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1967 CHRISTMAS CARD [1874 REPRODUCTION]

FROM MY SISTER, RUBY.

TO JIM, SUE, MONA, MARK, MELODY

LOOKING BACK TO THE 1960s

[Sunday Bulletin]

WELCOME

RINGGOLD BAPTIST CHURCH

Ringgold, Virginia 24586

Jim G. Henry, Pastor

December 10, 1967

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS DAY

Many years ago, on the first Christmas Day
A Baby was born, in the manger He lay.
When the wise men heard of Jesus' birth
They gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Angels appeared unto the shepherds speaking,
"Christ is in a stable sleeping."
So they hurried off with gifts of sheep
And laid them at the Holy One's feet.
Nineteen hundred, sixty-eight years it's been
Since Jesus came. He's coming again!

by Larry Allan Clark
Junior Department

LOOKING BACK OVER SIXTY-THREE YEARS OF MINISTRY 1953- 2016

The **November 2016 Reflector** was a special one for me personally. A glimpse of our lives in the 1960s was included. Being able to sit again in the meetinghouses of the **Ringgold Baptist Church**, Ringgold, Virginia and the **Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church**, Stephens City, Virginia, brought joy unspeakable. In a recent telephone conversation with **Pastor Gene Jones**, he shared our being back in Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church was well received by the congregation and the church wanted to schedule an all-day Sunday prayer seminar as quickly as possible. My response was a simple one: "I enjoyed every minute of being back." The prayer seminar is scheduled for all-day, Sunday, January 15, 2017.

From the beginning of my pastoral ministry in 1957, I understood the value of a Sunday bulletin and a special publication that would go into the homes during the week. Of course, the weekly publication was the **Reflector**. Although the **REFLECTOR** is no longer a weekly paper, it will enter its 63rd year of publication in January 2017.

Thankfully, we do have issues of the **Reflector** in the ministry archives. Folders holding the Sunday bulletins were given to the churches where I pastored for their archives. Hopefully, these are stored safely and available for anyone wishing to read them. This was done for posterity.

The value of bulletins and the **Reflectors** is that each was prepared with two purposes in mind—information and inspiration. We wanted our readers to be informed about what was going on so they could attend activities and provide prayer support. I filled them with articles to inspire them in their Christian walk, pressing truth into the hearts and minds of our people. As I ran across deep thoughts crystallized into a few words, I filed them for future use. Often we have received comments when some feature in the **Reflector**

**Christmas:
A reminder and a
celebration that
God became a man.
penalty paid!**

In the 11th century, **Anselm of Canterbury** probed the meaning of the atonement more deeply than had the early church fathers. His explanation was given in a treatise called **Cur Deus Homo**, "Why Did God Become Man?"

Anselm explained that sin is a revolt against God, a revolt to which God must respond by providing for justice. Thus the sinner is helpless under the wrath of God. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the trust in unrighteousness" (**Romans 1:18**). How can God forgive the sinner and still remain just and holy? There was only one way: sins must be paid for. So God, in love, chose to take the required penalty for us by Christ's death on the cross.

This is why God became man. It was only by taking our place on the cross and taking the penalty for our sins, that God could offer us pardon without denying His justice.

touched hearts. Some say that they share articles with members of their Sunday school classes or other friends.

During the course of my studying and reading, I have always tried to gather "nuggets" along the way and make a note of them in the margins and blank leaves of my Bible. I strongly recommend this approach to pastors and teachers. I have found this a useful approach, preserving for use many thoughts and apt sayings that would have escaped my memory.

"Notes from My Bible" is the harvest of many years' gathering. Although some of these thoughts are original, not all of them are. The flowers have been culled from many gardens. I would be glad to give full credit to the men and women to whom I am indebted by attaching their names to their sayings; but I found that this could be done only very partially, and therefore decided to omit names in every instance.

Making notes is something you can do. When you write them in your Bibles, you might very well touch the lives of your children, grandchildren or other family members after you are home in Heaven.

Many of the articles that I am using in the December 2016 **Reflector** come from the late 1960s--from **Reflectors** or Sunday bulletins. Enjoy. Use these as stimulators to review your own notes--written on paper or written in your brain. May Christmas 2016 add to those memories of things you want to remember and cherish.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

A Christmas Wish by Corrie ten Boon

**"I came that they might have life,
and have it abundantly."**

John 10:10 NASB

What do I wish for you for Christmas? That you may have the joy the shepherds had (see **Luke 2:15-20**).

The shepherds told everyone what had happened. They knew so much more than the other people in Bethlehem. They had heard the angel's message which the Lord had made known to them; they had seen the newborn babe. They had met Mary and Joseph. What did they do? They told everyone! Do we know more than those for whom Christmas means only "Jingle Bells" and Santa Claus or who only prepare for Christmas by getting cards off at the right time and presents wrapped? They are trying to do their yearly duty, for they have done this ritual every year, afraid of what others will think if they don't.

Christmas is not a duty! Jesus' coming was a free gift to all of us. The only thing we can do is to prepare ourselves for His coming.

Christmas is a remembrance of His coming as a little baby. Let us be ready for that feast so that we can prepare others too.

What a joy to know Him, Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, died at the cross for our sins, was resurrected, and is with us always unto the end of the world.

Let us do what the shepherds did, and tell everyone who will listen.

CHRISTMAS 1969

What is Christmas? It is the **LIGHT** that has flamed through the years. It is a glow that warms the heart of mankind wherever the message of "peace on earth to men to good will" is believed.

What is Christmas? It is **PEACE** in a world of war where men have been alienated from each other by hatreds and jealousies.

What is Christmas? It is **LOVE** that flows from one heart to another.

What is Christmas? It is the **JOY** of brotherhood, of giving, of sharing, of lifting, of caring, and being what Christ would have us be.

What is Christmas? It is **FORGIVENESS**, the foundation for nearness of life, the time for fresh beginnings, the forgetting of past mistakes, and righting wrongs of days gone by.

What is Christmas? It is **GIVING** to those who cannot give to us. It is visiting the neglected, lifting the fallen, giving hope to the hopeless, assuring victory to the defeated, living the spirit of good will to all mankind regardless of color, race, or creed.

What is Christmas? It' is **SURRENDER** of one's life to Christ in renewed commitment & dedication--making **CHRIST** the **LORD** of life. It is letting the spirit of **CHRISTMAS** be seen in you.

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Mary Knauer (Mrs. Quintin)
5/11/25-10/14/2016
Cambridge, Ohio

"Absent from the body,
present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

LOOKING AHEAD

2016

December 8-9 Board of Directors
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

December 10-12 Troutman Gathering
Livermore, Kentucky

2017

January 1-15 Santa Clara, Cuba
Led by Digmar Garcia and Adam
Nathanson. Lauching JGHM: Cuba/
Venezuela Branch

January 15 Prayer Seminar
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church
Stephens City, Virginia
Gene Jones, Pastor

Meet Emilee's daughter,
Emma Leighann Fulcher,
Our newest great-granddaughter
Born: April 12, 2016



A VISIT FROM EMMA
MAKES OUR DAY!
GOD IS GOOD!

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ARE
NEEDED
FOR
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KENYA
VENEZUELA.**

**INVITATIONS
WERE RECENTLY
MAILED TO
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CONTRIBUTORS.
TO COVER FUNDS
THAT HAVE
ALREADY
BEEN PAID
AND TO
MEET
EXPENSES
FOR
A SERIES OF
UPCOMING
SEMINARS,
WE
NEED
\$7,000.
WE ARE PRAYING
FOR
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Reading the Bible Through BOOKMARKS

Since 1980, JGHM has provided *I'm Reading the Bible Through* bookmarks for our Doorkeepers. Many times, we have supplied bookmarks for other family members. Some request a supply for Sunday school classes and other groups.

These bookmarks serve as a reminder that we need to plan for Bible daily reading. While a person can begin reading the Bible through at any day of the year, it is helpful to begin on January 1. Remember the Word is **the Christian's necessary food**. As you would not do well without daily physical food, the same is true of spiritual food.

Many **DOORKEEPERS** use the Bible reading program in the **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar**. The **Reflector** fits into many Bibles and is easily retrievable. You will be reminded to pray for one another and to remember the world as you focus on one nation each day. You will be reminded, also, to pray for the prayer seminar ministry around the world.

Two *I'm Reading the Bible Through* bookmarks are included. Let us know if you need additional bookmarks.

Daily Bible Reading makes a difference. My life did not change until I got into the Word of God for my own food. This happened in 1977. Prior to that time I was only in the Bible for a message to preach. **MAKE PLANS FOR 2017!** It is time!



During a recent visit to Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley, Dan and Jayne Johnson, from Livermore, Kentucky, accompanied us. Jayne is Sue's sister. We wanted to see the turning of the leaves.

To the west are the Alleghany Mountains and to the east, the Blue Ridge Mountains. The leaves, however, were quite slow in turning. Many had already fallen to the ground without much color change.

A native of the Valley explained to Jayne how she interpreted the 2016 leaf turning. "They are grieving for America. That's how I see them." That interpretation spoke to my heart.

The above photo was snapped on election day across the lake turning on Lakeside Drive. The colors had arrived! **GOD REIGNS. Continue to pray for America, a nation where Christian values are under attack. THROUGH PRAYER WE PUSH AGAINST SPIRITUAL DARKNESS. THE BATTLE HAS JUST BEGUN FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA!**

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

JIM & SUE HENRY

[GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN:

CALEB, MAGGIE, WILLOW,

LILLIAN, STONE, EMMA

SEND THEIR LOVE, AS WELL.]

NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 3066. Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word.

Note 3067. Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Note 3068. Tell how the angels in chorus sang, as they welcomed His birth.

Note 3069. "Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."

Note 3070. Tell me the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.

TELL OF THE CROSS WHERE THEY NAILED HIM. TELL OF THE GRAVE WHERE THEY LAID HIM; TELL HOW HE LIVETH AGAIN! THEN SAY:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

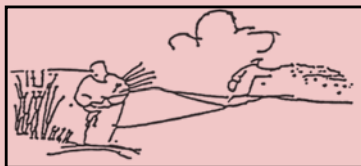
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"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

10/21--11/17/2016

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Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

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"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**1 THESS (Argentina 42.6M)**

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**2 THESS (Australia 22.3M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**1 TTM 1-3 (Botswana 319,031)**

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 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
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 Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)**

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 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurline Braud (VA)
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**1 TIMOTHY 4-6 (Botswana 2.1M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Janet Buck (NJ)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**2 TIMOTHY (Brazil 201M)**

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Eileen Camarena (NJ)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Martha Cecil (VA)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**TITUS (Burundi 10.6M)**

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 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**PHILEMON (Canada 34.6M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**HEBREWS 1-2 (Chile 17.2M)**

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 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
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 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)
 Bob Tribodeau, Pastor
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 James Fugate (CA)
 Travis & Emilee Fulcher (VA)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**HEBREWS 3-4 (China 1.4B)**

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 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
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 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Sara George (GA)
 Gethsemai Evang Ctr (MD)
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Velma Graven (KY)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 Mike Hall (PA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**HEBREWS 5-7 (Colombia 45.7M)**

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 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**HEBREWS 8-10 (Congo DR 75.5M)**

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 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Jim & Debbie Howell (MD)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**HEB 11-13 (Costa Rica 4.7M)**

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 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

1 PETER (Ecuador 15.4M)

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Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Mark & Lois Kollars (DE)
Irwin/Joyce Koopman (MI)
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Del & Mary Leach (VA)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

2 PETER (England 15.4M)

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Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
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Rachel Mann (NC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Wilma Marcum (KY)
Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Terry/Sandra Metzgar (VA)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

1 JOHN (Fiji 896,758)

Betsy Miedema (MI)
Marjorie Miller (VA)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Betty Nichols (WA)
Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

2 JOHN (France 66 M)

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

3 JOHN (Germany 81.1M)

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Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
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James & Shelly Rode (FL)
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Fred Rolater (TN)
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Sandra Rumore (VA)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

JUDE (Greece 10.8M)

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C. L. Adams, Pastor
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Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

REV 4-5 (Indonesia 251.2M)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (WI)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

LUKE 1-2 (Israel 7.7M)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

REV 6-8 (Italy 61.5M)

Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
Patsy Ann Voss (DE)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

REV 9-13 (Jamaica 2.9M)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
Kay Warmerdam (TX)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

REV 14-16 (Japan 127.3M)

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Kay Wice (GA)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

REV 17-19 (Kenya 44M)

Jeff Williamson (FL)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebarger (VA)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

REV 20-22 (S Korea 49M)

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DAILY INTERCESSION

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Burma Abbott [Zane] (VA)
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 Joe Bruno [Martha] (CO)
 Margarie Coffee (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
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 Joy Harper (VA)
 Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)
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 Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

**Pray for safety and that
 the Word of the Lord will
 have free course.**

Christmas Reminder

Don't forget the most important part of "CHRISTMAS" is the first six letters. Don't forget what makes Christmas. The Creator made Christmas possible; family and friends make Christmas beautiful; music makes Christmas festive; giving makes Christmas joyous; love makes Christmas complete. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

YEAR END GIFTS

As you plan your own
 December giving

Here are important questions as you prepare for Christmas season 2016. What are you giving Jesus for His birthday this year? What is under the tree for Him? Is Jesus first on your shopping list?

There are many ways to remind us that the very best and most expensive gift that we give should be to honor the Lord Jesus Christ since Christmas is essentially based on giving. God *GAVE* His only Son to pay for our sins. Every gift we buy can be a reminder if we are thoughtful.

In addition, December is a time to catch up on making gifts you planned to make earlier in the year. Taxpayers who itemize their deductions such as home mortgage interest and medical expenses, may deduct charitable gifts. A larger-than-usual gift may boost your deductions above the standard deduction, allowing you to enjoy more tax savings. **Gifts postmarked by December 31 are deductible this year.**

It very well may be that as you pray about your December giving that you will want to make your gift in honor of the Lord Jesus Christ through the prayer seminar ministry. If so, we will be grateful. Again, thanks for your partnership in making the prayer seminar ministry possible. Your giving to support world missions through the prayer seminar is an investment in eternity.

A record of 2016 Contributions will be mailed in early January 2017. Thanks for faithful giving in 2016.

How to Intercede for Leaders



As we change administrations on the national level, many Christians have expressed their concern that the nation return to traditional, Judeo-Christian values. Certainly, we have moved away from what many of us believe are the core values. **We prayed earnestly for God's mercy** upon a nation that has deliberately gone against His standards. Many coupled the praying with fasting. God has answered our fervent prayers for mercy. In a sense, **He has given us a new beginning.** Instead of bringing justice and judgment (which we deserve), He has been gracious to us.

Many felt that we have gone beyond the point of no return. Consequently, **it is important beyond words how we use this reprieve.** Be sure that you examine your own life and your own heart. Ask God to show you any sin in your life that keeps Him from hearing you and answering your prayers. Then, we must intercede as never before.

We must stand in the gap remembering to continue prayer work as "watchmen upon the walls who never hold their peace day nor night" (**Isaiah 62:6**).

Sixteen men make daily decisions that affect the course of our nation and our freedom. Their decisions either acknowledge God's authority, or force us to disregard His laws. These sixteen men are the President, the two Senators from your state, the U. S. Congressman from your

district, the Governor of your state, your State Senator, your State representative, and the nine Supreme Court Justices. **We have an obligation under God to intercede** for these men (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**).

During the prayer seminar and in the Prayer Seminar Workbook (pages 8,29), ideas are given for daily intercession. One suggestion is to organize prayer items using the days of the week as reminders. Wednesday could be tagged "Washington" or "White House" to remind us to pray for those in authority over us. Pray that they would:

1. Receive Christ as Savior and realize their personal sinfulness and their need for daily cleansing by the washing of water through the Word and daily cleansing by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Recognize their personal inadequacies to fulfill their personal responsibility and that they would consciously depend upon God for knowledge, wisdom, and the courage to do what is right.
3. Reject all counsel that violates spiritual principles, trusting God to prove them right.
4. Resist those who would pressure them to violate their conscience.
5. Reverse the trends of humanism which deify man rather than God.
6. Be ready to sacrifice personal ambitions and political careers in the best interest of our nation.
7. Rely upon prayer and the Word of God as the source of daily strength, wisdom and courage.
8. Conduct their office with dignity, honor, trustworthiness, and righteousness.
9. Remember to be good examples.
10. Be reminded daily that they are accountable to God for their decisions.



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MY GREATEST CONCERN
IS TO BE ON GOD'S SIDE,
FOR GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT.



Abraham Lincoln

BUT DON'T FORGET. God never said that HEALING FOR A NATION will emanate from the government or education. Rather, He said healing for a nation will come when His children who are called by His name: (1) humble themselves in a spirit of God-dependence, not self-dependence; (2) pray for Him to act (His hand move). (3) seek His face in worship and praise, (4) turn from sin (2 **Chronicles 7:14**). **Healing for a nation comes from God through His children.** Remember Daniel identified himself with the sins of His children and said "we" have sinned, not "they." Confession must be specific, not general. What are we doing that God does want us to do? What are we not doing that He wants us to do? **REPENT!**

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

2016 Venezuela Report

Lighthouses of Prayer have been established all over Venezuela. God is working mightily. Many believers, including pastors, have been revived and church strengthened. Look for victories!

We rejoice that **Adam Nathanson** is back on the field leading **Grace Church** in Caracas. He recently baptized sixteen. Leaders are maturing and providing outstanding service.

2017 Cuba Report

The interest in the prayer seminar ministry continues to grow in **Santa Clara Province** in central Cuba. **JGHM: Venezuela-Cuba Branch** will be launched during the first two weeks in January under the leadership of **Digmar Garcia** and **Adam Nathanson**.



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Our new church home in Lynchburg is located less than five minutes from our home. Sue and I have been warmly received. We discern great interest in the Word of God, prayer, and a deep burden to see people saved. We are excited believing God is going to do a mighty work. Put **Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth**, our pastor on your active prayer list.

2016 Kenya Report

Martin Shikuku conducted prayer seminars for Sudanese refugees in Nairobi in early October: Trained 228; Pastors 19; Saved 15; Miles 725. The next series of prayer seminars were scheduled for the middle of November. He continues to provide leadership in the Kenya Baptist Convention and serve as pastor of the **Glory Baptist Church**, Eldoret, Rift Valley in West Kenya.

Olcott-Henry Nuptials Celebration/Worship



Zackary Olcott Jacqueline Henry 12 November 2016

Jesus said, "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave behind his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and cleave closely to her permanently. And the two shall become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate nor divide." (Mark 10:6-9)