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LOVING GOD, LOVING ONE ANOTHER



IN LOVING MEMORY DOORKEEPERS

George and Joy Harper

7/22/1922 9/18/2016 (George)

2/3/1925-7/8/2020 (Joy)

Goode, Virginia

THE ESTATE OF GEORGE AND JOY HARPER

J. Gordon Henry Ministries
1127 Lakeview Drive
Lynchburg VA 24502

Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed is a check . . . from the Estate of Joy Harper. Our parents believed and supported your ministries during their lives and wanted to ensure that a portion of their estate would benefit your ministry after they passed.

Signed by
Co-Executors
Judith Harper
Holly Harper Davis

The Harper Estate "Sign"

George and Joy Harper, senior citizens, became our friends at Forest Baptist Church. Both were devout believers who actively served the Lord and became **Doorkeepers**. We became instant friends when we shared a table at a fellowship at the church. They were new members of FBC. I was delighted to meet them personally having been blessed by one of the most beautiful piano renditions from Joy that I had ever heard. The worship service came alive and one could think only of true worship to the Father. She was in the concert pianist classification for sure.

As we began to talk, learning about one another, we found that Joy's lifelong love of playing the piano began at age ten. She was a graduate of the University of Texas. Joy initiated a different direction for the conversation. I will tell you our love story. The story began during the World War II era. She married her high school sweetheart, David Hensley, but became a WWII widow by the age of 20. David served in the United States Air Force as the nose gunner on a B24. It was there that

Paul's Valedictory

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only, but also to all who have loved His appearing (2 Timothy 4:6-8).



he became acquainted with George Harper, who hailed from Connecticut and was navigator on David's plane. On January 1, 1945, their plane took German flak while on a mission in the Battle of the Bulge. George navigated back into safe territory in France, where he was injured after landing with a too-small parachute. Only the nose gunner, David Hensley, died. George, who had become a World War II hero, was with him.

Upon returning home, George traveled from his home state of Connecticut to Texas to pay his respects to Joy, David's young widow. They fell in love. After a courtship by mail, they married in 1947 and had 69 years together until he left for his eternal home on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at the age of ninety-four. Among our memories of George was his special handshake, accompanied by a warm greeting, of Joy sitting at the piano with fingers moving up and down the keys producing heavenly music, sitting with a twinkle in her eyes and a smile on her face. Both were very interested in the prayer seminar ministry, especially in the extensive international outreach.

As she waited to join her beloved in Heaven, Joy remained faithful even when playing the piano was difficult. She was a beautiful lady. As her health declined, many of our **Doorkeepers** prayed for her every day until the day of her exodus came and she stepped into Heaven to join George together forever in the blessed land of unending day.

Joy found great joy in accompanying others, whether at church (beginning in high school), USO (during World War II), and in

her later years at Forest Baptist Church and with the Senior Life Choir from Thomas Road Baptist Church. Over her lifetime, the Lord nourished within her all the Fruits of the Spirit, not only through her musical talents but also through her gift of hospitality, her servant's heart and her quick-witted sense of humor. She loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all her heart and soul and might, which was evident when she often ended her prayers with, "We love you Lord, help us to love you more."

We received a letter, following Joy's death, from the executor of the Harper Estate sharing that JGHM was to be a beneficiary but it would probably be the middle of the 2021 summer before the estate would be settled and checks distributed. Actually, I filed the letter and thought nothing more about it. On July 1, 2021, we received a registered letter from Shelbyville, Kentucky. The amount was \$35,842.74. At a time when we were considering the future of **JGHM**, it was as though the Lord said, "We are not through using **JGHM** as an agent through which My children can channel support touching other nations through mobilizing and equipping believers to become Lighthouses of Prayer." Coupled with similar evidence, it is likely **JGHM** will continue through my lifetime and perhaps beyond.

I have entitled this blessing from two **Doorkeepers**, **THE HARPER ESTATE "SIGN!" GO FORWARD!**

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

The God to Whom We Pray

During the past few issues of the **Reflector**, we have devoted considerable space for teaching on God is on the thesis that knowing God intimately must first begin by knowing who He is as revealed in the written Word of God. The feedback has confirmed that our readers have appreciated the material that we have shared. Now I believe that it will be helpful to make application to our prayer lives of what we have discussed.

In my role as a college teacher/administrator and executive-director for the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools** (1984-1995) I was often drawn to the book of Nehemiah for leadership principles to share with colleagues for which I was responsible for supervising and presidents of the institutions associated with TRACS, Nehemiah has often been my exemplar model since he demonstrates power in prayer and skillfully leading the people to rebuild the wall in 52 days.

As a servant (cupbearer) to King Artaxerxes of Persia, he had no right to request leave to rebuild Jerusalem's walls, much less to requisition materials and protection. Yet knowing the nature of the God he served, Nehemiah did not hesitate to act boldly and ask the king for what was needed. Read **Nehemiah 1:1-11**

to join in the study.

Nehemiah's prayer began, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven" (v 5). **LORD**, when it appears in all capital letters, denotes the word **Jehovah** (a form of **Yahweh**, the Hebrew name for God). It means "God who is eternal in His being"—conveying that everywhere is in His presence. So, when God makes a promise, He knows how He will keep it in every situation. That is why Nehemiah called Him "the awesome God who preserves the covenant." He knew God was committed to bringing repentant Israelites back to their homeland to dwell in His presence (v 9).

Another Hebrew name used to refer to God, **Elohim**, is translated "He who is absolutely sovereign." If He spoke the world into being (and He did that very thing!), then He is certainly more than able to provide Nehemiah with supplies, some time off from work, and favor from the Persian king.

There are many other names for God, such as **Adonai** ("Master"), **Jehovah-Jireh** ("Provider"), and **Jehovah-Rapha** ("Healer"). Since the Hebrew language is precise, it can help us to better know who He is—when we need solace, we call upon the God of comfort; in our confusion, we have the God who teaches. Just as knowing one's audience affects our choice of words to speak, we way we view God impacts how we pray.

DOORKEEPERS AND PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

"The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wing you have come for refuge" (Ruth 2:12).

Standing orders

Year by year, day by day, moment by moment, a Christian has standing orders concerning joy, prayer, and thanksgiving given by Paul and recorded in **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**. These standing orders represent the will of God in Christ Jesus for believers, for you and me who are Christians. The words "in Christ Jesus" remind us that He taught us these things during His earthly ministry and He was the living embodiment of what He taught. By teaching and by example, He revealed to us God's will concerning the three standing orders.

5:16. "Rejoice always." Joy can be the constant experience of the Christian, even in the most adverse circumstances, because Christ is the source and subject of his joy, and Christ is in control of the circumstances.

5:17. "Pray." Prayer should be the constant attitude of the Christian not that he abandons his regular duties and gives himself wholly to prayer. He prays at certain regular times; he always prays extemporaneously as need arises; and he enjoys continual communion with the Lord by prayer as he moves through the day,

5:18. "Thanksgiving." Giving thanks to God should be the Christian's native emotion. Because everything works together for good (**Romans 8:28**), we can praise the Lord at all times, in all circumstances, and for everything.

**PUT ON THE WHOLE
ARMOR OF GOD AND
JOIN THE BATTLE.**



Praise

Let everything that hath breath
praise the LORD. Praise ye the
LORD. **Psalms 150:6**

The prophet Isaiah, in one of his greatest Messianic passages, proclaimed that one of the gifts of the Messiah will be the garment of praise which we will receive in exchange for the spirit of heaviness.

Every child of God has a garment of praise in his closet. How unfortunate it is that so many of us push the flattering and eye-catching garment to the back and refuse to wear it. Praising the Lord is both our responsibility and our privilege. It is a task that is not confined to the elite or to the intelligentsia or even to the spiritually mature. In fact, the psalmist says that every breathing soul is to praise the LORD.

Your praise will not change God. As **Matthew Henry** noted long ago, God will never be any greater than He already is. Praise changes us and causes us to love and trust Him more and more.

**LET'S JUST LIFT OUR VOICES
AND OUR HANDS AND PRAISE
THE LORD. LET'S JUST PRAISE
THE LORD SEVEN TIMES A DAY!**

Remembering Dr. Daniel Mercaldo

August 9, 1939 January 7, 2021

Staten Island, New York Bonita Springs, Florida



Dan Mercaldo was a man sent from God to **New York City** to lead in the building of **Gateway Cathedral**, one of the largest evangelical churches on Staten Island, if not the largest. I found the name chosen for the local assembly of believers quite intriguing and refreshing. During my tenure at **Northeastern Bible College**, Essex Fells, New Jersey, I conducted prayer seminars three consecutive years at Gateway Cathedral with hundreds attending. Not only did the people respond to the content of the prayer seminar, many came to Christ trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord, thus the church was truly a Gateway. The unction of the Holy Spirit was so strong that once the invitation began people came to the altar by droves. One Sunday, after the third morning worship service it was reported that counselors were still dealing with people at 2:30 that afternoon.

Dan, himself, was on the Executive Committee for the **National Association of Evangelicals**. He was winsome, reflecting a pastor's heart. I was blessed to be with him and his people. He was founder and senior pastor of Gateway Cathedral for more than five decades. He and his

wife Evangeline were married for over sixty-two years.



During my second visit, Pastor Dan—whom I had learned to love, respect, and admire—said, "I've been trying to figure you out!" I responded, "Well, have you?" His answer was, "Yes, I have. You just believe the Word of God. Many guest speakers come here and we don't know whether they really believe the Word of God or not!"

Doesn't this give you a glimpse into the power of the Word itself? I think so. You and I do not need to be taught the latest philosophies. We don't need someone to catch us up on the latest news. We need to hear a Word from God. God speaks out of His Word. None of us will ever have a word to share until we first hear from Him. The written Word of God is His voice speaking to us.



IN LOVING MEMORY DR. JAMES HENGOED

December 25, 1926-June 4, 2021
Hamden, Connecticut

Death notice. "James R. Hengoed, 94, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 4, 2021 at his home. He was a professor at Harvard University, Boston University and later for Jersey City State College. He was a true man of God; throughout his life he pastored several churches and was continuously involved in the ministry of Jesus Christ. He enjoyed gardening and raising birds, but most of all spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved unconditionally." **Excerpted from Obituary.**



Dr. Hengoed delighted in reading and sharing the Word of God. Praise was readily on his lips. Until the very end, he would raise his hands in worship and submission. To him prayer was as natural as breathing. To spend time with Dr. Hengoed and Joyce (September 26, 1924-February 4, 2013) in their Hudson, Florida home, was a highlight in my life and career. Their interest in the prayer seminar ministry could not have been stronger. Sue and I were "at home" when we were with Dr. Hengoed and Joyce.

As noted in his death notice, Dr. Hengoed was an educator serving as professor at Harvard University, Boston University, and Jersey City State College (where he ended his career as a Distinguished Professor and nationally recognized reading specialist). He was an adjunct professor at **Northeastern Bible College**. It was at the latter institution that he came into my life and friendship in the fall of 1980.

For eight of the eleven years (1984-1995) that I served as Executive Director for the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)** Dr. Hengoed was chairman of the Accreditation Commission. We traveled the nation together working with Christian institutions of higher learning whose leadership believed in biblical inerrancy, biblical authority, and the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis, including creation not evolution. Dr. Hengoed was my right arm in developing and implementing an accreditation process on the level of other recognized agencies. Founders included **Dr. Henry M. Morris** (who was chairman of the Board of Directors during my tenure), **Dr. Robert Witty** (who gave TRACS its name), **Dr. Paige Patterson**, **Dr. Tim LaHaye**, **Dr. Gene Williams**, **Dr. Earl Mills**, and **Dr. Woodrow Kroll**. **Dr. James Flanagan**, **Dr. William Bowden**, and others were invaluable in refining and strengthening the accreditation process.



TRACS BOARD MEETING, Sept 22-23, 1988
Dallas Holiday Inn Airport

L-R Dr. James Hengoed (Chairman, Accreditation Commission; Dr. Carl Person (US Dept of Education); Dr. Russell Fitzgerald; Dr. Henry (Executive Director); Dr. Henry Morris (Chairman, Board of Directors); Dr. Woodrow Kroll; Dr. Earl Mills

A major goal was to be recognized by the U. S. Department of Education as an approved accrediting agency thereby providing access to students in TRACS' colleges to quality for the federal student assistance programs and to enhance transferability of credit to other accredited institutions and to be accepted in graduate programs. There was tremendous opposition to recognizing an accrediting agency whose leaders believe in creationism. The prevailing attitude was that anyone who believed God created the world was too naïve to be a true educator. Dr. Hengoes's impeccable credentials, along with others, made a tremendous difference in our respectability. TRACS received recognition on July 26, 1991 and is now widely accepted as an outstanding accrediting agency. Only eternity will unveil the impact of Dr. Hengoes, Dr. Morris and others (too numerous to list) to provide students **an education for time and eternity.**

Life

God gives us each one short day
The time that we call life
To waste or cherish as we will,
To spend in peace or strife.

One little day in which to do
Or else to leave undone
The work He gives us; we must leave
It all at set of sun.

But one brief day in which to learn
That we are not our own,
That day's sweetest pleasure is
To hush another's moan;

That life of selfish human brings
No blessed eventide,
While life of loving service finds
Deep joy on every side.

But one brief day! Oh, help me, Lord,
To use it as I should!
Help me, for others, in that day
To do some little good.

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

An unknown philosopher once remarked, "**Yesterday** is a canceled

check. **Tomorrow** is a promissory note. **Today** is cash, use it."

Yesterday is past, a canceled check. As glorious as it was in Christ, it can never be recalled. What was done is done. And so with the great Apostle Paul I say, "... Forgetting those things which are behind ..., I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

Tomorrow is a dream, a vision, a hope, a promissory note. In Christ we are not only part of a movement that is JUST, but a movement that will ultimately win. Of all earth's people, God's children alone have a basis for being ultimately optimistic. Our future is as certain as the promises of an all-powerful Sovereign who changes not.

Today is ready cash. Today opportunities abound. The words of our Lord are perhaps filled fuller with meaning now than ever before: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35).



Martin Shikuku

On the Road Again

Martin is not only a pastor on fire for the Lord in Eldoret, Rift Valley, West Kenya (church, preschool, orphans' home, Bible Institute) and director of JGHM: East/Central Africa Branch, he is a leader in the Kenya Baptist Convention. He is headed for the plane for a flight to Mombosa, in East Kenya on the Indian Ocean. Put him on your daily prayer calendar, please. He is making a difference in establishing Lighthouses of Prayer throughout his region and is doing it well.



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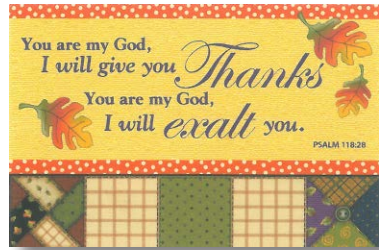
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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 5081. Prayer is asking--bringing specific requests to God.

Note 5082. Specific requests bring specific answers.

Note 5083. Ask! Seek! Knock! Then trust God to give us what is best for He never makes a mistake.

Note 5084. Fear sees the storm; faith sees God in the storm.

Note 5085. Christ is no security against the storm but He is perfect security in the storm. He does not promise an easy passage, but He guarantees a safe landing.

**TRUSTING JESUS,
THAT IS ALL.**

PRAYER ALERT

Most of you are already praying for **Cuba** and **Venezuela**, but **South Africa** is in a crisis as never before. These are nations that have been blanketed by prayer seminars with winds of spiritual awakening stirring. It is obvious that Satan, our enemy, desires to destroy Christianity as he is in the United States. Prayer defeats Satan. **PRAY!** Digmar Garcia, director of JGHM: Cuba-Venezuela Branch, recently told Adam that he would not believe what is transpiring in Cuba-starvation, pandemic spreading, people dying in the hallways of medical facilities.

PRAYER CALENDAR**AUGUST 2021***"I will give myself to prayer..."***Psalm 109:4****SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 2**Jeremiah 1-6 (Latvia 1.9M)**

Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Emily Baskin (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3**Jeremiah 7-10 Lebanon 6.2M)**

Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michal Breed (WI)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4**Jeremiah 11-15 (Lesotho 2M)**

Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Judy Britt (GA)
 Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Brenda Brown (NJ)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Eileen Camarena (NJ)K
 Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5**Jeremiah 16-10 (Liberia 4.7M)**

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)

Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Ravenna Covington (VA)
 Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6**Jeremiah 21-25 (Libya 6.7M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Tina Darden (MD)
 Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Jo Anne Dudley (VA)
 Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7**Jer 26-29 (Liechtenstein 38,244)**

Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Duane Eriean (WI)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susann Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)
 Robert Triboboeau, Pastor
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

Jeremiah 30-33 (Lithuania 2.8M)
 Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odothier Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Mike Hall (IN)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 William & Sara Hefner (PA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

Jer 34-36 (Luxembourg 594,130)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Jeremiah 32-39 (Macau 601,969)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (ME)
 Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry/Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Jeremiah 40-45 (Macedonia 2.1M)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Debbie Jennifer (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Jeremiah 46-52 (Madagascar 25M)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Iris Johnson (MD)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Vicky Johnson (MD)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Lamentations (Malawi 19.2M)
 Theordore/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Harriet Kennedy (VA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

Ezekiel 1-6 (Malaysia 31.4M)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Sylvia LaFond (ME)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil Landers (OK)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Ezekiel 7-11 (Maldives 392,709)

Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Prevo, President
Delores Lieli (MD)
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
Wilma Marcum (KY)
Nick & Pat Markham (VA)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Ezekiel 12-15 (Mali 17.9M)

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray Mathis (TN)
Bob & Heidi Matney (VA)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Nancy McPherson (ME)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Ezekiel 16-19 (Malta 416,338)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Betsy Miedema (MI)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
Wilma Moore (VA)
Doris Moos (NJ)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Jer 20-24 (Marshall I 74,539)
Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Eleanor Muse (NJ)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
NE Baptist College (VT)
Mark Ballard, President
Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
Peter Dorn, Pastor
Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)

Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Ezekiel 25-28 (Mauritania 3.8M)
Greg & Christene Powell (VA)
Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
Mark/Michelle Rasnake (VA)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Joyce Riley (KY)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
Isabell Robotham (NY)
James & Shelly Rode (FL)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
Wanda Rolater (TN)

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Ezekiel 29-32 (Mauritius 1.4M)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
St Paul Baptist Church (IN)
Dr. C. L. Adams, Pastor

John Saint (PA)
Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Ezekiel 33-36 (Mexico 124.6M)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
Mark/Pamela Schollaert (PA)
Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
Sam & Jill Scott (VA)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Ezekiel 37-39 (Micronesia 104,196)
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Lola Simpson (NY)

Ron & Jennifer Siver (VA)
Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)
Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
Helen Sourlis (MD)
Randy/Cheryl Stauter (MN)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Ezekiel; 40-43 (Moldova 3.5M)
Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rosie Street (TX)
William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Ezekiel 44-48 (Monaco 30,645)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (WI)
Cathy Tilton (VA)
Paula Tipton (TN)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Daniel 1-6 (Mongolia 3>1M)
Diana Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Marshall Troutman (KY)
Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Holland & Mary Warren (VA)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Daniel 7-9 (Montserrat 5,292)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
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ONE ANOTHER.**

DAILY INTERCESSION

Dr. & Mrs. J. Gordon Henry/Adam & Dianna Nathanson

We remain eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated. You do not have to bear your burden alone. Thanks for your prayers for Sue, me, Adam, Diana and the prayer seminar ministry. It is a pleasant uplift when we hear the words [from so many of you, "I am praying for you."

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Welcome, New Doorkeepers!
Ron & Jennifer Siver (VA)

"There is a living God;
He has spoken in the Bible;
He means what He says
and will do all He has promised"
J. Hudson Taylor

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1 Thessalonians 1:2
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One Day at a Time

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness
and tears,
With its portion of pain and its burden of
care;
One day at a time we must meet and must
bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong;
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall
cease;
It shall darken and die, and the night shall
bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is so long,
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not
strong,
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the
way;
Give courage and patience and strength for
the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so
sweet;
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor
grieve;
I will not forsake thee; I never will leave."

Nor yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with
dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the
day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they
haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth
His own.

Annie Johnson Flint

Adam and the Gideons



A young man attended a prayer seminar in Argentina and thanked Adam and me for coming. He was connected to the Gideons. Now he is head of the Gideons throughout Argentina and is working with Adam to return to Argentina and accompany him throughout the nation presenting the prayer seminar. And the beat goes on, as a popular saying goes. Here in the Baltimore area, Adam has recently introduced the prayer seminar to the Baltimore East Gideon camp. Adam noted that they have the Prayer Seminar Workbook and are coming together to talk about a prayer seminar with their leadership. Remember prayer is the work that must come before all other work for the Lord including distributing Bibles. During our time in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, we had the privilege of friendship with one of the Gideon International staff members in their national office. He and I often talked about the role of intercessory prayer in this great movement. Following Adam's steps in this trying time causes us to rejoice that The Prayer Seminar is in his hands.

Looking for the Sunrise

In glory He rose
In love He called

In faith we go

As we prepared to relocate from Murfreesboro, Tennessee to Lynchburg Virginia in April 2002, word came that one of our **Doorkeepers Whitey Whitehurst (3/7/1924-3/27/2002)** was with the Lord. He and his wife **Melba** had been faithful **Doorkeepers** since 1988 and resided in Richmond, Virginia. During the years that followed, we became close friends and often communicated over matters that concerned him as very liberal views, beginning in the pulpit from a pastor who openly embraced homosexuality as a lifestyle, attacked his church. Now, after a long illness Whitey was with the Lord. It was during this time that I began to contemplate the number of faithful **Doorkeepers** who are now in Heaven. I often thought that they can now talk to the Lord face to face about the prayer seminar ministry as it expanded to other nations. Whitey could join that group. Melba joined Whitey on February 12, 2018 at the age of ninety-one.

Here is Melba's death notification with her faith and courage shining through every sentence:

Dear Dr. Henry,

Just a note to let you know my beloved Whitey was called home to be with the Lord at 2:40 a.m. on March 27, 2002. He has no more pain and is rejoicing in Heaven with his most loved Savior. He witnessed until the very end for his Jesus. Had he lived until April 16th, we would have been married fifty-seven years. No greater gift can a woman receive than to be blessed by God with the love of a husband truly committed to God and His will for his life. I shall miss him greatly, but, oh, what comfort to know where he is and I shall see him again. Alleluia! May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

By His grace,
 Melba Whitehurst.

Looking for the Sunrise

*I'm not looking for the sunset
As the swift years come and go;
I'm looking for the sunrise
And the golden morning glow,
Where the light of Heaven's glory
Will break forth upon my sight
In the land that knows no sunset
Nor the darkness of the night.*

*I'm not going down the pathway
Toward the setting of the sun
Where the shadows ever deepen
When the day at last is done;
I am walking up the hillside
Where the sunshine lights the way
To the glory of the sunrise
Of God's never-ending day.*

*I'm not going down, but upward
And the path is never dim,
For the day grows ever brighter
As I journey on with Him.
So eyes are on the hilltops,
Waiting for the sun to rise
Waiting for His invitation
To that home beyond the skies.*

Albert Simpson Reitz

Joy

RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF
THY SALVATION; AND UPHOLD
ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT.
PSALM 51 : 12

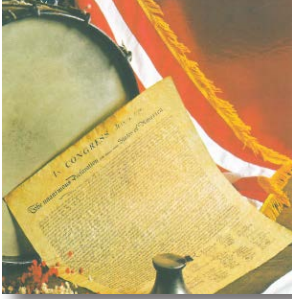
Honoring a Nonagenarian



Sue and I are octogenarians. We have actually had two **Doorkeepers** classified centenarians, very close personal friends as well: **Lelia Dean** (Mrs. Sanford) and **Josephine Fitzgerald**. The **Harpers**, who are highlighted on pages 1-3, were nonagenarians. What are these classifications? 80's, 90's, and 100's.

Nancy Bretz, who lives in **Johnstown, Pennsylvania**, became a **Doorkeeper** in October 1995 and has provided faithful prayer and financial support during the past quarter century. Actually, she has probably written more letters and presented more prayer requests than any other person in the **Doorkeeper family**. I want to share the latest letter:

Dear Dr. Henry and Sue, Many years have gone by: I'm 95 years young (never grow old) but can't wait for my new body! Thru the years I have mentored my loved ones, friends and neighbors. It's harvest-time. My desire is that not one of these will be missing in Heaven, that all would be born again and households experiencing salvation. To God, Jesus, Holy Spirit be the glory! Amen. Sending love and prayers. In Jesus, Nancy



A beautiful benediction "He is able"

Jude closes his short epistle with a beautiful benediction. **Verse 24** is the ascription of praise and worship to Him who is able. As I begin a prayer seminar, I have my students to write at the very top of page 1 three sentences to serve as background for all that I teach. Then I have them in unison affirm the lesson repeating three times so the concepts will lodge in their minds available to undergird the teaching. **God is able! God is willing! God is waiting!** When we bought a van for Martin to use in his work in Kenya and other East/Central Africa nations, he arranged to have them inscribed on the front and rear windows.

God is able to save (**Hebrews 7:25**), able to establish (**Romans 16:25**), **able to aid** (**Hebrews 2:18**), able to subdue (**Philippians 3:21**), here in Jude able to keep. He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that Day (**2 Timothy 2:1**). He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think (**Ephesians 3:20**), and **He is able to keep us from stumbling**. This latter promise is especially timely for the days of apostasy to which Jude is referring.

But the promise doesn't stop there. He is able to make us stand **faultless in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy**. This is truly

stupendous! When we think of how we were dead through our trespasses and sins; poor, weak, failing servants, and then to think that one day we will stand absolutely faultless in the Throne Room of the Universe, rejoicing with **exceeding joy**, what grace is this!

Verse 25. He is not only our Keeper and Perfecter, He is **God the Savior**. It is a marvel that God should be so interested in us that He would also become **our Savior**, in the sense that He devised the plan whereby we are saved and He provided His sinless Son as the sacrificial Lamb. **Who alone is wise** (ultimately all wisdom comes from God **James 1:5**). Our wisdom is derived from the Fount of Wisdom the only **wise** God.

If worship (Old English "worthship") means ascribing to God **majesty, dominion, and power; Glory** the superlative honor He desires for all He is and all He has done for us. **Majesty**, the dignity and splendor He deserves as the Supreme Monarch of the universe. **Dominion** the unchallenged sway that is His by sovereign right. And **power** or authority—the might and prerogative to rule all that His hands have made.

He was worthy of such praise in the past. He is worthy at the present time and He will be worthy of it throughout eternity. Apostates and false teachers may seek to rob Him of **glory**, detract from His **majesty**, grumble against His **dominion**, and challenge His **power**. But all true believers find their greatest fulfillment in glorifying and enjoying Him, **both now and forever. Amen. Remember HE IS ABLE! HE IS WILLING! HE IS WAITING FOR US TO CALL UPON HIM. Let's do it today!**

SOUTH KOREA

Recently Dr. Kwang Suk Shin, who served as the Director for JGHM: South Korean Branch, reminded me of how he became involved in the prayer seminar in 1988. He and several Korean pastors came by boat from South Korea to Japan to attend a Luther Rice Seminary course on prayer that I was teaching in Tokyo. I taught in English and Dr. Watanabi interpreted into Japanese. The South Korean pastors were gathered in the back of the conference room and there was an interpreter interpreting the Japanese into Korean. It was obvious that the Holy Spirit was the Teacher.

Dr. Shin invited Sue and me to return to South Korea and told us he would be responsible to coordinate. The power of God began to work, lives changed, and churches revived. A mighty prayer movement was launched and blossomed.

The following is from an article that appeared in the **Reflector** (Vol 34, No. 6 July-August 1988) following the Korean Seminars. "Leaders from over forty churches located in twenty-sevendcities attended the Korean seminars conducted in Taegu and Masan. According to Southern Baptist missionary O. B. Humphries, most of South Korea was represented with the exception of the northeastern section. Participants were from various denominations such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Assemblies of God."

There was strong interest expressed by a number of pastors and leaders for prayer seminars in their localities. There was a



Korean translation of the prayer seminar workbook. A highlight of the visit was addressing the thirty graduates of the Korean-American Theological Seminary, a joint venture of J. Gordon Henry Ministries and pastors in the Masan area. As the American president of this institution, it was my thrilling privilege to sign the certificates presented to the graduates. It was reported that a Doorkeeper program was established to support the work of Dr. Shin. At one point, there were sixty-nine Korean Doorkeepers. During that era, the **Reflector** wended its way to as many as 13,000 homes so many brothers and sisters provided prayer and financial support both at home and abroad.

Sue and I returned for our last visit to South Korea November 18-December 5, 2005. Over 4,000 attended the prayer seminars.

Strength for Every Day

"I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10b

1988
*Desk
Calendar*

In my Book of Memories, I often stroll down Reminiscent Trail to recall work with the Mennonites, primarily in New York and Pennsylvania. One highlight was a weekend with their pastors/leaders at their beautiful meeting facility in Upstate New York. It was during these days that JGHM began to partner with the Mennonite Board of Missions Media Ministries in Harrisonburg, Virginia to produce an annual desk calendar that we shared with the **Doorkeepers**. A theme was chosen, along with appropriate Scriptures and pictures for each month. After many years, this service was discontinued due to the high cost of production. I have kept the calendars and pull them out to use in years with corresponding dates.

In 1988, the theme was **Strength for Every Day**. Here are the thoughts and Scriptures for each month:

JANUARY. When you need some **STRENGTH FOR TOUGH TIMES.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you (Isaiah 43:2).

FEBRUARY. When you need some **COMFORT.**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in time of trouble (Psalm 46:1).

MARCH. When you need some **RENEWED HOPE.**

I wait for the Lord, and in God's Word I put my hope (Psalm 103:5).

APRIL. When you want some **RENEWED PATIENCE.**

Patience produces character and character hope (Psalm 5:3 Paraphrase).

MAY. When you want **FREEDOM IN CHRIST.**

So if Jesus sets you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:36).

JUNE. When you want **TO REACH OUT.**

As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people (Galatians 6:10).

JULY. When you want **TO TAKE TIME FOR FAMILY.**

And He took the children in His arms and blessed them (Mark 10:16).

AUGUST. When you want **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE,**

From everlasting to everlasting You are God (Psalm 90:2b).

SEPTEMBER. When you want TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

Look not only to your own, but also to the interests of others
(Philippians 2:4).

OCTOBER. When you want TO CHOOSE PRIORITIES.

Seek first God's kingdom and righteousness(Matthew 6:33).

NOVEMBER. When you want TO ASK FORGIVENESS.

First go and be reconciled, then come and offer your gift
(Matthew 5:24).

DECEMBER. When you want TO CELEBRATE.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace (Luke 2:14).

Where do we get strength of **every** day, no matter what the day holds? The obvious answer is God and His Word; like an ancient hymn says, "God hath not promised skies always blue; flower strewn pathways all our lives through; God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, Unfailing sympathy undying love." **Annie Johnson Flint**

The key here is strength for the day. If we look at the whole year or even a whole month at a time, it can be overwhelming. **BUT** if we take one day at a time; if we are open to receiving strength from family, church, neighbors, and friends; if we make time to be alone with God, we can find strength for every day, one day at a time. **Melodie Davis**

Many years ago, a poem was written by **Ida A. Guirey** and published in the **Sunday School Times** that encapsulates the extent of praise:

Praise Him when the sun is shining,
When the winds of trouble blow,
When you see no silver lining
On the clouds that hang so low.

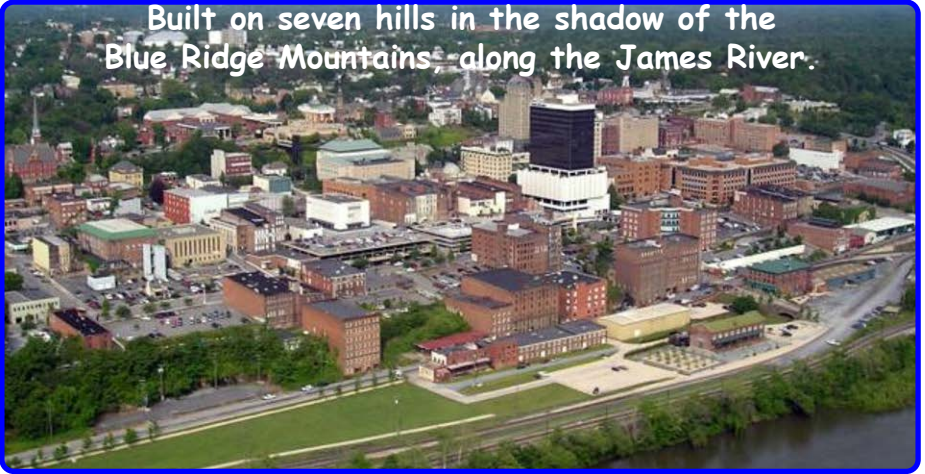
Praise Him when your load is heavy
And the day no comfort brings,
Then your burden God will carry,
Bear you as on eagles' wings.

Praise illuminates clouds of sorrow,
Turns the gray skies into gold
Giving promise of a morrow
Bright with blessings manifold.

God delights to have us praise Him,
And believe His holy word;
And He knows them that trust Him,
For they always praise the Lord.

Father, we thank Thee for the night
And for the pleasant morning light,
For rest and food and loving care
And all that makes the day so fair.
Help us to do the things one should
To be to others kind and good,
In all we do in work and play.
To grow more loving every day. **AMEN.**

Built on seven hills in the shadow of the
Blue Ridge Mountains, along the James River.



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Sue Henry and Leonor Avila (Baltimore MD), a dear friend and our first overnight guest after the travel restrictions were lifted, are enjoying the rhododendron as they stroll through the grounds outside our offices in Lynchburg.