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The Liberty Years 1972-1978



L-R Provost Boyd Rist, Dr. Henry, Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr.

Seldom in a lifetime does one see a grand vision become a reality. The vision for a biblically-based Christian college was in the minds of **Dr. Jerry Falwell** and **Dr. Elmer Towns** when my family and I arrived in Lynchburg, Virginia in May 1972 to join the LBC team. The next six years were demanding, but productive ones. There were many challenges and obstacles, but **there was never an identity crisis**. We knew who we were and where we were going. As we forged ahead clarifying the purpose and objectives statement, developing educational programs with appropriate policies and procedures to guide their implementation, recruiting students, and raising resources, God became Jehovah-Jireh (the Lord who provides and sees to it) in the fullest sense of His name.

A Council on Academic Affairs was established to work with me in overseeing the venture in which we were engaged. A paper trail was established for their work and the work of all other committees, as well as faculty meetings with full concept minutes. My primary instrument for communication within the college community was known as **The Academic Dean's Memo** reducing to writing not only major events, but day-to-day work. There were several red-letter days. One was when we were awarded state approval to grant degrees. Another was when we were awarded candidacy recognition with the

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) achieved in a record-breaking time. It was a great day when our teacher education graduates were certified to teach in Virginia.

During an evaluation team visit from the **Transnational Association of Christian Schools and Colleges (TRACS) on Friday, March 2, 1990**, I presented my personal copies of key documents (such as a full set of **The Academic Dean's Memo**) to Dr. Falwell for the archives. On Monday, June 15, I returned to campus to present additional archival items including a framed copy of the purpose and objectives statement that guided us in the foundational years, a copy of my final commencement bulletin with a personal thank-you note to Sue and me from Dr. Falwell in his handwriting, a set of my annual academic dean's addresses to the faculty, and a portrait commissioned by my friend and colleague, **Dr. Ron Cottle**, Columbus, Georgia.

The vision has been realized; the dream has come true. The torch has been passed. Now I have one more request for our **Doorkeepers**. As never before, Liberty University and its key leaders, Chancellor **Jerry Falwell Jr.** and Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs **Boyd Rist** need your prayers. Of course, Satan does not like the idea of a sound Christian educational institution. We can provide a prayer covering for Liberty.

Perspectives

Most Christians put prayer high on their list of failures and deficiencies. What about your personal altar? Is it broken down and deserted? Take measure of your prayer life. What has happened to the practice of prayer in your life?

No believer's spiritual life will ever rise above the level of his praying. You are what you are on your knees nothing more. Regular daily contact with your Source of spiritual life, Jesus Christ Himself, is absolutely necessary.

Average Christians fail in their prayer lives because they do not set apart a definite time and place to meet the Lord daily. Would you expect to be healthy if you ate a meal only once a week? Of course not! The same is true in your spiritual life.

During the past few months, I have been sharing thoughts from three morning lectures delivered by **Matthew Henry** in 1712, two years before his death. In this study, I want to conclude thoughts from the first message dealing with **how to begin the day with God**. The bulk of this study is from an article that I wrote for the Pathway *Witness* Magazine (November 1983)

Here's a workable plan on how to begin and maintain a morning meeting with the Lord. Sink your roots deeply into a **DAILY DEVOTIONAL LIFE**. Without a **QUIET TIME**, you will not grow spiritually as you should.

Here are some suggestions for starting your daily time with God.

ESTABLISH IN YOUR MIND THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

You do what you consider important. You have spent a lifetime developing patterns of behavior that have become habits in your life. In order to establish a prayer time, you may need to develop new habits. As you are in the process of doing this, you will be pulled between old habits and the new ones; that's normal, so expect it. Make up your mind that **each day** you will find a time to be alone with Christ. Set a specific time to meet Him in prayer.

DESIGNATE A TIME AND A PLACE

Begin each day with God. If you normally get up at 6 a.m., plan to get up at 5:45 a.m. to have a few minutes with God. **THIS IS A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE**. If we follow the example of Jesus, it will be a morning hour. You may need to get to bed earlier so you can meet your appointment with God.

Jesus gave His disciples a model prayer, revealing a pattern for us to follow. That prayer assumes early morning praying. You would not ask God for your daily bread, for example, after your day is over. Neither would you need deliverance from temptation when you are about to go to sleep.

A major reason why it should be the first part of your days is that we should invite God in on the beginning; we should not wait until we have messed up our day and then go to God to put the pieces back together.

The place of prayer should be private. Jesus suggested a place that is quiet, secluded, and shut when He talked about closet praying. In His day, folks kept their valuables in closets; hence, there was limited access to the closet. It is obvious that we need to designate a place to be our altar of prayer that is as free from interruptions as possible. Use that place exclusively for your time with God.

Remember, you must in your mind and heart make prayer a priority enough to schedule a time for prayer in your daily life just as you schedule eating and sleeping. You can do it! Ask God to help you: "Lord, I look forward to meeting You the first thing in the morning for a few minutes. When I awaken, I will keep my appointment with You."

"IN THE MORNING"

Since I had learned the importance of early morning praying, I welcomed Matthew Henry's perspective related to "in the morning," David's expression: "For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up" (**Psalm 5:3 KJV**). Another translation is "In the morning, I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation." Henry pointed out that this language denotes a close application of mind

and heart, an earnest and elevated purpose in the supplicant. Not to others, nor to be heard by them, do we pray, but to God. We “look up” to Him as dwelling in the heavens, yet as One whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain. We must also “look up: for an answer to our prayers, and we must look around us to observe how far God operates in our favor and what obstacles are to be removed before a gracious answer may be reasonably expected.

The time appropriated to prayer is in the morning, not then only, but prayer is to be one of the first employments in the day. Every Christian should commence the day with secret prayer for several reasons:

1. The morning being the first part of the day, it is fit that He who is the First, should have the first, and be first served.
2. In the morning we are in the best condition, both of body and mind, for the proper service of God, and He is obviously entitled to the best service it is in our power to render.
3. In the morning it is most fitting to acknowledge the great mercies of the night just passed, the protection of life and health, the invigoration of the body and the mind for duties and enjoyments. Have we had a good night? Let us repair to the throne of grace with our cheerful thanksgiving. How many are the mercies involved in passing a good night and beginning a new day.
4. In the morning it is fitting to look to God, with humble supplications, for cleansing to begin the new day aright.
5. Before beginning the work of the day, we need to ask counsel, direction, assistance, and success from God, whose providence may so greatly help us, and without whose blessing we have no reason to look for success. We know not what the day may bring forth. We beseech His grace to furnish us thoroughly for every good word and work. In like manner, we need to ask that during the day we may not think, or speak, or do anything contrary to His grace.”

HOW TO USE THE DAILY TIME

Have a Bible and pencil handy. Begin by reading His Word listening to Him. As you put the proper information into your mind, you program your day to let Christ be Lord in your life.

Let God speak to you directly through His Word. Read a brief portion and think about what you are reading. Open your heart to God, offering Him the right to teach, to discipline, and to direct you as you study.

You will be surprised at what He is ready to do for you.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAY WITH GOD

Henry’s second lecture was how to spend the day with God. Using David’s expression, “On Thee do I wait all the day” (**Psalms 25:5**), he dealt with how to keep our hope in Him all day long. We will cover that in the August **Reflector**.

If you have never experienced being with God in the early morning, I encourage you to try it one time. You will then see the difference this makes throughout your day.

Yours in Calvary love,
J. Gordon Henry

Pictures & e-mail addresses

Over the years, many **Doorkeepers**, who are partners in our ministry, have shared pictures with us for our prayer album. If you would like to be included in the prayer album, send us pictures of yourself and your family. It helps to be able to visualize those for whom we are praying. We want to pray for you.

We would be pleased, also, if you will share your e-mail address to enable us to contact you quickly as special prayer needs arise. Our e-mail address is jghm84@aol.com.

Check us out on the web:
www.jgordonhenryministries.org.

A Sunday in the Blue Ridge

Sunday, August 31, 1986. I remember it as though it were yesterday. I had traveled from our home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to Central Virginia to conduct a prayer seminar in **Dr. Tom Foster's** home church in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson County at the Rockfish Valley Baptist Church, Nellysford. He and his wife, **Mary Dale**, had become precious friends during my days at Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University). He held a professorship in business at a university in Oklahoma and had expressed interest in coming to Liberty to begin our business program. Although he did not come, we kept in close touch. The Fosters spent the summers in his childhood home in Nelson County.

The excitement was enhanced by having our daughter **Melody**, a nurse in Lynchburg, to spend the day with me as I shared the seminar. I never dreamed that the time spent there would impact my life so dramatically. Dr. Foster's sister, **Catherine Thomas**, decided to become a **Doorkeeper** that day. For years upon years, she was a faithful partner. Now all three **Dr. Foster**, **Mary Dale**, and **Catherine** are residents of the Celestial City called Heaven.

That was the day that **Josephine Fitzgerald** came into my life. She, too, became a **Doorkeeper** that day. Without question, the impact that she had on the prayer seminar ministry and my life was unequalled by any other. We became "one" from day one! She was seventy-seven.

To begin with, Josephine informed me that God wanted her to write a book. When I said, "Well, then you must write a book." She said, "I can't write a book." But she did. In fact, she wrote five books. Her first book, published in 1990, was entitled **When Thou Passest Through the Waters**. Her other four books are **Precious Memories** (1994), **I Found the Answer . . . I Prayed** (1996), **We Grow in the Valleys** (1998), and **Christ Our Burden Bearer** (2001). She initially wrote in longhand, but someone gave her a typewriter and she learned to type. Many of our long-term

IN MEMORY
Doorkeeper
Josephine Fitzgerald
January 13, 1909
January 15, 2009



Doorkeepers have her books since she insisted on giving a copy to each **Doorkeeper** family.

For years, every few weeks, I had a letter from Josephine, written in her home in the Blue Ridge. She always had a Scripture to share not just the reference, but she wrote out the verse completely. I cherished and was strengthened by her friendship. I knew that she not only prayed for me every morning, but many times during the day. She was our oldest **Doorkeeper**.

Josephine told her family that she was going to live to be a hundred and then she was going to be with the Lord. To celebrate her 100th birthday on January 13, family and friends gathered at her home in Alabama (where she had moved to live with her daughter and granddaughter). Two days later, Josephine laid down on her bed to sleep and woke up in Heaven. I'm not surprised that this is what happened. Certainly, we will miss Josephine on earth. For many years, she had longed for God to take her. On one occasion, she was seriously ill in the University of Virginia Medical Center, actually thought to be at the point of death. However, God raised her up because He wanted her to write another book. The first letter after she returned home began with the words "I'm so disappointed. I thought I was going to Heaven, but here I am back in my earthly home." She always wanted her **Doorkeeper** family to have a copy of each book; many of you have all five.

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joys of the Lord." In Josephine's memory, I want to share an article from one of her books. Actually, this selection is illustrative of the lessons Josephine taught in each anecdote used in her writings. Enjoy. Remember. Be challenged!

A DIFFERENT LOOK AT THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Our Father which are in heaven ...”
Yes?

Don't interrupt me. I'm praying. *But you called Me.* Called You? I didn't call You. I'm praying.

“Our Father which are in heaven...” *There you did it again.*

Did what? *Called Me. You said, ‘Our Father which are in heaven.’ Here I am. What's on your mind?*

But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like getting a duty done. *All right. Go on.*

“Hallowed be Thy name ...” *Hold it. What do you mean by that?*

By what? *By ‘hallowed be thy name?’*

It means ... it means... Good grief! I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's just a part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean? *It means honored, holy, wonderful.*

Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what ‘hallowed’ meant before.

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” *Do you really mean that?*

Sure, why not? *What are you doing about it?*

Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there. *Have I got control of you?*

Well, I go to church. *That isn't what I asked you. What about your bad temper? You've really got a problem there, you know. And then there's the way you spend your money, all on yourself. And what about the kind of books you read?*

Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at the church. *Excuse Me. I thought you were praying for My will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.*

Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others. *So could I.* I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free. *Good. Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together, you and I. Some victories can truly be won. I'm proud of you.*

Look, Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does.

“Give us this day, our daily bread.” *You need to cut your bread. You're overweight as it is.*

Hey, wait a minute! What is this, ‘Criticize me day?’ Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups. *Praying is a dangerous thing. You could wind up changed, you know. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. You called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying. I'm interested in the next part of your prayer ... Well, go on.*

I'm scared to go on. *Scared? Of what?* I know what you'll say. *Try me and see.*

“Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.” *What about Ann?*

See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up! Why Lord, she's told lies about me, spread stories about my family. She never paid back the debt she owes me. I've sworn

to get even with her! ***But your prayer? What about your prayer?***

I didn't mean it. ***Well, at least you're honest. But it's not much fun carrying that load of bitterness around inside, is it?***

No, but I'll get better as soon as I get even. Boy, have I got some plans for that neighbor. She'll wish she had never moved into this neighborhood. ***You won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. Think of how unhappy you already are. But I can change all that.***

You can? How? ***Forgive Ann. Then I'll forgive you. Then the hate and sin will be Ann's problem and not yours. You will have settled your heart.***

Oh, You're right. You always are. And more than I want to revenge Ann, I want to be right with You. Ann, I want to be right with you ...(pause) ... (sigh). All right. All right. I forgive her. Help her to find the right road in life, Lord. She's bound to be awfully miserable now that I think about it. Anybody who goes around doing the things she does to others has to be out of it. Some way, some how, show her the right way. ***There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?***

Hmmmm. Well, not bad. Not bad at all. In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll have to go to bed uptight tonight for the first time since I can remember. Maybe I won't be so tired from now on because I'm not getting enough rest. ***You're not through with your prayer. Go on.***

Oh, all right.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." ***Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.***

What do You mean by that? ***Don't turn on the TV when you know the laundry needs to be done and the house needs to be picked up. Also, about the time you spend***

coffee-ing with your friends, if you can't influence the conversation to positive things, perhaps you should re-think the value of those friendships. Another thing, your neighbors and friends shouldn't be your standard for 'keeping up.' And please don't use Me for an escape hatch.

I don't understand the last part. ***Sure you do. You've done it a lot of times. You get caught in a bad situation. You get into trouble and then you coming running to Me, 'Lord, help me out of this mess, and I promise You I'll never do it again.' You remember some of those bargains you tried to make with Me?***

Yes, and I'm ashamed, Lord. I really am. ***Which bargain are you remembering?***

Well, there was the night that Bill was gone and the children and I were home alone. The wind was blowing so hard I thought the roof would go any minute and tornado warnings were out. I remember praying, 'Oh God, if you spare us, I'll never skip my devotions again.' ***I protected you, but you didn't keep your promise, did you?***

I'm sorry, Lord, I really am. Up until now I thought that if I just prayed the Lord's Prayer every day, then I could do what I liked. I didn't expect anything to happen like it is. ***Go ahead and finish your prayer.***

Testimonies

Idaho: "The timing was perfect because God has been trying to clarify in my life certain points you covered. Thanks for coming." (NJT); "I'm so glad to know how and when to pray. I've been doing it all wrong. Thanks for coming. It is great all the way." (KW). **New York:** "I've been encouraged to have a serious, consistent prayer life. I've realized that I've been trying to be victorious in my own strength without connecting into the power through prayer." (NM); "I've learned that my effort is required and that it's not 'unscriptural' to work in prayer." (SC); "Discipline is now clearly the issue that I must apply to prayer." (KWG).

PRAYER CALENDAR

JUNE 2009

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

PROVERBS 1-4 (Holy See 824)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
Norma Ailes (NJ)
Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Milcie Arnold (VA)

THURSDAY, JULY 2

PROVERBS 5-9 (Honduras 7.7M)

Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

FRIDAY, JULY 3

PROV 10-13 (Hong Kong 7M)

Charles & Andrea Black (VA)
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SATURDAY, JULY 4

PROV 14-17 (Hungary 9.9M)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Shirley Brown (VA)
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)
SUNDAY, JULY 5
Joreatha Capers (FL)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
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)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)

MONDAY, JULY 6

PROV 18-21 (Iceland 304,367)

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)
Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
Alan & Rebecca Dookrey (KY)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Walt Edwards (NC)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

PROVERBS 22-24 (India 1.2B)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Grace Eldridge (NJ)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
June Fisher (TN)
Makeva Flowers (VA)
Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

PROV 25-29 (Indonesia 237.6M)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)
Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Charles M. Hale (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

PROVERBS 30-31 (Iran 65.9M)

Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)
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 (VA/Iraq)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)
FRIDAY, JULY 10
ECCLES 1-6 (Iraq 28.2M)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

ECCLES 7-12 (Ireland 4.2M)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Peter & Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Joyce Kelley (OR)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
Bruce Kirby, Pastor
Mary King (TN)
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Sherry Klutz (WA)
Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)

MONDAY, JULY 13

SONG OF SOLOMON 1-8

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
David & Cathy Laing (FL)
Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

TUESDAY, JULY 14

ISAIAH 1-4 (Israel 7.1M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)

Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
ISAIAH 5-7 (Italy 58.1M)
 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)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
THURSDAY, JULY 16
ISAIAH 8-12 (Jamaica 2.8M)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Mona Merry (SC)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
FRIDAY, JULY 17
ISAIAH 13-16 (Japan 127.3M)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)
 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)
SATURDAY, JULY 18
ISAIAH 17-20 (Jersey 91,523)
 Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Paul & Donna Quetsch (VA)
 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
SUNDAY, JULY 19
 Denise Russell (OR)
 John Saint (PA)
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor
MONDAY, JULY 20
ISAIAH 21-23 (Jordan 6.2M)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Mary Siegner (VA)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 His Highest Praise (HI)
 Lori Siri, Pastor
 Mary Skiles (KS)
TUESDAY, JULY 21
ISAIAH 24-27 (Kazakhstan 15.3M)
 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)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
ISAIAH 28-30 (Kenya 38M)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Clarence & Roselin Stringfield (VA)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor
THURSDAY, JULY 23
ISAIAH 31-35 (Kiribati 110,358)
 Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Temple of Praise (TX)
 Gilbert Perez, Pastor
 Earlene Thigpen (TN)
FRIDAY, JULY 24
ISA 36-39 (North Korea 23.5M)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
SATURDAY, JULY 25
ISA 40-43 (South Korea 49.2M)
 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)
SUNDAY, JULY 26
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
MONDAY, JULY 27
ISAIAH 44-48 (Kosovo 2.1M)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 M/M Herbert Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Edward Williams (NC)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
TUESDAY, JULY 28
ISAIAH 49-51 (Kuwait 2.6M)
 Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
 Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
 Stephen Latong (Nigeria)
 John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
ISAIAH 52-57 (Kyrgyzstan)
 Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)
THURSDAY, JULY 30
ISAIAH 58-62 (Laos 6.7M)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Dot Winfield (MD)
 The Word Church (NJ)
 Buz Offenbacher, Pastor
 Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 Lili Wykle (VA)
 Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)
FRIDAY, JULY 31
ISAIAH 63-66 (Latvia 2.2M)
INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS:
AUG 24-SEPT 9---PERU
DEC 3-22 ---NIGERIA
PRAY FOR SUNDAY BWANHOT,
THE COORDINATOR
FOR NIGERIA.

**PLEASE USE THE
 DOORKEEPER PRAYER
 CALENDAR DAILY.
 SOMEONE IS
 COUNTING
 ON YOUR
 PRAYERS TODAY.
 WHAT A PRIVILEGE
 TO INTERCEDE FOR
 THE NEEDS OF
 THE DOORKEEPER
 FAMILY.**

Never grows old

On Tuesday, November 15, 1960, I was preparing copy for the **Rosedale Baptist Reflector**. At that time, I had a section that I called "PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS" where I shared personal thoughts with my congregation. I was twenty-five years old. Consequently, almost forty-nine years later I read with interest what was on my mind so long ago.. Here is the article that I shared that day.

If when climbing up life's ladder
You can reach a hand below,
Just to help the other fellow
Up another rung, or so.
It may be that in the future
When you're growing weary, too,
You'll be glad to find there's someone
Who will lend a hand to you.

The real measure of our Christianity is our attitude toward those about us. We cannot be right with the Lord and wrong in our attitudes and relationships with our fellow men. We sometimes forget this basic truth praying only for close loved ones! Let us not take this attitude but let us determine to BE a blessing.

"If I can help somebody, as I pass this way, then my living will not be in vain!"

This is a truth that **never grows old**.

Prayer as work

John Wesley: "God works only in concert with the praying of His people." **Charles Spurgeon**: "The rule of the Kingdom is asking, and God did not change it even for His Son when He was on earth." The Sovereign God has ordained prayer as the primary tool to get His work done on earth. Prayer looks toward earth, people and circumstances, and that is WORK. Prayer is never a prefix (that which comes before) or a suffix (that which comes after), but is the way God has provided to enable us to work "with" Him, not just "for" Him!

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1116. "Strange. While praying, we seldom ask for change of character, but always a change of circumstances.

Note 1117. A Christian must carry something heavier on his shoulders than chips.

Note 1118. The only thing on earth that man can absolutely gain is Heaven.

Note 1119. Prayer is the greatest resource of the church; it is not the only thing you must do, but it is the greatest thing you can do.

Note 1120. Daily washing in the Word must never be neglected lest our effectiveness be diminished.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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NAMES with which to praise the LORD

“LORD JESUS, cause me to know in my daily experience the glory and sweetness of Thy name, and then teach me how to use it in my prayer, so that I may be even like Israel, a prince prevailing with God. Thy name is my passport, and secures me access; Thy name is my plea, and secures me answer; Thy name is my honor and secures me glory. Blessed Name, Thou art honey in my mouth, music in my ear, heaven in my heart, and all in all to my being.”

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Thy Name is as ointment poured forth”

Able · Accessible · Almighty · Alpha · Awesome
 Adored · Arm · Advocate · Ancient of Days
 Abounding · All · All-sufficient · Answers
 Answerer · Adequate · Author · Authority Anchor
 · Amen · Available · Bread · Breath Brother ·
 Bridegroom · Blessed · Blessor Beloved ·
 Burden-Bearer · Barrier-Breaker Beautiful ·
 Beginning · Boundless · Bountiful Branch ·
 Bruised · Christ · Changeless · Creator Creative
 · Counselor · Carpenter · Captain Conqueror
 · Crowned · Companion · Complete Center ·
 Corner-Stone · Compassionate Comforter ·
 Crucified · Captor · Dwelling-Place Destination ·
 Deliverer · Defender · Delight Divider · Desire ·
 Dew · Door · Emmanuel · El Shaddai · Enlightener
 · Everlasting · Expectation Eternal · Excellent
 · Expert · Expecting Encourager · Example ·
 Exalted · Examiner · Elohim · Enduring · End ·
 Father · Friend Fellow · Fountain · Finisher ·
 Forgiving · Faithful · Forsaken · Fairest-God
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 · Glorious Gracious Giver Gardener · Goal
 · Generous · Holy · Highest · Hallowed ·
 Humble · Habitation · Hiding-Place · Hidden
 · Heart-Broken · Husbandman · Head · Hope ·
 Healer Helper Hand · Home · I AM · Incarnate
 · Word Instructor · Immortal · Immutable
 Incomprehensible · Incomparable · Infinite
 Invisible · Infallible · Invincible · Ineffable
 Indwelling · Intercessor · Inspirer Jehovah
 Judge · Just · Justifier · Jealous · Joy · Joyful
 Jesus · Jealous · Kind · King · Kinsman · Keeper
 Key · Knowing · Lamb of God · Lord · Light

Life · Limitless · Love · Loving · Leader ·
 Long-suffering Lowly · Messiah · Maker ·
 Most High · Master Mighty · Meek · Merciful
 · Measureless Majesty Mindful · Manna
 Mysterious · Morning · Majestic · Nigh ·
 New Needed · Near · Nearest · Nourisher ·
 Omniscient · Omnipresent · Omnipotent ·
 Only-Begotten Owner · Overcomer · Omega
 · Patient Prophet · Priest · Paralete · Prince of
 Peace Physician · Patient · Peace · Peaceful ·
 Purest Pleasure Protector · Provider · Preserver
 Possessor · Praise-Worthy · Pioneer · Precious
 Prize · Pardoning · Persistent · Pearl-Merchant
 Pure Prayer-Hearing · Potter Premier · Present
 Quickener · Queller-of Storms · Quietness Quiet
 · Redeemer · Resurrection · Refiner Refuge
 · Reliable · Responsive · Right Righteous ·
 Righteousness · Rule · Radiant Reprover
 · Reformer · Renewer Ransom Refresher ·
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 Stable · Strong Triumphant Transcendent ·
 Transformer Teacher · Treasure · Treasury ·
 Truth · True Tender · Tower · Trustworthy ·
 Truthful Undeafed · Unhurried Unforgetting
 Uncreated · Unchangeable · Understanding
 Unfailing · Unhindered · Unwearing ·
 Unlimited Uniter · Uplifter Upholder · Unique
 · Universal Vine · Vindicator · Vision · Visible
 · Veil Vanquisher · Verity · Victory · Voice ·
 Victorious Way · Water of Life · Word · Wine ·
 Wisdom · Wonderful · Well-Spring · Worthy ·
 Wise Watcher · Wounded Xcellent · Yearning
 Yearned-for · Yoke-Fellow · Zeal · Zealous

PRAY FOR US



Itinerary: 2009

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

2 Thessalonians 3:1

July

- 11 Prayer Seminar
Fairmount Memorial Baptist Church
Richmond VA
Matt Williams, Coordinator
- 25 Prayer Seminar
Green River State Prison
Central City, Kentucky
- 26 Prayer Seminar
United Methodist Church
Gale & Nancy Wetzel, Coordinators

August

- 2-5 Prayer Revival
Pecks Baptist Church
Bedford, Virginia
- 6-8 Beacon University IOM
Church of God
New Bern, North Carolina*
- 22 Areawide- Chapin U. M. Church
Chapin, South Carolina
- 23 A.M. Teaching-Chapin U.M. Church
- 24-31 Prayer Seminars- PERU

September

- 1-9 Prayer Seminars - PERU
- 29-30 Sue Henry: Macau (China)

October

- 1-9 Sue Henry: Macau (China)
- 3 Prayer Seminar
First Congregational Church
Reidsville NC
- 4 A.M. Preaching
- 16-18 Areawide Prayer Seminar
Buffalo, New York

November

- 26-28 Beacon University IOM
Christian Churches
Brossard, Quebec, Canada*

December

- 3-21 Prayer Seminars—Nigeria

*Video course ten hours

WE ARE WORKING ON THE 2010 PRAYER SEMINAR SCHEDULE. TO SCHEDULE A PRAYER SEMINAR IN YOUR CHURCH/AREA SEND US THREE POSSIBLE DATES. ANY CHURCH, REGARDLESS OF SIZE, CAN HAVE A PRAYER SEMINAR. IS THIS THE TIME? CALL

In Loving Memory

“absent from the body, present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Doorkeeper

Tommy Waddell

6/16/50 5/23/09

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

On one of our office walls, I have a beautiful picture of an eagle with a Scripture verse inscribed **Isaiah 40:31**: “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” It was a gift from **Tommy**, my personal trainer at The Pace Center in Murfreesboro. A classmate of Sue’s at Middle Tennessee State University, he had developed a great interest in the prayer seminar ministry and my books (which he shared with others and used for group studies). During the past few months, he was in declining health. When his sister left for work, he was sitting in a recliner. When she came home, his body was still in the recliner, but he was rejoicing around the throne of God in Heaven. Truly, as the song writer of old observed, “we are going down the valley one by one, with our faces toward the setting of the sun.” Tommy joins a host of **Doorkeepers** whose addresses are now Heaven.

Word was recently received of the death on May 20 of **Lew Campbell**, Boise, Idaho, the husband of long-time **Doorkeeper Mary Campbell**. Please pray for Mary, a woman of great faith, during this difficult time in her life.

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A wall of prayer

Build a wall of prayer around
That home, and those you love.
Take them to the Father
Who sees, and hears above.
List each thing that's dear to you
Record it where it stands.
Be careful now to put it all
In the Father's loving hands.

Build a wall of prayer around
The journey that you make.
When riding in your car,
Let Christ the steering take.
Don't trust in luck or driving skill,
Ask Him to be there.
Build for you and those you love,
A mighty wall of prayer.

Build a wall of prayer around
The church you worship in.
'Twill help keep your church free
From greed, hate, and sin.
Build a wall of prayer around
The man who speaks for Him,
That those who come to listen
Will turn away from sin.

Build a wall of prayer around
Just everything you do.
As you seek Him day by day,
His will will see you through.
Life will be more glorious
Every single hour,
As He reveals His love to you
Through His wondrous power.

Glenn E. Wagoner

God is able! God is willing! God is
waiting! Jeremiah 33:3