

# REFLECTOR

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## **An October challenge**

Starting in August, the first of six interactive studies from **Psalm 119**, the longest chapter in the Bible whose theme is the Word of God, was shared. Every believer who wishes to see life from God’s point of view needs to be in the Word of God for himself. By setting aside quality time to study these lessons—reading, looking up each reference, and answering the questions, you will hear from God.

## **A daily appointment**

My advice to each Christian is to establish a time to meet the Lord at the beginning of each new day. Begin by giving a few minutes a day for prayer. As these moments are blessed, it will not be long until you are scheduling more time for prayer. There must be a beginning, however. Make an appointment and keep the appointment.

The same concept is true for Bible study. As you schedule a time to meet God in His Word, you will find direction for your life and find the answer to your questions. If you will work through the six studies from **Psalm 119**, your appreciation and understanding of the importance of Bible study will be enhanced. The approach for each study is intended to be an interactive experience. An interactive Bible study means there is two-way movement. The Word is there and speaks as you read and respond to it.

If you have not begun the studies from **Psalm 119** that began in August, it is not too late. Go back and work through the interactive studies shared in the August and September issues. Then work through the September study that deals with how to pray when reading the Bible.

The third interactive study from **Psalm 119** deals with **meditation**.

## **Reading the Bible through**

A very good time to begin reading the Bible through following the plan in the **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar** is October 1, when we begin reading the New Testament.

## **An extraordinary coordinator:**

### **John McSween**



The key to a successful international ministry is the coordinator. In nation after nation, God has provided quality coordinators, but none any more impressive than **John McSween**, who is 78 years old and confined to a wheelchair for the past twenty-seven years. Pastor after pastor shared that it was the love of Christ that exuded from his voice that drew them to the prayer seminars. He and his wife, **Egberta**, live modestly on retirement income from their Canadian work. There is minimal furniture in their home since they live simply.

Since the weather was very hot and the travel conditions were challenging due to the large number of vehicles on roads that were not constructed to handle the volume, travel is difficult. Not one time (getting in and out of the car, being carried up and down stairs) did I hear Pastor McSween complain or did I see him frown. His life challenges each one who comes into his path to aspire to greater heights.

## Perspectives

“I will meditate in Thy statutes ...”

**Psalm 119:48**

A number of times in **Psalm 119**, the writer refers to meditating on God’s Word. Look up **verses 15, 23, 48, 97, 99, and 148**. Other key references related to meditation are **Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 63:5-6** and **1 Timothy 4:15**. These all show two major points: first, we should cultivate and practice the exercise of meditation; second, the range of our meditation is to be the whole Bible, the whole range of revealed truth from **Genesis** to **Revelation**.

Thus, we are not only to receive the Word of God with meekness (**James 1:21**), to let the Word of God dwell in us richly (**Colossians 3:16**), to keep the Word of God tenaciously (**John 17:6**), to continue in the Word of God untiringly (**John 8:31**), to live out the Word of God faithfully (**2 Corinthians 3:3**), and to hold forth the Word of God boldly (**Philippians 2:16**), we are to meditate on the Word of God prayerfully and regularly. To do this will require four things: (1) Quietness—to meditate, we must be alone; (2) Time—we must exclude all sense of hurry; (3) Concentration—we must be able to give attention; and (4) Receptivity—Our prayer must be **Psalm 119:18**: “Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.”

There is great danger in allowing reading God’s Word to turn into a mindless, mechanical, and heartless routine. It is possible to become spiritually blind and deaf if we fail to practice what we learn (**Matthew 13:12-15**). When this happens, God’s Word will continue to sound its alarm, but we will go on sleeping—like someone who has hit the snooze button too many times.

How can we be sure that the Word of God will bring about a life that pleases God? The sovereign God has ordained prayer as the tool to get His work done. God works only in concert with the praying of His people. Our prayer life is the door to spiritual power. How can we be

sure that our prayer lives reflect Biblical commands and promises? Nothing but daily fellowship with God through His Word can give the power to remain faithful in prayer. When you meet the Lord in Scriptures, you will long to meet Him in prayer. When you meet Him in prayer, you will long to walk with Him along Bible pathways. It is helpful to meditate on the Word of God when the purpose is to understand and apply the truths found in Scripture in daily living.

### **Meditation**

Read the Bible meditatively. In other words, learn to reflect on what it says. A believer must be transformed by the renewing of his mind (**Romans 12:2**) through disciplined meditation upon Scriptures. Basically, to meditate is simply to mutter or talk to yourself. Isn’t that a definition of the act of thinking itself? One of the principles of learning is that we learn to do by doing. The more activity generated, the more likely learning is taking place. Thinking is doing. When you talk to yourself, you are doing something. If an instrument were attached to your vocal cords, there would be movement registered as you think.

Meditation is the act of thinking deeply on Scriptural truths. Other words used for meditation are muse, remember, consider—which were used by Asaph, during a sleepless night (**Psalm 77:3, 6, 11, 12**). Mary, the teenage mother of Jesus, had so many things to happen to her which she “*treasured and pondered in her heart*” (**Luke 2:19, 51**). When Joseph shared with his father and brothers his dream “*his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind*” (**Genesis 37:11**).

### **Benefits of meditation**

As we regularly and habitually meditate on God’s Word, the result and the benefits will be enormous. Consider these benefits:

**1. We will be charged with spiritual life and vitality.** One of the most significant statements ever made by our Lord is recorded in **John 6:63**. Read this verse for yourself. Where and how does He speak to us? The answer is in and

through His Word. As we read His Word and wait in His presence, the Holy Spirit reveals truth to us. We hear His voice and receive new life and vitality from Him—who is our life. Look up **Colossians 3:4**. As further illustration, read **Luke 24:13-31** and then focus on verse 32. What was this “burning heart?” What had happened to these two disciples? They had been in the presence of the Lord. He had revealed Himself to them and had opened Scriptures to them, and the result was that their hearts burned within them. Do you have a burning heart, or are you dull and listless? Are you red-hot in your love for the Lord Jesus Christ or lukewarm? Look up **Revelation 2:4** and **3:15-16**.

**2. We will be soundly and thoroughly converted.** See what **Psalms 19:7** says. This means that when the truth of God is applied to our life, it is so powerful that it turns our life away from all that is displeasing to the Lord and turns it to the Lord Himself. It produces a right-about-turn in our life. How is it that some Christians appear only “half-converted?” It is because they are like Ephraim. Look up **Hosea 7:8**. This is obviously what the Lord had in mind when He talked to Peter. Look up **Luke 22:32**, Peter was converted in an initial sense, but not in a full sense. He needed to be turned right around. By the grace of God and through the operation of the Holy Spirit, he was converted in this way and became a great blessing to his brethren and to multitudes. As you begin to form the habit of meditating in the Word of God, you will soon begin to experience the converting power of the Word in your life.

**3. We will find our faith increasing until we become strong in faith.** Most of us have pondered the question of how to obtain faith. The answer is found in **Romans 10:17**. Look up the verse and think about its meaning. As we read and meditate in God’s Word, faith is imparted to us and developed in us. How much faith is operative in your life at this point in your spiritual journey? There are several levels of faith mentioned in the Bible: “No faith” (**Mark 4:40**); only a “little faith” (**Matthew**

**6:30**); or faith “as a grain of mustard seed” (**Matthew 17:20**). We need to move upward until we have “more faith” (**Luke 17:6**) and are strong in faith (**Matthew 8:10; 15:28**). There is one more level that can be attained—“much faith” (**Matthew 9:29**).

**4. We will find the secret of living peacefully in a chaotic world.** Note the word “stayed” in **Isaiah 26:3**. It refers to a quiet, unhurried, relaxed waiting in the presence of God until our minds become stabilized and garrisoned with His truth. On every hand, there is fear and there are alarms. Sin abounds and God’s judgments are surely near. A time such as this present hour is foretold in God’s Word. But in that same Word, we find confidence in the knowledge that God is working out His purposes for the world. Before long, Jesus will surely come again. Ultimately, He will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. One can never feel the power of these great truths, however, by a casual reading of Scripture. Meditation is needed. Look up **Luke 21:28**.

**5. We will bow humbly to the sovereign will of our loving Lord in all His dealings with us and with others.** It is relatively easy to quote **Romans 8:28** when all is going well; it is not so easy when we are faced with some crushing sorrow or adversity. It is only as we get to know the Lord Jesus Christ, through quiet times of waiting upon Him and through meditation in His Word, that we are able to trust Him and to lean upon Him in the dark hours. If we will regularly meditate in His Word, we will never get bitter when God’s hand is resting heavily upon us, or upon our loved ones or friends. We will be able to say what Job said. Look up **Job 23:10**. It is then that we will appreciate the truth of **Psalms 37:23-24** and be able to rest quietly upon **John 13:7**.

**6. We will be filled with glowing words of testimony.** Some Christians rarely speak of their Lord. Is it because they do not really know Him? In the prayer seminar, we dwell on a significant verse—**Daniel 11:32b**. How do we know God? He reveals Himself in His Word.

We only get to know Him as we spend time with Him and as we let His Word dwell in us richly in all wisdom. Compare **Luke 6:45** and **Colossians 3:16**.

**7. We will come to know Him, Whom to know is life eternal.** The greatest blessing that will come to us as we learn to meditate in God's Word is the personal and intimate experience we will enjoy with our Lord. Compare **Luke 24:27** and **John 5:39**. As we gaze upon the Lord Jesus Christ in His Word, we shall become like Him. Look up **2 Corinthians 3:18**. We will want to please and obey Him. Look up **2 Timothy 2:4** and **John 14:15**. Further, we will discover that He is "the chiefest among ten thousand." Look up **Song of Solomon 6:3**. We will be able to say with ever deepening conviction, "I am His, and He is mine." See **Psalms 104:34**. All day long we will pray the prayer recorded in **Psalms 19:14**. Look it up for yourself.

#### **Meditation changes us**

Meditation is to think deeply about spiritual truths so that they become a part of our lives—what we think, say, do. Meditation changes us and places us in the path of God's blessings—a very good place to be. David experienced such blessings and said, "*As I meditated, the fire burned*" (**Psalms 39:3**). When we hear, read, study, or memorize the fire (**Jeremiah 23:29**) of God's Word, the addition of meditation becomes a bellows to cause the fire to blaze more brightly. So it is with us. It then gives off more light (insight and understanding) and heat (passion for obedient action). Without meditation, the intake of God's Word will often leave us cold. In a sermon published in 1674, Thomas Watson, a Puritan pastor, observed: "The reason we come away so cold from reading the Word is because we do not warm ourselves at the fire of meditation."

God writes His Word in our hearts. As you meditate on the Word, the Spirit makes it a part of your inner being. You become more like the Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 3:18**). The Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the righteous demands of God's law (**Romans 8:1-4**).

#### **Biblical meditation**

If you grew up on a farm as I did, you have seen the cows ruminating under a shade tree. A cow will take into her stomach a quantity of grass, find a quiet spot to rest undisturbed, and bring the grass she has swallowed back up into her mouth and systematically, slowly, and methodically chew it—turning it over and over to get all the good out of it before swallowing it again.

That is exactly what Biblical meditation is. We read the Word and get it into our minds. We then turn the passage over and over as we think about it, asking the Holy Spirit to teach its truth to us and open up its message to the nourishment of our souls. You can count on His being ready to work with you. The process should be unhurried lingering—for meditation by its very nature, calls for time and patience. We can all follow the example of the cow. Take some of God's Word into your mind at the beginning of your day—the earlier the better. Then, throughout the day, bring it back into your conscious thought. Keep turning it over in your mind while driving the car, washing the dishes, and during other opportunities.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

#### **David's vow about God's Word**

"I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways; I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word."

**Psalms 119:15-16**

David was saying that he would read, learn, and meditate in the Scriptures. Unless a person consciously makes a decision to make God's Word his joy, he will forget. As you meditate (think, reflect, muse) on His Word, you will see things from His point of view. That will help!

By reading one chapter each day in the Psalms or New Testament and three in the rest of the Old Testament, you can read the entire Bible in less than one year.

## **2007's biggest challenge**

November 8—30 will be our biggest 2007 challenge. Since the prayer seminars in Kenya in April 2006, several pastors have been teaching seminars in spite of the fact that they only have an English prayer seminar workbook, instead of a Swahili or French translation. I made a commitment before leaving Kenya that I would come to their churches in 2007. It became apparent that the best time would be in November when I can make the annual trip to South Africa to work with **Leslie Motalane** (who leads our JGHM—Southern Africa Branch) and then go directly to Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (which will be the fiftieth nation). In a sense, the work involved in these seminars will be equivalent to two full trips as far as time, energy, and resources are involved.

### **The financial need**

The financial need includes **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**: Lynchburg to Johannesburg to Cape Town to Nairobi, Kenya to Bujumbura, Burundi to Johannesburg and to Lynchburg; **DOMESTIC TRAVEL**: in South Africa, in Kenya, in Burundi and the Congo. **PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOKS**: 1,500 prayer seminar workbooks for South Africa, 1,000 Swahili workbooks for Kenya, and 500 French workbooks for the Congo. **FOOD/LODGING**: (nineteen days) for teams in each nation and for participants in Kenya and Congo. **PLANNING-PUBLICITY**: in each nation. The budget is as follows: **South Africa—\$5,000; Kenya—\$3,000; Congo—\$2,000**. The **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL** will be **\$3,100**. **The budget is \$13,100**, which is the second largest budget in our history.

### **How you can help.**

What can you do to help meet 2007's **BIGGEST CHALLENGE**? The most urgent need is for prayer. Everyone who receives this letter can have a part through your prayers. You can pray for the coordinators in each of the three nations. Pray that those whom God wishes to touch will be able to attend. You can pray that

God will prepare my heart and the hearts of those who attend to be ready to respond to the Word of God as the Holy Spirit brings it alive. Pray for God's protection and traveling grace, especially as we go to Congo—where there has been political unrest. Then pray that the financial need will be met.

From experience, we have found that when we have one hundred contributions that the need has been met. The funds are coming in already. The Lord touched the heart of a **Doorkeeper couple** in Newport News VA to send \$1,000 and one in Murfreesboro to send \$490. This means that we need \$11,610—an enormous amount for a small ministry such as ours. Thanks to our faithful **Doorkeepers** and other partners, we continue to touch lives around the world.

## **Prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed**

Life without purpose is barren indeed—  
There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed.  
There can't be attainment unless there's a goal,  
And man's but a robot unless there's a soul.

If we send no ships out, no ships will come in;  
And unless there's a contest, nobody can win;  
For games cannot be won unless they are played.  
And prayers can't be answered unless they are  
prayed

So whatever is wrong with your life today,  
You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray  
Not just for pleasure, enjoyment, and health;  
Not just for honors and prestige and wealth.

But pray for a purpose to make life worth living,  
And pray for the joy of unselfish giving,  
For great is your gladness and rich your rewards  
When you make your life's purpose the choice of  
the Lord.

-Helen Steiner Rice

### **A COMMAND**

**"Call upon Me and I will answer you,  
and show you great and mighty things,  
which you do not know."**

**Jeremiah 33:3**

## DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 2007

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



#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

**MATTHEW 1-4 (Mongololia 2.8M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)  
Burnace Abrams (OH)  
Joseph W. Adams (OH)  
Mae Adams (NC)  
Marie Adams (VA)  
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
Rosalee Adams (VA)  
Norma Ailes (FL)  
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**MATTHEW 5-7 (Montserrat 9,439)**

Leonor Avila (MD)  
Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)  
Milcie Arnold (VA)  
Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)  
Kenneth Banks (NC)  
Carolyn Barkley (NY)  
Steven & Marie Basilici (NC)  
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)  
John & Joan Bateman (PA)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

**MATTHEW 8-11 (Morocco 33.2M)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)  
Jean Beasley (TN)  
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)  
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)  
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)  
Bethesda Ministries  
Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)  
Dorothy Spickard Biddle (TN)  
Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)  
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

**MATTHEW 12-15 (Mozambique 19.7M)**  
Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)  
William & Debbie Bowden (MD)

Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)  
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)  
Nancy Bretz (PA)  
Von M. Bridges (TX)  
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
Shirley Brown (VA)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

**MATTHEW 16-19 (Myanmar 42.4M)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)  
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)  
Janice Bugg (TN)  
Alvin & Berthena Bullard (FL)  
Ruby Burger (TN)  
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)  
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)  
Joreatha Capers (FL)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

**MATTHEW 20-23 (Bamibia 2M)**

Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)  
David & Martha Cecil (VA)  
Merry J Chandler (MD)  
Mary Clarke (VA)  
Margarie Coffee (VA)  
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)  
Ted & Terry Cooper (SC)  
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)  
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)  
Joel & Paul Criz (HI)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)  
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)  
Ida J. Davis (GA)  
John & Margaret Davis (VA)  
Mark and Charmaine Davis (VA)  
Lelia Dean (FL)  
Robert & Virginia DeBoer (NE)  
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)  
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

**MATTHEW 24-25 (Nauru 13,287)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)  
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor  
Mary J. Dugans (LA)  
Walt Edwards (NC)  
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
Lynn Elkins (TN)  
Evalena Enoch (VA)  
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)  
Lynne Farrow (NJ)  
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**MATTHEW 26-28 (Nepal 28.3M)**

June Fisher (TN)  
Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)  
Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)  
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
Carole B. Garvin (PA)  
Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)  
Robert & Sara George (GA)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

**MARK 1-3 (Netherlands 16.5M)**

Frances Glass (AL)  
Gloucester Co. Community Church  
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)  
Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)  
Odether Gray (GA)  
Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)  
Linda Gregory (NJ)  
Tim & Merry Gregory (VA)  
Sue Hamm (KY)  
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)  
Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

**MARK 4-7 (Net Antilles 221,736)**

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)  
Doug Henry (TN)  
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)  
Jacqueline Henry (VA)  
Mark Henry (TN)  
Melody Henry (VA)  
Roger Henry (OH)  
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)  
Joanna Holland (VA)  
John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

**MARK 8-10 (New Caledonia 219,246)**

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)  
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)  
Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)  
Bonnie Houston (TN)  
Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
Joyce Hunt (TN)  
Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
Ed Hurlow (IN)  
H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

**MARKI 11-13 (New Zealand 4.1M)**

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)  
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)  
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)  
Peter & Millicent John (NY)  
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
Tara Johnson (KY)  
Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

James Jones (FL)  
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)  
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)  
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
Joyce Kelley (OR)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Alice Kern (NJ)

Archie & Mary King (TN)

Kenneth & Bonnie Kirby (PA)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**MARK 14-16 (Nicaragua 5.6M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)

Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**LUKE 1-2 (Niger 12.5M)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD)

Kevin & Kay Layne (NC)

Kehaunani L. S. Lee (HI)

Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)

Kevin & Stacy Logsdon (KY)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**LUKE 3-6 (Malaysia 24.4M)**

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)

Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**LUKE 7-9 (Nigeria 131.9M)**

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)

Jim & Lin McLean (TN)

John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)

Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Church (VA)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)

Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)

Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**LUKE 10-12 (Niue 2,266)**

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**LUKE 13-15 (Norfolk Is 1,826)**

Tom & Ann Palumbo (NJ)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Desmond & Ann-Gina Phillips (Trinidad)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

Phyllis Reed (NH)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)

John & Sandra Roberts (FL)

Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)

David & Cathie Rocke (IA)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**LUKE 16-18 (N Mariana Is 82,459)**

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)

David & Betty Schaum (NY)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)

Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**LUKE 19-21 (Norway 4.6M)**

Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Doris Snyder (FL/OH)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**LUKE 22-24 (Oman 3.1M)**

LeRoy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Gordon & Carol Stewart (AZ)

Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**JOHN 1-2 (Pakistan 166M)**

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**JOHN 3-5 (Palau 20,579)**

William & Katie Toney (NC)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**JOHN 6-8 (Panama 3.2M)**

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

Tommy Waddell (TN)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau Ware (VA)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Alan & Shirley Whitmore (TN)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward & Virginia Williams (NC)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**JOHN 9-12 (South Africa 44.2M)**

Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)

Stephen Latong (Nigeria)

Leslie & Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)

Adam & Dianna Nathanson

(Venezuela)

Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Zambia)

Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**JOHN 13-17 (Kenya 34.7M)**

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Dot Winfield (MD)

Amos Wipf (GA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacher, Pastor

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**JOHN 18-21 (Dem Rep Congo 62.7M)**

Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)

Lili Wykle (VA)

Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

## Itinerary

*“Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:1

### October

8 Board of Directors  
Murfreesboro TN

13 Prayer Seminar  
Holy Trinity Worship Center  
Washington, D. C.

Contact: Rose Lewis (240) 601-20017

20-21 Prayer Seminar  
Philadelphia U. M. Church  
Red Springs NC

Contact: George Lockleer (910) 733-1116

### November

8-17 South Africa

18-24 Kenya

25-30 Congo

### December

2 Prayer Seminar  
First Baptist Church  
Mifflintown PA

Contact: Ron Shupe (717) 436-2221

Do you want your church to be a praying church? To schedule a prayer seminar for 2008, send us three possible dates and we will contact you.

## Good advice from a great man of God

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

**PRAYER IS THE WORK  
THAT MUST COME BE-  
FORE ALL OTHER WORK!**

You and I  
must take  
the  
initiative!  
God is  
waiting.

“Draw nigh  
to God  
and He will  
draw nigh to  
you.”

James 4:8

Remarkable,  
indeed!

## Redeeming the time

Dr. Henry M. Morris

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil”  
(Ephesians 5:16)

Note also **Colossians 4:5**. Time is our most valuable possession and should not be squandered. Lost health can often be regained, and so can money and earthly possessions, but time wasted is gone forever.

See **Psalm 90:10-12**. “The days of our years are threescore years and ten ... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” A person has only about 18,000 days in which he could apply his life to eternal values, so it is vitally important to be “redeeming the time.”

Note: The notes are from Dr. Morris’ **The New Defenders Study Bible**, available through JGHM. Dr. Tim LaHaye has said that Dr. Morris’ notes are so rich that no other commentary is needed.

### A MEMORIAL GIFT

A generous memorial gift has been given by Dr. Morris’ daughter, Mary Morris Smith. Dr. Morris, one of our most faithful **Doorkeepers** went home to be with the Lord on February 25, 2006. He served as the chairman for the Transnational Association of Christian Schools and Colleges (TRACS) during Dr. Henry’s tenure as executive director.

## God’s wisdom

When word came that the August seminars scheduled for Myanmar (Burma) were postponed, I was quite disappointed. This opened the door for the seminars in Trinidad & Tobago. During the trip, news came that there was much unrest in Myanmar. You and I are not able to see around the corner, but God does and He closes doors when appropriate. He knows what is around the corner. We need only trust and follow Him day by day.



## Growing your prayer life

Sunday Bwanhot  
Sixth in a series.

### PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYERLIFE

#### 6. Create a Prayer Closet.

Prayer is such a discipline that unless we observe it as Scripture commands, we are certain to run into major obstacles. Except for the fact that God has promised to hear and answer us, there is nothing anyone of us could do that will make God hear us. Jesus' teaching on prayer in **Matthew 6:6** commands us to go into our closets to pray. You have got to be alone with God with no one else or anything that will distract you; no one to impress by your language, vocabulary and tone of voice when praying. Being alone with God is a reality check of our concept of who God is and a revelation of our motives as we pray. In the closet God is saying: "I have been waiting for you to hear and answer your prayer; but tell Me why I should answer you!" Only closet prayer brings us to this point with our Lord. The problem when we come to pray is not with God, but with us. Show your seriousness with God by the discipline of reporting to your prayer closet regularly to meet with God.



Agape love delights in giving attention, rather than attracting it. Agape love finds the element of good and builds on it and does not magnify defects. It is a flame that warms, but never burns. Agape love knows how to disagree without becoming disagreeable. Agape love rejoices at the success of others instead of being envious.

Agape love is possible only through yielding completely to the Holy Spirit since it is the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**). Out of love comes other needed qualities for success in the Christian life: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Agape love is worth pursuing moment by moment.

## How to have a good day

Warren Wiersbe

How often has someone said to you, "Have a good day"? That's a nice statement, but what does it mean? When you review the day's activities before you go to bed, how do you know whether the day was good or bad?

When Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, that was a bad day. But God turned it into good for him. When Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph and had him put into prison, it was a bad day. But God turned that into good for him also.

You see, we don't always know what a good day is. However, we can make our days good if we follow the instructions given in **Psalm 34:11-16**.

First, *control your tongue*. David asks, "Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that we may see good?" (**v 12**). Of course, everybody wants long life and good days. So you must "keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit" (**v 13**). When you say the wrong thing, you will have a bad day. So keep your tongue under control.

Second, *depart from evil and do good*" (**v 14**). If you want to have a good day, do good. If you sow the seeds of goodness, you'll reap the harvest of goodness.

Third, *seek peace and pursue it*" (**v 14**). Don't go around with a revolver in your hand. Don't be bothered by everything that people say. If somebody cuts in front of you in a line, don't let it bother you. Be a peacemaker, not a troublemaker.

Finally, *trust the Lord because He's watching you*. "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (**v 15**). The word *open* means "attentive to." You don't have to worry about what other people do. God is watching you, and He's listening to you. You can have a good day if you'll just follow His instructions. So, have a good day!

**An intercessor is a believer who focuses the power of God on another person or on a particular circumstance. God is looking for intercessors (Isaiah 59:16).**

## Notable quotations

“Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart” (**Jeremiah 15:16**)

If we wish to pray with confidence and gladness, then the words of Holy Scripture will have to be the solid basis of our prayer. For here we know that Jesus Christ, the Word of God, teaches us to pray. The words that come from God become, then, the step on which we find our way to God.

**D. Bonhoeffer**

“I sought Him whom my soul loveth.” (**Song of Solomon 3:1**).

It is blessed to know of a place where we can lay our tired head and heart, our heavenly Father’s arms, and say to Him, “I can do no more. And I have nothing to tell you. May I lie here a while and rest? Everything will soon be well again if I can only rest in Your arms a while.”

**O. Hallsby**

“In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee” (**Psalms 5:3**).

Tomorrow I plan to work, work, from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.

**Martin Luther**

To pray is to let Jesus into our lives. He knocks and seeks admittance, not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer. He knocks in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily “grind.” That is when you need Him most.”

**O. Hallsby**

“Lord, Give me a task larger than myself, wisdom greater than my years, friends to share my vision, sufficient funds to realize it, and length of days to accomplish it. Amen.”

**Woodrow Kroll**

## NOTES from my BIBLE



**Note IIII.** The Bible is a letter God has sent to us; prayer is a letter we send to Him. --Matthew Henry

**Note IIII2.** One of the hardest things to revive is revival. God is ready. Are you?

**Note IIII3.** To get God’s best, we must give Him our best. Today is the day to begin.

**Note IIII4.** The first step in finding God’s will is a deep desire to know it and a willingness to do it. Start with implementing **Ephesians 5:18** in your everyday life.

**Note IIII5.** Power with God cannot be obtained at any bargain counter; it takes time to be holy.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

**August 9-September 20**

Regular	52	\$3,600.00
Trinidad/Tobago	15	1,109.00
S.Africa, Kenya, Congo	2	1,490.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$6,199.00</b>



### Welcome, New Doorkeepers!

**John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)**  
**Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)**  
**Desmond & Ann-Gina Phillips (Trinidad)**

“Laborers together with God”  
**1 Corinthians 3:9**

Missionaries are never beggars. They are ambassadors who give us an opportunity to become partners by giving our dollars while they give their lives. -- **Dr. Harry A. Ironsides**

## **Trinidad & Tobago report**

Trinidad & Tobago are two islands seven miles from Venezuela's coast in the Caribbean. It is one of the most prosperous countries in the Caribbean thanks largely to petroleum and natural gas production and processing. On Friday, August 31, as we finished our work, the nation celebrated its forty-fifth independence day. Banners were everywhere that said, "God bless our nation." Certainly, such an occasion is not only a time to celebrate, but a time to reflect on past blessings and the future.

Trinidad & Tobago, without question, is open to the Gospel. Public schools and other forums are open doors to the Christian message. Airways are filled with Christian broadcasting. There are churches everywhere. Those attending the seminars (six church seminars and one leaders' seminar) eagerly received the Word of God and welcomed receiving the prayer seminar workbook.



Many indicated that they planned to teach others. An example is Finbro Sebro in whose lodge we stayed in Tobago. Both he and his wife are educators (secondary school principals). He is a Methodist pastor. After attending a prayer seminar on Saturday, he said that the Lord awakened him at 1 a.m. on Sunday and prompted him to study his prayer seminar workbook. He asked for a supply of workbooks indicating that he planned to begin teaching the prayer seminar to his congregation in September. There were similar commitments from other participants.

One challenge for the church in Trinidad & Tobago is the fragmentation of evangelical Christianity. There was no evidence that the church is going forth like "a mighty army." Rather, it appears that the individual assemblies

are mostly going their own way. There is much emphasis on praise and worship, overshadowing the importance of the Word of God. Leaders shared that there is virtually no interest in a prayer meeting. One pastor's wife shared that people will gather for any other activity with strong support, other than prayer.



One tangible outcome of the prayer seminars was the enlightenment brought by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Our coordinator, John McSween, shared, "To put it simple, for me and others, the prayer seminar is an Eye Opener." It is when God's people begin to pray and study God's Word that Satan is defeated and great victories are won.

Through the August 18-September 3 prayer seminars, the Word of God was sown orally with abundant evidence that the Holy Spirit was doing a great work within those who attended. Further, we have planted 1,200 prayer seminar workbooks throughout the two islands. Since the literacy rate is a high 99%, the printed word will make an impact as well.



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PRECIOUS MEMORIES  
Trinidad & Tobago  
August 18-September 3  
Dr. Henry & Pastor McSween

## New format for JGHM website

The J. Gordon Henry Ministries website <jgordonhenryministries.org> has a new look. Thanks to a monumental effort by Lon Thomas, the JGHM website has been completely revamped. One new feature is a BLOG section that will provide a place for a forum dealing with issues related to the Christian life. Why not make it a practice to read and share?

Someone has said that a picture is worth a thousand words. By visiting the Galleries, you will be able to visit many of the places both in the United States and in the forty-nine nations where there have been prayer seminars. You will see eager, beautiful participants and understand why we continue the prayer seminar ministry.

Paul talked about using “all means” to share the Gospel and to strengthen God’s Kingdom (**1 Corinthians 9:22**). For fifty-three years, the **Reflector** has wended its way into homes across the nation as a means to touch lives and to bring encouragement. The goal for every issue has been to provide both information and inspiration. In God’s perfect timing, the Internet is a tool and we want to use it to make a difference. Check out the website and tell a friend.

## An amazing nine months

Since the Lord gave me the prayer seminar ministry when I was forty-five years old, I have desired to share as often and as widely as possible. Not only did I have the energy to be a full-time educator, I used most weekends to lead prayer seminars. But when I entered into my seventies, I prepared myself to slow down and follow a reduced schedule and workload. But God had other plans. Already in 2007, we have had an amazing nine months.

There have been forty-five prayer seminars in eleven states (AL, FL, GA, HI, KY, ME, MD, MS, NC, PA, SC) and in six other nations (Venezuela, Canada, Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, & Bermuda). An amazing God has given us an amazing nine months of service.