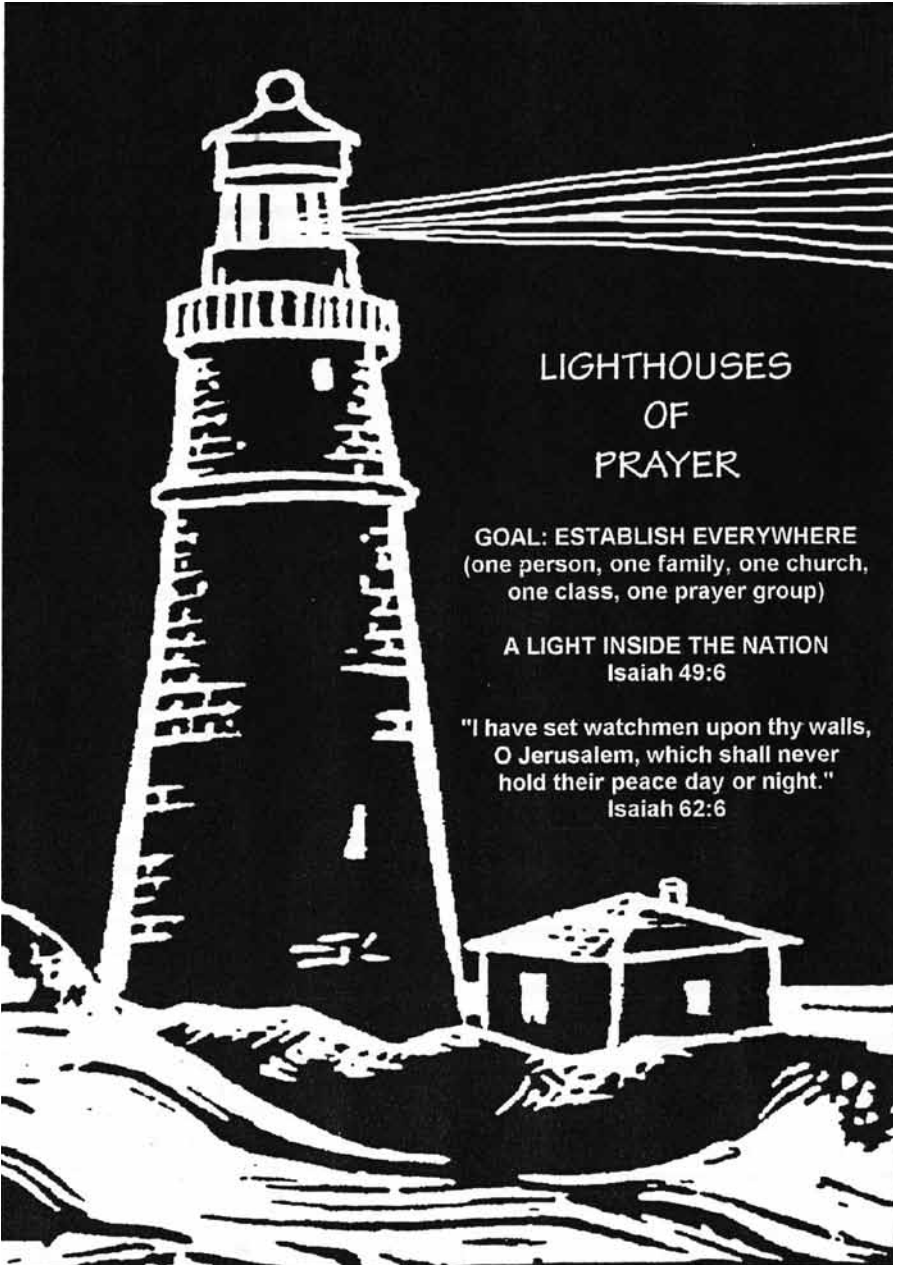


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LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER

GOAL: ESTABLISH EVERYWHERE
(one person, one family, one church,
one class, one prayer group)

A LIGHT INSIDE THE NATION
Isaiah 49:6

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls,
O Jerusalem, which shall never
hold their peace day or night."
Isaiah 62:6

Lighthouses of Prayer

In preparation for the 2004 ministry in **Pakistan**, I asked the Lord to impress upon my heart what He wanted to accomplish through the prayer seminars. Basically, He wanted the prayer seminars to motivate those attending to penetrate the spiritual darkness in **Pakistan** through prayer. The one verse of Scripture to which I was drawn was **Isaiah 49:6c**: “I will make you a light to the nations.” I have learned, over the years, to be attentive to validation of His directives. One goal that kept coming to mind was to encourage Pakistanis to pray for **Pakistan** in the light of **2 Chronicles 7:14**.

In conversation with key Christian leaders, there was abundant evidence that the Holy Spirit is working to put into place a prayer covering for Pakistan, centering on the concept of light. A vision has emerged of having Lighthouses of Prayer throughout the nation. Small groups have been formed in Karachi praying for **Pakistan**.

The background

George McBane, a third generation **Pakistani** missionary, had a vision of terrorist attacks against Christians. He did not know where and when. The attacks came, but of the 100 Christians, only two died. Then he had a second vision of angels protecting the Christian Murry School. The angels were of different colors. One was red light coming from deep within the angel. When he asked the meaning of the color, “My blood” was the answer. The Christian school would be protected by the blood of Christ. The blue angel represented “confusion.” The angel showed where other angels were stationed when one-hundred people attacked the school, but could not get inside. When the attackers attempted to open the door of the church, they could not do so. They tried to open the door inward, but it could only be opened outward. The missionary asked God,

“Why must Christians die?” The answer was that God was providing one more chance for the **Pakistani** people. This was a trumpet call to Christians to wake up and begin to pray for the nation in the light of **2 Chronicles 7:14**. He removed His hand of protection to get their attention. Later, a vision came of lights all over **Pakistan**. The lights were explained as **Lighthouses of Prayer** with **Pakistanis** praying for **Pakistan**.

One pastor in a prayer seminar said he asked the missionary how they should pray? He said that he did not know. The pastor was convinced that God sent the prayer seminars to provide the “how” that is needed for the prayer ministry to cover **Pakistan**. Let’s join our brothers and sisters in **Pakistan** praying for the **Lighthouses of Prayer** to become fully operative.

Lighthouses of Prayer needed in every nation

Since 2004, it has been my intention to encourage the establishment of **Lighthouses of Prayer** in each nation in which we have ministered and in each city or town or household. The list is long and covers many parts of the world. Having twenty-seven days in **South America** in March provided many opportunities to encourage believers to become prayer warriors and establish **Lighthouses of Prayer**. In three nations **Venezuela** (12), **Paraguay** (4), and **Uruguay** (2) there were eighteen prayer seminars with around 2,000 in attendance. Each participant was given a Spanish prayer seminar workbook provided by our **Doorkeepers** and other friends in the United States. If you track us westward across **Venezuela** beginning in **Caracas**, you would need to mark **Valencia, Barquisimeto, Acarigua, Guanare, Barinas, Merida, Santa Barbara, Valera, Maracaibo**, and **San Cristobal** along an arc of over one thousand miles. It was only through the grace of God that **Isaiah Rajas** (a leader in the **Venezuela Baptist Convention**), **Adam Nathanson** (my interpreter), and I were able

to carry out the most rigorous schedule I have ever attempted.

In **Paraguay**, there were seminars in **Capiata**, **Carapegua** and **Itaiuli**, each located in a fifty mile arch outside **Asuncion**, the capital city. The seminars in **Uruguay** were in **Montevideo**, the nation's capital.

There were 155 pastors in the seminars. Many stated plainly that they were going back to their churches and teach their people what they had learned. In **Venezuela**, particularly, these pastors were seeking renewal and revival among their churches. 206 churches were registered. There were 185 first-time professions of faith and 440 reaffirmed their faith. Miles traveled totaled 13,300.

Prayer and financial support

Since the international phase of our prayer seminars began in 1985, we have trusted God and told the people of the need. In every incidence (now fifty-five nations), the support has been forthcoming. The budget for this venture of faith to three nations was \$8,640 (including international and domestic travel for a team of three, prayer seminar workbooks, lodging, food). 120 contributors gave \$10,981 which provides enough funds to return to **Venezuela** July 30-August 8, when I will conduct a prayer seminar/evangelism clinic for 500 pastors. These pastors will spread out across four states in the **Andes Mountains** for evangelistic services the following two weeks.

Time to mobilize

It's time to get started concentrating on mobilizing believers to become **Lighthouses of Prayer** and encourage others to do the same. Listen to the Holy Spirit. If He impresses you to do this, let us know and we will pray specifically for your effort.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Hymn singing: an act of worship

To worship, we must praise God for who He is. He reveals Himself in His Word. Therefore, it is incumbent on a Christian to get into the Bible and learn who He is. We have often encouraged believers to mark words, phrases, verses, and passages that describe God and focus on them. Daniel's insight remains one of the best expressions of this precept: "The people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (**Daniel 11:32**). Once we see who He is, we bow down before Him and magnify, exalt, and extol Him. He is worthy.

Do you as a Christian know, that one of the greatest privileges we have is magnifying God through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (**Ephesians 5:19**)? Not only that, but we can thereby teach and admonish one another (**Colossians 3:16**). Someone has well said: "Hymn singing is NOT for singers, but for believers." The question is not "do I have a voice," but "do I have a song?"

When we sing rather than just listen, the message of the hymn makes a greater imprint on our minds. It is important, therefore, to sing hymns based on the Scriptures. When we sing together and worship together, it brings us closer together. When we sing, we are giving a testimony of our faith in Christ. The choir sings to the congregation. The congregation sings to the choir. We all sing to each other, but above all to God lifting up our voices in praise.

**"Help us Lord, when we have
an opportunity to worship You
in song, to do it with joy."**

**Tell a Friend about the
Prayer Seminar Ministry!**

Adoration

One of the elements of prayer can be termed “adoration” directed toward God, who is worthy and “inhabits the praises of His people” (**Psalm 22:3**.) Adoration is an act when we worship God for who He is. Worship is communion with God. It is looking at God and loving Him for who He is. It is lifting our hearts to Him in adoration. It is bowing in reverence before Him. The old English expression of *worship* is “worthship.” Later it was shortened to worship. In the worship of He, we recognize His worth. Worship is being occupied only with God Himself. The Bible says: “. . . For He is thy Lord, and worship thou Him” (**Psalm 45:11b**). In worship, we ask nothing of Him; we focus our mind on God and who God is. Worship draws our heart to God, the object of our worship. He is worthy of our praise and worship.

The Scriptures say: “He is my God, and I will praise Him” (**Exodus 15:2**). “For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise” (**1 Chronicles 16:25**). “I will praise the Lord, who counsels me” (**Psalm 16:7**). “I will praise You as long as I live” (**Psalm 63:4**). “It is good to praise the Lord” (**Psalm 92:1**). “Praise Him in His mighty heavens” (**Psalm 150:1**). “Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness” (**Psalm 150:1**), “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord” (**150:2**), “Praise the Lord” (**150:6**).

It is important to understand, however, that praise does not change God. As **Matthew Henry** so wisely stated, “Our praises do not change God. He will never be any greater than He already is.” That is true. Prayer does not change God, praise changes us and causes us to trust and love Him more and more..

**WORSHIP
OCCUPIED ONLY WITH GOD
HIMSELF**

Intercessory praying

Intercessory prayer is the secret weapon of the believer. It can be likened to an intercontinental ballistic missile that can be launched to any spot on the face of the earth at anytime of the day or night. It will travel at the speed of thought and will always hit its target. Amazingly enough, a prayer of intercession can be armed with a delayed detonator, which allows us to pray for something to happen years from now. An example is the prayer that **Jesus** prayed for you and for me recorded in **John 17**. Intercessory prayer is the greatest force on earth.

A good place to start is with those you love. Why not start with members of your immediate family? Place them on your prayer list and pray for them daily. Place them in the protective presence of God. Since most believers are never prayed for regularly after they are saved, look around you and place some of them on your list. You will be surprised at the difference intercessory prayer will make.

“Father, God bless [MY LOVED ONE/ MY FRIEND] in whatever it is that You know he or she may need this day! May his/her life be filled with Your peace, prosperity, and power. May he/she seek to have a closer relationship with You. I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

MAY DAY! MAY DAY!

Our nation faces what is perhaps the most serious moral crisis since the Civil War, as we’ve turned our backs on God and have clearly displeased Him. **May Day 2010** (Saturday, May 1, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.) is a time to come together and proclaim what God has done for us in the past, to pray for forgiveness, and to plead God’s mercy on all of us.

--James Dobson, *Focus on the Family*

Consider Jesus

The Lord Jesus Christ is the expression of God (**Hebrews 1:1-3**). Consider Him in His **power**. Not only did Christ create the universe, He “upholds” (governs, sustains, holds together) it as its cohesive power, ordering and maintaining the movements of nature (**Colossians 1:17**). As the outshining (“brightness”) of the Father’s glory, Christ reveals the virtues and excellence of deity in a human person. As the God-man Christ possesses the perfect character of God (**John 14:7-9**). Do you want to know what God is like? Then, look at **Jesus**. As you pray, thank God for the gift of His Son, who is the “express image” of His Father.

Allowing God to work

There are many men who have never yet learned the difference between working for God, and allowing God to work through them.

F. B. Meyer

Itinerary

“You also helping together in prayer for us.” **2 Corinthians 1:11a**

May

- 16** Prayer Seminar
Windsor Park Baptist Church
DeSota, Texas
- 22-23** Annual Missons Conference
Gloucester County Community
Church
Washington Township, New Jersey

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In Jesus

- **We find peace, and the PRINCE OF PEACE;**
- **We find righteousness, and the RIGHTEOUS ONE;**
- **We find counsel, and the COUNSELOR;**
- **We find wonders, and the WONDERFUL ONE;**
- **We find salvation, and the SAVIOR;**
- **We find the Kingdom, and the KING.**

—DaySpring

A serious challenge

President Obama skipped any public observance of the 2009 Judeo-Christian National Day of Prayer. He has stated that America is not a Christian nation. Then he celebrated Muslim Ramadan with a full banquet, Muslim prayers, and proclamations in many languages praising the “Great” teachings of Islam. Please pray!

Thousands have canceled their membership in the Presidential Prayer Committee. But God has commanded we pray for our leaders. Ask God to have mercy on all of us.

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

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*KEEP THE WORLD ON
YOUR HEART!
PRAY FOR LABORERS!*

Gone

“As thy servant was busy here and there ... he was gone” (1 Kings 20:40)

Gone! Where?

Don't ask the awful question. It is agony to me to think about it! The Spirit said, “Speak to him! Tell him of a Savior's love. Tell him his danger.” But I was “busy here and there,” I neglected it, and by and by he was gone.

I knew I ought to talk to him. I felt that I was the one God meant to put the Gospel before him and somehow I felt I ought to do it quickly now, now!

But I was “busy here and there.” Now it is too late! He is gone! I shall not see him until I meet him at the judgment bar, in that awful day! I know I shall see him then!

I do not fear that Day of Judgment for myself, for I heard and believed God's good news that Jesus of Nazareth died for me; that He took my place on the Cross, where He bore sin for the whole world. I heard that all who believed He bore their sin and trusted Him (for He rose from the dead, and is alive now), would be saved and will never be judged (John 5:24) for Jesus was judged in their place. I believed this, and know I am saved. But he, he is gone!

Maybe if I had told him, he, too, would have believed; and with what joy we should have met in glory!

But he is gone! Gone without Christ, without God, without hope!

“It has pleased God through the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21). Oh, if I had only told the Gospel to him! If I had only said, “Jesus Christ died for your sin. Will you trust Him as your Savior?”

But I was “busy here and there” and I put off speaking to him; and now, he is gone gone!

W. R. Newell

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1166. Prayer is the talking part of a relationship.

Note 1167. Everyone knows that verbal communication is necessary for healthy relationships.

Note 1168. Prayer is a friend talking to a friend (John 15:15).

Note 1169. Prayer is a servant talking to his master (Colossians 3:24).

Note 1170. Prayer is the bride talking to the Bridegroom (Romans 7:4).

AS YOU PRAY, YOU ARE DEVELOPING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD. YOU WILL NEVER KNOW GOD IF YOU DON'T SPEND TIME IN HIS PRESENCE.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

February 26--April 16

Regular	67	\$3,855.00
Martin's car (Kenya)	1	300.00
South America	35	3,934.00
Total	103	\$8,089.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

**JGHM IS A FAITH MINISTRY
DEPENDING ON THE
GIFTS OF OUR FRIENDS.**

PRAYER CALENDAR**MAY 2010**

“I will give myself to prayer...”

Psalms 109:4b**SATURDAY, MAY 1****EZRA 1-3 (Uzbekistan 27.4M)**

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)

SUNDAY, MAY 2

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

MONDAY, MAY 3**EZRA 4-6 (Vanuatu 215,446)**

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)
 Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
 Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

TUESDAY, MAY 4

EZRA 7-8 (Venezuela 26.4M)
 Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
 Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Mary Ann Brown (GA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**EZRA 9-10 (Vietnam 88.1M)**

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)
 John & Patricia Carter (FL)

THURSDAY, MAY 6

NEH 1-2 (Virgin Is 108,840)
 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)
 Joel & Paula Criz (HI)

FRIDAY, MAY 7**NEHEMIAH 3-4 (Wallis 15,237)**

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 8**NEH 5-7 (West Bank 2.4M)**

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)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

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)

MONDAY, MAY 10**NEH 8-10 (W Sahara 393,831)**

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 Hengoeed (FL/CT)

TUESDAY, MAY 11**NEHEMIAH 11-13 (Yemen 23M)**

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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**ESTHER 1-2 (Zambia 11.7M)**

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
 Bonnie Houston (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)

THURSDAY, MAY 13**EXTHER 3-4 (Zimbabwe 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)
 John & Judy Johnson (FL)
 Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

FRIDAY, MAY 14**ESTHER 5-7 (Albania 3.6M)**

James & Genevieve Jones (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)

SATURDAY, MAY 15

ESTHER 8-10 (Algeria 33.8M)
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)

SUNDAY, MAY 16

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)

MONDAY, MAY 17

JOB 1-2 (Am Samoa 64,827)
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)

TUESDAY, MAY 18

JOB 3-4 (Andorra 72,000)
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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

JOB 5-7 (Angola 12.5M)
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

THURSDAY, MAY 20

JOB 8-10 (Anguilla 14,108)
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)
FRIDAY, MAY 21
JOB 11-14 (Antigua 84,522)
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)

SATURDAY, MAY 22

JOB 15-17 (Argentina 40.5M)
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)

SUNDAY, MAY 23

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)
MONDAY, MAY 24
JOB 18-19 (Armenia 3M)
Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Mary Seigner (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)
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

TUESDAY, MAY 25

JOB 20-21 (Aruba 101,541)
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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

JOB 22-24 (Australia 21M)
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)

THURSDAY, MAY 27

JOB 25-28 (Bahamas 307,451)
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)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

FRIDAY, MAY 28

JOB 29-31 (Bahrain 718,306)
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)

SATURDAY, MAY 29

JOB 32-34 (Bangladesh 153.5M)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau Ware (VA)
Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

JOB 35-39 Barbados 281,966)
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
Herebert & Kay Wice (TN)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

MONDAY, MAY 31

JOB 40-42 (Belarus 9.7M)
Edward Williams (NC)
Elijah Williams (NJ)
Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
Dot Winfield (MD)
The Word Church (NJ)
Buz Offenbacher, Pastor
Lili Wykle (VA)

Listening to your children

Listening to your children is important. Believe it or not, it is possible to hear your children but not listen to them. Is this a contradiction? An example of hearing but not listening is clearly illustrated in Scripture. **Acts 9:7** tells us of the conversion account of the Apostle Paul, “And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.” In another account of the same incident, Paul says, “And they that were with me indeed saw the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of Him that spoke to me” (**Acts 22:9**). Which was true? Did they hear the voice or didn’t they? The answer seems to indicate that they heard the voice as sound, but they did not hear the voice as articulated words. Sound yes! Understanding words no!

This is frequently true when we listen to people. We realize they are speaking to us because we can hear them. However, we are not truly listening because we are preoccupied with other things. Frequently, we are so involved that we allow sounds to filter in without paying much attention to them. We may even respond with a “sure,” or “I see,” and such. Actually, what we are doing is not more important than our listening.

Listening tells us some important things when it comes to helping our children:

- 1, **It tells us where they are.** We can learn about their spiritual status by offering a ready ear. Listening as they articulate in “tone or groan” will convey their fears or aspirations and will give definite clues to the direction in which they are pointed.
2. **It tells us of their needs.** We can make a “spiritual diagnosis” of our children’s needs, and can pray that God will help us find solutions to their problems.
3. **It tells them that we care.** Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who kept looking away while you were talking? You felt he wasn’t really listening to what you were saying. When you are aware that

one is really listening to what you are saying, it gives you a warm sense of that person’s interest. Do you think our children need a friend in us? Do you feel there is real security in knowing that our interest is genuine?

4. It teaches them something about a listening Heavenly Father. It is a well-known fact that children who have a good relationship with their father are better able to understand the true meaning of a Heavenly Father relationship. Certainly when we are more than just hearing sounds, it gives a signal to our children that there is a Heavenly Father who listens intently to their prayers.

Determine you are going to be more than a wall that bounces off sound. Instead, a sympathetic hear that listens, absorbs, and understands is the first step to a healthy relationship whether it is to one’s earthly father or his Heavenly Father.

Count on it . . .

- If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.**
- If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.**
- If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.**
- If a child lives with shame, he learns to be guilty.**
- If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.**
- If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.**
- If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.**
- If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.**
- If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.**
- If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.**
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he leans to find love in the world.**

-- Amanda Cater

National Day of Prayer

Many point out, rightly so, that some participate in public services related to the National Day of Prayer who are not on praying ground. The scripture that is often claimed is **2 Chronicles 7:14**: “If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” Certainly, America needs healing and only God can bring the healing. It is important to remember, however, that God is speaking to “His people called by His name” (since **Acts 11:26** believers have been called “Christians”). Until God’s children meet His requirements, there will be no healing in the land. As we meet God’s conditions, there will be healing.

At the same time, I concluded a number of years ago that a **National Day of Prayer** is a good thing for several reasons. On one day, across the nation in cities, towns, villages, and rural areas, God is acknowledged. For eight years, **JGHM** (at considerable expense of time, energy, and resources) served as the Tennessee state coordinator for the **National Day of Prayer**. Among the activities we promoted was an annual governor’s prayer breakfast, attended by a large number from across the state. We worked with the Governor in proclaiming the day and issuing a resolution. We promoted the day with officials in every county. Year by year, the number involved increased. We prepared and disseminated hundreds of copies of a booklet containing practical ways to observe this very special day. Many churches utilized this booklet, some opening their doors at an early hour to enable folks to come and pray, either alone or with others.

Whether you attend a public prayer observance, you can have a part in this special day. My suggestion is a simple one that we promoted throughout Tennessee:

TAKE 5 AT 12 NOON

Join thousands of others across America at 12 noon on Thursday, May 6, for at least five minutes of united prayer.

- Acknowledge our dependence upon God.
- Give thanks for the many blessings He has given us.
- Confess specific sins in our nation and ask for God’s mercy upon us.
- Ask for a spirit of repentance among God’s children.
- Ask God to guide our leaders and to bring healing and spiritual wholeness to our nation and all our people.

May this 60th consecutive National Day of Prayer be special in your life and in the life of a nation that in many ways has forgotten God.

BULLETIN
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FEDERAL COURT BANS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Judge Barbara Crabb ruled today that government recognition of prayer violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Crabb claimed her decision “carries out the Founders’s plan of preserving religious liberty to the fullest extent in a pluralistic society.”

MAY DAY 2010
A Cry to God for a Nation in Distress
May 1, 2010
The Lincoln Memorial
Washington, D.C.
(see article on page four)

“We are hungry . . .”

THE STORY OF THREE NATIONS

Eighteen prayer seminars in twenty-six days is the story of the three-nations ministry in South America February 28 March 26. In one of the very first seminars in **Venezuela**, a lady came to me and said in broken English, “We are hungry in our hearts.” The overwhelmingly response to God’s Word in venue after venue proved that her assessment was right on target. The Holy Spirit demonstrated often that the time was right because the people were ready to be taught. Being able to enter two new nations, **Paraguay** and **Uruguay**, was a special blessing.

When the “dream” began to form to include three nations, my initial response was to question whether my seventy-four year old body would be up to the task understanding full well the travel demands. I cannot tell you that it was easy, but I can tell you that I am glad that we followed the very schedule that was established from beginning to end. .

When we were choosing the music for my inauguration as president of **Northeastern Bible College** (NJ), I asked our daughter Mona to sing “Day by Day.” Not knowing what laid ahead in this new role, I knew that the words of this song expressed my dependence on God, not self. There is enough grace for one day’s ministry; then there is renewal in preparation for another day. That’s how we were able to fulfill the schedule. God is good and faithful to His servants who seek to do His will.

Adam and Isaiah

And then there is **Adam Nathanson**, a man of God whose walk matches his talk. The love that he has for the people of **Venezuela** shines through in personal conversations, as well as in the teaching sessions. His wife, **Dianna**, has long been a special friend who makes being away from home easier. Already, their sons, **Daniel** and **David**, are products

of Christian parenting at its best. **Adam** has served as my Spanish interpreter in **Brazil, Chili, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Cuba, Venezuela**, and in the **United States**. Simply, he is the best and the flow is remarkable without a word or pause wasted.

Then there is **Isaiah Rojas**, a leader in the **Venezuela Baptist Convention**. Having him with us every step of the way was special. His desire is to see revival and renewal among the churches in celebration of their 60th year as a convention. His passion for souls is at the peak. First, he understands the purpose and power of prayer. He understands that prayer is the work that must come before all other work. From the outset, he moved the pastors and people to **August 2-8** when 500 pastors are expected to come to the Baptist camp for the prayer seminar and an evangelism clinic. After the week with me, these pastors are scattering across four Andes Mountain states to evangelize. They are expecting a great harvest of souls. The vision is Biblical in its proportion.

The cities and helpers

The cities in western **Venezuela** were spread over a 1,000 mile arc: **Caracas, Velencia, Barquisimeto, Acarigua, Gunnare, Barinas, Merida, Santa Barbara, Valera, Maracaibo, San Cristobel**. The towns in **Paraguay** were on the outskirts of **Ascunio** and included **Carapegua, Capiata, and Itauguli**. Choice servants of the Lord planned the seminars and then surrounded me with tender, loving care: **Ken & Christie Hagerman** (along with their beautiful daughters **Camille** and **Caroline**) whose affinity for their people is remarkable; **Jerry** and **Connie White** are leaders of the Bible teaching church. **Evangelist Saul** and **Holly Cannon** (an intern from Tennessee) added their support. It was a joy to work with these leaders. I enjoyed every minute in their presence. In **Uruguay**, the seminars were in **Montevideo**.

In one of the first Bibles I ever owned, I wrote the following tribute to the Bible and often read and meditated upon it:

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its history is true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be open in the Judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy precepts. It tells of grace and mercy for the believer and justice and wrath for those who will not believe.

Well over six decades later, I am still moved and inspired by it.

Hang the picture right

A New York businessman had a good collection of paintings, one of them being the "Leaning Tower of Pisa," which hung over his writing desk. For a long time he noticed that it persisted in hanging crooked despite the fact that he straightened it every morning. At last he asked the housekeeper if she was responsible for its lopsided position each morning that he came into his office.

"Why, yes," she said, "I have to hang it crooked to make the tower hang straight."

Does that sound strange? That is exactly how a lot of people read the Bible. Many people twist the Word of God in order to justify their own opinions, actions, or beliefs (doctrines) to make them all appear right. Let us not foolishly change the Scriptures to suit our own fancy. Let us be sure to hang the picture right.

Pulpit Helps

George Washington **A DAILY PRAYER**

We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*