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It is difficult to find words to encapsulate the celebration of fifty years of marriage. "Engulfed by love" describes how Sue and I have felt. The love that flowed to us from children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members, and friends was a remarkable experience. The culmination of several weeks of receiving greetings from many folks around the nation came on Saturday, April 21, at the Forest Baptist Church reception, a day which produced memories that will last a lifetime. We are grateful for the cards, e-mails, phone calls, comments, and many gifts, but more than all, we are grateful for the gift of love bestowed upon us. Thank you for both humbling and encouraging us with your great outpouring of love. We belong to you who are so much a part of our lives and ministry. We bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are grateful for your faithful prayer and financial support that enables us to provide the prayer seminars around the world.

**"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."**

Psalm 103:1-2

Perspectives

"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord" (**Psalm 27:13-14**) "The joy of the Lord is [my] strength" (**Nehemiah 8:10**) "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (**Psalm 127:1**)

May is the month that we celebrate the official launching of J. Gordon Henry Ministries. With the help of our dear friend, Attorney Paul Jennings, we became a non-profit corporation in the State of Tennessee. Since then, God has kept us "in the land of the living" year after year for His purpose and for His glory. We use May as a time to evaluate the past, focus on the present, and look into the future to determine how we might better glorify, honor, and serve Him. As each Christian must determine day by day what God has purposed for him in order to be effective, so must a ministry such as ours. From the beginning, we determined to work wholeheartedly in "integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do all that [He] has commanded, to keep [His] statutes and judgments" (**1 Kings 9:4**). That resolve is unchanged.

Seed planted thirty years ago

Thirty years have passed since the Lord impressed upon me the need to mobilize the members of the local church I served as pastor to pray for one another. 1977 was the year that my perspective changed dramatically related to my own spiritual walk. Step by step, as I studied the first eight chapters of **Acts**, I changed my mind about what priorities should characterize our church based on the major emphases followed by the church in Jerusalem: the doctrine (Word of God), Spirit-filled (which means Spirit-controlled), prayer, witnessing, and stewardship.

As I began to understand biblical teachings related to these five areas, the Holy Spirit spoke

strongly to me about the practice and power of prayer as the work that must come before other work. At that time prayer in my life and ministry was peripheral, not central. Since Jesus sent His followers to a prayer meeting (when they asked Him for a prophecy conference in **Acts 1**), it seemed logical that we needed to examine the level of praying in our congregation. The result of the study was shocking. Although we often talked about prayer, we concluded that we were not really praying for one another. We found that few Christians were being prayed for regularly.

To address the matter of prayer and to encourage us to begin to pray regularly for one another, the Lord led us to establish a prayer chapel ministry with someone praying in the prayer chapel around the clock. To accomplish this goal, we enlisted 168 who were willing to pray an hour in the prayer chapel and a few who would serve as substitutes when one of the prayer warriors could not meet his appointment.

In planning for the prayer chapel ministry, I saw clearly that simply having someone in the chapel each hour would mean little unless the person who prayed was on praying ground. The people embraced the concept of making prayer a priority. Many were fervent in their commitment to Christ, without question, and wanted to become prayer warriors, but there needed to be light as well as heat. It became plain to me that a major factor that would determine if the prayer chapel ministry would be successful would be structured teaching to provide the needed biblical foundation for those who prayed in the chapel.

Since the church had a Sunday evening training hour prior to the service, the church council decided that we should dedicate a number of weeks to providing the foundation. Around 225 participated in the training, which took many weeks. To guide our studies, I identified eight key areas and wrote material for the studies systematically moving us through them. The areas were as follows:

1. What is Prayer?
2. Bible Examples of Prayer
3. Praying in the Name of Jesus

4. The Holy Spirit and Prayer
5. The Sin of Prayerlessness
6. Getting Ready to Pray
7. A-C-T-S: Personal Praying
8. Hindrances to Prayer

As I seriously researched each area and wrote the copy, I felt a special unction of the Holy Spirit guiding my effort. What a joy it was to come to the day when we launched the prayer chapel ministry knowing that there were prepared prayer warriors. The result was an amazing moving of the Holy Spirit. After we prayed around the clock one week, we gathered for the Sunday morning service. When the invitation was given, nineteen decisions were made to trust Christ. Jim Finley, who helped develop the W.I.N. (Witness Involvement Now) program for Southern Baptists, led the church in evangelistic services that week and over one hundred individuals came to Christ. The presence and power of the Lord was felt, not only in the auditorium, but throughout the property.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting

In addition to the prayer chapel ministry, there was a true prayer meeting on Wednesday night. The format followed was to have supper to enable members to come to the church without having to prepare a meal at home. Since the ministry was in an urban area and near a major air force base, many came directly from their day-time responsibilities. At 6:15, adults and young people gathered in the auditorium. No one called the meeting to order or made any announcements, including prayer requests. The people simply gathered in groups of five or six to began to pray. A prayer list, prepared in the late afternoon that included recent requests called into the church office, was provided to each person. Anyone with a new request was instructed to lay the request before the Lord and the group at the same time. No other activities were scheduled during the prayer meeting hour since we believed that the emphasis needed to be on prayer. The power of God rested upon the prayer meeting with large numbers attending and crying out to God.

Little did I know that God has preparing me for a different ministry focus beyond a pastorate. Many were coming to Christ in our church week by week. Folks who were not members of the church or did not attend our services turned to the church for prayer and support. A Catholic couple who were having marital problems learned about how the power of God was moving in our church and requested marital counseling. Although several leaders were providing counseling, I worked with this couple personally.

During a counseling session in our home in 1980, I received a telephone call from Kew Gardens, New York City. The caller identified himself as a consultant to a Bible college in New Jersey seeking a president. "Would you be interested in being considered as president of the Bible college?" Having extensive background in higher education, as well as twenty-seven years as a Southern Baptist pastor, I faced a dilemma. After several months of seeking the Lord's will, I felt that I should leave the active pastorate and move to New Jersey as president of Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells. My interest in prayer did not diminish at all.

Genesis of the prayer seminar ministry

Our pastor at Madison Baptist Church, Madison NJ, learned of my interest in prayer and asked if I would conduct a prayer conference. As I thought about what would be involved in this responsibility, I thought of the materials that I had prepared for the prayer warriors in Virginia. I had kept the mimeograph stencils, which meant that we could easily duplicate the studies for the participants. A Christian radio station, WFME-FM, a powerful voice to the twenty-two million people in the New York City/Northern Jersey area, invited me to have daily studies on their station Monday through Saturday during the month of August. My theme for each study was from the prayer materials. I invited listeners to join us for the prayer conference at Madison Baptist Church. The station was flooded with telephone calls expressing an interest. One call came from a man who was listening on his car

radio who stopped at a pay phone. He wanted to know if I would be willing to come to his church in Pompton Lakes for a prayer conference. That started a pattern for ministry with weekends being used to teach prayer seminars. The materials prepared for the Virginia prayer ministry evolved into the Prayer Seminar Workbook. A ninth study was incorporated dealing with the prayer chapel ministry. A seminar required six hours of teaching time.

There have now been 1,263 prayer seminars in forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and forty-seven nations. Total miles traveled to conduct our ministry is now 2,150,641.

There have been prayer seminars with a large spectrum of the body of Christ: Baptist (various groups), Christian & Missionary Alliance, Brethren, Free Brethren, Grace Brethren, Free Methodist, Southern Methodist, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Mennonite, Apostolic, Assembly of God, Conservative Congregational, Christian, Pentecostal, Evangelical Free, Reformed, Nazarene, Brethren, and independent Bible churches. Seminars have been conducted in Bible colleges and liberal arts colleges/universities. Prayer seminars have been conducted for statewide men's retreats, summer camp meetings and/or retreats for special groups such as pastors, and in prisons.

The battle for our nation

Two things are obvious when one looks at the United States. One is the growing secularization of the American culture. Not only are there many who believe that biblical Christianity should have no part in the culture, there is increasing viciousness and antipathy shown toward Christian principles and anyone espousing them. Some think that it is acceptable to acknowledge God in a generic sense, but there is to be no mention of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Son who is the only way to the Father. The conflict is between the forces of evil and the forces of good. It is intense and it is dangerous.

The present world conditions are characterized by many of the things that Jesus

said would happen before His return. We have entered the "perilous times" that the Holy Spirit revealed to Paul. These are truly times that try men's souls. Dozens of end-time prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Spiritual warfare

What more does 9/11 and its after-effects tell us than we are in a spiritual war? The events of that day represent more than an act of terrorism, but war for men's souls waged by an entity that openly avows its hatred for us. Spiritual warfare requires spiritual warriors. We must awaken Christians to this important truth and mobilize them to go to battle. Christians need to understand that our human strength is not enough; we need to put on the whole armor that God has provided for our protection and then go to battle. The battle is fought in the place of prayer.

To prepare for spiritual warfare, study the warfare passage in **Ephesians 6:10-18**. God has provided armor to protect His children, but He does not put it on for us (**v 11**). To engage the enemy effectively you and I need to put on the armor described in **verses 13-17** that God has provided for us. After the armor is on, you will be ready to go to the battlefield—which is prayer. This key truth that must be explained since we will never win the war if we do not know where the battle is being fought. The first activity mentioned after the armor is on is prayer (**v 18**). Why is Satan working such havoc today so successfully? It is because we have not understand where the battle is fought. Doing so could very well determine the immediate future of our nation. It is time to intensify our prayer efforts now.

Right message—right time

Anyone who reads the Bible, even casually, will see the importance of prayer. Prayer is the right message. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. When I began the prayer seminar ministry in 1980, there were few ministries devoted to teaching God's children to pray effectively and to mobilize prayer warriors. Dick Eastman's Change the World School of Prayer is the one that comes to mind.

Now prayer receives abundant attention with many prayer ministries working actively around the world. We have the right message in the prayer seminar. This is the right time to share the message. Thanks to our **Doorkeepers**, who give faithfully and regularly, we are able to touch thousands of lives each year.

The sad reality is that many churches and pastors have yet to address the issue of prayer. The result is that we have few praying churches. Consequently churches are doing business as usual, but without the power of God. The hour is late and the battle is intense. My prayer is that more churches will awaken and become praying churches.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Growing your prayer life

(Part one for a series)

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Of all the Christian disciplines we can enumerate, prayer tops the list as the most difficult of such disciplines. It is not surprising then that it also stands as the most repeated prayer need of most believers: to grow in my prayer life. A prayerless Christian is a powerless and ineffective Christian. Everything he stands for as a Christian will come crashing down when Satan trips him. One can then appreciate the intense teachings Jesus gave on prayer and how He Himself devoted more time to prayer than to His teaching ministry. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation" (**Mark 14:38**); "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (**Luke 11:9**); "Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up" (**Luke 18:1**).

The early Church had nothing to rely on but prayer, and they prayed. Paul urges us to: "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (**Ephesians 6:18**); "Devote yourselves to prayer" (**Colossians**

4:2); "Pray continually" (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**). In the following months, we will try to address your desire to grow in your prayer life with biblical and practical approaches.

PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

1. What is Prayer?

The journey to a successful prayer life begins with a proper understanding of what prayer is. Although all Christians have uttered a prayer at one time or the other in their lives, prayer is still largely misunderstood by the majority of Christians. How else can we explain the fact that one of the most powerful tools available to us—PRAYER—is the least attractive of our Christian activities? Most western Christians spend an average of four minutes in prayer in a day and Church prayer meetings are either non-existent or attended by fewer than five percent of the congregation. What then is prayer? Prayer is more than just asking God for things or His intervention in situations that your own resources cannot provide for you.

Some people turn to prayer only when they have a need. Prayer is more than a wish to a benevolent being without an assurance that it will be answered. Prayer is fellowship with the Living God. It is a real fellowship where God's Spirit and your spirit commune together with God's Word (Bible) and your word (Prayer) 'dialoguing.' This fellowship brings a mortal being into the presence of the immortal God and what happens there is better experienced than described. When rightly engaged with God in this fellowship, your personal needs shrink and become secondary compared to the exaltation of the Person and attributes of God. Praising God is the chief need and chief end of man. Until you get into this sort of prayer ground, you are only living on the fringes of your relationship with God. This is what prayer is and about.

Note: If you are not enrolled in the School of Prayer, why not get started and follow carefully Sunday's series dealing with practical steps to growing your prayer life?

DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR

MAY 2007

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



Basic principles

"Ask [and keep on asking]..."
Matthew 7:7

1. Be specific (James 4:2b)
2. With right motive to glorify God, not self (James 4:3)
3. Pray for laborers (Luke 10:2)

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Ezra 1-3 (Cayman Islands 45,236)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Joseph W. Adams (OH)
Mac Adams (NC)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Rosalce Adams (VA)

Norma Ailes (FL)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Ezra 4-6 (C en Afr Repub 4.3M)

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)

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Ezra 7-8 (Chad 9.9M)

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)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Ezra 9-10 (Chile 9.9M)

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

NEHEMIAH 1-2 (China 1.3B)

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Alvin & Berthema Bullard (FL)

Ruby Burger (TN)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)

Joreatha Capers (FL)

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Ron & Julia Carlin (AI.)

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)

MONDAY, MAY 7

NEHEMIAH 3-4 (Christmas Isle 361)

Joel & Paula Criz (HI)

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 (II.)

TUESDAY, MAY 8

NEHEMIAH 5-7 (Cocos Isles 628)

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 & Carla Fields (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

NEHEMIAH 8-10 (Colombia 43.6M)

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)

THURSDAY, MAY 10

NEH 11-13 (Comoros Isles 690,648)

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)

Odether Gray (GA)

Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)

Terry & Linda Gregory (NJ)

Tim & Merry Gregory (VA)

Sue Hamm (KY)

Ucl & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengood (FL/CT)

FRIDAY, MAY 11

ESTHER 1-2 (Congo-Dem Rep 62.7M)

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

ESTHER 3-4 (Congo Rep 3.7M)

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 & Almaretha Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

SUNDAY, MAY 13

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)
MONDAY, MAY 14
ESTHER 5-7 (Cook Isles 21,388)
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)

TUESDAY, MAY 15

ESTHER 8-10 (Costa Rica 4M)
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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

JOB 1-2 (Cote d'Ivoire 17.7M)

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)

THURSDAY, MAY 17

JOB 3-4 (Croatia 4.5M)

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)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

JOB 5-7 (Cuba 11.4M)

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AI.)
Jim & Lin McLean (TN)
Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Church (VA)
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

SATURDAY, MAY 19

JOB 8-10 (Cyprus 784,301)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)
SUNDAY, MAY 20
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)
Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 21

JOB 11-14 (Czech Rep 10.2M)

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)

TUESDAY, MAY 22

JOB 15-17 (Denmark 5.5M)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)
John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)
Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
David & Betty Schaum (NY)
Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)
Gary & Sandy Schmittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

JOB 18-19 (Djibouti 486,530)

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)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

THURSDAY, MAY 24

JOB 20-21 (Dominica 68,910)

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/FL)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

FRIDAY, MAY 25

JOB 22-24 (Dominican Rep 9.2M)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor
Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanic Taylor (GA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
David & Montez Thompson (MI)
Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
Paula Tipton (TN)

SATURDAY, MAY 26

JOB 25-28 (East Timor 1.1M)

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)

SUNDAY, MAY 27

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)

MONDAY, MAY 28

JOB 29-31 (Ecuador 11.5M)

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 Wicland (PA)
Edward Williams (NC)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)

TUESDAY, MAY 29

JOB 32-34 (Peru 28.3M)

Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
Stephen Latong (Nigeria)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S.Africa)
Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya!)
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

JOB 35-39 (Ecuador 11.5M)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
Dot Winfield (MD)
Amos Wipf (GA)
The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacker, Pastor
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

THURSDAY, MAY 31

JOB 40-42 (Peru 28.3M)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)
Lili Wykle (VA)
Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

A prayer for parents

O heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them routinely, without listening. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them to be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.

Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. Guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue. May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults. Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm. Make me fair and just and kind. And fit, O Lord, me to be loved, respected, and imitated by my children.

In the name of Jesus, I ask these things.
Amen.

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

2 Thessalonians 3:1

May

4-6 Prayer Seminar: Greater Grace Church
Montreal, Canada

14 Board of Directors, Murfreesboro TN

19-20 Missionary Conference
Gloucester County Community Church
Washington Township NJ

31 Travel to Ecuador

June

1-5 Prayer Seminars, Ecuador

6-15 Prayer Seminars, Peru

23-24 Nathanson, Baltimore MD

Prayer and helplessness are inseparable. Only he who is helpless can truly pray. Your helplessness is your best prayer. It calls from your heart to the heart of God with greater effect than all your uttered pleas.

O. Hallesby

The cost of discipleship

One hundred years ago a penny would buy two eggs, a cup of coffee, a large piece of candy, or a soda. A doctor charged twenty-five cents for an office visit and a prescription could be filled for ten cents. A laboring man was paid about eighty-five cents for a twelve-hour day, and a schoolteacher made \$25 for three months.

Times have changed, have they not? The cost of most things varies tremendously from generation to generation. The **Bruce Henrys**, as part of our fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration, shared a **1957 Remember When ...** booklet that featured a 1957 Cost of Living index: new house, \$12,225; new car, \$2,157; postal stamp, 3 cents; gasoline, 24 cents a gallon; eggs 28 cents a dozen; average income \$4,594 per year, and on and on. But there is one cost that never changes.

The cost of discipleship is exactly the same today as it was when Jesus called twelve men to follow Him. It costs a person his life to be a disciple of Christ, and people's lives have been equally precious to them through the ages.

The real values of life never change. This is why the Bible is just as fresh to our lives today as the eternal truths were when they were first revealed by God. Forever it will be the same, "If any man shall come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (**Mark 8:34**).

This kind of commitment can be made by the businessman, the assembly line worker, the lawyer, the teacher, the farmer, the skilled craftsman as well as by those in any profession. Have you made the commitment? In eternity, you will be glad you did!

WHY? WHY? WHY?

Tyler Scarlett, Senior Pastor
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The question on many people's minds today is—"Why?" Why would a twenty-three year old college student senselessly murder thirty-two people before turning the gun on himself? It seems that the media is on a shark-like frenzy to uncover what the proverbial straw was. Early speculations include the possibility of unrequited love and jealousy.

More recent evidence seems to indicate a history of mental disorder, emotional instability, a bit of class warfare, and a past of being bullied. Certainly, all of these seem to have been important contributing factors. That's undeniable. But to fault these issues alone is to forget the real, deeper issue. It's like looking at a wilted flower and blaming the brown, dead leaves for its lifelessness when, in fact, the real issue is the root.

Believe it or not, in **Mark 7**, Jesus told us exactly why this young man committed this heinous crime [on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg]. Beginning in **verse 21**, Jesus said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed **evil thoughts ... murders, and wickedness**, as well as **envy, slander ... and foolishness**. All these things proceed from within and defile the man."

I've said it before and I'll say it again, the heart of the problem is the problem with the heart. **Jeremiah 17:9** further describes the human heart by saying, "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick." This is not only true today, but it has been true since the fall of mankind. **Genesis 4** records not only the very first murder in history but its motivation as well. Take a moment and think about this. When Cain killed his brother Abel in cold-blood, Cain had never seen one minute of MTV, had never played one violent video game, and had never seen another murder (whether real or dramatized). Shocking thought, isn't it? The Bible says, "Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. And the Lord

said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ... sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you ...' (**Genesis 4:5-7**). As long as there have been human beings there have been sinful hearts. And as long as there are sinful hearts, there will be envy, anger, violence, and senseless murders—whether there are video games, bullying, unrequited love, MTV, or not.

So where does this leave us? Well, I would say first of all, it should leave us thankful. Thankful? Yes, thankful for the grace of God in our lives. Of course, not everyone expresses his depravity in such violent ways but (apart from Christ) every one of us is capable of it. Secondly, it should leave us sensitive. We should be sensitive to the fact that we've all got the exact same heart condition. And that leads us to a third point. It should also cause us to fall on our faces in gratitude for the Lord Jesus Christ. His death on the cross had to be so violent and ugly because the human heart is so violent and ugly. And He offers cleansing freely. Finally, it should also leave us with a sense of compassion. We ought to be moved with compassion for the lost whose hearts are poisoned with sin and need the cleansing atonement of Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can uproot the old, sinful, evil heart and "give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you" (**Ezekiel 36:26-27**).

[JGH: Remember "heart" in the Bible is not your physical blood-pump. It is the part of you that thinks, feels, and makes decisions. Each Christian would do well to pray David's prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (**Psalms 139:23-24**). Once He makes us conscious of our sins (conviction), we can then repent, confess, and receive forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**). Then we will be on praying ground and can intercede for our lost loved ones. As you pray, remember to ask God to bind Satan who blinds the minds of those who do not believe (**2 Corinthians 4:4**). Pray for conviction, for a witness to share the plan of salvation, and for them to make a decision now before it is too late (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).]

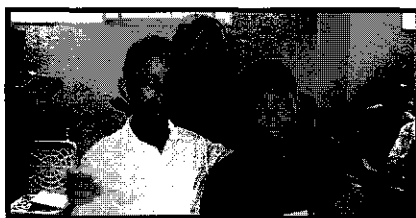
Views from Venezuela



Crowds Gathered



Personal Involvement



Many Children Participated

Touching the nations

May 4-6	Canada
May 30--June 6	Ecuador
June 7-15	Peru

Pray for the prayer seminars in Canada, Ecuador, and Peru. It will be great to return to Canada and Peru. Ecuador is a new nation--Nation 48.

We need \$3,200 for the seminars in Ecuador and Peru. As usual, we are trusting God and telling His people. We are waiting to experience His provision to be able to provide instruction to hearts that are hungry and receptive.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1081. The definition of an atheist is one who does not believe in God "yet."

Note 1082. You are poor when all you have is money.

Note 1083. God has ways of getting our attention; disasters are God's billboards.

Note 1084. The greatest secret of Bible study is simply to do it.

Note 1085. The only way to learn to pray is to pray.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

March 20-April 19, 2007

Regular	44	\$2,950.00
Ecuador/Peru	21	1,230.00
Total	65	\$4,180.00



"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Edward Burke

START WITH PRAYER!

Welcome, New Doorkeepers!

Larry & Carla Fields (VA)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

"Laborers together with God"
1 Corinthians 3:9

Stewardship report

Venezuela

April 1—12, 2007



New converts in Caracas

God is at work in Venezuela. The days in Venezuela could not have gone better. 2,633 from a large number of churches, including many pastors and leaders, gathered joyfully to receive the teaching. The days were intense beginning at nine in the morning, with an hour for lunch, and ending at four in the afternoon. The first week was in Caracas, the capital city with seven million people. The second week, **Adam Nathanson** (our long-time colleague and interpreter) and I went to a neighboring state to share with pastors from ten states. We conducted six prayer seminars. I brought an Easter Sunday message for two combined congregations and consulted with Caracas Evangelical Seminary. Over two hundred made professions of faith.

Leaders from the large and influential Council of Evangelical Churches, headed by **Sam Olson**, worked with Adam establishing the venue and promoting the seminars. **Eddy Garcia**, a council leader, provided transportation. An invitation has been extended, and accepted, to return for a second series of prayer seminars for two weeks in 2008.

Memorable moments

From each of the missions to other nations, there have been many memorable moments etched forever in my Book of Memories. More came during the seminars in Venezuela. One was seeing participants receiving and reviewing the Spanish prayer seminar workbooks, with obvious delight. When I share that the prayer

seminar and their workbooks were provided by their brothers and sisters in the United States love them, faces light up with gratitude and understanding.



God answered her prayer

Two ladies came during a seminar break to express their gratitude. The first lady, with a face filled with joy, shared: "I can't read and I can't write. But I can listen and learn. My life has changed with what I have heard." The other one said that she had been praying fervently for months for God to send someone to teach her how to pray more meaningfully. "You are God's answer to my prayer and I thank you."

On Easter Sunday, I observed that the adults sitting on the front row were not singing, which is highly unusual in Latin American countries. At the close of the service, a lady came weeping, sharing that her unsaved family members were seated on the front row. Each of them received Christ as Savior, along with around twenty others. Rejoicing with her was a memorable moment.

Your partnership

Thank you for providing the prayer and financial support to make **April 1-12** a special time in Venezuela. You have certainly laid up treasure in Heaven and will one day see more fully the impact of your partnership. You provided the travel funds. You provided the Spanish prayer seminar workbooks. "We are laborers together with God" (**1 Corinthians 3:9**).



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Celebrating twenty-four years. Throughout the Scriptures, God admonished His children to remember what He had done for them and the provisions that He had made. For the seminar ministry, May is our special remember and we do so gladly. I encourage you to read the background of the prayer seminar ministry (pages 2-5) and to celebrate twenty-fourth anniversary with us. Our leadership has been nothing short of phenomenal.

Practical steps for growing your prayer ministry. Sunday Bwanhot was called to a prayer ministry during a Nigerian seminar in 1988. During the next few months, we will feature his art practical steps for growing your prayer ministry. The first one is in this issue (page five). His family are serving as missionaries in China.

Stewardship report—Venezuela. May 1998 you gave sacrificially that 2,633 believers in Venezuela would experience the results of the seminar. A full report is provided (page 10).

Please turn your prayers toward Ecuador, and Peru as I prepare to go there in May and June to these nations. Ecuador is 100% Christian! Praise the Lord!

Tragedy in Virginia. The lead study in the April issue was what to do when trouble comes, primarily addressed to Christians. Trouble came to the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Our pastor, Tyler Scarlett, not only preached on making sense out of the tragedy on Sunday morning, May 22, he included a sane, scriptural, and spiritual bulletin insert (page nine). I encourage you to read it thoughtfully and prayerfully. Remember Christians are to be salt, light and magnets. We do not know what a day will bring forth and need to be prepared.

Golden Wedding Anniversary. Seldom have I sensed the Holy Spirit working so strongly as He did during the reception on May 21 at Forest Baptist Church as family and friends gathered to give thanks to God. An account is provided in this issue of the **Reflector** (page one).