

# REFLECTOR

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**George W. Bush**  
43rd President  
United States of America

**"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."  
1 Samuel 12:23b**

## Lincoln on his knees

General Daniel E. Sickles has recorded for us this intimate revelation from the heart of the Great Emancipator. The General had been severely wounded on July 2, 1863, and after suffering the amputation of a leg, was removed to Washington where he was visited by the President. We quote from General Sickles:

*"Mr. Lincoln, we heard at Gettysburg that here at the Capitol you were all so anxious about the results of the battle that the government officials packed up and got ready to leave at short notice with the official archives."*

*"Yes," he said. "Some precautions were prudently taken, but for my part I was sure of our success at Gettysburg."*

*"Why," I asked, "were you so confident? The Army of the Potomac had suffered many reverses."*

There was a pause. The President seemed in deep meditation. His pale face was lighted up by an expression I had not observed before. Turning to me he said:

*"When Lee crossed the Potomac and entered Pennsylvania followed by our army, I felt that the crisis had come. I knew that defeat in a great battle on Northern soil involved the loss of Washington, to be followed, perhaps, by the intervention of England and France in favor of the Southern Confederacy. I went to my room and got down on my knees in prayer. Never before had I prayed with so much earnestness. I wish I could repeat my prayer."*

Lincoln continued, *"I felt that I must put all my trust in Almighty God. He gave our people the best country ever given to man. He alone could save it from destruction. I had tried my best to do my duty and found myself unequal to the task. The burden was more than I could bear. God had often been our Protector in other days. I prayed that He would not let the nation perish. I asked Him to help us and give us the victory now. I felt that my prayer was answered. I had no misgivings about the result of Gettysburg."*

V. Raymond Edman  
*Bulletin of Wheaton College*

## Perspectives

"But know this, that in the last days **PERILOUS TIMES** will come; For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away." **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

During February, a day is set aside that is known as "President's Day." This is appropriate since two of our greatest presidents were born in February. Abraham Lincoln, our 16<sup>th</sup> president, was born on February 12, 1809, and George Washington, our first president and the father of our country, on February 22, 1732.



died April 15, 1865



died Dec 14, 1799

This is a good time to review our history in order to understand our times. Any thinking person would ponder the difference in our citizenry today and in earlier years. Frankly, we have witnessed a nation sowing to the wind and now reaping a whirlwind. We are witnessing with our own eyes the paganization of America.

In an article in the *New York Times* (October 6, 2006), Laurie Godstein said that the number of evangelical Christian teenagers could be declining rapidly, from thirty-five percent among baby boomers to four percent among today's Christian teenagers "if current trends continue." She quoted many young Christians who were having trouble keeping the faith in the midst of peer pressure, consumerism,

cynicism, and lust inflamed by the mass media of entertainment.

It is insightful to look at Great Britain's spiral downward. In 1950, seventy percent of all British children had a working knowledge of the Bible. Now it is reported to be around four percent. When there is no working knowledge of the Bible, we need not expect our children and youth to understand the biblical perspective that holds forth moral absolutes to guide our thinking and behavior: don't steal, lie, lust. Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Barna Research Group reports that nine percent of Americans are Bible-believing evangelical Christians and thirty-six percent are born-again Christians. Barna reports an interesting finding that should be a red flag for Christians. On a given Sunday, forty-nine percent of Americans born between 1946 and 1964 attend church. The number drops to forty-three percent of those born between 1965 and 1983. It falls to thirty-three percent of Americans born between 1984 and 2002.

We are facing a serious problem. If the United States becomes as post-Christian as Britain and Europe, then the world will become a ripe plum ready to fall under the hands of Islam, a religion that heretofore has only advanced by the sword. While many today maintain this is a secular nation, those who founded it took serious their covenant with God. If the covenant of the Pilgrims contained in the Mayflower Compact and other documents is to be taken as seriously by God as it was by those who wrote it in covenant with God, then this nation is well headed toward judgment. The righteous should be fasting and praying seeking God's mercy for our nation. I firmly believe that God does take that covenant seriously, even though our leaders and much of the nation do not. God calls His people to humble themselves, pray for His hand to move, seek His face, and turn from sin (**2 Chronicles 7:14**). God is able. He is willing to help us. He is waiting for us to call on Him.

### **Prayer in America's history**

Prayer has saved America again and again from the earliest days of our history. In 1623

our pilgrim forefathers faced starvation: Three months without rain left the corn withered and the ground cracked. In great distress the pilgrims set aside a day of solemn humiliation to seek the Lord through humble and fervent prayer. The sky was clear when they began to pray, but toward evening clouds covered the heavens. Then a gentle rain set in and continued until the ground was thoroughly soaked and the pilgrims' spirit was revived.

Prayer was the key to David Brainerd's amazing ministry to the American Indians. He wrote in his diary, "I set apart this day for secret fasting and prayer . . . I was in such agony till near dark, that I was wet with sweat." On August 8, 1745, God answered. His Indian congregation was "almost universally praying and crying for mercy in every part of the house."

As the dark clouds of the Revolutionary War gathered, Congress set aside May 17, 1776 as a day of national fasting and prayer. John Witherspoon, a preacher, an educator, and a man with a deep prayer life, delivered the sermon. On July 4, he joined in signing the Declaration of Independence and then shared in praying while some wept.

During the Revolutionary War American soldiers endured hunger and a critical shortage of clothes and blankets during the bitter winter at Valley Forge. Yet the men were patient and uncomplaining. How was such loyalty and hope kept alive? The answer was uncovered by those who discovered George Washington on his knees in the woods, his cheeks wet with tears as he prayed.

When the British forces surrendered at Yorktown, General Washington ordered that a thanksgiving service be held the next day. He said, "The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations."

When the Constitutional Convention was hopelessly deadlocked in 1787, Benjamin Franklin turned things around with this timely reminder, "In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we

had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. . . And have we now forgotten this powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?"

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: 'that God governs in the affairs of man.' And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business."

In the 1790's outlaws fled to the Kentucky frontier to escape conviction for murder, robbery, and other crimes. Criminals were so dominant that Logan County was nicknamed Rogues' Harbor. Moral recovery began when a Presbyterian minister named James McGready led his three small congregations to devote themselves to extraordinary prayer. Prayer gave birth to the great camp meeting revivals that drew crowds ranging from 10 to 25,000.

In 1794 Tom Paine was selling thousands of copies of his book, THE AGE OF REASON which viciously attacked the Bible. He was a leader of an anti-God movement which was sweeping the young nation. Isaac Backus, a New England Baptist pastor, wrote an urgent plea for prayer for revival to pastors of every Christian denomination in the United States. Churches, realizing their backs were to the wall, accepted this appeal. Alarmed Christians began praying for revival on the first Monday of each month. It was not long until revival broke out in Connecticut and spread to other states.

God was working mightily when Charles Finney preached in Utica, New York in 1826. Even folks who only stopped there for a meal or to spend the night were deeply convicted and converted. People sensed that God's presence dominated the town. Back of this

powerful work of the Spirit was a lady who spent days and nights in intercession. After Finney preached a few times in Auburn, New York an entire congregation confessed their backsliding and spiritual poverty. Many were weeping. Large numbers came to Christ. Back of Finney's ministry was a prayer helper named Daniel Nash who would pray for three or four hours a day.

Prayer shook what seemed to be the very gates of hell when even Hell-Corner, New Hampshire was touched by the Layman's Prayer Revival of 1857-58. Things began to change at Hell-Corner when one man's outrageous profanity led to a joking call for a prayer meeting. A notorious backslider tried to lead the meeting, but he broke down while praying. With the help of a deacon from a neighboring town the meetings continued. A breakthrough came when four or five hardened men were convicted of sin and then many at Hell-Corner became praying people.

In 1863, during the Civil War, the Senate asked President Lincoln to designate a national day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. Lincoln's proclamation warned, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven ...But we have forgotten God...Intoxicated with unbroken success, we become self-sufficient...too proud to pray to the God that made us!"

Do Lincoln's searching words describe us? When have you seen a church filled with people gathered to humbly seek God in prayer concerning major moral or spiritual issues? How many still believe that the prayer of a righteous man avails much (**James 5:16b**)?

### Moving the Hand that moves the world

The only hope for our families, our churches, and our nation is in groups large and small who meet regularly to pray for spiritual awakening in our church and moral recovery in our nation. Let's demonstrate again that prayer moves the Hand that moves the world.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

## The power of the bent knee

Birds go to sleep on their perches, but they never fall off. This is because of the tendons in the bird's legs. They are so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent again. The bent knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so lightly.

Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by a pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew the power of the bent knee.

From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things which are most precious to us—honesty, purity, thoughtfulness, honor, character. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values that make life worth living. When we hold firmly to God in prayer, we can rest assured He will hold tightly to us.

Rollin S. Burhans

### Itinerary: 2007

*"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course." 2 Thess 3:1*

#### February

2-17 Hawaii  
For information: Ben Abraham  
(808) 779-2197

22-25 First Baptist Church  
Monongahela PA  
For information: Mark Schollaert  
(724) 565-5241 or 258-7750

#### March

3-5 Pleasant Hope Baptist Church  
Calhoun KY  
For information: Steve Dame  
(270) 278-2609

17-18 Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
Miami FL  
For information: Dr. Joreatha Capers  
(305) 635-7413

April Venezuela

## ABIDING IN CHRIST

by Sunday Bwanhot

"I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." **John 15:5**

A branch is a natural growth out of a vine or tree. The branch is totally dependent on the vine for nourishment and fruitfulness. The quality of the vine determines the quality of the branches and the fruit they produce, unless the branch is infected by disease. The branch does not need to do anything apart from abiding in the vine and remaining healthy. It will then bear all the good fruit in line with the character of the vine. When we became children of God by faith, we became branches growing out of the Vine—Jesus Christ.

When we abide in Christ, we become spiritually fruitful (**John 15:5**), experience answered prayers (**John 15:7**), experience peace (**John 16:33**), experience new life (**2 Corinthians 5:17**), live a righteous life (**Philippians 3:9**). It is impossible to be a fruitful Christian and not be abiding in Christ. But why are we not all fruitful? Just as disease hinders some branches from bearing fruit, so also SIN causes believers to be unfruitful, even though we are in Christ. Deal with SIN in your life so that you begin to bear fruit else the fate of fruitless branches will befall you.

## Gems

When we bless God for mercies, we prolong them; and we bless Him for miseries, we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life, which a devout heart sucks from every bloom of providence and grace. As well be dead as be without praise; it is the crown of life.

Charles H. Spurgeon

## PRAYER

Thou art coming to a king  
Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and power are such,  
None can ever ask too much.

John Newton



## NOTES from my BIBLE

*Note 1066.* Lay hold on the Bible until the Bible lays hold on you.

--Will H. Houghton

*Note 1067.* As you read the Bible, apply yourself to the whole text and apply the whole text to yourself.--Johanes Albrecht Bengel

*Note 1068.* The tragedy of our day is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.

*Note 1069.* You will never meet a person whom God does not love.

*Note 1070.* In God's garden of love, you are His "forget-me-not."

## HELP NEEDED TO SCHEDULE!

Please share this special edition with at least one church/pastor.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

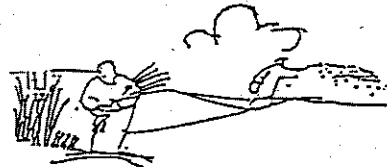
"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers"

1 Thessalonians 1:2

December 15--January 17

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## LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD!



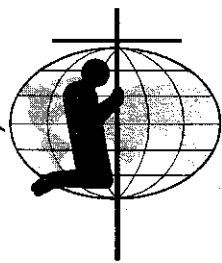
## Welcome! New Doorkeepers!

Joseph W. Adams (MI)  
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)  
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)  
Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)  
Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)  
Kevin & Kay Layne (NC)  
Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)  
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

# DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2007

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



### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**LEVITICUS 1-3 (Mozambique 19.7M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)  
Burnacc 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)  
Leonor Avila (MD)  
Don & Joan Anderkin (TN)  
Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)  
Ron Anthony (MD)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**LEVITICUS 4-7 (Namibia 2M)**  
Milcie Arnold (VA)  
Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)  
Kenneth Banks (NC)  
Carolyn Barkley (NY)  
Steven & Judi Bartelt (NJ)  
Steven & Marie Basilici (KS)  
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)  
John & Joan Bateman (PA)  
Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)  
Russell & Eleanor Beard (FL)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**LEVITICUS 8-10 (New Zea 4M)**

Jean Beasley (TN)  
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)  
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
Ruel & Elizabeth Bennett (NY)  
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)  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)  
William & Debbie Bowden (MD)  
Gordon & Chole Ann Bowyer (VA)  
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)  
Mike Bradshaw (SC)  
Nancy Bretz (PA)  
Von M. Bridges (TX)  
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
Shirley Brown (VA)

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**LEVITICUS 11-15 (N. Ireland)**  
Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)  
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)  
Myron Buchholz (NY)  
Alvin & Berthena Bullard (FL)  
Ruby Burger (TN)  
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)  
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**LEVITICUS 15-17 (Okinawa)**  
Joreatha Capers (FL)  
Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)  
Allen & Betty Carter (MD)  
David & Martha Cecil (VA)  
Merry J Chandler (MD)  
Michael & Alice Chapin (WI)  
Edith A. Charity (VA)  
Margarie Coffee (VA)  
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)  
Ted & Terry Cooper (SC)

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**LEVITICUS 18-20 (Pakistan 166M)**  
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)  
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)  
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)  
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)  
Ida J. Davis (GA)  
Lehia Dean (FL)  
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)  
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)  
Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)  
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**LEVITICUS 21-23 (Peru 28.3M)**  
Ken & Zommie Dietrich (WA)  
Pat & Analee Doney (SC)  
Mary J. Dugans (LA)  
Walt Edwards (NC)  
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
Grace Eldridge (NJ)  
Lynn Elkins (TN)  
Evalena Enoch (VA)

Lynne Farrow (NJ)  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
**LEVITICUS 24-27 (Philippines 89.5M)**  
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
James Fritz (KY)  
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)  
Earl & Diane Garner (NY)  
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
Ben & Colleen Garton (CO)  
Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)  
Robert & Sara George (GA)

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**NUMBERS 1-4 (Puerto Rico 3.9M)**  
Frances Glass (AL)  
Gloucester Co. Community Church  
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)  
Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)  
Juanita Granger (VA)  
Evelina Graves (VA)  
Odether Gray (GA)  
Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)  
Terry & Linda Gregory (NJ)  
Tim & Merry Gregory (VA)  
Jim & Joyce Hengoad (FL/CT)

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

Doug Henry (TN)  
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)  
Mark Henry (TN)  
Melody Henry (VA)  
Roger Henry (OH)  
Susan & Jam ey Henry (TN)  
Joanna Holland (VA)  
John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
Jason & Marylyn Hooker (VA)

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**NUMBERS 5-8 (Romania 22.3M)**  
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)  
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)  
Bonnie Houston (TN)  
Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
Joyce Hunt (TN)  
Wilbert & Almareta Hupp (PA)  
Ed Hurlow (IN)  
H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**NUMBERS 9-12 (Russia 142.9M)**  
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)  
Louis & April Jenkins (DC)  
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)  
Peter & Millicent John (NY)  
Dannie & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
Tara Johnson (KY)  
Wilbur/Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**NUMBERS 13-16 (Scotland)**  
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)  
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)  
Shem Kaula (Nigeria)  
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
Joyce Kelley (OR)  
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)  
Bruce Kirby, Pastor  
Alice Kern (NJ)  
Archib & Mary King (TN)

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15**

**NUMBERS 17-20 (Singapore 4.5M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
Clara Mae Klink (IN)  
Sherry Klutz (WA)  
Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)  
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)  
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk  
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)  
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)  
Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16**

**NUMBERS 21-25 (South Africa 44.2M)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)  
Stephen Latong (Nigeria)  
Bob Lawrence (MD)  
Kevin & Kay Layne (NC)  
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)  
Glenn & Mary L. Littlepage (TN)  
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)  
N. P. London (Canada)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
Francis & Deirdre Lyons (ME)

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17**

**Numbers 26-30 (Swaziland 1.1M)**

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)  
Manship Chapel (DE)  
Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)  
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)  
Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)  
Deborah Mathais (NY)  
Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)  
Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)  
Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18**

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)  
Jim & Lin McLean (MD)  
Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)  
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
Memorial Christian Church (VA)  
Bill & Becky Mentz (FL)  
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)  
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)  
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)  
Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 19**

**Numbers 31-33 (Thailand 64.6M)**

Randy & Shirley Miller (CO)  
Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Katherine Morgan (VA)

Leslie & Tabitha-Motsalane (South Africa)

Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)  
Bill & Lois Needham (WA)  
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)  
Rebekah Norman (TN)  
Cration & Helen Noyes (KY)

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20**

**Numbers 34-36 (Ukraine 46.7M)**

Tom & Ann Palumbo (NJ)  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)  
Ben Poplin (VA)  
Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Tom & Sue Powell (WA)  
Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21**

**DEUT 1-4 (Venezuela 25.7M)**

Maryann Primo (NJ)  
Phyllis Reed (NH)  
Roscoe & Helen Richmond (GA)  
Earnest & Lucy Ricks (VA)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)  
John & Sandra Roberts (FL)  
A. K. & Lula Robinson (GA)  
David & Cathie Rocke (IA)

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22**

**DEUT 5-7 (Zambia 11.5M)**

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)  
Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)  
John Saint (PA)  
Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)  
Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)  
Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)  
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23**

**DEUT 8-11 (Afghanistan 31M)**

Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)  
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)  
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor  
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
Jasper & Sherilyn Sherrod (NJ)  
Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)  
Mary Skiles (KS)  
Doris Snyder (FL/OH)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24**

**DEUT 12-16 (Albania 3.4M)**

Wilfred & Merle St. Hillaire (NY)  
LeRoy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)  
Marion J. Stansell (TX)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Gordon & Carol Stewart (AZ)  
Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)  
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA/FL)  
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25**

**DEUT 17-20 (Algeria 32.9M)**

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
Stephanic Taylor (GA)  
Taylor's Chapel Baptist Ch (Tn)  
Matthew & Carrie Teyssier (NJ)  
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
David & Montez Thompson (MI)  
Mildred V. Thompson (GA)  
Paula Tipton (TN)

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 26**

**DEUT 21-26 (Am Samoa 57,794)**

William & Katie Toney (NC)  
Norb & Jo Totsky (WI)  
Virginia Trask (VA)  
Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)  
Malcom Troutman (KY)  
Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)  
Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)  
Sara Underwood (TN)  
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27**

**DEUT 27-30 (Andorra 71,201)**

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)  
Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28**

**DEUT 31-34 (Anguilla 13,477)**

Melba Whitehurst (VA)  
Alan & Shirley Whitmore (TN)  
Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)  
George & Virginia Whitner (FL)  
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
Edward & Virginia Williams (NC)  
Elijah Williams (NJ)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)  
Dot Winfield (MD)  
Amos Wipf (GA)  
The Word Church (NJ)  
Buz Offenbacher, Pastor  
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)  
Lili Wykle (VA)  
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

**PRAY FOR 2007 SCHEDULING  
TELL A FRIEND ABOUT THE  
PRAYER SEMINAR TODAY.**

## **PRAYER SEMINAR HELPS YOU GET STARTED!**

Most Christians know the important place of prayer in the life of a believer. I do not have to make a case about that with you. But it is not easy to pray. It is easier to preach, to do youth work or the work of a deacon, to teach a Sunday school class, or to go visiting! Why is this?

I believe the reason Satan doesn't want a person to learn to pray is because prayer unleashes the power of God in the life of a believer. Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees. I will never win the war if I don't know where the battle is being fought. Prayer is the place!

What about your personal altar? Is it broken down and deserted? Take an inventory of your prayer life. What is happening in your life in answer to prayer? What about others in your church? If you have said, *I want my church to be a praying church!*, a prayer seminar can help your desire to become a reality. Hundreds of churches have found that the **Prayer Seminar** assists in the achievement of this goal.

The **Prayer Seminar** is a six-hour event that can be used with an entire congregation or with smaller groups such as elders, deacons, youth, or leadership. It lends itself to retreat or conference settings. The seminar teaches the importance of a proper and effective prayer life for the Christian and clearly demonstrates the spiritual impact every believer can generate through prayer. Using the *Prayer Seminar Workbook*, a person can learn how to structure daily praying as the guiding foundation and force for his life.

Not only does the prayer seminar stand alone in its impact as a special event, it is excellent preparation for evangelistic efforts, revival meetings, lay witness programs, stewardship emphases (including building programs and budget subscription drives), mission projects, and leadership development focus.

There are several scheduling patterns that can be followed, the most popular being an all-day Sunday seminar (which reaches the most

people in a church family, thus assuring the greatest impact). The theme we suggest is "**A Day in Thy Courts**" (**Psalm 84:10**). Saturday seminars are usually from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Another scheduling possibility is Friday night—Saturday morning. Scheduling, however, is flexible to meet the sponsor's needs.

Over 1,250 seminars have been conducted in forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and forty-seven nations: Argentina, Australia, the Bahamas, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, England, Fiji Islands, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, N. Ireland, Okinawa, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Zambia. Ecuador and Myanmar are scheduled for 2007. The **Prayer Seminar Workbook** has been translated into many languages, including, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Russian, Romanian, Malay, Telugu, Sotho, Thai, Indonesian, Hausa/Fulani, Ibo, Korean, Swahili, Urdu, Zulu and others.

Seminars have been conducted with Baptists (myriad groups, including churches in the American Baptist Convention, Association of Conservative Baptists, General Baptists, Free Will Baptists, General Association of Regular Baptists, Southern Baptists, and independent Baptists), Christian and Missionary Alliance, Brethren, Free Brethren, Grace Brethren, Free Methodist, Southern Methodist, United Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Mennonite, Apostolic, Assembly of God, Church of God, Church of God of Prophecy, Conservative Congregational, Christian, Pentecostal, Evangelical Free, Lutheran, Pentecostal Free Will Baptists, Reformed, Christian Reformed, Quakers (Friends), Salvation Army, and independent Bible churches. In addition, there have been seminars in Bible colleges and liberal arts/



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**Garancosky, Jr., Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Beaver Springs PA**

What a delight it was to have you share your love for the Lord and the informative prayer seminar. The comments were numerous this year, even more, so than last year. Many were moved to grow closer to the Lord and to be consistent in their prayer lives. — **Dr. J. Bruce Sofia, Senior Pastor, Gloucester County Community Church, Washington Township NJ**

Thank you, thank you, thank you—for the prayer seminar. Can people sit for over six hours to be instructed in the work of prayer? They can! Time speeds, interest grows, and conviction comes by the Holy Spirit. Growth and change come out of the Holy Spirit's work as your prayer seminar proceeds. I have heard only positive, and grateful, expressions of appreciation for the changes God has produced. I can say without hesitation that I learned more about prayer in the seminar than I learned in seminary and in over thirty years of pastoral ministry. Your humble help was felt by so many people here. I will pray for you as long as I live, and for your ministry. — **Dr. Harris J. Verkaik, Pastor, Calvary Reformed Church, South Holland IL**

The spiritual impact of our recent prayer seminar will surely be felt for many weeks to come. Our people are still talking about it had have asked us to schedule another seminar in the future. The workbook is an excellent learning aid and the study of prayer was one of the most exhaustive studies I have ever had the privilege to encounter. Our people really appreciated the day. I believe the

great element of the seminar was your Spirit-filled leadership. God certainly has His hand of blessing upon your life and has equipped you for a unique and much needed ministry. I am happy to recommend you to any church that is serious about the importance of prayer. Thank you for sharing with the First Baptist family. It was truly a wonderful day!—**John W. Fleming, Ex Dir Gulf Stream Baptist Association, Pompano Beach FL.**

We in missions have long emphasized the vitalness of prayer if we are to be effective in the ministry to which God has called us. At the same time, it is easy to become so involved in ministry that we fail to pray personally as we ought. God uses Dr. Henry in a precious way to drive home this truth. In our opinion, you will not go wrong to schedule a prayer seminar with Dr. Henry at your earliest convenience. — **Birne D. Wiley, President, Missionary Tech Team, Longview TX**

Indeed, we know that prayer is the hardest work in the ministry. Therefore, it is strategic that in a place such as ours, where we equip full-time servants of Christ, that the students be aware of the greatest source of power, and yet the greatest area of conflict. Thank you, Dr. Henry, for your clear, concise, and convincing seminar that is based on the Word of God, for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ. — **Dr. Harry E. Fletcher, President, Washington Bible College, Lanham MD**

I would like to introduce the fine ministry of Dr. J. Gordon Henry and his Prayer Seminar to your church. Dr. Henry has developed the finest Prayer Seminar in our nation and it has

expanded to an international scale. He is in constant demand across this country for this one-day seminar. Many people say that God moves in one day in the same manner as He would in a week of revival. The results of the seminar are outstanding. Dr. Henry is a very capable teacher, with the gift of preaching and teaching. Your people will be moved to a deeper commitment to Christ and their prayer lives. Just reading the **Prayer Seminar Workbook** brought a blessing to my life. In addition, Dr. Henry is one of the most interesting speakers I have ever heard. I know you will thank me for this recommendation when you experience the seminar. — **Dr. Ben D. Rogers, President, Ben Rogers Evangelistic Association, Jacksonville FL**

Having just concluded your prayer seminar here at Goodfellow Air Force Base, we cannot thank you and God enough for the work God has done through you. It was unanimous consensus that this was by far the best spiritual growth services we have had in memory.

One chaplain who attended the prayer seminar, a seventeen-year service member, stated that he has never been part of a special series of services or workshops for spiritual growth that was better than the one you led.

The prayer seminar ministry is perfectly suited for the military community. Its scope touches the needs of Christians from all religious backgrounds. Your presentation is done with a sensitivity and conviction that does not offend the spiritual sensitivities of such a diverse group as a military chapel community, yet touches all involved with the challenge to walk closer to God.

Your prayer seminar has infused spiritual life and excitement into our chapel program. People now have an interest to pray, learn about prayer and walk closer to God. The seminar not only challenged nominal Christians to take seriously their relationship to God but also your seminar opened the eyes of mature Christians who thought there wasn't much more they could know about prayer.

To the person, every participant of your seminar stated that they were touched by God through your ministry and that their prayer life took a definite turn for the better. We can only say thank you and thank God for your gracious ministry. — **Victor J. Toney, Protestant Chaplain, Captain, USAF**

The prayer seminar you presented at Goodfellow AFB was absolutely outstanding! It was the highlight of this past chapel year. People are still talking about the favorable impact the Holy Spirit made upon their lives through your ministry.

Your seminar was perfect for the military community. Each night we had every major denomination in attendance. Your appeal is clearly across the board to all Christians.

I've been a military member and chaplain for 18 1/2 years. Never have I had such a life-changing impact on spiritual life of a chapel. I thought I had organized, systematic, daily prayer life. Little did I know all the room I had for improvement. It has been a month since the seminar and I know of a dozen people who are following what we learned in the seminar. My wife and I are included in the dozen. As a direct result of this seminar, we started a weekly prayer meeting.

Your seminar brought new spiritual life into our Chapel. I highly recommend your seminar to any church or chapel. — **Charles Chris Seidlitz, Chaplain, Lt. Col, USAF**

I would like to encourage you in every way possible to have a prayer seminar with Dr. Henry.

Dr. Henry's personality is such that he ministers to all ages of people. He brings a wealth of information and experience about the topic of prayer. Combine that with his burden for praying people and you have one of the best and most practical seminars ever presented.

I had the privilege of attending the seminar at our annual staff retreat in May. The seminar brought a fresh awakening to our Missionary Tech Team staff and to me about the importance of intercessory prayer. It was a real treat to be with Dr. Henry for a few days. In all our correspondence prior to the retreat, he was most enjoyable to work with. In my opinion, this is one seminar that is a must. — **Randy W. Harris, Special Ministries, Missionary Tech Team, Longview TX**

Your ministry of conducting prayer seminars has been a blessing to those Conservative Baptist churches that have been host to them. The men of our state look forward to your ministry during their annual retreat.

Your practical and forceful presentation on the subject is most effective. In a time when "programs" get most of the attention in our churches, I appreciate your call to prayer, reminding us that "the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Many will profit from these meetings. I urge others to consider and schedule this much needed emphasis on prayer.

— **Dr. Samuel B. Scales, General Director, Conservative Baptist Association of Pennsylvania**

For scheduling information (including a sample packet (including the *Prayer Seminar Workbook*, other letters of reference, and a planning guide), write or call today:

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## Jesus Loves Me

A special edition for seniors

Jesus loves me, this I know  
Though my hair is white as snow,  
Through my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

Through my steps are oh so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life let come what may  
He'll be there to lead the way.

Though I am no longer young,  
I have much which He's begun;  
Let me serve Christ with a smile,  
God with others the extra mile.

When the nights are dark & long,  
In my heart He puts a song;  
Tell me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."

When my work on earth is done,  
& life's victories have been won,  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say  
That I love Him every day.

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DR. YOUNG MIN PEE IN SOUTH KOREA--2005.  
DR. HENRY & SUE BECAME FRIENDS  
WITH THESE MEN IN 1986.

## A special edition

Since 1980, I have been going up and down the land sharing a message the Lord has given me related to a deeper Christian life. Although we explain the ministry as a prayer seminar, someone often comments that it is far more than a prayer seminar. In fact, some have encouraged me to change the name since the idea of teaching six hours on prayer turns people off. There is no doubt that this may be true. At this point, however, the Lord has not led me to change the title of the seminar. Prayer continues to be our major focus:

At the same time, a person will never become a prayer warrior who is not in the Word, who does not walk in the Spirit, who does not witness, and who does not conduct himself as a faithful steward of all that God has given him. Pray that our established objectives will be met in each seminar.

### Objectives:

- ◆ To encourage believers to know Jesus more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly
- ◆ To awaken interest in His Word
- ◆ To clarify how to walk in the Spirit
- ◆ To ground the believer in Biblical teaching on prayer
- ◆ To challenge believers to witness
- ◆ To raise the banner of faithful stewardship in everything
- ◆ To bring God glory, to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to follow the Holy Spirit's leading

I am eager to share as often and as widely as possible. Please read the information on pages eight through eleven. **We need your help** in telling churches, leaders, and pastors about the availability of the prayer seminars. We encourage you to **share this special edition that provides basic information about the prayer seminar ministry** with at least one church. American churches desperately need the message that we share. A prayer seminar can help a church to become a praying church!