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## THANKSGIVING 2008



*“Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in Heaven  
[and] in everything give thanks.”*

Lamentations 3:41; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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### A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Ernest Fremont Tittle

Almighty and everlasting God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, we raise to Thee our grateful praise.

For the life we have from Thee; for the good earth yielding grain and fruits for our sustenance; for the cattle upon a thousand hills; and for the manifold gifts of the sea, we humbly thank Thee.

For Thy mercies bestowed through the nation to which we belong, and especially for the freedoms won of old by our fathers and cherished and preserved even until now, we humbly thank Thee.

For Thy prophets and saints whose vision of the Eternal has lighted our path and strengthened our hearts; for valiant souls, who keeping faith and hope in the midst of adversity, shame our doubt and our discouragement; for those near to us and dear who share our joys and our sorrows, and whose love to us never fails; and for all those our brethren whose daily task on land or sea ministers to our good, we praise and bless Thy glorious name.

Above all, we thank Thee for Thyself, O Lord, whose faithfulness is unto all generations. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to show forth Thy praise not only in our words but in our lives, by committing ourselves wholly to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Perspectives

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17).

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:11-12). “Therefore, He says, Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:14-17).

Almost daily, examples in the media remind Christians that a spiritual war is being waged in the United States. Externally, we have enemies that are working openly to destroy our free way of life. Sadly, there are serious attacks on America precipitated internally by the judicial branch of our government, almost monthly. The face of America is changing at an accelerated rate. Christians were incensed a few years ago when a theologian declared that God is dead and expressed concern for the spiritual condition of our nation. Many began to pray and to return to the Word. The concern did not last, however, and soon we were drifting along once more. 9/11 moved us to understand the need for God and for His blessings upon us as a people. Hope was expressed that once again we were moving back toward God and the principles detailed in His Word. In a sense, the sleeping giant simply awakened briefly, turned over, and went back to sleep. The moral erosion continues. For many, morality is relative and there are no absolutes to guide behavior.

### Biblical background

God speaks to His children out of His Word. Read and consider each reference that follows. When you understand the implications of the text for your life, check it off. This exercise will

provide heart preparation to engage in spiritual warfare for the nation.

- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- 2 Chronicles 20:3-37
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Joel 1 & 2
- Ezra 8:21-23
- Jonah 3:5-10

### Get on praying ground

**Begin with worship.** Praise the Lord. It is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious and a song of praise is appropriate. ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they exist, and were created’ (Revelation 4:11).

- Praise God as the Lord of history who is working out His plan according to His perfect will.
- Praise the Lord that He is the God of revival, who revives His people in answer to their prayers in His perfect timing.

**Heart searching.** “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there are any wicked ways in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23-24). Do not try to search your own heart. Just pray honestly and expect God to search you and convict you as needed.

- Pray for yourself seeking a right attitude toward God, others, and our nation.

**Confession.** As you think about your life in the light of God’s way, you may already know something you need to confess or may discern that the Holy Spirit has brought conviction regarding specific sins or failures to confront. Some common items to confess might be as follows:

- Let us confess that we tend to be self-reliant and fail to trust God totally;
- Let us confess that our commitment to follow God’s way and to do His work is often half-hearted;

- Let us confess indifference and failure to pray regularly for our national and local government.

**Accept His forgiveness.** Confession brings forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**) but we must be willing to receive the forgiveness. Take a moment to reflect on His forgiveness, thank Him, and receive this wonderful gift. You are now on praying ground.

**Thanksgiving.** Thank God for the privilege to worship Him freely in our country today following the dictates of our own hearts and consciences.

### **Pray for Christians—"His people called by His name"**

1. That Christians may become sensitive to sin and freely confess and forsake all unrighteousness (**Proverbs 28:13**);
2. That God's children may repent and return to loving God with all their hearts (**Matthew 22:37-39, Revelation 2:1-7**);
3. That Christians may humble themselves and forsake the spirit of pride (**2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 5:5-8**);
4. That the spirit of prayer and humble repentance might be poured out upon all Christians;
5. That a mighty spiritual awakening will sweep through the entire Christian community regardless of denominational affiliation;
6. That Christians may be cleansed and live in holiness;
7. That His church will repent and be restored to wholly following the Lord in renewed love and devotion to Him, to fellow believers, to our neighbors, and to all people;
8. That the revived church may renew its efforts to fulfill the Great Commission with fresh vigor.

### **Pray for Christian families**

1. That they will realize afresh the power of God's grace for reconciliation, as needed, resulting in harmonious living producing a sense of security and love to maximize growth and development;

2. That entire families may learn to find agreement with Christ in patient, united prayer (**Matthew 18:15-20**);

3. That Christian parents may learn to pray like Noah, whose intercession saved his entire family from perishing with a godless society in the flood.

### **Pray for our nation**

1. Pray that Christians will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to join in prayer for our nation on a daily basis;
2. Admit to God that we need His mercy and divine intervention on our behalf as a nation;
3. Ask God to restore righteousness and wisdom to those who govern (**2 Samuel 23:3-4, Proverbs 29:2, and Daniel 2:20-22**);
4. Pray for the President, Vice-President, members of the Supreme Court, U. S. Senators, your Congressman, state senators, state representatives that they may come to know God and perform their duties with honor to ensure we have good government that can be blessed by God;
5. Pray that the influence of Christian political leaders will be felt in a positive and strong fashion;
6. Pray for the families of the Christian political leaders who are under attack with very direct pressure to compromise their biblically based convictions and standards;
7. Pray for the salvation of government leaders;
8. Pray that the Bible study and prayer groups in our national and state capitols will continue to be a light and an inspiration to those who participate and that their co-workers will be blessed by the overflow coming from the groups.

### **Pray for your church**

1. Ask God to reveal what part your church is to take in the working out of His divine purpose for our nation;
2. Pray for your pastor/leadership that they may provide needed guidance to the congregation;
3. Pray that the members of your congregation will be knitted together in love and become a mighty force to stand for righteousness in the nation starting locally.

## Actions to take

Offer yourself to God for any part He may assign to you in His plan to restore the United States to the moral ground set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution in the light of **Proverbs 29:18; Matthew 6:10**.

Contact your governmental leaders and your local media. Write personal letters to the president, members of Congress, members of the state legislature. Tell them that you are praying for them. Let them know your specific concerns. Remember the following points as you compose your message:

- Use words that are gracious and Christlike;
- State specifically what you are concerned about; Pastor Jack (see p 12) suggested to say plainly: "This really breaks my heart. I'm afraid of the consequences for my family and my nation."
- State what you want done about it;
- Explain why you want something done now and how it affects you and your family right now.
- Keep the message as concise and brief as possible, preferably on one page.

## A Chronicles Commission

**Doorkeeper Suzy Kauffmann** (Mrs. Howard), Atlanta, suggested that it is time for Christians who know the **Great Commission** (**Matthew 28:19-20**) to commit themselves first to a **Chronicles Commission** (**2 Chronicles 7:14**). I agree wholeheartedly. Until the requisites of this text are met, we are unlikely to fulfill the Great Commission. She asked, "Do you think we, as Christians, are commissioned by God to obey the passage if we want our land healed?" Yes, I do think that and see the value to calling each **Doorkeeper** to accept the **Chronicles Commission**. It is high time to awake and to act!

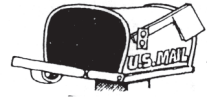
Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

**EVERY DAY IS ELECTION DAY!**

**"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33**

## From the mailbox



"Glad to hear that God is blessing your efforts. More than ever the Church needs to pray for America and the state of Nations. We live in perilous times. Instant communication, hidden from others but not God, has made extremely easy the duplicitous life. I am so glad 'our God reigns.'"

**Dr. J. Bruce Sofia, Sr. Pastor**  
Gloucester County Community Church  
Washington Township, NJ

On February 10, 2004, **Dr. Henry M. Morris** sent me a copy of his new book **Miracles**. On the flyleaf, he wrote, "To Dr. Gordon Henry. Your emphasis on prayer is certainly a great part of the answer to the world's terrible need these days. Henry M. Morris, **Ephesians 3:20,21**."

Dr. Morris is now in Heaven, his race finished, but he lives on in my mind and heart. Dr. Sofia continues to serve leading a great church that has built its ministry on the five main emphases of the early church: the Word of God, Spirit-filled living, prayer, witnessing, and stewardship. Both men have made an indelible impression on my life.

**GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US!  
AMERICA, YOU ARE TOO  
YOUNG TO DIE!**



God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies  
To the oceans white foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home,

## Service over showing off

I like the story about **Sam Rayburn**, who was Speaker for the House of Representatives longer than any other man. One of his friends lost a teenage daughter and early the next morning Rayburn knocked on his door. "I just came by to see what I could do to help." The father replied that there was nothing to do. "Well," Rayburn said, "have you had your coffee this morning?" The man replied that they had not taken time for breakfast. While Rayburn was working in the kitchen, the man came in and said, "Mr. Speaker, I thought you were supposed to have breakfast at the White House this morning." "Well, I was, but I called the President and told him I had a friend who was in trouble and I couldn't come."

What a different world this would be if we could learn to become more and more unselfish.

—Richard L. Jones

## "Alls" in the Bible

"All things" is an expression that occurs 221 times in the Bible. Remember that "all" means "all," and not "some." Consider: "all things work together" (**Romans 8:28**) "all things are possible" (**Mark 9:23**); "all things whatsoever ye ask" (**Matthew 21:22**); "I can do all things" (**Philippians 4:13**); "Giving thanks for all things" (**Ephesians 5:20**); "casting all your care upon Him" (**1 Peter 5:7**); "The Lord shall preserve them from all evil" (**Psalms 121:7**); "My God shall supply all your need" (**Philippians 4:19**); "Christ is all and in all" (**Colossians 3:11**). There are thirteen "alls" to meditate upon in **Psalm 145**.

## Thanks

Thanks for the **Reflector**. It ministers to us in a mighty way. God's continued blessings on your ministry.

The **Dudley Robothams**

## What Then?

When the great busy plants of our cities  
Shall have turned out their last finished work,  
When merchants have sold their last order  
And dismissed every last tired clerk,  
When banks have raked in their last dollar  
And paid out their last dividend,  
When the Judge of the earth wants a hearing  
And asks for a balance—**WHAT THEN?**

When the choir has sung their last anthem  
And the preacher has voiced his last prayer,  
When people have heard their last sermon  
And the sound has died out on the air,  
When the Bible lies closed on the altar  
And the pews are all empty of men,  
When each one stands facing his record  
And the Great Book is opened—**WHAT THEN?**

When the actors have played their last drama  
And the mimic has made his last fun,  
When the movie has flashed its last picture  
And the billboard displayed its last run,  
When the crowd seeking pleasure has  
vanished  
And gone out in the darkness again,  
When the trumpet of ages has sounded  
And we stand before **HIM—WHAT THEN?**

When the bugle calls sink into silence  
And the long marching columns stand still,  
When the captain repeats his last orders  
And they've captured the last fort and hill,  
When the flag has been hauled from the  
masthead  
And the wounded afield have checked in,  
And the world that rejected its Savior  
Is asked for a reason—**WHAT THEN?**

**"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."**  
**2 Peter 3:10**

## Spirit indwelling

For many believers, the concept that comes to mind when they heard the expression “Spirit-filled” is getting more of the Holy Spirit. That is wrong because the moment that you get saved, you have all the Holy Spirit that you are ever going to receive. God does not give His gift in increments. The moment that you come to Christ, you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The new life that you have is the presence of the Holy Spirit. The will of God for every believer is laid out in **Ephesians 5:18**. We are to be “Spirit-filled.” The analogy that is used to explain the meaning of this expression is a drunk person. Why? When a person gets drunk, his talk changes and his walk changes because he is under the control of the drink that is in him. To be Spirit-filled is to be Spirit-controlled.

The great significance of Pentecost is that each believer is now indwelt by the Holy Spirit. “Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (**Romans 8:9**). “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (**1 Corinthians 3:16**). The third person of the Godhead dwells within us. Think of the possibilities! Think of the responsibilities!

The following did not happen to me, but it really did happen to a pastor. This man was the pastor of a congregation in a small town, some distance from a large city. One Tuesday morning, he drove to the city to make purchases. When he got to the checkout counter with his basket and reached in his hip pocket to pay for his purchases, he discovered to his chagrin that his billfold was not there. We can imagine his embarrassment! He concluded that it was still in the suit that he had worn the evening before. There was nothing that he could do but to go home empty-handed. He could not even buy a cup of coffee. His credit cards were also in that billfold. He drove home very carefully and five miles an hour slower than his usual speed because his driver’s license was in the absent billfold.

Arriving home, the pastor went straight to the bedroom to get his billfold. But, when he dug into the pockets of other trousers, it was not there. It was not to be found anywhere in the other suit. Fear struck his heart. Had he lost the billfold? Almost automatically he searched every pocket of the suit he was wearing and there, in his right coat pocket was the billfold. He had it with him all the time and could have made all the planned purchases. He had been helpless, poor and embarrassed because he did not know what he had with him.

Is it not true of many believers who are powerless and joyless in their Christian lives? And all the time the Holy Spirit, the source of all spiritual victory, joy and blessing, is dwelling within, waiting to be trusted with our lives. Jesus promised” “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you.” The “power” was sufficient to change a scared, hiding Peter into a fearless dynamo for Christ.

### **REMEMBER TO PRAY for Dr. Henry & Sue!**



**NOVEMBER 12--DECEMBER 2**

#### **SOUTHAFRICA**

- Bloemfontein
- Kroonstad
- Welkom
- Wesselsbron

#### **BOTSWANA**

- Maun
- Serowe

**“Teaching and preaching the things  
concerning the Lord Jesus Christ”  
Acts 28:31**



**PRAYER CALENDAR****NOVEMBER 2008**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

**Psalm 109:4b****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1****ACTS 1-4 (Nigeria 138.2M)**

Wayne &amp; Edie Aardsma (IL)

Burnace Abrams (OH)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert &amp; Susanne Adams (TN)

Rosalee Adams (VA)

Wayne &amp; Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (FL)

Clyde &amp; Kathryn Allen (VA)

Lon &amp; Denise Anderkin (FL)

Tommy &amp; Pat Apple (NC)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Milcie Arnold (VA)

Solomon &amp; Kriskna Arrington (MD)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Carolyn Barkley (NY)

Stan &amp; Emily Baskin (TN)

John &amp; Joan Bateman (PA)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3****ACTS 5-7 (Niuw 1,444)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy &amp; Sue Bell (TN)

Wayne &amp; Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny &amp; Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron &amp; Teri Bernardi (IL)

Bethesda Ministries

Jerry &amp; Joan Crain (SC)

Dorothy Spickard Biddle (NC)

Stephen &amp; Joyce Bishop (VA)

Charles &amp; Andrea Black (VA)

Ed &amp; Loretta Bolen (VA)

Everett &amp; Deborah Boston (MD)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4****ACTS 8-9 (Norfolk Isl 2,128)**

Bob &amp; Jewel Bouchard (KY)

William &amp; Debbie Bowden (MD)

Gordon &amp; Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)

Curtis &amp; Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Emilee &amp; Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Von M. Bridges (TX)

Clint &amp; Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry &amp; Ruby Brown (AZ)

Shirley Brown (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5****ACTS 10-12 (N.Mariana 86,616)**

Jack &amp; Arretta Bruce (KY)

Joe &amp; Martha Bruno (AL)

Freddie &amp; Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don &amp; Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Ruby Burger (TN)

Sunday &amp; Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Mary Ann Cabannis (VA)

Don &amp; Lucy Campbell (VA)

Lew &amp; Mary Campbell (ID)

Ron &amp; Julia Carlin (AL)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6****ACTS 13-15 (Norway 4.6M)**

David &amp; Martha Cecil (VA)

Merry J Chandler (MD)

Susan &amp; Edie Clarke (VA)

Harry &amp; Nancy Coffee (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim &amp; Kathy Connolly (VA)

Foster &amp; Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry &amp; Sonja Craig (TN)

Joel &amp; Paula Criz (HI)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7****ACTS 16-18 (Oman 3.3M)**

Robert &amp; Charlotte Crout (SC)

Bill &amp; Beverly Curtis (PA)

Lin &amp; Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John &amp; Margaret Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Robert &amp; Virginia DeBoer (NE)

Harold &amp; Tama Decker (NY)

Nick &amp; Wilma DeGroot (IL)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8****ACTS 19-20 (Pakistan 167.8M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)

Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

Alan &amp; Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Walt Edwards (NC)

Paul &amp; Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Evalena Enoch (VA)

Gene &amp; Shirley Farley (CA)

Lynne Farrow (NJ)

Larry &amp; Cara Fields (VA)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

June Fisher (TN)

Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)

Claire &amp; Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald &amp; Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Raymond &amp; Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Frank &amp; Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Carole B. Garvin (PA)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert &amp; Sara George (GA)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10****ACTS 21-23 (Palau 21,093)**

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ronald &amp; Maryann Gold (CO)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (NJ)

Uel &amp; Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim &amp; Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11****ACTS 24-26 (Panama 3.3M)**

Bruce &amp; Gina Henry (VA)

Doug Henry (TN)

J. Gordon &amp; Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger Henry (OH)

Sean Henry (KS)

Susan &amp; Jamey Henry (TN)

Jerry &amp; Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John &amp; Glenda Holland (VA)

Jayson &amp; Marylynn Hooker (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12****ACTS 27-28 (South Africa 43.8M)**

Russ &amp; Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Mike &amp; Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam &amp; Linda Hough (VA)

Lamar &amp; Cindy Sue Houser (MD)

Bonnie Houston (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert &amp; Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. &amp; Paula Hutchins (MS)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13****ROMANS 1-3 (South Africa 43.8M)**

Oliver &amp; Janie Jackson (NY)

Louis &amp; May Jenkins (DC)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul &amp; Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan &amp; Julie Jobe (NC)

Peter &amp; Millicent John (NY)

Dan &amp; Jayne Johnson (KY)

Jim &amp; Penny Johnson (KY)

Tara Johnson (KY)

Wilbur &amp; Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14****ROM 4-5 (South Africa 43.8M)**

Paul &amp; Deanna Jones (KY)

W I &amp; Eloise Jones (SC)

Howard &amp; Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper &amp; Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Joyce Kelley (OR)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Alice Kern (NJ)

Archie &amp; Mary King (TN)

Kenneth &amp; Bonnie Kirby (PA)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15****ROM 6-8 (South Africa 43.8M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Sherry Klutz (WA)  
 Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)  
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
 Korean Branch:  
 Dr. Shin Kwang Suk  
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)  
 David & Cathy Laing (FL)  
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)  
 Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)  
 Bob Lawrence (MD)  
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)  
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)  
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)  
 George & Ginger Locklear (NC)  
 Stacy Logsdon (KY)  
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
 Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
**ROM 9-11 (South Africa 43,8M)**  
 Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)  
 Manship Chapel (DE)  
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)  
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
 Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)  
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)  
 Bill & Mirle Matheny (VA)  
 Deborah Mathias (NY)  
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)  
 Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
**ROM 12-16 (South Africa 43,8M)**  
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
 Gary & Anna McElwaine (KY)  
 Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)  
 Jim & Lin McLean (TN)  
 John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)  
 Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)  
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
**1 COR 1-6 (South Africa 43,8M)**  
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)  
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)  
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)  
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)  
 Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
**1 COR 7-10 (South Africa 43,8M)**  
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)  
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
 Katherine Morgan (VA)  
 New Harvest Christian Min (MD)  
 Marcus Johnson, Pastor  
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)  
 Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
**1 COR 11-14 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Ann Palumbo (NJ)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
 Pleasant Hope Baptist Church (KY)  
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)  
 Ben Poplin (VA)  
 Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)  
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
 Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
**1 COR 15-16 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)  
 Cynthia Roach (VA)  
 Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)  
 John & Sandra Roberts (FL)  
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)  
 Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)  
 David & Amy Ross (KY)  
 Sandra Rumore (VA)  
 Curtis & Trudy Russell (VA)  
 John Saint (PA)  
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)  
 David & Betty Schaum (NY)  
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
**2 COR 1-5 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)  
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)  
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)  
 Eric Farel, Pastor  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)  
 Mary Skiles (KS)  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
**2 COR 6-9 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
 Doris Snyder (FL/OH)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
 Carol Snow Stewart (AZ)  
 Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
**2 COR 10-13 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)  
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)  
 William Stroman, Pastor  
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
 Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)  
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27**  
**GALATIANS 1-6 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Temple of Praise (TX)  
 Gilbert Perez, Pastor  
 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)  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
**EPHESIANS 1-6 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)  
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)  
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)  
 Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
 George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)  
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
**PHIL 1-4 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 Tommy Waddell (TN)  
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau Ware (VA)  
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)  
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
**COL 1-4 (Botswana 1.8M)**  
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
 Edward Williams (NC)  
 Elijah Williams (NJ)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)  
 Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)  
 Stephen Latong (Nigeria)  
 Leslie & Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)  
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)  
 Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)  
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)  
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)  
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)  
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)  
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)  
 Dot Winfield (MD)  
 Amos Wipf (GA)  
 The Word Church (NJ)  
 Buz Offenbacher, Pastor  
 Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)  
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
 Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)  
 Lili Wykle (VA)  
 Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)



## Receive Him

“He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him, but as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”  
(**John 1:11-12**).

Most Americans do not know the meaning of the Cross, the purpose of the Blood of Jesus. They do not understand that He bore the sinner’s sins in the blackest and most savage death that even God Almighty ever saw. Multitudes of people do not know that as Christ sank down into the dark whirlpools of death He took their sins with Him and paid for those sins in agony, once for all. They do not know the importance of His resurrection from the dead. They do not know that a sinner may be saved simply by being willing to turn from his sin of unbelief and placing his faith in the finished work of Christ.

There are some who do know the story of the Lord Jesus Christ, but have never accepted Him as personal Savior and Lord. To be saved, faith must be exercised by any individual for himself.

Many years ago the church where John D. Rockefeller, Sr. was a member had a great preacher on given Sunday. After the service Mr. Rockefeller thanked the preacher for his sermon. In addition to an honorarium from the church, Mr. Rockefeller gave him his personal check for \$100. The preacher was delighted to receive it, not so much for the money, but because it was a personal check from one who at that time was the wealthiest man in the world.

The next morning, the preacher presented it to the teller of the bank. The teller looked at it, and returned it to the preacher. Thinking something was wrong he became excited, “What is the matter?” asked the preacher. “This is the right bank! It is made out to me! The signature is not forged! He gave the check to me himself! Surely his signature is good for \$100.”

The teller smiled and said, “Yes, this is the right bank. I am sure you are the one to whom the check is written, and I know the signature is genuine. It would be good on this bank, not for \$100, but for \$1,000,000. There is nothing wrong except that you forgot to endorse it. You must turn it over and write your name on the other side!”

You see, the preacher’s endorsement made the check personal. In effect, it was his way of expressing his faith in the bank, in the one signing the check, and his faith that by so doing he would receive the amount for which the check was written. Without his endorsement, it was simply an evidence that the signer wanted him to receive the amount for which the check called. With his endorsement, it guaranteed that he would receive that amount.

God in Christ has made out a check for you that entitles you to receive eternal life. It is drawn upon the bank of God’s grace, love, and mercy, and signed in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. It is God’s invitation that you should receive that for which the check calls. In order to receive it, you must endorse it, and your endorsement is your personal faith in Jesus Christ. Your faith is the channel through which God’s saving grace flows into your life. “Behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation” (**2 Corinthians 6;2**). Why not receive Him now?

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**The Bible is an inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue.--John Quincy Adams**



**Be anxious for nothing [don't worry about anything], but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.**

**Philippians 4:6**

## Just as I am . . .

Back in 1822 **Caesar Malan** was visiting at the home of a friend in Brighton, England. One evening he said to the daughter of the host, "I wish you were a Christian, Charlotte." The young woman resented his speaking to her on the subject, so he felt it best to drop the matter for the moment. What he had said disturbed her, however, and the next day she told him she would like to be converted but didn't know how. He explained the way of salvation but noticed that she was determined to "clean up her life" and do what she could do to first "establish her own righteousness" (**Romans 10:2**).

Finally Mr. Malan said, "Charlotte, Charlotte, you must give yourself to the Savior **just as you are!**" "What? You certainly don't mean that God will accept me without any works of my own, do you?" "I mean just that," was the reply. Nothing more was said then, but shortly afterward **Charlotte Eliot** called upon the name of the Lord and was saved. To describe how it all happened, she wrote her famous hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come."

If you are reading this and want to be saved, you must come to Jesus **just as you are** and ask Him to wash your sins away. He never refuses such a request when it is made by a penitent, seeking soul" "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (**Romans 10:13**).

"Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"

"**Just as I Am**" has been used as an invitational hymn with multiplied thousands coming to Christ. One wonders why it does not continue to be used when it is obviously one of the most effective hymns of invitation following a Biblical message.



## NOTES from my BIBLE

*Note 1176.* God's open hand of blessing is recognized only by those whose hearts are open to receive it.

*Note 1177.* Tune my heart to sing Thy praise.

*Note 1178.* Praise is the debt we owe God for our blessings that we receive daily.

*Note 1179.* To be humble is to be usable for "emptiness" is the cup into which God pours His blessings.

*Note 1180.* Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives; when your joy registers low, try thanksgiving!

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

September 16--October 17

Regular	37	\$2,560.00
Ecuador/Peru	26	1,910.00
Total	63	\$4,470.00



## A Presidential acknowledgment

The almighty God has blessed our land in many ways. He has given our people stout hearts and strong arms with which to strike mighty blows for freedom and truth. He has given to our country a faith which has become the hope of all peoples in an anguished world. So we pray to Him now for the vision to seek our way clearly--to see the way that leads to a better life for ourselves and for all our fellow men--to the achievement of His will to peace on earth.

--Franklin Delano Roosevelt

## **Vote!**

Sometime ago, I received a report from Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). Included in the mailing, was a sheet entitled **Vote!** that I want to share with you for your consideration.

We are told only one in five evangelicals votes. Why should we care? After all many of us still have our retirement accounts and medical benefits, and some think we may be “raptured” before things get too bad.

But we at VOM have a different attitude. We serve Christians who live in nations where they do not have the privilege to choose their national leaders or have a say in moral, economic, or security issues. Under Islamic law, women are treated as second-class citizens.

In Sudan, Christians have fought a 21-year civil war for the right to choose their own form of law. Two million people have died. Imagine how their lives may have been spared and their suffering minimized if their fight against Islamic Law could have been waged at the ballot box rather than the battlefield.

Here in the United States, God has granted us the privilege to choose our leaders. What better way to honor that gift than by exercising the right our brothers and sisters in Muslim and communist nations are denied? When we visit persecuted believers around the world, they often tells us they appreciate the United States of America—a nation that stands for freedom, one that brings them hope and encouragement. They thank God for our example. What example are you willing to be for them?

Many of us are concerned about abortion, gay marriage and the destruction of Christian values. But what are we willing to do about it? If Christians in the nations we serve (who have no vote) can go on motorbikes down muddy trails, hide in caves and work in brick slave labor camps for introducing the righteousness of a holy Christ into their society, surely we can get in our car and drive 10 minutes to mark a sheet of paper.

The world was surprised when Indian voters chose Sonya Gandhi’s Congress Party over the

ruling BJP. The so-called “untouch-ables,” the lower caste Dalits—many of them Christians, made the difference. The Congress Party immediately took steps to reverse legislation that institutionalized discrimination and encouraged persecution against non-Hindu minorities. Christian voters affected change in India. We can do the same right here in the U.S.

Perhaps Christian radio personality Michael Del Giorgio says it best. He writes, “We, the People’ are the only true enemy of an America that is a clear and present danger to our way of life.” We at VOM urge you to go and vote.

## **Brazil blessing**

My friend, I pray to God you are happy and complete in the Lord. Thank you for the opportunity to learn from the prayer seminar. It has made all the difference in my life. Each day I am going to the Father in His Throne Room, through Jesus seated at His right hand, in the power of the Holy Spirit praying for myself and others. I’m reading the Bible and what I read supports me with a sense of security and guidance. God speaks and now I hear better. Thank you, Dr. Gordon. It was a great pleasure to be at your side during the days you were in Brazil. In the love of Christ, **Roberta A. Waisman**, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

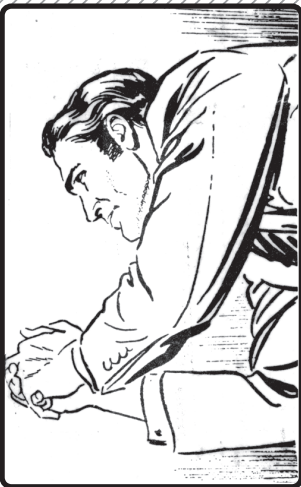
## **A pastor’s exhortation (From page 12)**

insights that are needed for effective praying and for influencing the nation. It is time to act before the door is closed and there is no opportunity to stand for Christ and His Word in a free nation. Then we must vote. Certainly, it is wisdom to listen to candidates to determine their worldview. There is a distinct difference in views espoused by candidates. It is more important, however, to seek God’s will on how to vote. Elections have consequences. The Word of God is clear on many of the contemporary issues facing us. If you are in doubt, remember that we are mandated to ask God for wisdom (**James 1:5**). He will not upbraid you for coming to Him, but He will give you the guidance you need.

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FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!  
GOD BLESS AMERICA!  
GOD HAVE MERCY ON US!  
WE NEED YOU, LORD!

## A pastor's exhortation

On Sunday, November 23, 2003, our home church pastor, **Jack Barrett** (Forest Baptist Church, Forest VA) spoke on the crisis facing America using **Romans 1:18-32** as his text. Using a decision by the Massachusetts' Supreme Court mandate to that Commonwealth's legislative body to accommodate gay marriages within the next six months. He noted that a moral vacuum has been created and that Christians have sat on the sidelines with the attitude that we don't want to be judgmental. He pointed out that many of our prevailing attitudes simply do not square with the Word of God. Speaking from **Romans 1**, Pastor Jack encouraged His flock to respond in four ways:

1. With common sense (**vv 26-27**). Many of the actions being taken in America are unnatural in the light of **Genesis 1:27-28**.
2. With genuine concern (**vv 26-32**). There are consequences to sin as is illustrated by David's agony described in **Psalms 51** and **Psalms 32**. We need to be concerned for people who are blind and have gone astray. Jesus is our model. We need to reach out with love to bring sinners to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ remembering Jesus died for sinners. We cannot put our heads in the sand. Otherwise, we are approving those who practice ungodliness and are headed for eternal death.
3. With compassion. We must love sinners into the kingdom of God. Lifestyles change when one becomes a Christian and begins to walk with God. This is our hope.
4. As a community, we must get engaged and involved. It is time to use our voice in our society and with our elected officials.

The crisis has intensified each year since his message. Both California and Connecticut have approved same-sex marriages. What can Christians do to make a difference? What can you do? We must pray for spiritual renewal in America; then we must put legs to our prayers and be willing to take steps that will make a difference. The Word of God provides the  
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