ray Shields (VA)
Lola Simpson (NY)
Mary Skiles (KS)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 25

Zechariah 3-4 (India 1.3b)

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Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Zechariah 5-6 (Indonesia 260.6M)

William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (WI)
Cathy Tilton (VA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Zechariah 7-8 (Ireland 5M)

Paula Tipton (TN)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Diane Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
Frances Turpin (VA)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Zechariah 9-11 (Israel 8.3M)

Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
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George/Jeanette Vernachik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
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Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Zechariah 12-14 (Italy 8.3M)

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Jeff Williamson
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Malachi (Jamaica 3M)

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**SEPTEMBER IS
LETTER-WRITING
MONTH!**

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ADAM TEACHING IN BRAZIL

UNCHANGING TRUTH

"He is no fool who parts with that which he cannot keep when he is sure to be recompensed with that which he cannot lose."

Philip Henry (1631-1696)

Matthew Henry's father (1662-1714)

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Eliot (1927-1956)

From a Journal Entry on October 28,
1949. Martyred by Auka Indians in Peru.

PRESCRIPTION FOR LONELINESS

Art thou, lonely, O my brother?
Share thy little with another!
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,
And thy loneliness is ended.

John Oxenham

Pray Daily

**Before December 31
schedule seminars
through JGHM.**

Anxiety

What does anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape the pressure; it makes you unfit to cope with it when it comes. Does the Bible have the answer? Is it true that when you are at wits' end that God is able to "send His Word" and "heal you?" (**Psalm 107:20**) Is this possible? Yes, it is true and it is possible. "Be still," He says, "and know that I am God" (**Psalm 46:10**). "Draw near to Me," He says, "and I will draw near to you" (**James 4:8**). "Come unto Me, all you who are heavy laden," He says, "and I will give you rest" (**Matthew 11:28-30**). Notice that we must take the initiative and make decisions.

Perhaps CHOOSE is the word for the day! God has given us the ability to make decisions. He did not make us a robot whereby He presses a button for us to prostrate ourselves and bow down before Him. He could have done that, but He made us in His own image and we have the power to choose.

Jim Moon (1934-2014) came into our lives when we moved to Lynchburg in April 1972 to assume our duties at Lynchburg Baptist College (now Liberty University). At that time he was music leader at Thomas Road Baptist Church as well as Associate Pastor. Jim was one of my favorite preachers. Sometimes I kidded **Dr. Jerry Falwell** (1933-2007), the founder of Thomas Road Church and the college, that Jim Moon could "out preach" him. He smiled and agreed! Jim sometimes spoke in the college chapel services. One day, he included a memorable instructive statement to the LBC students, faculty, and staff: "**Don't let others determine your day!**" He illustrated by sharing an experience he had with a careless driver on the way to the campus while he was listening on the car radio to one of my favorite radio speakers, **Earl Nightingale** (1921-1989), an inspirational speaker who mostly dealt with the subjects of human



Dr. Jerry Falwell

character development, motivation, and meaningful existence. At the very moment the incident happened, Nightingale said: "**Don't let others determine your day!**" We all got the point and I have remembered this statement for over forty years and have determined to follow it!

CHOOSE

Choose to love—rather than hate;
Choose to smile—rather than frown;
Choose to build—rather than destroy;
Choose to persevere—rather than quit;
Choose to praise—rather than gossip;
Choose to heal—rather than wound;
Choose to give—rather than grasp;
Choose to act—rather than delay;
Choose to forgive—rather than curse;
Choose to pray—rather than despair.

Charles Hodge

It was said of the believers in Corinth, "first of all, they gave themselves to the LORD" (**1 Corinthians 8:5**). That is the beginning point. When our hearts

to Him truly belong, He becomes our salvation, our strength, and our song. One of your new names when you come to Christ is a believer. Do you carry that new name? Then the Holy Spirit, who is your Enabler, your Helper, now lives within you and will come along side to help even when anxiety knocks at your door.



Deepen your understanding of God's Word

An Invitation! A Challenge! A Proposal! If there were more than one of me, one would be teaching human development to upper classmen or graduate students at a Christian college or university. Many lives have been enriched and changed by this course. One goal in my teaching has been to motivate my students to develop an "I wonder what would happen if" mentality as an approach to working with their own family members, colleagues, flock, students or clients during their careers. This attitude will keep us out of ruts and keep a level of excitement in daily living.

Now, I have an "I wonder what would happen" event to illustrate. "I wonder what would happen if" I present to our readers an invitation, a challenge, and a proposal related to their spiritual lives for ninety-two days (October-November-December 2019) **READ THE BIBLE THROUGH FOLLOWING THE DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR READING PROGRAM.** Further, "I wonder what would happen" if JGHM made available one of the best translations of the New Testament that I have ever held in my hands? It is Dr. C. Gordon Olson's **The Resurrection New Testament**. Last Christmas, Sue and I gave each of our family members a copy with a special note to each one regarding the value of this translation.

Dr. Olson served on the faculty of Northeastern Bible College (NJ) for twenty-four years and was there during my tenure as president. His grasp of biblical truths was quite evident and impressive. Not only did he enrich the lives of his students, he impacted the New York City area with his Thursday night radio programs. Dr. Olson states that the translation was in progress for seventy years and that God also providentially preserved his life seven times to allow him to complete this work. His writing style is very readable and his paragraph headings bring passages alive in a powerful way. One unique bonus is an interwoven gospel narrative based on the four gospel accounts.

If you will accept the invitation and the challenge to read through the New Testament with us using **The Resurrection New Testament**, JGHM will provide a copy upon request. It is also available through Amazon and can directly be ordered from Dr. Olson. Any serious or curious Bible student will be intrigued by this translation. It will be life-changing as far as an approach to Bible reading is concerned. **Use the "September Letter-Writing" response form to request your copy only if you commit to using it to read through the New Testament during the fourth quarter of 2019.**

The Great Commission

Is not "Come and Hear" but "Go and Tell" It is important to get it right! "As you are going, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

When James and Elizabeth Dean shared that their son is serving on the staff of a large church in Dubai, we remembered him as a mere lad in his home in Pakistan and rejoiced. He is a graduate of Huntington University in Indiana. When they reported that their son's church had recently baptized 2,000 in one day (with police protecting the site), we were filled with awe and wonder knowing what a mighty God we serve.

Thinking back on the twenty-seven years that I served as a local church pastor, I thought of many outside baptismal services during my tenure at **Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky** during my college years at Berea College. Here is a baptismal scene from those days.



Dr. Henry baptizing in 1955

From that college pastorate five were called into full-time ministry.

During my days as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lynchburg/ Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University), I baptized ninety-nine in ten months at **Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia**. One of the baptismal services was outside in the coldest

water I have ever experienced; on that day I baptized twenty-nine. I baptized many at **Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia**. From time to time, the Reamers return from their home in Florida and visit **Beulah Baptist Church**, our home church in Lynchburg. It was my privilege to baptize Daphne Reamer (now living in Florida) at Pleasant View in the 1970s.



Walter & Daphne Reamer with Dr. Henry and Sue at Beulah Baptist Church
PHOTO BY CAROLLYN PEERMAN

The last two years of pastoral ministry at the **Immanuel Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia**, I baptized over 100 each year **WITH 24/7 PRAYER CHAPEL ACTIVE.**

2,000 in one day in Dubai is a reminder to us that throughout the world more are coming to Christ this day than any day in history. God is at work in a world that is "white to harvest" and we are to pray for laborers. Each church needs to pray!

Since 1980, God has placed me primarily in a teaching ministry. Although many have come to Christ through the prayer seminar ministry, I think of **Acts 28:31** as descriptive of the ministry that He has entrusted to me: "preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which pertain to the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence ...," My concern at this point is **ENDING WELL**. To that end, I confess that "I need the prayers of those I love ... I want my friends to pray for me."

"I HAVE A DREAM"

THAT SOME CHURCH OR CHURCHES
IN THE UNITED STATES
WOULD TAKE MARTIN SHIKUKU
(EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA) AS A
MISSIONARY. GOD HAS HIS HAND
ON THIS WORK, ONE OF THE MOST
FRUITFUL THAT WE KNOW ABOUT
IN THE WORLD.

IF WE WILL ALL PRAY AND TELL
OTHERS. IF ANY OF YOU SERVE ON
YOUR CHURCH MISSION COMMITTEE
AND WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT HOW GOD IS
USING MARIN AND ANNE SHIKUKU
IN KENYA AND SURROUNDING
NATIONS IN EAST/CENTRAL
AFRICA, LET JGHM KNOW.

REFLECTOR PUBLICATION

THERE ARE FIFTEEN MONTHS
BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 31,
2020--WHEN JGHM PLANS TO CLOSE.
MY HEART SAYS TO PREPARE FIFTEEN
MORE REFLECTORS AND THAT WILL
CLOSE OUT SIXTY-SIX YEARS. WHAT
DO YOU THINK?

Kindness

And the fruit of the Spirit is ... kindness ... (**Galatians 5:22-23**). The will of God for each believer is that he/she be controlled (filled in the sense of a drunk person being under the influence or control of the drink that is in him/her; i.e., filled does not mean quantity since we receive all the Holy Spirit we are ever going to receive at the moment of salvation) by the Holy Spirit. Actually, the fruit of the Spirit is love and out of love there are eight other qualities that encompass our relationship with God and with others. Actually we do not have to walk in the flesh, but we can walk in the Spirit. Now we give attention to KINDNESS.

Kindness is a master key of all locks on barred hearts. Kindness is the chief foreman in the shop of good works. Kindness is a patch for every puncture and blow-out. Kindness is the eraser on the pencil of endeavor. Kindness is the mother of confidence and happiness. Kindness is a jewel from the mines of Heaven. Kindness is the cup of cold water of the Bible. Kindness widens the circle of friendship and has thank you written all over its face. Kindness fans the sparks of worthy motives and smothers out flames of evil desires. Kindness places a sun in somebody's sky and stations a full moon for the blackness of their night.

"Lord, make me kind."

EVERYTHING BY
PRAYER. ARE YOU
A LIGHTHOUSE OF
PRAYER?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR
CHURCH?

AND THE WORK GOES ON!



Digmar Garcia, Director, JGHM: Cuba/Venezuela Branch (midde aisle, center) surrounded by 240 young people from 400 Western Cuba Baptist churches in a recent three-day prayer seminar in Cuba.



After praying and planning for fourteen years, Adam Nathanson's Cuban Bible Insitute recently held its very first graduation. Here are some of the graduates. THIS REPRESENTS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH FOR CUBAN BELIEVERS.

JAMES AND ELIZABETH DEAN RECENTLY WERE HOUSE GUESTS OF THE HENRYS. THEIR APPROACH IS TO PROVIDE PRAYER SEMINARS FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS IN THEIR NATIVE PAKISTAN. THEY HAVE RECENTLY HAD PRAYER SEMINARS IN FIVE MAJOR CITIES WITH GREAT INTEREST AND SUCCESS.

WALKING IN THE STEPS OF MARTIN SHIKUKU--KENYA & TANZANIA "TWO GOOD WEEKS" July 29--August 10. The Report:
Total - 750; Pastors - 546; Churches - 511; Saved - 66; Miles - 956. GOD CONTINUES TO POUR OUT BLESSINGS.

The Doorkeeper Family

One of the great blessings of the **Doorkeeper family** is the feeling of closeness that develops as we regularly call out the names of each other following the Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar. Truly, we are family. **Joy Baugh**, a Doorkeeper in Bradenton, Florida, often wrote letters of encouragement. In one of the letters, she said, "We feel you belong to us!" Joy and her husband long ago joined the great cloud of witnesses in Heaven. Over the years the number has increased and we have acknowledged the passage of **Doorkeepers** under the heading "In Loving Memory" coupled with "... to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (**2 Corinthians 5:8**). We have often shared death notices of friends of the prayer seminar ministry as well as **Doorkeepers**,

As notices about the death of **Doorkeepers** and friends come across my desk, I often place them in a special folder. Such was the memorial folder for a missionary statesman, **Dr. Larry Haag** (9/28/1940-3/30/2014), Merry Gregory's father. This witness was made: John 20:21b: "...as My Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Then this profound statement entitled "It is Toward Evening" by **Vance Havner** was included: "If we are Christians, we are not citizens of earth trying to get to Heaven, but citizens of Heaven making our way through the wilderness of this world." **Tim and Merry Gregory**, long-time **Doorkeepers**, led the SBC's Southern Cross Project in Thailand and Taiwan for a number of years.

In Loving Memory of our **Doorkeepers** who are now residing in Heaven, the poem that follows will

be an encouragement to us as we look forward to a great reunion one day.

Safely Home

I am Home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over:
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely Home in heaven at last!

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Ah, but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt to dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed
He will gently call you Home:
Oh the rapture of that meeting!
Oh the joy to see you come!

Martha Snell Nicholson

In Loving Memory
Doorkeeper Joseph Moos
December 28, 1947-July 22, 2019
Mullica Hill, New Jersey
Pray for Doris and family

"Absent from the body,
present with the Lord"

September is my month

September is my month—the month of my physical birth (September 30, 1935), my spiritual birth (September 24, 1948), the month that I began my work as a pastor (September 1953), the month that I conducted the first prayer seminar outside my own pastorates (Madison Baptist Church, Madison NJ September 5-8, 1980) and the month we moved into our on-site office building in our back yard in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (1987).

Once it dawned on me how significant September has been in my life, I have used the month for celebration and for self-examination. My life as an educator and as a minister has been satisfying and fulfilling in every way. I have few regrets and would do few things differently. As I look back over my sixty-six years of ministry, I believe that the prayer seminar ministry surpasses all other ministry and work that I have done.

Although there have now been 1,738 prayer seminars throughout the world, I find myself more excited about the next seminar than I was the first! I have learned from experience to expect the Holy Spirit to move mightily using the Word of God to provide help needed in the lives of those who attend a seminar. I continue eager to share as often and as widely as possible the message that God has given me on the many

facets of the Christian life, majoring on the purpose and power of prayer.

As I look back across almost seven decades of ministry and service, it is with a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord for His faithfulness step by step." I am satisfied with Jesus, but the question comes to me, as I think of Calvary, Is my Master satisfied with me?" This has been the refrain that the Holy Spirit has brought to my mind and spirit over and over and over since I began to reflect on what to share in the September issue of the Reflector. You need to know the source of this refrain.

I remember it as though it happened yesterday—when I received word that **B. B. McKinney**, one of the heroes of my Christian faith, was severely injured in an automobile accident across the mountains in Bryson City, North Carolina. I grieved a few days later when I heard that he died on September 7, 1952. Songs written by B. B. McKinney are included in the Broadman Hymnal, the hymn book he edited used in my church and in most Southern Baptist churches, strengthened and challenged my walk with Christ. Among those songs was "I am Satisfied with Jesus," written in 1926. After becoming a Christian, my life was drastically changed and I constantly have asked myself "Is my Master satisfied with me?"

I want my Lord to be satisfied with me, I want my life to be what He wants it to be. Both Sue and I want to finish well. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

YES, "SEPTEMBER IS LETTER-WRITING MONTH" FOR JGHM. WITH NO MORE THAN FIFTEEN MONTHS OR LESS LEFT IN THE ACTIVE WORK OF JGHM, THIS COULD BE THE LAST YEAR FOR ME TO WRITE "SEPTEMBER IS LETTER-WRITING MONTH."