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"Holding Forth the Word of Life"

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"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." --1 Samuel 7:12



JGHM'S 26th Anniversary May 29, 2010

"We've come this far by faith, Trusting in the Lord"

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| March 27, 1983 | Seed sown by Roland Gerdes, pastor, Sunbury (PA) Bible Church: <i>"Why not get out on the road sharing the prayer seminar?"</i> |
| February 16, 1984 | Luncheon with Attorney Paul Jennings (TN) to discuss forming a non-profit corporation to sponsor the prayer seminar ministry. |
| April 23, 1984 | Holy Spirit provided the name JGHM while driving between Lynchburg and Roanoke, Virginia |
| April 24, 1984 | JGHM Checking account opened -- deposit \$190. |
| May 14, 1984 | Malcom Troutman contributed \$2,000 for first printing of prayer seminar workbooks. |
| May 29, 1984 | Ministry chartered as J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES in Tennessee (first seminars in 1980). |

Perspectives

Christians are commanded in the Bible to read the Bible which is the Word of God. Did you know that and are you obeying the command? The bottom line in Christian living is obedience. When God gives us a command, we do not have three choices; rather, we have two choices — to obey or disobey. Disobedience is sin and rebellion. Can we expect God’s blessings upon our daily lives if we are in rebellion? I think not.

Moses, in speaking of the Word of God, wrote, “.. and he shall read therein all the days of his life” (**Deuteronomy 17:19**). The prophet Isaiah wrote: “Seek ye out the **Book of the Lord**, and read” (**Isaiah 34:16**). The **Lord Jesus Christ** Himself said, as He used the Word against Satan’s temptations in the wilderness experience, quoted **Deuteronomy 8:3** when He said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’” (**Matthew 4:4**). The Apostle **Paul**, in strong language to **Timothy** (and to us as well) admonished: “Study to show yourselves approved unto God” (**2 Timothy 2:15**).

Christians cannot do what God requires when they do not know the Word of God. It is simple as that! Perhaps the single greatest threat to the Church in America today is the neglect of the Word of God.

After twenty-four years in the pastoral ministry, I discovered a helpful truth that has since guided my direction in ministry — both in the pastorate and later in an itinerant ministry. I discovered that my approach simply did not approximate the approach of the **Master Teacher, Jesus**. My approach was to use the Word of God to tell people **what** to do. Jesus not only told His hearers what to do, He told them how to do it. Ten percent (one of ten verses), for example, of the Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 5, 6, 7**) deals with prayer — how to pray and how not to pray. Since my very first sermon in 1953,

all hearers would testify that I preached the Word of God. In fact, I sprinkled the Word throughout my messages using many verses citing specific references .

I can assure you that many left my services on guilt trips because I hit them over the head with the Word of God! In 1977, I began to emulate the Lord Jesus Christ — sharing ideas about “how to” do what I was preaching about. What a difference this made in the lives of those who came under my ministry. It is not that pastors or teachers know all the ways to do it, but pointing the way changes lives.

Since January 1991, my goal has been to focus on not “what,” but “how” — how to pray for others (believers, family, pastor, the lost, the people of the world, the missionaries), how to worship (praise, adore) in prayer, and how to study God’s Word as daily food for spiritual growth. For many the Bible is hard to get into. Therefore, it is neglected until things come along we can’t handle which push us in the Word of God. When the emergency is over, it is easy to fall back into the old patterns. That is the way it is for far too many of us. Many are spiritually starving to death because they are substituting Sunday morning sermons (which often provide a quick emotional uplift) for personal study.

Let’s look at practical approaches to employ in personal Bible study. One key to success is organization. One possibility is titling paragraphs, a method that places emphasis on major ideas or themes. It may be that the unit of study could be a chapter. There are 1,189 chapters. Don’t be surprised if a chapter ends in the middle of a paragraph and deal accordingly.

Think of every Bible chapter as a file folder full of necessary information. The file needs to have an appropriate label. The caption used can then become your personal index. Titles can be written in the margins of your Bible, listed in a notebook (which

I do), or put on three-by-five cards. Four guidelines are suggested for choosing a label: **Four** words or less, **Original** to you, **Unique** to the chapter, **Retainable** for the big issues or events (acronym **O-U-R**).

Limiting the title to **four words** WILL force YOU to think carefully through the passage. What is the writer trying to communicate with his words? What are the essential points? If you are following the pattern of reading three chapters a day and five on Sunday to work through the Bible each year, you will not be overwhelmed and will be able to manage your portion for the day.

Original means your own label. Most study Bibles have chapter headings, but you may not always agree with an editor's conclusions. It is a good idea to ignore his labels until you've created your own.

Unique implies capturing one chapter's distinctive contribution to the Word of God. Don't be too general.

To **retain** the message of the chapter, it is important to summarize the major actions or ideas. Glancing at your chapter titles will remind you in seconds what the chapter is all about.

Sometimes a chapter is too complex and will need to be broken up paragraph by paragraph. When we lived in Tennessee, my wife's Sunday school class studied the book of **James**. When I was home, she often invited me to teach the class — which was a great blessing for me. I especially enjoyed the preparation which led me to spend considerable time in the book to my profit. Chapter one might be designated this way: vv 1-11: "External Trials Test Us", vv 12-18: "Internal Temptations Arouse Sin", vv 19-27: "Hearing Demands Action." You can combine these three concepts - "Trials/Temptations/Action" - for a chapter title.

If a title does not come quickly, don't belabor the effort. Jot down something quickly and move on! Many times your subconscious mind will mull over the chapter and other words will often come before you

start reading the next chapters at another time.

Six questions can serve as an approach to content in a chapter for Bible study: *Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?* You can make notes about all six or grapple with a few predominant ones as you study each passage. The day I am writing this copy, my reading is **Jonah**. It will be helpful to work through this book with the questions.

WHO'S WHO? Who are the major characters in this book? We can quickly count **Jonah**, the sailors, the ship captain, and the people of **Nineveh**. A broader view might also include God, the great fish, and even the hungry worm. Who is the human author and what do we learn about him from his writing? The book of **Jonah** is probably an autobiography, because Jonah's prayer in chapter 2 is a first-person account. He was a prophet, the son of **Amittai**, with a rebellious heart. He finally carried out God's will despite his prejudices. From chapter 2, we learn that the man knew and quoted God's Word.

WHAT'S WHAT? Most Scripture portions describe events — characters doing something. Others center on ideas — someone relating thoughts. Job, the Psalms, Proverbs, and the New Testament letters (**Romans** through **Jude**) emphasize ideas; most of the rest of the Bible highlights events.

What's the main event or idea of the passage in one sentence? **Jonah** tried to run from preaching in Nineveh, but he landed there anyway and the people responded.

What is the **sequence** of major events or ideas? 1. God called Jonah. 2. The prophet ran. 3. A storm arose. 4. The sailors threw him overboard. 5. A huge fish swallowed him. 6. Jonah prayed. 7. The fish spit him out. 8. Jonah finally preached. 9. Nineveh repented. 10. God spared the people. 11. Jonah complained. 12. A worm gobbled up Jonah's protection against the elements. 13. God taught Jonah a lesson. This list can be

as simple or as complex as you choose to make it. The chapter headings I chose are as follows: Chapter 1 - Running Away from God; Chapter 2 - Running to God; Chapter 3 — Running for God; Chapter 4 - Running Ahead of God.

What are some **significant words or phrases** in the text? These might be phrases that repeat, words that describe key thoughts, or words that need defining for clarification. In Jonah, the words *Lord, fear, prayer, flee, and but* are clues to important ideas.

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN? **Jonah's** account took place at the height of **Nineveh's** wickedness. The Jews felt threatened by this great city. According to a Bible dictionary, Nineveh was destroyed in 612 B.C.

Other “when” questions could be: How long did the narrative last? Where does it fit chronologically with the rest of Scripture?

WHERE DID IT HAPPEN? **Jonah** traveled from **Joppa** on his way to **Tarshish**; the Lord redirected him to **Nineveh**. A Bible map will help put this in perspective. You may also want to consult a Bible encyclopedia to find out how ships were constructed in that day or what the Mediterranean Sea is like.

WHY DID IT HAPPEN? What would we be missing if we did not have the book of Jonah. It pictures how much God loves every nation of the world. As a loving **Father**, He disciplines His wayward children. The account is also the backdrop for **Christ's** teaching in **MATTHEW 12:38-41**.

HOW CAN I USE IT? What specific lesson does God want to teach me from the text? How can I put it into practice in my life? From Jonah's unfortunate adventure, we see how crucial it is to obey God the first time He calls.

God never forces us to respond to Him. When Jonah was reluctant to preach in Nineveh, God put him in solitary confinement to reconsider his decision. He does encourage us in many ways to do His will.

Read, believe, and heed what you read. Growth, as well as salvation, depends

upon faith. *“Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6)*. Faith is simply believing God will do what He said He would do.

Faith is necessary in understanding the Bible. That is where Israel, as a nation, failed. *“The word preached did not profit them, not mixed with faith in them that heard it” (Hebrews 4:2)*. God is speaking through the Bible and we must believe God's Word. Do you?

If the Lord Himself personally visited you in your home or called on the phone, would you ignore Him? We dare not neglect His Word because He speaks personally to us in the Bible. Let's determine to say with Samuel, *“Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth” (1 Samuel 3:10)*.

It's not enough to own a Bible — even if it is prominently displayed. It is not enough to carry the Bible to church! We must read as through our spiritual health depends on it — because it does!

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

**With eternity's values in view, Lord,
With eternity's values in view.
May we do each day's work for Jesus
With eternity's values in view.**

Money will buy a bed, but not sleep; books, but not brains; food, but not appetite; finery, but not beauty; a house, but not a home; medicine, but not health; luxuries, but not culture; amusements, but not happiness; religion, but not salvation; a passport to everywhere but Heaven.

--The Voice in the Wilderness

Consider Jesus

The Lord Jesus Christ is the expression of God (**Hebrews 1:1-3**). Consider Him in His **purification**. The purpose for which the Father sent the Son into the world was the “purging” of our sins (**Hebrews 9:28, Titus 2:14**). This was accomplished by His death on the cross and bodily resurrection.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR BEING LOST. JESUS SAID, “I AM THE WAY” (JOHN 14:6).

Once you learn the sweetest story ever told--the story of God’s love that was demonstrated by His sending His Son into the world to die on the Cross to pay for our sins (the death, burial, resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ), trust Him as your personal Savior. He said, “Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out” (**John 6:37**). **There’s room at the cross for you!**

Itinerary

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

2 Thessalonians 3:1

June

1-5 Sue Henry in Macau, China

July

25 Prayer Seminar
Seminary United Methodist Ch
Seminary MS

31 Leave for Venezuela

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In Loving Memory

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

**Doorkeeper
Dorothy (Dot) Winfield
(Mrs. McKinley)
7/30/1930 5/15/2010**

Following a prayer seminar in Middle River Baptist Church, Baltimore MD, on March 20, 1988, **Mac and Dot Winfield** became **Doorkeepers**. None have been any more faithful to the prayer seminar ministry. For many years (especially after Mac’s death), Dot has corresponded with us regularly with notes of encouragement. A few weeks ago, she became ill and her son, Jeffrey, kept us updated regularly. She was a special friend of **Josephine Fitzgerald** (our **Doorkeeper** who wrote several books in her latter years and who went home to be with the Lord at the age of 100 a few months ago). Although we know that she is with the Lord Jesus Christ whom she served faithfully through Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air MD, we will miss her and look forward to the Grand Reunion Day in our eternal home.

INTERNATIONAL

PRAY DAILY!

Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
Nuhu & Merry Leo (Nigeria)
John & Elberta McSween (Trinidad)
Enoch & Mercy Mulomba (Botswana)
Leslie & Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Eduardo Otero (Cuba)*
Isaias Rojas (Venezuela)**
Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

*Coordinator September Cuba Seminars

**Coordinator August Venezuela Seminars

Those wasted years

I looked upon a farm one day
That once I used to own,
The barn had fallen to the ground,
The fields were overgrown.

The house in which my children grew,
Where we had lived for years
I turned to see it broken down,
And brushed aside the tears.

I looked upon my soul one day,
To find it too had grown
With thorns and nettles everywhere,
The seeds neglect had sown.

The years had passed while I had cared
For things of lesser worth.
The things of Heaven I let go
When minding things of earth.

To Christ I turned with bitter tears,
And cried, "O Lord, forgive!
I haven't much time left for Thee,
Not many years to live."

The wasted years forever gone,
The days I can't recall;
If I could live those days again,
I'd make Him Lord of all.

Theodore W. Brennan.

Our refuge and strength

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

He's helping me now this moment,
Though I may not see it or hear;
Perhaps by a friend far distant,
Perhaps by a stranger near,
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by a printed word;
In ways that I know and know not
I have the help of the Lord.

Author unknown



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1171. The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, but in what direction are we moving.

Note 1172. Before trying to keep up with your neighbors, find out where they're going.

Note 1173. The Bible is the only window through which we can see eternity.

Note 1174. When the devil reminds you of your past, remind him of his future.

Note 1175. Happy is the man who walks so close to God that he leaves no room for the devil in between.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

April 17-May 19, 2010

Regular	54	\$7,010.00
Martin-Kenya	<u>1</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	55	\$7,060.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Welcome! New Doorkeepers!

Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

PRAYER CALENDAR**June 2010**

“I will give myself to prayer...”

Psalms 109:4b**TUESDAY, JUNE 1****PSALMS 1-6 (Belgium 10.4 M)**

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)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**PS 7-12 (Belize 301,270)**

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 3**PS 13-18 (Benin 8.6M)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Frank Bell (TN)
 Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernard (IL)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
 Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

FRIDAY, JUNE 4**PS 19-24 (Bermuda 66,536)**

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
 Gordon/Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Em & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Mary Ann Brown (GA)

Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

SATURDAY, JUNE 5**PS 25-30 (Bhutan 682,321)**

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)
 Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)
 John & Patricia Carter (FL)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

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)

MONDAY, JUNE 7**PS 31-36 (Bolivia 9.2M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene 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)

TUESDAY, JUNE 8**PS 37-44 (Bosnia 4.6M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Ch (MD)
 Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Emogene Dorsett (TX)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Walt Edwards (NC)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Grace Eldridge (NJ)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Evalena Enoch (VA)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Lynne Farrow (NJ)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**PS 45-49 (Botswana 1.8M)**

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)

THURSDAY, JUNE 10**PS 50-54 (Brazil 196.3M)**

Frances Glass (AL)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

FRIDAY, JUNE 11**PS 55-59 (Br Virgin Is 24,041)**

Bruce, Gina, Sean Henry (VA)
 Doug Henry (TN)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger Henry (OH)
 Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
 Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 12**PS 60-66 (Brunei 281,371)**

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)

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

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)
 John & Judy Johnson (FL)
 Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)

MONDAY, JUNE 14**PS 67-72 (Bulgaria 7.3M)**

James & Genevieve Johes (FL)
 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

Larry & Janet King (NC)

Robert & Rose Klaus (VA)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

PS 73-77 (Vurkina Faso 15.3M)

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 Kramer (VA)

David & Cathy Laing (FL)

Phil Landers (OK)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

PS! 78-83 (Burma 47.8M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD)

Del & Mary Leach (VA)

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)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

PS 184-89 (Burundi 8.6M)

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)

Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

PS 90-77 (Cambodia 14.2M)

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)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

PS 98-103 (Cameroon 18.5M)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)

Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)

Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

French & Laura Moore (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)

Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

MONDAY, JUNE 21

PS 104-106 (Canada 33.2M)

Ann Palumbo (NJ)

Roger & Ann Pede (VA)

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)

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

PS 107-110 (Cape Verde 426.998)

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)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

PS 111-118 (Cayman 47.962)

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)

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

PSALM 119 (Cen Afr R 4.4M)

Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Mary Seigner (VA)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

His Highest Praise (HI)

Lori Siri, Pastor

Mary Skiles (KS)

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

PSALMS 120-127 (Chad 10.M)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

Clarence/Roselin Stringfield (VA)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

PS 128-134 (China 1.3B)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

Earleen Thigpen (TN)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Montez Thompson (CO)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carroll & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

MONDAY, JUNE 28

PS 135-139 (Christmas I 1,402)

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)

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

PS 140-145 (Cocos 596)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau Ware (VA)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

PS 146-15- (Colombia 45M)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward Williams (NC)

Elijah Williams (NJ)

Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacher, Pastor

Lili Wykle (VA)

“Tune my heart to sing your praise”

Since December 5-6, 1992, when I conducted a prayer seminar at the **Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, Chris and Kathy Seidlitz** have been special friends. **Dr. Chris** was the head chaplain. Following a distinguished career in military chaplaincy, this unique couple serve the **Windsor Park Baptist Church** in DeSota, Texas. Both are dedicated soul winners and understand the purpose and power of prayer.

Kathy provides leadership in the prayer ministry of this great church through a variety of means. One is to include articles in their Sunday bulletin. The following article, entitled “Getting in Tune with God,” appeared on May 16, the day the church hosted an “A Day in God’s Courts” prayer seminar. Anyone who reads and heeds this article will see his/her prayer life strengthened.

There are times in our personal relationship with God that we just don’t understand what He is doing. All the clichés, trite sayings and e-mail forwards just don’t help in these times. Prayer is the key to bringing yourself and your will in line with God and His will. Through prayer, you are not bringing God in tune with you. You are actually getting in tune with God.

Practical Steps for Getting in Tune with God

1. Ask God to reveal Himself to you as He really is. Knowing God is the key to getting in tune with Him.
2. Fill your prayers with praise to God. Praise releases the power of God into our lives (**Psalm 22:3**).
3. When you pray, spend more time focusing on God’s character than on your circumstances (**1 Peter 5:7**).
4. Saturate your prayers with the promises of God. As you pray, fill

your prayers with His promises. Make them personal to you and your situation (**Jeremiah 32:13-15, 42-44**).

5. Become thoroughly acquainted with God’s goodness. The goodness of God prepares your heart to receive whatever God has in mind for you. When you are convinced that God is good, you know that whatever God does is good (**2 Chronicles 5:13, 6:41; Psalm 25:7-8; 31:19**).

6. Pray for the destruction of your self-centeredness. Much of our difficulty in accepting God’s purpose rests in our own self-centeredness. We want our way. Pray that God would destroy the pride and self-centeredness and replace it with an humble and submissive heart (**Mark 8:34-38**).

Pray the Scriptures and you will pray the will of God.

Busy as Bees

- ✓ “Bee” Kind **Ephesians 4:32**
- ✓ “Bee” Thankful **Ephesians 5:20**
- ✓ “Bee” Truthful **Colossians 3:9**
- ✓ “Bee” Diligent **Proverbs 27:23**
- ✓ “Bee” Merciful **Luke 6:36**
- ✓ “Bee” Fruitful **Colossians 1:10**
- ✓ “Bee” Obedient **Ephesians 6:5**
- ✓ “Bee” Loving **Romans 12:10**
- ✓ “Bee” Forgiving **Luke 6:37**
- ✓ “Bee” Wise **Daniel 12:3**

Keep Buzzin’ for the Lord!

Dear Dr. Henry & Sue, I hope your trip was most profitable for the Lord. I prayed each day for success. I know you were as busy as a bee. God bless you.

Walt Sommers

Thank You, Doorkeepers!

From the beginning of the prayer seminar ministry, it has been my intention to never take our partners for granted. The monthly **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar** has helped in achieving this goal. In those early days, I wondered if it would be possible to accept invitations from any group desiring a seminar (regardless of number or financial support), provide a prayer seminar workbook for each participant, to never sell the books/tapes, but to depend on contributions to cover production costs. Here we are thirty years later operating fully as a faith ministry. It is possible because of the **Doorkeeper Program**. **Thank you, Doorkeepers**, for your prayer and financial support.

Recently I was reviewing back issues of our monthly publication to find the date someone became a **Doorkeeper**. I came across a letter that I wrote to the **Doorkeepers** on April 1, 1988. The sentiments expressed then are the very ones in my heart today and I want to share it with our readers.

Dear Doorkeepers:

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say rejoice” **Philippians 4:4**.

There are more things that I want to share with you this morning than you would likely want to read. My heart is so very full as I think of you who are partners in the prayer seminar ministry, of our Lord Jesus Christ who made a relationship with our Heavenly Father possible by paying our sin debt (trading places with us on the Cross), of the Holy Spirit who lives within us as our Helper (remember “Paraclete” is the Greek word in **John 14:16** and is literally translated HELPER), and of the ministry to which He has called us. I, as did Paul, choose to rejoice!

When Paul wrote a thank you note to the Philippian believers, he was not in the presidential suite of the Waldorf-Astoria

Hotel. Rather, he was in a Roman prison that was obviously dark, damp, and cold. You will remember that when he wrote his very last epistle to his beloved Timothy, he wanted him to bring his cloak and books (**2 Timothy 4:13**) and to “come before winter” (v 21). His response to what we would call “bleak” circumstances was to choose to rejoice. He said simply: “I rejoice and I will rejoice” (**Philippians 1:18**).

In developing the rationale for such rejoicing, in **Philippians 3**, Paul indicated that our rejoicing is not due to our earthly circumstances, but is due to the fact that we are found in Christ (v 9), can have fellowship with Christ (v 10), and are going to be fashioned like unto Christ (v 21). No wonder he rejoiced in that Roman prison! He had placed self and things on a dunghill (v 8).

Bob and Shirley Rose, Doorkeepers in Michigan, shared a clipping with me when I was guest in their home during the prayer seminar in Grand Rapids March 13, 1988 that really puts much into perspective. Let me share it with you:

Do you really want nothing but Christ? Is He truly everything your one purpose for living? Where is the dung heap in your life? Have you yet counted all things lost for the revelation of Him?

If you want nothing but Christ, your ministry is not your career. Prayer is! If He is all in all to you, you will refuse as wickedness the ladder of success! You will hide yourself away with Him! You will not have to be prodded to seek Him. You will go often to your secret closet, knowing the moment you walk in, you will worship. Oh, yes, you will sit in His presence, in no hurry, loving Him, worshipping Him, yearning after Him.

So many of us use Christ. We use Him to further our ministries, to build our own kingdoms. We trade on His name. God forgive us!

Do we love Him? Do we want only Him? Until you know that Christ alone is all you need and all you desire, don't go anywhere in His name! Settle that question first! All you have to give people is what you have of Christ.

I'm sure that this has touched your heart as it has mine. Let's all determine to KNOW HIM and to MAKE HIM KNOWN as never before! This is my own reaffirmation and rededication today less of self and more of Him!

Now twenty-two years later, Shirley is with the Lord. Bob is still a faithful **Doorkeeper**. As I have examined my own heart again, it is my desire to live in the spirit of the article Bob and Shirley shared so long ago.

PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS

Missions Prayer Conference at Glory Baptist Church Pastor Randy Stauter

Everyone was very pleased with the Missions Prayer Conference at Glory Baptist Church (Aitken, Minnesota) April 25-28. Several people have told me or someone else that the Prayer Seminar was the best seminar they have ever attended. Our youth pastor is going to use the material in the teen Sunday school class. One lady wants to use the Prayer Seminar in a neighborhood Bible study. We will continue to encourage the prayer emphasis as well as the evangelism/outreach. It was a pleasure having you with us. God used you in a wonderful way.

During the first five months of our 30th year, there have been 31 prayer seminars for which we praise the Lord. This is the very best way to celebrate three decades. To schedule a prayer seminar for your area, contact us with three possible dates. Usually, we are able to schedule one of them.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Dr. Henry,

Bringing your prayer seminar to San Souci [January 31, 1988] was a God-sent blessing to me for I had been living in the sin of prayerlessness and could not understand why my joy had left. Of course, I prayed, but not often enough or in the right way.

I praise the Lord for what He has put on your heart to do for others. I, for one, am helped in a great way in that my soul has found the way to nourishment that I needed so greatly.

Although I knew the Word of God held the answer all along, I just hadn't been taking it to heart as I should.

I just wanted you to know your heartfelt burden for others made an impact upon my life more than I can ever explain. Also I wanted to let you know my prayers will be with you for your loss {note: my brother Al had died the night before} and for your family also. And I will continue to pray for your ministry. May you be comforted in our Lord's love,

**In Jesus,
Juanita**

THE CHOSEN VESSEL

Beulah V. Cornwall

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
 On the shelf there were many--which one would He choose?
 "Take me," cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright,
 I'm of great value and I do things just right.
 My beauty and luster will outshine the rest
 And for someone like You, Master, gold would be the best!"
 The Master passed on with no word at all;
 He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;
 "I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine
 And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine,
 My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
 And my silver will always compliment You."
 Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
 It was wide-mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.
 "Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do,
 Place me on Your table for all men to view."
 "Look at me," called the goblet of crystal so clear,
 "My transparency shows my contents so dear,
 Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride,
 And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide."
 The Master came next to a vessel of wood,
 Polished and carved, it solidly stood.
 "You may use me, dear Master," the wooden bowl said,
 "But I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!"
 Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.
 Empty and broken it helplessly lay.
 No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,
 To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.
 "Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find,
 I will mend and use it and make it all Mine.
 I need not the vessel with pride of its self;
 Nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf;
 Nor the one who is big-mouthed and shallow and loud;
 Nor one who displays his contents so proud;
 Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right;
 But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might."
 Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay.
 Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day.
 Spoke to it kindly. "There's work you must do,
 Just pour out to others as I pour into you."

Certainly, this is a reminder that God has chosen to use humble servants who are willing to submit to Him and let Him do His work through us. It is when we realize that our strength and wisdom are not enough that He will provide both. We must first let Him work in us before He will work through us as His servants.

"Humble", for the Christian, is an attitude of dependence on God, not self. This is never easy to achieve because self wants to be in control.

If you want to know more, read and follow God's clear instructions in **1 Peter 5:5-7**.

It has been said that God does not require a gold vessel. Neither does He require a silver vessel. He does require a clean vessel. To qualify, we must remember that man's righteousness is like filthy rags (**Isaiah 64:6**) and totally unacceptable. It is through the blood of Jesus that sins are washed away. Through faith we come to Him confessing known sin and receiving His forgiveness and His cleansing.