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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2010

CHERISH AND USE EACH DAY!

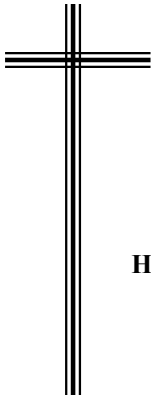
**"This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it."**

Psalm 118:24

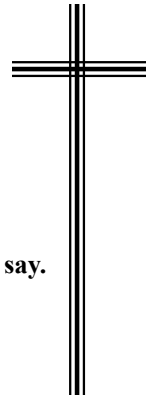
**THE LORD IS GOOD; THEN TELL OF HIM.
THE LORD IS GOOD; THEN TRY HIM.
THE LORD IS GOOD; THEN TRUST HIM.
THE LORD IS GOOD; THEN THANK HIM.**

This is a good day to tell of Christ wherever you go. Someone needs a tract you can leave behind, or a word that you can speak, the smile you can give, and just the word concerning the Lord Jesus Christ that you can drop here and there along the way. **DO IT.** Then you will find this day will be a richer day if you just drop a word for Christ along the way.

HONOR YOU, LORD



**O Lord, I have a busy day
In this world around me;
Eye, ear, and mind may
Be used to honor Thee;
Bless them and help me not to stray
From the work you've given me.
Help me to HONOR YOU in all I do and say.**



**Doorkeeper Walt Sommers
Lynchburg, Virginia**

Perspectives

As Christians we are pilgrims and sojourners in this land. This world is not our home. We need words of encouragement to begin a new year and they can be found in **Hebrews 6:13-20**. As we begin walking into the 365 days ahead of us, there is a clear message we would do well to remember. In this passage, we learn about our great High Priest, the **Lord Jesus Christ**. We are first taken to Mount Moriah where the Lord gave a promise to **Abraham (v 15)**. God's promises are embraced (**vv 16-18**).

Then the writer takes us on a "journey of encouragement" by piling up one metaphor after another about **Jesus Christ**. He is called a "**refuge**" and our "**hope**," and "**anchor**" both "sure and steadfast." He even refers to the anchor going "within the veil" and states that Christ our "forerunner has entered, even Jesus, made a **high priest** for ever after the order of Mechisedec" (**v 20**).

At first glance, these metaphors all seem unrelated. One Bible scholar has pointed out that the word "forerunner" was a little ship that took the anchor into the harbor. What a picture we have here for these days in which we live. Our **refuge**, our **hope**, our **anchor**, has been taken into the harbor of heaven beyond the veil as our High Priest. While we are here in life, coping in a complex world, we are anchored in **Jesus**, in the harbor of Heaven as secure here as He is there, as our **High Priest**.

Let the Lord be magnified Psalm 35:27

This is the time of year when we often engage in serious reflection. We look back and consider the past months and then, just as quickly, look with anticipation and resolution to the future. It is also a time when Christians often think of a verse for reflection and contemplation to take with them for the next twelve months.

For the past thirty years, I have chosen what I call "My Verse for the Year" that I try to keep with me for special strength. I write it in my Bible so that I can see it often. Since 2010 is the 30th year of the prayer seminar ministry, I have chosen a thought out of **Psalm 35:27** "Let the Lord be magnified" both for myself and the prayer seminar ministry. How brief, but how blessed, is this thought to my heart. A similar verse is found in **Colossians 1:18** when Paul said, "That in all things He might have the preeminence." These two verses instruct us to make the Lord supreme and foremost in every facet of our lives. Perhaps many of our readers could join in this selection.

Before we use the verse, it is important, however, that we understand its meaning. **Are you willing to be and do whatever it takes for Him to be magnified?** Are you willing to "be still" if, in that, He will be best exalted? Are you willing to say, "If in my disappointment He makes His divine appointments, I willingly submit to His will; **let the Lord be magnified.**" "If in my confinement is His Divine assignment, I willingly submit; **let the Lord be magnified.**" "If my burden results in another's blessing, I am perfectly content to submit to His design for my life; **let the Lord be magnified.**" "If by abandoning my plans He will have the full preeminence, I am happy to submit to His plan for my life; **let the Lord be magnified.**"

It doesn't mean that He will be magnified in the things that give us the most pleasure and delight. In a recent message, our pastor, **J. Tyler Scarlett**, preached a soul-searching, probing message from **Psalm 118:14**: "The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation." The pastor pointed out that God is "help for the helpless, power for the powerless, and righteousness for the unrighteous." Then he asked, "**Is God enough?**" He postulated that if everything were taken away that we cherish and deem important, could we say that "He is enough?"

After the message, **Lowry Miller**, one of our **Doorkeepers** who was sitting near Sue and me, looked me in the face and expressed my sentiments exactly, "I have to go home and think about this."

When our whole objective in life is to simply exalt His name, give Him the preeminence and magnify Him, He will give us perfect peace. We cannot obtain this peace merely by fulfilling our own fleshly plans. To live an abandoned, surrendered life is to be content with whatever the Lord has for us. It is being clay in the Potter's hands, a servant (bondslave) to the Master, ready to do His will. It is having our will lost in His.

Are you ready to surrender to this extent no matter what the cost? Is your foremost desire to magnify the Lord? A willing heart that answers "yes" is the first step into a year filled with unprecedented thrills and blessings. He will never take advantage of our full surrender. A new adventure of life can begin again with the Lord this year for all whose supreme desire is to "Let the Lord be magnified." "Let a man examine himself" (**1 Corinthians 11:28**).

Perhaps the words in a prayer by **George MacDonald** will be helpful as you think about your own life. "My Father, do with me as You will, only help me against myself and for You; I am Your child, the inheritor of Yourself, Your being, a part of Yourself, glorious in You, but grown poor in me: let me be Your dog, Your horse, or anything You will; let me be Yours in any shape the love that is my Father may please to have me; let me be yours in any way, and my own or another's in no way but yours."

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

A New Year's Prayer

O Father, I praise You. I worship You because You are God Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth and everything in them. You created times and seasons.

Thank You for **2009** which has come and gone. Thank You that I am counted among the living whom You have ushered into a New Year **2010**.

As I **reflect** on the year just ended, all I see is Your faithfulness and my unfaithfulness; Your bountiful mercies and supplies and my ungrateful heart; Your love and kindness, goodness and my stubbornness and disobedience. I confess my weak love for You. I confess that I was often more concerned about my pursuits than Your desires. I **confess** my often not praying as I ought (praying less than You desire, and less than I know I should). I admit not reading my Bible as I should have done. I confess not meditating upon Your word as I should have done. I admit my not witnessing as I should have done. In so many ways, my life was a mess, a misrepresentation of You.

But, O Father, this is my past--2009. You said that when I am sorry about my sins, repent, changing my mind about them, and confess them one by one that You forgive and cleanse to change me. With thanksgiving, I humbly receive your forgiveness and cleansing that gives me a new start.

Help me in this New Year 2010 to spend more time with you in prayer, in the Word, in meditation, and in witnessing as a daily lifestyle walking with You all through this year. May I follow the words of this hymn as my theme for 2010: "[I will] turn [my] eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." This is my desire. May I live each day with eternity's values in view. I present this New Year's prayer to You, Father, in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit asking for Your glory. Amen.

Christ, our High Priest

When the Lord Jesus Christ lived on earth, He made prayer a priority in His life. That is evident as we read the twenty-one recorded times He prayed and the twenty-one additional times that He taught “how to pray and how not to pray.” As He completed His work on earth, He gave final instructions to His disciples in the Upper Room. He informed them that He was returning to His Father and leaving the work in their hands. He told them that He would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit into the world. The question is, “Does Jesus have anything to do with prayer now that He has returned to the Father?” The answer is a resounding “YES!”

Christ, as our High Priest, lives in Heaven, and sits in the position of honor and authority at the right hand of the Father in the Throne Room. He is there “to make intercession for [us].” So, He is able to save “to the uttermost” there. The “uttermost” does not mean the “guttermost” as it is often quoted signifying He can save anybody. While this is true, this verse does not teach this. Rather, the “uttermost” means completely. What an assurance this is and how wonderful that our salvation and its continuance depends on His eternal priesthood. Vine says, “His power to save is due to His unchangeable Priesthood. This calls for our constant gratitude and adoration.” He is the One through whom we have direct access to God (**Hebrews 10:19-25**).

TRUTH SUMMARIZED

The Ten Commandments are God’s Word for any person and are fulfilled with one word, LOVE God and your neighbor. Love is the key. But you must be born again of God’s Spirit; then you will have this love. Ask for it today. Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. By faith trust Him to save you now.

--Doorkeeper Dufrene Cummings, NC

Reflections for 2010

“LORD, give me a task larger than myself, wisdom greater than my years, friends to share my vision, sufficient funds to realize it, and length of days to accomplish it. [In Jesus’ name, I ask]. Amen”

Woodrow Kroll, Back to the Bible

“LORD, You be the needle and I will be the thread. You go first and I will follow wherever You lead.”

Congolese convert

JUST ONE REQUEST

Dear Master for this coming year

Just one request I bring;

I do not pray for happiness,

Or any earthly thing

I do not ask to understand

The way Thou ledest me,

But this I ask: Teach me to do

The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,

To walk with Thee each day.

Dear Master make me swift to hear

And ready to obey,

And this the year I now begin

A happy year will be

If I am seeking just to do

The thing that pleaseth Thee.

Selected

Charles Spurgeon said: “You cannot glorify God better than by a calm, quiet, happy life. Let the world know that you serve a good Master! If you are in trouble, do not let any see that the trouble touches your spirit nay, more, do not let it trouble your spirit! Rest in God, take ill as well as good from His hand, and keep on praising Him.”

In a statement that teaches much about the purpose and power of prayer, Paul admonishes Timothy to pray for those in authority that he may be able to live a quiet and peaceful life (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**).

I shall not pass this way again

Through this toilsome world, alas!
Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.

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Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
John/Elberta McSween (Trinidad)
Leslie & Tabitha Motalane (SAfrica)
Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

Itinerary

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

2 Thessalonians 3:1

January

- 16 Area-wide--Melbourne
Prayer Seminar
Prince of Peace Anglican Church
Melbourne FL
- 24 Prayer Seminar
Northside Baptist Church
Greensboro NC

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Intercede for others

The fundamental principle of intercession is to focus the power of God on a person or a specific situation. That God is looking for intercessors is obvious as recorded in **Isaiah 59:16**: "And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor." Certainly, **God is able! God is willing! God is waiting!** He is waiting for us to call upon Him. Intercession is prayer work. God is waiting for us to go to work.

If you have not been an intercessor for your family members, your friends, your church, your nation, and your world, don't waste time in regret. Begin 2010 as an intercessor. Make a prayer list with specific requests for each day. Don't forget to record God's answers. Keep the list as a running journal and you will have a constant reminder the God you serve is a prayer-answering God.

To intercede for others, you can use Paul's prayer recorded in **Colossians 1:9-12** to guide you. To intercede for others, ask God through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that they would:

- ✓ Be filled with the knowledge of His will (v 9).
- ✓ Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord (v 10).
- ✓ Bear fruit in every good work (v 10).
- ✓ Increase in the knowledge of God (v 10).
- ✓ Be strengthened with all power (v 11).
- ✓ Joyously give thanks to the Lord (vv 11-12).

Trusting God means looking beyond what we can see to what God sees. In Heaven, you and those for whom you interceded will be glad that you became an intercessor; so will the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Don't forget to remember
"The joy of the Lord is [your]
strength."
Nehemiah 8:10

Consider Jesus

(one in a series of five)

The Lord Jesus Christ is the expression of God (**Hebrews 1:1-3**). Consider Him in His **person**. In His very nature, our Lord Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God (**John 1:1**). Before Jesus came, God spoke to men in various ways. The Old Testament records show God communicated His will to the prophets through audible voices, inscriptions, angelic appearances, visions, and through dreams (**Numbers 12:6-8**). "In these last days" God has completed His self-revelation in the Person of His Son (**Colossians 2:9-10**). There will be no other revelation.

Annual Report 2009

Year 29

"...that those who sow and those who reap may rejoice together ..." (John 4:36)

Sixty-three prayer seminars were conducted during 2009 in twelve states (AL, FL, GA, KY, NY, NC, PA, OK, OR, SC, TN, VA) and eight foreign countries (Canada, Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru, Rwanda, Uganda). Miles traveled totaled 59,047 and there were ninety-three days on the road. We have now conducted 1,410 seminars in forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and fifty-five other nations. Total miles traveled during the twenty-nine years that we have been conducting prayer seminars total 2,359,248.

We are grateful to those who have made JGHM's 2009 work possible through prayers and generous gifts many sacrificial. As "sowers" and "reapers," we can rejoice together. And yet, we know **our work is not done**. The cycles of sowing and reaping must continue to enable us to touch more lives around the world. The need is great and the hour is late..

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1146. Let the desire of my heart be that those who pass by will say not "what a wonderful

Christian he is," but "what a wonderful Christ he has."

Note 1147. Faith and worry cannot co-exist, because faith believes God who has promised to take care of His children.

Note 1148. Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do but does not get you anywhere.

Note 1149. Life here on earth is only for a moment; life above is life without end.

Note 1160. Don't fail to do something for Christ just because you can't do everything.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

November 19--December 22

Regular	53	\$16,215.00
Nigeria	45	<u>5,107.00</u>
Total	98	\$21,322.00



SOWING! THEN REAPING!

**THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
BECAUSE OF YOUR PRAYER AND
FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WE ENTER 2010--
ALL BILLS PAID, READY TO SERVE.**

PRAYER CALENDAR**January 2010**

“I will give myself to prayer...”

Psalm 109:4b**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1****GENESIS 1-2 (Argentina 40.7M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Burnace Abrams (OH)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Rosalee Adams (VA)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**GENESIS 3-5 (Australia 21M)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
 Carolyn Barkley (NY)
 Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Frank Bell (TN)

Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4**GENESIS 6-9 (Bahamas 307,451)**

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
 William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
 Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 EmileeKimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Mary Ann Brown (GA)

Shirley Brown (VA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**GENESIS 10-11 (Botswana 1.8M)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)

Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Ruby Burger (TN)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

Joreatha Capers (FL)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**GENESIS 12-14 (Brazil 196.3)**

David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Merry J Chandler (MD)

Mary Clarke (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)

Joe & Carol Coulter (VA)

Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**GENESIS 15-17 (Canada 33.2)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Duffrene Cummings (NC)

Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John & Margaret Davis (VA)

Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**GENESIS 18-20 (Chile 16.5M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Ch (MD)

Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

Alan & Rebecca Dockey (KY)

Emogene Dorsett (TX)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Walt Edwards (NC)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Grace Eldridge (NJ)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Evalena Enoch (VA)

Lynne Farrow (NJ)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**GENESIS 21-24 (China 1.3B)**

June Fisher (TN)

Makeva Flowers (VA)

Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11**GEN 25-26 (Congo DR 66.5M)**

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)

Doug Henry (TN)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger Henry (OH)

Sean Henry (KS)

Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)

Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**GEN 27-31 (Costa Rica 4.3M)**

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Bonnie Houston (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert & Almareta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**GENESIS 32-36 (Cuba 11.4M)**

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Louis & May Jenkins (DC)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Peter & Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**GENESIS 37-40 (Ecuador 13.9M)**

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Jean Jonte (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Robert & Rose Klaus (WA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**GENESIS 41-44 (England 50.1M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Sherry Klutz (WA)
Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)
Thomas Knight Jr (SC)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
David & Cathy Laing (FL)
Phil Landers (OK)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**GENESIS 45-47 (Fiji 931,741)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC)
Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell, Jr., Chancellor
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18**GENESIS 48-50 (France 64M)**

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
Leonard & Martha Meador (WV)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Church (VA)

Virgil & Sue Knipp, Ministers
Mona Merry (SC)
Brenda Merritt (SC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**EXODUS 1-2 (Germany 82.4M)**

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20**EXODUS 3-6 (Greece 10.7M)**

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**EXODUS 7-10 (India 1.2B)**

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**EX 11-12 (Indonesia 237.6M)**

Paul & Donna Quetscho (VA)
James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
Alice Riddick (NC)
Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**EXODUS 13-15 (N. Ireland ?M)**

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
Bob Rose (MI)
David & Amy Ross (KY)
Sandra Rumore (VA)
Denise Russell (OR)
John Saint (PA)
Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)
Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Seigner, Mary (VA)
Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
His Highest Praise (HI)
Lori Siri, Pastor
Mary Skiles (KS)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25**EXODUS 16-18 (Israel 7.1M)**

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
Marion J. Stansell (TX)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**EXODUS 19-20 (Italy 58.1M)**

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
Clarence/Roselin Stringfield (VA)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**EXODUS 21-24 (Jamaica 2.8M)**

Temple of Praise (TX)
Gilbert Perez, Pastor
Earlene Thigpen (TN)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
David & Montez Thompson (CO)
Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
Paula Tipton (TN)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**EXODUS 25-27 (Japan 127.3M)**

Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**EXODUS 28-31 (Kenya 38 M)**

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau Ware (VA)
Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**EXODUS 32-34 (S. Korea 49.2M)**

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Edward Williams (NC)
Elijah Williams (NJ)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**EX 35-40 (Lesotho 2.1M)**

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
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*Failure in prayer is
often due to a heart
out of tune with God.*

Reflector begins 56th year

Fifty-six years ago, the **Reflector** was born in Berea, Kentucky. I was a college student with limited time and pastor of a thriving church. A chapel speaker reminded us of the power of the printed word. People read when their hearts are receptive. He told of a communist man who sold his coat when it was winter in New York City to have funds to print their message. It was obvious that through a paper, I could minister to our families. This is still the reality.

I asked the Lord to give me a typewriter and promised to prepare a paper, which I would name the "Reflector." With \$10 down and a \$10 monthly payment, I purchased a Underwood manual typewriter from Sears-Roebuck for \$100. We were able to type on stencils and obtained permission from the Dean of Men's office to print the paper on their mimeograph machine.

From the beginning, each paper contained both information and inspirational articles (poems, sayings, short studies). Postage was a penny using pre-cancelled stamps. The paper was well received each week.

As I changed positions, I continued the **Reflector**. Once the prayer seminar ministry began in 1980, many families asked to be placed on the mailing list. We moved to a monthly production and the number grew to over 12,000. There has never been a subscription price since we saw it as an extension of the prayer seminar ministry enabling us to continue to encourage folks who had made commitments related to their spiritual lives during the seminars.

Once we started **JGHM Southern Africa Branch**, we needed funds to keep it going. A decision was made to move to a monthly publication primarily to encourage and strengthen our **Doorkeepers**, people whose hearts the Lord had touched to provide prayer and financial support.

As I prepare copy for each issue, I ask the Holy Spirit to provide guidance. I pray that

each reader will be blessed by the words that are written and that they will bring glory to God. Many who receive the **Reflector** have been my students in a prayer seminar. The **Reflector** allows me to keep in touch. As you read, remember that providing the paper is one of the greatest honor God has given to touch lives through the printed word. Hopefully, we can continue for many more years.

Advice

When you approach a difficult passage in Scripture (and there are many), it is good to follow the advice of **George Henderson** who said that we should not allow "words which we do not understand to rob us of the joy and blessedness of those which we do understand."

Two things certain

"It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment." **Hebrews 9:27**

This verse assures us of two things. First, man must die, and secondly, judgment follows. This is an appointment that every person will keep. How wonderful to know that because of the full and complete work of the Lord Jesus Christ for us, the fear of death is gone. Note, too, that after death there is not an intermediate state of purgatory; there is no second chance! Let every reader ask whether or not he/she knows the Lord and has the assurance that they are saved.



Enclosed are two ***I'm Reading the Bible Through*** bookmarks. Plan to read through the Bible with us this year. It is not too late to begin.

A daily appointment

I trust that all of us will maintain a “Quiet Hour” to begin each day during the New Year that will include waiting before God, Bible reading and prayer. Certainly, this can be a “Holy Hour.” For a number of years, JGHM has shared “I’m Reading the Bible Through” Bookmarks. If you need additional bookmarks for members of your family or Sunday school class, let us know. A schedule is helpful. In the monthly **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar**, my own reading schedule is included. Although there are other plans, a number of our readers have found it helpful to place the **Reflector** in their Bibles and follow this reading program. It’s not too late to get started if you haven’t done so already. What profit awaits those who will faithfully spend time in the Word during 2010.

Prepare for your “Quiet Hour” by simply “stilling” yourself as God instructed in **Psalm 46:10**. If you want your “strength renewed” for the new day, “wait” upon Him (**Isaiah 40:31**). If you want Him to “draw near” to you, you must take the initiative to “draw near” to Him (**James 4:8**). Before you read your Bible and before you pray, prepare your mind until you realize fully that this will be the most important thing you will do today.

God reveals Himself in His Word. Once you perceive Him, you will be ready to talk to Him. Prayer includes listening and talking. “Prayer is not preparation for the greatest work; prayer is the greatest work. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work but prayer is strengthened through the Word of God.” Satan does not want you to pray and “trembles when he sees the weakest Christian in prayer.” Satan will fight each of us on that front, knowing that if he can gain the victory there, the battle is essentially won.

Maintain the “Holy Hour.” Let nothing keep you from your daily appointment with the Lord. You will be blessed and strengthened spiritually by the difference that time with Him will make.

First on your daily “To do” list

“But seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” (**Matthew 6:33**).

As one who has ministered almost six decades, I could give you no greater advice than being sure that this verse is at the top of your daily “to do” list. Put Christ first. Give Him the finest hours of your day, the freshest thoughts of your mind, the uppermost consideration in your plans, and make Him the object of your deepest affections. Then everything else will fall into its natural place and will find meaning in your rather complex life. Many of your problems and difficulties are not a matter of the rightness of certain things; rather, they are the order of their importance.

Think of any period of carnality in your life, present or past. Wasn’t it because other things, however legitimate they might have been, took precedence over Christ and spiritual things? You have only 24 hours just like everyone else. But if you are determined that Christ is going to be absolutely first, you will find the hours, the minutes, and the seconds taking on new meaning.

What and who has PRIORITY (to prioritize is to order according to importance) in your life? What really matters in your life? Who gets the greatest attention and receives absolute authority in your life? **Priorities**, that’s the answer. It is the difference between the spiritual and the carnal, the success and the failure, the unusual and the common. Maybe it is time you tried the system of planned neglect, turning away from certain things (even when they are good) and turning toward certain things that are better. It can make a difference in your life. Try it and see for yourself.

**DO YOUR BEST . . .
GOD WILL DO THE REST!**

The 2009 Nigeria story



TRAINING PRAYER SEMINAR LEADERS—JOS

Isaiah declares, “God’s ways are not our ways; our ways are not His ways; His ways are best.” We made our plans to teach thousands, and we taught many, but not the 20,000 that had been envisioned by **Sunday Bwanhot and Nuhu Leo**. As I evaluated what God was doing, He caused me to focus on the hundreds who were in the training sessions for prayer associates who will join the Prayer Ministry under the leadership of **Nuhu Leo**, the present director of the prayer ministry. Since ECWA has now grown to over six million members in over 5,000 churches, there is no way possible that one person could serve the body of Christ scattered throughout Nigeria.

One of the “shocks” that I had was to learn that the Prayer Ministry (which has taught hundreds upon hundreds through prayer seminars beginning in 1989 under the leadership of **Onesimus Sule, Sunday Bwanhot, Gordie Okieze, Jerry Bupwatda, and Stephen Latong**) had come to a complete halt with no (or few) seminars the

past eighteen months. The reason was that the prayer ministry ran out of materials—no workbooks (either English or Hausa) and no funds to replenish the supply. Further, **Stephen Latong** had been assigned to the position of district chairman in the Kogoro area and **Nuhu Leo** selected to be the new director of the prayer ministry.

Nuhu sat under my teaching in each of the seminars. As he listened, the content of the seminar came alive for him as he gained new insights. Watching him was a beautiful sight to behold. We left him with a bountiful supply of workbooks and a beautiful group of folks who had gone through the initial training session to lead seminars in their areas under his guidance. God clearly indicated that this trip was not only to teach many people, but to rekindle the fire to burn brightly many years ahead. Consequently, the 2009 Nigeria story (10 prayer seminars, 6 training sessions) is one of hope for the future, rectifying a monumental problem and rekindling the embers to burn brightly once again.

As usual, the budget was met. Exactly 100 contributors exceeded the budget by \$523. Praise the Lord for each investment made. Truly, *we are laborers together with God*. Many of the present district chairmen were in the 1988 prayer seminars and shared how the Lord shaped their lives at that time.

MARCH 2010

**VENEZUELA
PARAGUAY & URUGUAY**

It all started in November 1988 during a series of prayer seminars throughout Nigeria. At that time a college student, **Shem Kamla**, was touched by what he had learned. Since that time, he has been teaching prayer seminars in northeast Nigeria as a part of our world-wide ministry.



FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, PASTOR SHEM HAS BEEN CONDUCTING PRAYER SEMINARS IN NE NIGERIA, SOME REMOTE AREAS. NOTE THE JGHM LOGO ON THE SIGN.

A SPECIAL YEAR

2010

Marks the 30th Year for the prayer seminar ministry.
 Marks the beginning of the 56th year of the Reflector.
 Marks the 57th year of ministry.

- A time to look back with thanksgiving and praise to God
- A time to look forward with anticipation/commitment

You have heard the simple, profound statement: “Only one life, it will soon be past; only what is done for Christ will last.” I marvel at how quickly seventy-four years of life has sped by. I marvel at being in the fifty-seventh year of ministry. It seems like it was just yesterday that I preached my first sermon in Berea, Kentucky.

To celebrate the 30th year of the prayer seminar ministry, I would like to conduct as many domestic prayer seminars in 2010 as possible. Already we have a number of international seminars scheduled. While I know that God opens and closes doors, I believe that it is important that those who have hosted or experienced a prayer seminar to share with a number of churches and friends. By **sharing the availability of the prayer seminar, you will help in scheduling.** No church/group is too big or too small to host a seminar. If you have ever said, “*I want my church to grow*” you should pray about hosting a prayer seminar.

A prayer seminar is a six-hour event that can be provided in one day (either Saturday or Sunday). Generally, when there is a Saturday seminar, I am available to preach on Sunday morning. There are other scheduling possibilities. Sometimes churches begin on Friday evening and finish on Saturday. Although I have not promoted it, a number of churches have felt that a “prayer revival” is best for them, beginning on Sunday morning and ending on Wednesday night. I am flexible in regard to scheduling.

An introductory packet, including a complimentary copy of the prayer seminar workbook (the basic teaching tool), is available on request. Each participant is given the workbook whether there is a contribution (suggested \$5) or not. Since JGHM is a faith ministry, there is no set fee. We ask the sponsor to inform their people ahead of time that a love offering will be received and then promote the offering. We ask that travel expense be provided if at all possible. To keep the expenses as low as possible, I am happy to be hosted in a private home.

My suggestion is to use E-mail jghm84@aol.com to facilitate communication. You will find helpful information on our website which is www.jgordonhenryministries.org. By the way, be sure to turn the praise player on when you check out the web site and listen to some of my favorite music. More and more “Give Me Jesus” touches my heart. I am putting testimonies/recommendations on the home page to provide a flavor of what can happen in a seminar

Over the years, we have found that if you will provide three possible dates that one of them will work. May **God** continue to be **Jehovah-Jireh** to you, your family, and your ministry day by day. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your consideration. May God get glory out of all our work during 2010, our special year.

PRAY FOR US

