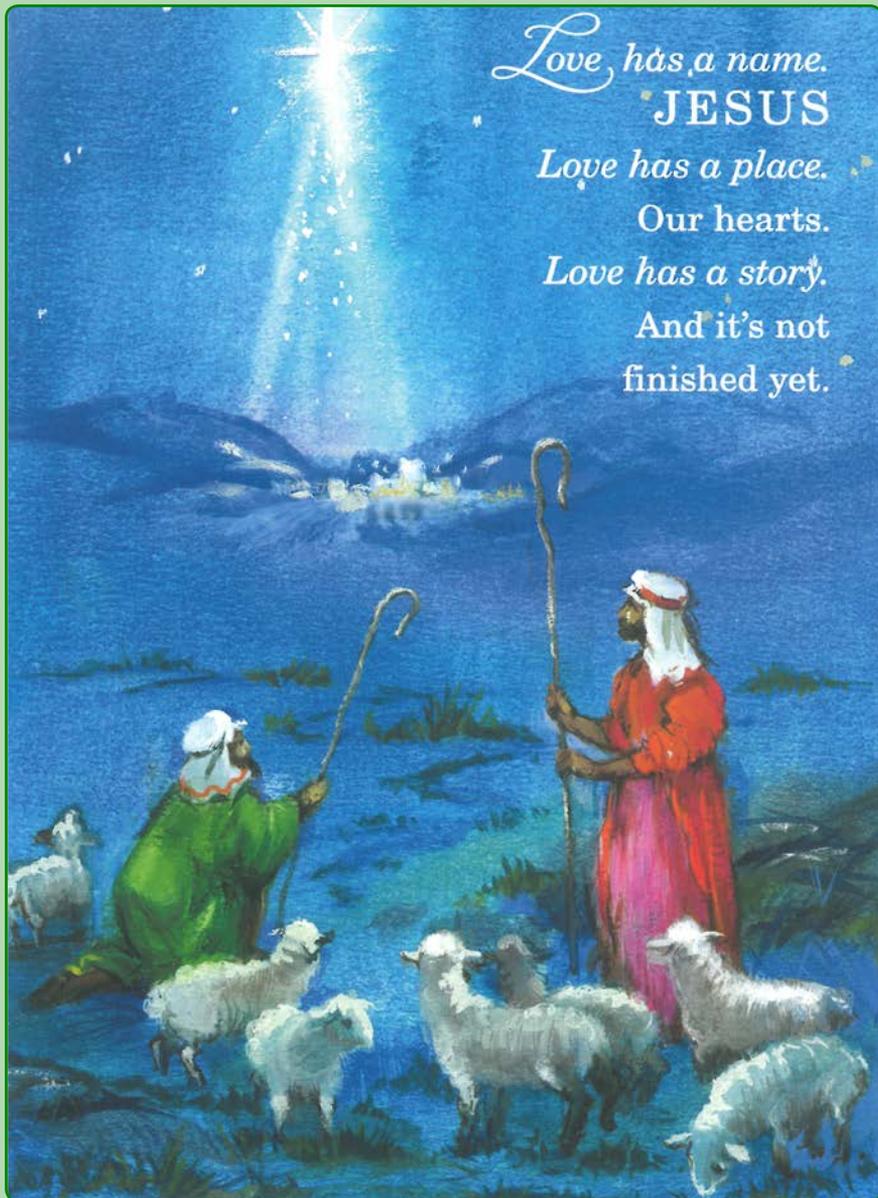


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Love has a name.

JESUS

Love has a place.

Our hearts.

Love has a story.

And it's not
finished yet.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

John R. Rice

"And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before [the shepherds] and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men'" (Luke 2:9-14).

I thought I heard the angels
As they talked of Jesus' birth:
One said, "Look, I see the shepherds
In the fields, soon to the earth
I'll announce the gladdest tidings
Ever heard in that world's dearth."

"Wasn't Mary glad?" said Gabriel,
"When I hailed the choice God made.
She should bear God's one begotten
Prophesied, the mother-maid!"
"All my soul doth magnify Him,
God my Savior," so she said.

"God sent me to tell the wise men
Through a star," another said.
"They had read the Prophet Daniel;
Thus to seek the King were led.
I must warn of Herod's plan to
Kill baby in His bed."

Gabriel told how Zacharias
Heard from him John would be born,
Then how troubled Joseph trembled
On his bed distressed, forlorn,
Till he gladly heard that Mary
Still was pure, and took her home.

Then a flutter—what assembling,
To announce the Saviour's birth.
"Let me tell it!" "Oh, I want to,"
Eager faces, holy mirth.
"Could we have a part," they pleaded
"To tell men of peace on earth?"

THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS 2017 NEW YEAR 2018

GREETINGS

from our house to your house

May the Lord richly bless you and your loved ones with a full measure of His incomparable love. We hope you and yours will have a splendid Christmas and a wonderful New Year. May 2018 bring you continued growth in your walk with the Lord as you discover new things about His plans for you.

May you have the blessing of the Lord fully (**Proverbs 10:22**). May the power of God uphold you (**1 Corinthians 2:5**) and the peace of God enfold you (**Philippians 4:7**). May the Word of God direct you (**1 John 2:14**) and the armor keep you, protect you (**Ephesians 6:11**). May His good news ever cheer you (**1 Thessalonians 3:2**), and His perfect love draw you (**Romans 5:5**) to keep you sure. Jesus--now--forever (**Hebrews 13:8**)--faileth never (**Psalms 52:8**).

The J. Gordon Henrys
Jim and Sue
Ruth 2:12

'Twas agreed that every angel
Should the mighty chorus swell
First the good news, one declaring,
Then the "Peace on earth" as well
Chanted by the million voices.
All the sky God's glory held.

Was a tear of sweet compassion
On an angel's holy face?
"How afraid were poor lost sinners
When we came to tell God's grace!
Oh, they need our blessed Jesus,
All of Adam's fallen race!"

"Come my darlings," to the cherubs
Gabriel called, "Take up your harps.
Sing with gladness of the Savior,
Sing of hope in world so dark."
But one cherub said, "I can't sing:
When will Jesus tune my harp?"

Well, the angels have our Jesus;
They'll return some millions strong
When with Jesus we are raptured,
When He reigns they'll come along.
They are servants pure and watchful
Of redeemed ones—so our song.

Oh, the holy angels watching
All encamped about the saints;
Little children, aged, poor ones
Need not fear nor fret nor faint.
Christmas angels, ever near us
God's sweet care with no complaint.

Note: **Dr. Rice** has long been one of our heroes. Sue's mother, **Willie King Troutman (Mrs. Rollie A.)**, read sermons out of the **Sword of the Lord** to her young children. The seeds were planted in the minds of the thirteen children God gave to the **Troutmans** and continue to bear fruit today.

Angels ministered to the Lord Jesus Christ during His visit to earth. In ways that we can only imagine,

they minister to us as well. We often call them "guardian angels." When it is time for us to leave our earthly bodies and pass from this world to our heavenly home, the angels will surely escort us as we journey through the first heavens where the birds fly, through the second heavens where the sun, moon, stars, and constellations are, into the third heaven where Jesus is.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

The Empty Manger

Doorkeeper Willis Snow
1901-1991

Do you worship a Babe in a manger,
Where munching cattle softly low?
I no longer am in that stable.
I left there a long time ago
To go where men's souls were hungry
And their bodies wracked with pain;
To encourage, comfort, & love them,
And bring hope to their hearts again;
To feed them with manna from Heaven,
Give Living Water their thirst to quench,
To guide them to the Way everlasting,
And present Truth for their spirit to clench.

'Twas a long way from Bethlehem to
Calvary,
Which led to the hill with a cross:
But I willingly followed that pathway
That man's spirit should suffer no loss.
Oh, do not go back to the manger,
When Christmas joy is in the air,
Just open your heart with love for Me
And I promise you'll find me there.

CENTER
your Christmas
in
CHRIST

Why Jesus Came

When Jesus came to Bethlehem
 Incarnate God, the Son,
 Our Kinsman-Redeemer, Saviour,
 God's own provided One;
 Was of a virgin mother born
 To pay redemption's cost;
 The perfect, conquering servant
 To rescue what was lost.

The Son of David for the throne
 The wise men came to see
 Was also Son of Abraham
 God's sacrifice for me.
 There in a body clothed that day
 Became the Son of man
 To bear the sin of guilty folks
 According to His plan.

To shepherds angels sang that night
 And told them of His birth.
 The Maker of the universe
 As man appeared on earth.
 The angels, shepherds, wise men too
 Rejoice when Christ was born.
 Let us with grateful hearts thank God
 For that first Christmas morn.

Edward L. Crane



2017: YOU PRAYED! YOU GAVE!
 TOUCHING LIVES SINCE 1980!

THE
 PRAYER SEMINAR
 MINISTRY
 IS SUPPORTED BY THE
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 DOORKEEPERS.

LOOKING AHEAD

2017

December 3 - A.M. Preaching
 Beulah Baptist Church
 Lynchburg, Virginia
 December 8 Board of Directors
 Murfreesboro, Tennessee
 December 9 Troutman Christmas
 Livermore, Kentucky

The Healing of a Nation

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 to 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 not want us to do? What are we not doing that He wants us to do? **REPENT!**

Is it too late for America to experience healing? Those living in the Central Virginia area are invited to hear Dr. Henry's timely message on this subject on Sunday, December 3, at Beulah Baptist Church, Leesville Road, Lynchburg, at 11:00 a.m. Tell a friend.

Love ever gives, forgives, outgives, and ever stands with open hands. And while it lives, it gives. For this is love's prerogative, To give, and give, and give.

John Oxenham

**ROPEHOLDERS
ARE NEEDED FOR
CUBA
KENYA
NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
SOUTH AFRICA
SOUTH KOREA
VENEZUELA
TO PROVIDE
PRAYER AND
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT.**

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 2017 Contributions will be mailed in early January 2018. Thanks for faithful giving in 2017.

**Reading the Bible Through
BOOKMARKS**

Daily Bible Reading makes a difference. My life changed in 1977 when until I made a decision to get 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 2018! It is time!**

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 began 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.

A CHALLENGE

I'm Reading the Bible Through bookmarks are available for every member of your family, your Sunday school class, Bible study group, or your entire congregation. JGHM will provide quantities that you request. It is commonly acknowledged that many believers do not read their Bibles. Providing a bookmark can be an encouragement and incentive for them to begin.

MY LORD AND I

Sung in the rocks and caves of France during the fierce persecutions of the Huguenots.

I have a friend so precious,
So very dear to me,
He loves me with such tender love,
He loves so faithfully,
I could not live apart from Him,
I love to feel Him nigh
And so we dwell together--
My Lord and I.
Sometimes I'm faint and weary,
He knows that I am weak,
And as He bids me lean on Him,
His help I gladly seek;
He leads me in the paths of light
Beneath a sunny sky,
And so we dwell together--
My Lord and I.
I tell Him all my sorrows,
I tell Him all my joys,
I tell Him all that pleases me,
I tell Him what annoys;
He tells me what I ought to do,
He tells me how to try,
And so we walk together--
My Lord and I.

IT'S CHRISTMAS

MEND A QUARREL. FORGIVE A
WRONG. GIVE A SOFT ANSWER.
WRITE A LETTER. LISTEN. SPEAK
YOUR LOVE. SPEAK IT AGAIN.
SPEAK IT STILL ONCE MORE! PRAY
FOR YOUR FAMILY ONE BY ONE!

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NOTES from my BIBLE

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS FOLLOW HIM

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps." 1 Peter 2:21

Note 4021. To **BETHLEHEM**, the place of **HUMILITY**;

Note 4022. To **GALILEE**, the place of **SERVICE**;

Note 4023. To **GETHSEMANE**, the place of **PRAYER**;

Note 4024. To **CALVARY**, the place of **SACRIFICE**;

Note 4025. "WHERE YOU LEAD ME, I WILL FOLLOW. I'LL GO WITH YOU ALL THE WAY."

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

10/17--11/15/2017

Regular	62	\$5,044.00
Ropeholders	<u>1</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	63	\$5,094.00



Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

WELCOME! NEW DOORKEEPERS!

Katherine Eaton (ME)

Nancy McPherson (ME)

Keith & Joan Mistretta (NH)

PRAYER CALENDAR**DECEMBER 2017**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

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

Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (NJ)
 Allie Allen (LA)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

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

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**1 TIM 1-3 (Botswana 319,031)**

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurline Braud (VA)
 Michal Breed (WI)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**1 TIMOTHY 4-6 (Botswana 2.1M)**

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

WEDNESDAY, 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)
 Joretta Capers (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

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

Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

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

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Katherine Eaton (ME)
 Bessie Egglesth (MD)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

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

Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Nancy Finnessy (MD)
 First Baptist -Pimlico (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 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)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Ron & KayGavette (VA)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Sara George (GA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**HEBREWS 3-4 (China 1.4B)**

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
 Velma Graven (KY)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (NC)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)

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

Gina Henry (VA)
 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)

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

Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**HEB 11-13 (Costa Rica 4.7M)**

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 William/Marsha Jester (DE)
 Jonathan/Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**JAMES 1-5 (Cuba 11.1M)**

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)
 W. I. & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Judy Jordan (VA)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**1 PETER (Ecuador 15.4M)**

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)
 Irwin/Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch: Dr. Shin
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Ed Lucas (VT)
 Rachel Mann (NC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**2 PETER (England 15.4M)**

Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Nancy McPherson (ME)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Chu (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry/Sandra Metzgar (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**1 JOHN (Fiji 896.758)**

Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Keith & Joan Mistretta (NH)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Driver/Roberta Morton (VA)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 NE Baptist College (VT)
 Mark Ballard, President
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
 Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**2 JOHN (France 66 M)**

Ann Palumbo (PA)

Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Barbara Powell (NY)
 Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)
 Dave Ricker (ME)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**3 JOHN (Germany 81.1M)**

Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**JUDE (Greece 10.8M)**

John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Phil & Wendy Scrank (IL)
 Steve Schrank (IL)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
 (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**REV 1-3 (India 1.2B)**

Ray Shields (VA)
 Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Sonshine Church (MD)
 Terri & Debra Turpin, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Helen Sourlis (MD)
 St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)
 C. L. Adams, Pastor
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
 William Suttles (NC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**REV 4-5 (Indonesia 251.2M)**

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Larry Thompson (VA)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Paula Tipton (TN)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**REV 6-8 (Italy 61.5M)**

William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Carroll/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**REV 9-13 (Jamaica 2.9M)**

Teri & Debra Turbin (MD)
 Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJK)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**REV 14-16 (Japan 127.3M)**

Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Patsy Ann Voss (DE)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**REV 17-19 (Kenya 44M)**

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Naomi Webb (NJ)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA))

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**REV 20-22 (S Korea 49M)**

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 Betty Yates (WI)
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)
 Frank Bell, President
 Fred & Susan Zeller (WV)

DAILY INTERCESSION

H Burma Abbott [Zane] (VA)
E Stan Baskin [Emily] (TN)
A Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)
L Joe Bruno [Martha] (CO)
T Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
H Ruth Henry (OH)
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
 Willie Troutman [Diane] (KY)
 Dr. Harris Verkaik [Jane] (MI)

INTERNATIONAL (representative)

Ben & Judy Armacost (England/Europe)
 Digmar & Lisbeysi Garcia (Cuba)
 Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Unnamed (Pakistan)
 Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
 Roberto & Joana Waisman (Brazil)
 Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, DON'T FORGET THE MISSIONARIES AND THE NATIONALS WHO SERVE FAITHFULLY AROUND THE WORLD.

PRAY FOR SAFETY AND THAT THE WORD OF GOD WILL HAVE FREE COURSE. CHECK YOUR HEART TO SEE IF THE HOLY SPIRIT PUTS A SPECIFIC NATION ON YOUR MIND AND THEN PRAY FOR THAT NATION. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW ABOUT VENEZUELA? NIGERIA? SOUTH KOREA? PAKISTAN? FIJI ISLAND?

THANKS, ROPEHOLDERS!

Through your gifts, many read a Reflector and a prayer seminar workbook in their own language!



WILMA MARCUM GAVE HERSELF TO CHRIST, CHRISTMAS 1964

YEAR END GIFTS

As you plan your own
December giving

Here are important questions as you prepare for Christmas season 2017. **What are you giving Jesus for His birthday this year?** What is under the tree for Him? Is Jesus first on your shopping list?

My message at the Kerby Knob Baptist Church, Jackson County, Kentucky on December 13, 1964, was entitled "A Right Christmas." I began by reminding the folks to remember three symbols related to the Lord Jesus Christ: a cradle, a cross, and a crown. As I write this article almost fifty-three years later, I have those very notes in front of me. Then I challenged everyone to celebrate a "**Right Christmas**" in 1964. A right Christmas includes (1) making room for Jesus; (2) worship; (3) giving; and (4) witnessing. Of course, I spoke of the innkeeper, the angels, the shepherds, and the three wise men.

In closing, I pointed out that **the very best present to give Jesus on His birthday is your heart.** The Holy Spirit moved in our midst and **Wilma Marcum (Mrs. Bud)** came to Christ. We rejoiced as did those around God's throne in Heaven.

It was said of believers in Thessalonica, "first, they gave themselves to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5). **REMEMBER WHAT YOU DO WITH JESUS DETERMINES YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY--Heaven or Hell. "Wilt thou be saved?" Then why not today? Give yourself to Him. BE SAVED TODAY.**

CHRISTMAS 2017

Dear family and friends,

With fewer than six weeks left in 2017, let us be among the first to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas as you celebrate Christ's birth and abounding blessings in the New Year. During the past twenty years or so, it has been my responsibility to draft a Christmas letter that provides a few vignettes related to our own family. If I have learned anything from this venture, it is that life is dynamic. We have learned that we must accept each new day as His special gift and that His grace will be sufficient for whatever comes.

Jim reminded me we have an Annual Christmas Letter folder. The tradition actually began in 1960. During these years, we have sent letters post-marked Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, and Tennessee since the Lord placed us in places of service in those states. In reviewing the letters, we have expressed appreciation for friendship and partnership. We have shared family updates to reflect the changes that the years bring both happy events and sad events. Our newest addition is Elizabeth James Henry, born September 22, just prior to Jim's 82nd birthday. She joins six other great-grandchildren, Caleb and Lillian in Oklahoma, Maggie, Willow, Stone, Caleb and Emma in Virginia. Our three children, the 3 Ms (Mona, Mark, and Melody) are well. The grandchildren enjoy good health and fortune Beau, Jeanne, Emilee, Kimberlee, James, and Wendy.

It was great fun to celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary in April and attend Jim's 60th class reunion at Berea College (KY). Many of you have reciprocated with your own Christmas letters that have allowed us to enjoy a personal visit from you. We have felt like you folks are part of our extended family.

As with most in our age bracket, time seems to advance rapidly for us. We are learning to cope with the changes of aging. We both love e-mail and our e-mail addresses are on page 6. This is a wonderful way to share pressing prayer requests and visit several times a day! We are profiting richly from the fellowship/ministry of Beulah Baptist Church, five minutes from our home. Jim's international seminars were in Argentina and Brazil this year. There are branches of JGHM in several nations/regions around the world, so prayer seminars are being taught often.

What does 2018 hold in store for us? The challenges facing our world behoove us to follow Paul's advice to the Galatians to not grow weary while doing good . . . as we have opportunity, let us do good to all (Galatians 6:9-10). We are abundantly blessed with family, friends, and ministry partners and are very thankful for each of you. You enable ministry and are such an encouragement to us and we thank you.

Yours in Calvary love,

Sue J. Henry

Ruth 2:12

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The Christmas Story

VERSES TO READ ALOUD to guide and your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus: **REFLECT. PONDER. PRAY.**

ISAIAH 7:14. "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

ISAIAH 9:1-7. For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders ; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore . The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

LUKE 1:35. The angel answered and said to [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."

MATTHEW 1:18-24. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows : when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife ; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "She will bear a Son ; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet : "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife

LUKE 2:1-20. Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on

his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son ; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid ; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people ; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

A WORD FROM MARTIN

YOU REMAIN SPECIAL TO US PAPA.

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2017 4:57 am

Greetings today,

It is our Wednesday the 15th already. All of us as a family are very okay and well-kept of the Lord. As you taught me, it all started at 5:30am today into the precious Word of God and then Prayer up to 7am. Very nice that a person does not even desire to leave, in His Presence. This followed with family worship time this week being led with Lydia and Shalom sharing God's Word from Romans 8:22. Powerful. I then left with Anne to one of our Churches towards Kitale called, Ndalul Baptist Church (one hour drive) in my capacity as Baptist Convention of Kenya-Trustee. They have some conflicts with a house in the church piece of land. People are illegally staying in this house who are not our church members causing threats to our congregation here and there. They are to be evicted. We are not yet politically settled but very alert in our task, Prayer.

Otherwise, we had a very good Prayer Seminar Training last Saturday, November 11, for Kamukuywa Baptist Association. Place-Kamukuywa Baptist Church; Host Pastor-Benjamin Wanjala; Total Attendance-119; Pastors-17; Souls saved-3; Distance traveled 120 miles. On November 25th, it will be for Mailisaba Pastors Fellowship in Kitale. Target is 100.

Pass our love to all not forgetting our dear Mum Sue and Maggie. Congratulations for the added family. We celebrated with you as a family last night when we received this month's **Reflector**. God bless you.

Martin and Anne Shikuku, Director
JGHM: East/Central Africa Branch
Romans 2-4,
Colossians 3:23

A WORD FROM DIGMAR

Dominican Republic Seminars

Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017

Estimado Dr. Henry,

Reciba mis saludos, sepa que para mí es un privilegio poder servir a Dios mediante el Seminario sobre la Oración, cada día le doy gracias a Dios por sus vidas y ministerios, hace poco, en los días del 10 al 19 de Octubre tuve la bendición de poder estar en República Dominicana, para comenzar una extensión del Seminario ECETE donde impartí algunas asignaturas y soy miembro de su facultad. Gracias a Dios pude impartir cuanto Seminarios sobre la oración, en Santo Domingo.

Amazingly, Digmar is not only conducting prayer seminars in Central Cuba, he recently conducted four prayer seminars in the Dominican Republic. The summary report: Participants 125; Pastors 17; Missionaries 5; Professions for salvation 12. It is significant that these are the first prayer seminars in the Dominican Republic. Digmar traveled over 4,000 miles. Already in November, he has taught two prayer seminars in Cuba (3 converts).

Digmar Garcia, Director
JGHM: Cuba/Venezuela Branch
1 Corinthians 3:6-9

A WORD FROM ADAM

Due to the unrest in Venezuela, Adam, Dianna, and David Nathanson are working out of Panama City with brief intervals in Venezuela. Adam has traveled to Cuba to work with Digmar and establish a two-year Bible institute for pastors centered in Santa Clara. We have worked with Adam in raising funds for printing study materials for 100 students.

Pray for things to settle in Venezuela.

A WORD FROM ORTHNEL WAKIL (NIGERIA)

The Lord has blessed the prayer ministry which had its genesis with prayer seminars throughout the nation in 1988. The fruit has been tremendous. We have recently received word that the prayer ministry continues to bless the