

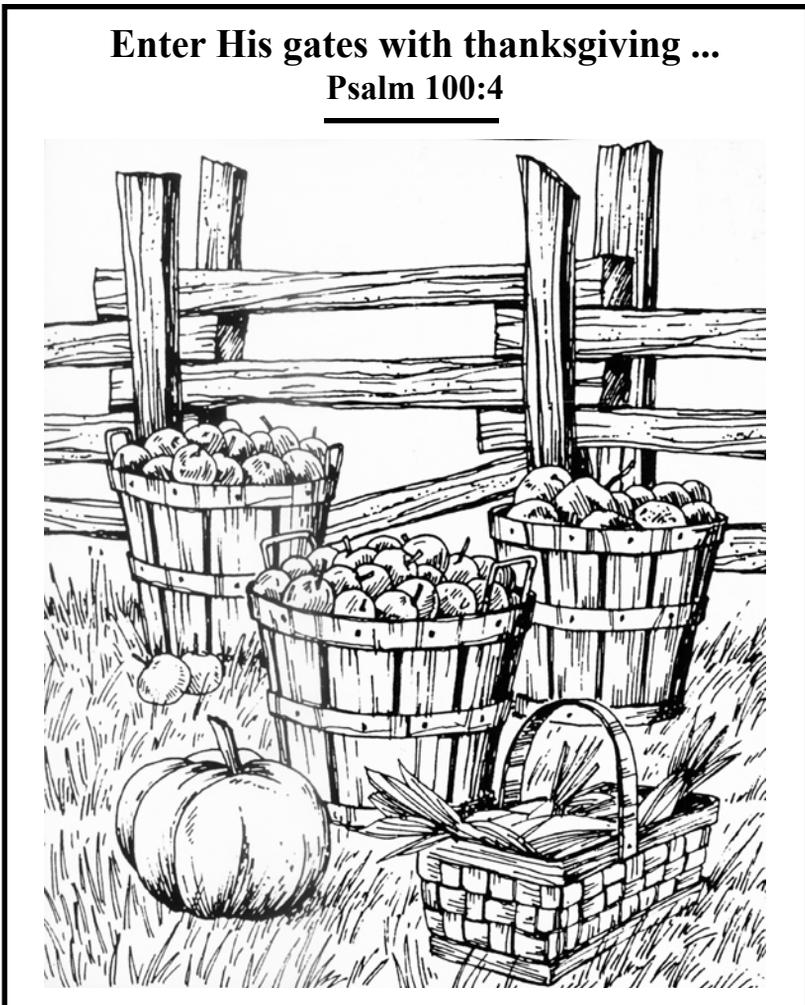
# REFLECTOR

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Enter His gates with thanksgiving ...  
Psalm 100:4



## Great awakenings

The great awakenings of the past have been accompanied by preaching *against* sin, and *for* conviction, godly sorrow, confessing, and forsaking of sin, restitution, return to first works, return to the Scriptures, and prayer and witnessing and godly living.

Vance Havner

## Perspectives

**“I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety” (Psalm 4:8)**

Sometimes you hear people say, “I am a night person.” This means that they find themselves with abundant energy surging at the end of the day. Usually, they are not fond of the early hours and sleep as long as possible. I think I understand this, but I am a “morning person.” For many years, I have enjoyed the solitude of early morning hours. Starting the day with God is as natural to me as breathing. Often my last thought before sleep, is “Lord, when my body is rested, wake me up and I will have time with you.” Normally, I never use an alarm clock. My body is rested around four o’clock in the morning and I am ready to put my feet on the floor. I do not have any desire to linger in bed. As a busy day winds down, my body winds down. By nine o’clock in the evening, I am ready to “hit the hay” to use a colloquial expression from my childhood. I am not an “evening person.”

Consequently, I was intrigued with the title of the third and final lecture **Matthew Henry** delivered in 1712, two years before his death, “**How to End the Day with God.**” There is no doubt that every Christian needs to develop a strategy to put himself/herself into the arms of the Lord preparing for a night’s rest. When I was president of Northeastern Bible College, across the river from New York City, I often encouraged God’s children to get to bed in order to awaken early enough to have time with God. My expression was “don’t wait up for the eleven o’clock news,” news that was obviously counter-productive to peace of mind. The number of homicides at that time was at its peak. Anyone who wished to end the day with a troubled mind had only to watch the news. To end a day with a peaceful mind, stay your mind on God as was suggested in an earlier

study. In Isaiah’s Song of Salvation in **Isaiah 26**, he stated to God, “You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You” (v 3).

### An example, David

**Matthew Henry** started his lecture series speaking on **how to begin the day with God**. In that lecture, he used thoughts from David, the spiritually-minded psalmist and king of Israel, to build his message. Basically, he used **Psalm 5:3**: “My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up.” Henry advised his listeners to seek God in the morning if they wanted Him through the day. This has long been a favorite verse. During my brother’s terminal illness, I gave him a picture with mountains in the background and this verse in the foreground. Powerful!

**Henry’s** final lecture was on **how to close the day with God**. The master expositor again turned to the language of David to illustrate his message: “I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety” (**Psalm 4:8**). You will be surprised at some of the points that he made related to thinking about death.

I first discovered in the early 1980s the importance of constantly being devoted to prayer in good times and bad times in **Psalms 3, 4, 5, and 6** in my annual trek, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, through the Bible. This lesson has served me well during the years that have followed. David prayed to God with confidence as he remembered who God had proven Himself to be in his life. As I prepared this copy, the final installment based on **Matthew Henry’s** lecture, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me to review my daily notes on these chapters in 1980, 1981, 1982, and 1983. Among the notes I wrote, I noted that in **Psalm 3**, there is **victory in face of defeat**. This is “a Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son” during the rebellion (**2 Samuel 15**). Another year, I labeled this psalm “the heartbreak of a father.” In vv 1-2, problems are highlighted.

Then in vv 3-8, he shifts from focusing on the problem, to the Problem-Solver: a **Shield** to protect him, **Glory** to adorn him, and His **Head Lifter**” to encourage him (v 3). David said, “I cried to the Lord, He heard ... I slept when trouble was all around ... I will not be afraid” (vv 4-6). My conclusion was that **God is able to give peace in the midst of distress**. This was one of my first chapel messages to the students at Northeastern Bible College. Further, in my notes I labeled **Psalm 4** “An Evening Prayer”; **Psalm 5** “A Morning Prayer”; and **Psalm 6** “A Prayer of Faith in Distress.”

### Application

Most of us are familiar with another bed-time prayer that is one of the first prayers that many children learn and many adults often recall. “Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray Thee Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray Thee Lord my soul to take.” For a Christian, these are sentiments well understood. As we come to the end of what are often hurried, harried, and busy days, we feel the need to turn to God. Before sleep, it is wise to heed the familiar words of another psalm “Be still and know that I am God ...” (**Psalm 46:10**).

David, having finished the work and passed through the dangers of the day, having counseled his friends around him (**Psalm 4:4-5**) to commune with their own hearts upon their beds and to offer the evening sacrifices of righteousness, says to them on retiring, “I will lie down and sleep in peace.” He concluded the day, as he had opened it, with meditations on God and had sweet communion with Him. What is remarkable is that this was a time when bitter enemies were seeking his destruction and when his life was obviously in peril. In spite of this, the language indicates a sublime confidence (faith) in God as his great Protector and Deliverer. There was an uncommon serenity of mind and freedom from anxiety and dread.

Some of the points that **Matthew Henry**

included in his lecture follow:

### A. RETIRING TO REST.

1. When we retire to our room, we should lift up our hearts to God, the God of mercies, and make Him the object of our adoring and most grateful praise. He said that it is our duty “in everything to give thanks” (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**), to bless the name of the Lord, for what He has allowed to come into our day both good and bad; both successes and failures. As we review the day, we will easily connote numerous benefits that He has given to us. Even in the darkness of affliction, God is there and we can learn lessons. You will be **thankful** when you are **thankful**.

2. When we lie down, it is wise to think of death and of the great change to which that event will introduce us. The conclusion of each day suggests to us the concluding day of our life on earth. It was Henry’s belief that this “will help to subdue in us what is wrong; it will fortify us against the temptations of the world; it will diminish our regard for its possessions; it will reconcile us to our discomforts and fatigues; it will prepare us to leave the world with less severe regrets; it will tend to make the idea of death so familiar and our views of it so Christian, as to raise us above the fear of that event.”

3. When we are about to lie down, it becomes us to make penitent recognition upon the sins and omissions of the past day. As we think about our lives, we often have much to lament, to confess, and to forsake. Ask: “*What have I done this day? What have I done amiss? What duty have I neglected? What false step have I taken? How have I conducted myself in my business, in my social intercourse, and in my family? Have I accommodated myself to the will of God in every event of providence?*” Have I been a good steward of my time, energy, resources? Have I been a good witness to others knowing that God has no hands but our hands, no mouth but our mouths to help others turn to Jesus as Savior and Lord? When we are conscious of sin (conviction), godly sorrow

leads to repentance (change of mind) and then to confession which brings forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**). We can then sleep with a clear conscience.

4. Before we yield ourselves to repose, we should offer supplications for the needful mercies of the night before us.

### **B. TO LIE DOWN IN PEACE.**

It must be our care and our endeavor, when we lie down, to do so in peace.

1. Let us lie down in peace with God.
2. Let us lie down in peace with others.
3. Let us lie down in peace with ourselves.

### **C. TO COMPOSE OURSELVES TO SLEEP.**

Having laid ourselves down to in peace, the next thing is to compose ourselves to sleep. "I will lie down and sleep in peace." The love of sleep for the sake of sleep is the characteristic of the sluggard [lazy], but as the divinely appointed means of recruiting our physical energies, quite as needful as food, we are to employ it with thankfulness to Him who "gives His beloved sleep." Among the reflections that **Henry recommended** are these thoughts:

1. What a gracious Master we serve, who allows us time for sleep, and furnishes us with all the requisite conveniences for it, and makes it to us so refreshing and so gratefully.
2. We have one less day to live than we had in the morning.
3. "To Your glory, O God, I now go to sleep."
4. "To Your grace, O God, I now commend myself."
5. "O that when I awake, I may be still with God; that the parenthesis of sleep, though long, may not break off the thread of my communion with God, but I may assume it as soon as I awake."
6. "Oh that, in due time, I may be introduced into a better rest than that which I am now about to enjoy."

### **D. "YOU ALONE MAKE ME DWELL IN SAFETY."**

We must do all that has been suggested and recommended in a believing dependence upon God, His power, providence and grace. Therefore, "I will lie down and sleep in peace," and compose myself to sleep because "you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." David takes notice (**Psalms 139**) of God's composing his path and his lying down, as his Protector and Observer.

1. It is by the power of God's providence that we are kept safe in the night, and that providence we must rely continually. He preserves us (**Psalms 36:6**), and upholds all things by the word of His power. There is a special protection assured to God's people (**Psalms 27:5**). He is round about them, as the mountains are round about Jerusalem (**Psalms 125:2**). He protects their habitations, as He did the tents of Israel in the wilderness.
2. It is by God's grace that we are enabled to feel ourselves safe, and on that grace we must continually depend.

What a wonderful thing to know that we can lie down in peace, and sleep in a dependence on the grace of God to work faith in us, and to fulfill that work of faith. This is going to sleep like a Christian, under the shadow of God's wings, going to sleep in faith. It will then be to us a good pledge of dying in faith, for the same faith that will carry us cheerfully through the short death of sleep will carry us through the long sleep of death.

I rejoice that there was a man sent from God so long ago named **Matthew Henry**, who still lives through his matchless Bible commentary. I am glad that his lectures from 1712 on **how to spend a day with God** came into my life and that I could pass them on to the **Reflector** readers. If you have kept your back issues, you might want to go back and to read them in order. I have done that and was blessed. Two years before his death in 1714, **Matthew Henry** was busily engaged

in preaching the Word of God. My prayer is that God will see fit to allow me to continue to be as strong and forceful two years before my death as was **Matthew Henry** for God's glory and honor. Let me know what impact these lectures have made in your life.

Remember you can E-mail us and keep in daily contact through my blog.

Yours in Calvary love,

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## Itinerary

*"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course."*  
 2 Thessalonians 3:1

### November

- 14 JGHM Board of Directors  
Murfreesboro TN
- 15 Prayer Seminar  
New Bethel U. M. Church  
Scottsville KY
- 26-28 Institute of Ministry (IOM)  
Christian Churches  
Brossard, Quebec, Canada\*

### December

- 3-22 Nigeria Prayer Seminars
- \*Video course (ten hours)

## The last day

Since we know not what a day may bring forth, does it not appear to be the part of wisdom to live each day as if it were to be the last?

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## Taking up residence in Heaven

Almost eighteen years ago, God gave us **Doorkeepers** in Nowata, Oklahoma **Phil & Loetta Landers**. None have been any more faithful as partners in our ministry. A recent word from Phil shared the news: "Loetta departed this life September 28, 2009 to **take up residence in Heaven.**" We say, "thank you, Lord, for allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire Paul to reveal "absent from the body ... present with the Lord" (**2 Corinthians 5:8**) and David to say, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (**Psalms 116:15**). This is a message we need **in times like these**. This world is not our home. We pray for Phil and the family.

## September letters

From across the nation, many old and new friends responded to **Letter-Writing Month**, a tradition for many years. Thank you. God has been, and is, at work bringing together many **Doorkeepers** to make the prayer seminar possible allowing us to touch lives through the prayer seminars, sermons, books, tapes, and the **Reflector**. Kindness is God's language.

Excerpts:

Your prayer seminar saved our marriage many years ago when my husband re-dedicated his life to Christ. He was also able to conquer alcoholism. We both realize every day what can be accomplished through prayer.

We are thankful that you helped us get our prayer ministry started in Parkview Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida.

Thank you so much for your ministry for the prayer seminar I attended over twenty years ago, for all the articles you write and the messages you share.

## A SPECIAL YEAR 2010

Marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Year for the prayer  
seminar ministry.

A time to ...

Pause for celebration  
Look back with thanksgiving

A time to ...

Reflect on the future  
Look forward with rededication

For forty-seven years of my life, I was bi-vocational. This means that I wore two hats or had two jobs. For twenty-seven years, I was an educator (student, teacher, administrator) and a pastor. For twenty years, I continued my involvement as an educator (leading a nationally recognized accrediting agency and then serving as an educational consultant), but my other job was to conduct prayer seminars. Since 2000, I have devoted myself exclusively to the prayer seminar ministry. As long as I was an educator, Sue and I used our vacation time to go to other nations. It has been a busy life, indeed, but a blessed one. Thousands upon thousands have been my students around the world in fifty-five nations.

**2010 is significant because it marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the prayer seminar ministry.** Although this article is being written in October, when we enter the 30<sup>th</sup> year, there will have been over 1,400 seminars.

To celebrate, we want to begin by bowing before God acknowledging "hitherto has the Lord helped us." Then we want to give Him thanks for first guiding the development of the seminar and then opening doors to share.

My heart's desire is to continue to share the prayer seminar as often and as widely as possible. Thirty years! Think of that! Would it be possible to celebrate by conducting thirty



## NOTES from my BIBLE

*Note 1136.* When man listens, God speaks; when man obeys, God acts; when man prays, God empowers.

*Note 1137.* Life on earth is only the first page of the book, not the last page.

*Note 1138.* Worry is but the interest you pay on trouble before it comes.

*Note 1139.* To get the most out of your Bible, read it with your ears open.

*Note 1140.* When you have time on your hands, spend some of it on your knees.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

**September 15--October 15**

### THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

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|---------|----|------------|
| Regular | 59 | \$3,880.00 |
| Nigeria | 12 | 930.00     |
| Total   | 69 | \$4,810.00 |



prayer seminars stateside, not counting the international seminars that are scheduled for 2010? I am ready and willing to do this, but **we need a plethora of invitations.** Have you ever said, "I want my church to be a praying church" and meant it? Then why not arrange for a prayer seminar in your area? I hope that you will do this. Check our web site for details on how to schedule a seminar or send us three possible dates. Remember I need six hours of teaching time, but the scheduling can be flexible to meet your needs.

**PRAYER CALENDAR****NOVEMBER 2009**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

**Psalm 109:4b****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2****ACTS 1-4 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3****ACTS 5-7 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4****ACTS 8-9 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
 Mary Ann Brown (GA)  
 Shirley Brown (VA)  
 Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)  
 Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)  
 Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don &amp; Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Ruby Burger (TN)

Sunday &amp; Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don &amp; Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Cliff &amp; Laura Cannon (FL)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5****ACTS 10-12 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Joreatha Capers (FL)

David &amp; Martha Cecil (VA)

Mary Clarke (VA)

Harry &amp; Nancy Coffee (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim &amp; Kathy Connolly (VA)

Joe &amp; Carol Coulter (VA)

Foster &amp; Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry &amp; Sonja Craig (TN)

Robert &amp; Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene Cummings (NC)

Bill &amp; Beverly Curtis (PA)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6****ACTS 13-15 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Lin &amp; Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John &amp; Margaret Davis (VA)

Mark &amp; Charmaine Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Harold &amp; Tama Decker (NY)

Nick &amp; Wilma DeGroot (IL)

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)

Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

Alan &amp; Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Walt Edwards (NC)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7****ACTS 16-18 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Paul &amp; Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Grace Eldridge (NJ)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Evalena Enoch (VA)

Lynne Farrow (NJ)

Larry &amp; Cara Fields (VA)

June Fisher (TN)

Makeva Flowers (VA)

Claire &amp; Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald &amp; Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Raymond &amp; Estelle Gabbard (KY)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Frank &amp; Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert &amp; Sara George (GA)

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ronald &amp; Maryann Gold (ND)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (NJ)

Charles M. Hale (VA)

Uel &amp; Hazel Hartless (VA)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9****ACTS 19-20 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Jim &amp; Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

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)

Wendy Henry &amp; Caleb (OK)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10****ACTS 21-23 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Jerry &amp; Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John &amp; Glenda Holland (VA)

Jayson &amp; Marylynn Hooker (VA)

Russ &amp; Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Mike &amp; Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam &amp; Linda Hough (VA)

Bonnie Houston (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11****ACTS 24-26 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Wilbert &amp; Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Oliver &amp; Janie Jackson (NY)

Louis &amp; May Jenkins (DC)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul &amp; Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Peter &amp; Millicent John (NY)

Dan &amp; Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

Jim &amp; Penny Johnson (KY)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12****ACTS 27-28 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Paul &amp; Deanna Jones (KY)

W I &amp; Eloise Jones (SC)

Jean Jonte (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Howard &amp; Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper &amp; Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Joyce Kelley (OR)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Robert &amp; Andrea Klepper (TN)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quentin &amp; Mary Knauer (OH)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13****ROMANS 1-3 (Nigeria 138.3M)**

Thomas Knight, Jr (SC)

Kenneth &amp; Amy Kollar (NY)

Irwin &amp; Joyce Koopman (MI)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel &amp; Jackie Kramar (VA)

David & Cathy Laing (FL)  
Phil Landers (OK)  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
**ROMANS 4-5 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)  
Bob Lawrence (MD)

Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)  
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)  
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)  
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)  
Manship Chapel (DE)  
Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)  
Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)  
Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)  
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)  
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
Leonard & Martha Meador (WV)  
Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**ROMANS 6-8 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
Mona Merry (SC)  
Memorial Christian Church (VA)  
Brenda K. Merritt (SC)  
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)  
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)  
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)  
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)  
Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)  
Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)  
French & Laura Moore (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
**ROMANS 9-11 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Katherine Morgan (VA)  
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)  
Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)  
Ann Palumbo (NJ)  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)  
Ben Poplin (VA)  
Ayers Porter (TN)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
**ROMANS 12-16 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)  
Paul & Donna Quetsch (VA)  
James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)  
Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)  
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)  
Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)

David & Amy Ross (KY)  
Sandra Rumore (VA)  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
**1 COR 1-6 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Denise Russell (OR)  
John Saint (PA)  
Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)  
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)  
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)  
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)  
Eric Farel, Pastor

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
**1 COR 7-10 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
Mary Siegner (VA)  
Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)  
His Highest Praise (HI)  
Lori Siri, Pastor  
Mary Skiles (KS)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
**1 COR 11-14 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
Marion J. Stansell (TX)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)  
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)  
Clarence & Roselin Stringfield (VA)  
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)  
William Stroman, Pastor

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
**1 COR 15-16 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)  
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
Temple of Praise (TX)  
Gilbert Perez, Pastor  
Earlene Thigpen (TN)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
**2 COR 1-5 (Paraguay 6.8M)**  
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
David & Montez Thompson (CO)  
Mildred V. Thompson (GA)  
Paula Tipton (TN)  
Virginia Trask (VA)  
Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)  
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
Malcom Troutman (KY)  
Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
**2 COR 6-9 (Nigeria 146.3M)**

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)  
Sara Underwood (TN)  
Liberty University (VA)  
Jerry Falwell Jr., Chancellor  
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)  
Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/(FL)  
George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)  
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
**2 COR 10-13 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)  
Beau Ware (VA)  
Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**  
**GAL 1-6 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
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)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
**EPH 1-6 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)  
Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)  
Stephen Latong (Nigeria)  
John/Egberta McSween (Trinidad)  
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
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)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
**PHIL 1-4 (Nigeria 146.3M)**  
The Word Church (NJ)  
Buz Offenbacher, Pastor  
Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)  
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
Lili Wykle (VA)  
Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)



**GOD PROTECT AMERICA!**

## Test yourself

T \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord (**Proverbs 3:5**)

H \_\_\_\_\_ the word of the Lord (**Jeremiah 31:10**)

A \_\_\_\_\_ and it shall be given you (**Luke 11:9**)

N \_\_\_\_\_ is the accepted time (**2 Corinthians 6:2**)

K \_\_\_\_\_ My commandments (**John 14:15**)

S \_\_\_\_\_ ye the Lord (**Isaiah 55:6**)

G \_\_\_\_\_ is love (**1 John 4:8**)

I \_\_\_\_\_ My Father's house are many mansions (**John 14:2**)

V \_\_\_\_\_ the fatherless (**James 1:27**)

I \_\_\_\_\_ your ears to the words of My mouth (**Psalms 78:1**)

N \_\_\_\_\_ is the day of salvation (**2 Corinthians 6:2**)

G \_\_\_\_\_ loveth a cheerful giver (**2 Corinthians 9:7**)

Christians are wise to follow the example of **David** who said, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (**Psalms 119:11**). "Hiding the Word in your heart" is memorization. Are you following that advice? Actually, we find cleansing (**Psalms 119:9**) and healing (**Psalms 107:20**) in the Word. In the **Upper Room**, Jesus washed the disciples' feet (**John 13:1-17**). When He came to Peter, Peter did not feel comfortable for the Master to wash his feet. Jesus explained that otherwise he would not have the quality of relationship that he could have. "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me (**v 8**); "part" does not mean union; rather, it means communion or fellowship. Notice

that the text does not say "part in Me," but "part with Me." Unless Peter would accept this ministry from the Servant, he would have no fellowship with Him. He was not saying that Peter would have no relationship with Him. Peter blurted out that he wanted a whole bath revealing his deep longing for a deeper and more intimate fellowship with the Lord (**v 9**).

Only washing feet was needed, not a whole bath. The Lord's reply showed the benefits that would come to one who submitted to the ministry of God's Servant. "*He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you*" (**v 10**). There are two Greek words used for washed. Literally, Jesus said, "*He that has been bathed all over does not need but to sponge off his feet.*" Actually, Jesus was teaching a lesson through the bathing customs of His day. Bathing facilities were not available in the small homes of the people. In order to bathe, people went to a public bath. When a person was invited to a meal, he would go to a public bath and bathe. He would then put on his best robe, anoint himself with fresh oil, and proceed to the home where the meal was to be served.

In traveling from the bath to the home, the guest wore sandals which were simply soles held on the foot by a few strings and his feet would become soiled from the dust of the path. During dry weather, there were inches of dust on the unpaved roads. If he returned to the bath to wash the dust from walking, he would find his feet were dirty again when he returned to the house. He could not recline at the banquet table and extend soiled feet for all to see. Thus, he would be met by a servant with a basin of water to wash his feet. One who had been to a bath and cleansed his whole body would sponge the dirt off his feet. He could then enter the banquet hall clean and confident.

Using this familiar custom, Jesus taught that the one who previously had been washed all over was in relationship with Him. But

in order to enjoy the fellowship that comes from the relationship, it was necessary for him to submit to His work in providing for his sponge bath.

### The water of the Word of God

One of the pieces of furniture in the Old Testament tabernacle was the bronze laver (**Exodus 38:8**). It consisted of a huge upright bronze bowl filled with water, resting upon a pedestal. The priests would often stop at this laver and wash. The Word of God may be thought of in terms of that laver, for it too has the power to cleanse. The Old Testament laver could only remove the physical dirt from human hands, but the Scriptures possess the ability to take away our moral filth (**1 Peter 1:22**) when its truths are applied.

The church is set aside (sanctified) and cleansed (washed clean) by the water of the Word of God. You see the Word of God is likened unto water. The psalmist inquired, *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?”* Then he answered his question, *“By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word”* (**Psalms 119:9**). Water is used in the Scripture as an emblem of cleansing. For defilement, the need is cleansing. Christ *“loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her by the washing of water by the Word of God”* (**Ephesians 5:25**). When an unsaved person places his faith in Jesus as the Son of God, his sins are cleansed by His blood and there is overall bathing. But the feet become defiled in pilgrimage. When the sinning saint needs cleansing, the Word of God becomes an agent for that cleansing.

Suppose I am working in the flower garden and my hands become dirty and defiled? What do I do? I go and apply water, and after I apply the water, the uncleanness disappears. When my heart has become defiled, what do I do? I let the Lord apply the water of the Word to the defilement. The Word of God is the water that is applied to cleanse us. We do not need to be saved again

because we have already had a bath. We do need to have the dust of the world washed off by the Water of the Word.

There is a great truth presented for the believer. It is not enough to have the water in a basin, the water must be applied to the person. As Jesus explained to Peter that fellowship was dependent upon his subjecting himself to the act of washing, we, too, must accept the provision provided for our cleansing the Word of God. We appropriate the benefits of the death of Christ by personally receiving Him as Savior. We appropriate the benefits of the Word of God when we apply the truths contained therein to our lives.

### Still waiting

Waiting! Yes, **patiently** waiting!

Till next steps made plain shall be,  
To hear, with the inner hearing  
The Voice that will call for me.

Waiting! Yes, **quietly** waiting!

No need for anxious dread;  
Shall He not assuredly guide me,  
Who giveth me daily bread?

Waiting! Yes, **hopefully** waiting!

With hope that needn't grow dim;  
The Master is pledged to guide me,  
And my eyes are unto Him.

Waiting! Yes, **expectantly** waiting!

Perhaps it may be today  
The Master will quickly open  
The gate to my future way.

Waiting! Yes, **trustfully** waiting!

I know, though I've waited long,  
That, while He withholds His purpose  
His waiting cannot be wrong.

Waiting! Yes, waiting, still waiting!

The Master will not be late,  
He knows that I am waiting  
For Him to unlatch the gate.

— J. D. Smith

# PRAY FOR US



**OUR MODEL— JESUS:** “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no man can work” (**John 9:4**). The night is coming when there will be no more prayer seminars, but while it is day, we must continue to work the works of Him who has sent us in our generation.

## WORK IN NIGERIA DECEMBER 3—22

God has so clearly poured His blessings upon the prayer ministry in Nigeria bringing about a **spiritual awakening that swept the nation**. As we return December 3-22, please continue to pray that the funds will be forthcoming to cover the expenses of providing 20,000 prayer seminar workbooks and the needs of our team of three..

### *LORD! DO IT AGAIN!*

#### OUR NEED

- **20,000 SEMINAR WORKBOOKS**
- **100 CONTRIBUTORS**
- **BUDGET IS \$14,682 (travel, lodging/food for three team members/workbooks (10,000 English; 10,000 Hausa). As many as 40,000 might attend.**

**Twenty-eight have given \$3,195. Thank you. We need \$11,487. We must PRAY for God to touch the hearts of those whom He wishes to give. No gift is too small.**

#### TEAM MEMBERS:

**DR. HENRY (Leader)**

**SUNDAY BWANHOT (Chicago, Illinois)**

**NUHU LEO (Director, Prayer Ministry in Nigeria)**

### Prayers of thanksgiving

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything [in all circumstances] give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**).

This is an amazingly instructive passage of Scripture containing elements of a prescription for happiness that abounds. We need to learn to praise the Lord for who He is all the time rejoicing in Him and His provisions for us. We are to pray about everything remembering that He is interested in even the least concern that is within us and is ready to help us as appropriate in our circumstances. We are to include thanksgiving in our prayers. The parameters of thanksgiving are carefully defined “in everything give thanks” (**1 Thessalonians**). We can trust God because He knows what He is doing and allows only things that work for our good to come into our lives (**Romans 8:28**).

**Thanksgiving** is thanking God for what He has done and what He is going to do. It proclaims both that God is the Giver of every good and perfect gift (**James 1:17**) and that to the believer every gift is good, perfect, and pleasing.

**John White** has reminded us to “begin our prayer with thanksgiving. Thank God that He reached down from Heaven ... Thank Him for any evidence past, present, or future of His work. Thank Him for His unchanging purposes.” Thanksgiving is one of the five elements of prayer that we need to incorporate in our daily communion with our Father (**adoration, confession, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession**). Thanksgiving will not change God, but it changes us. God will never be any greater than He already is.

## A car for Martin in Kenya



Since May, many of us have been praying for *a van for Martin*. It has been amazing how **Martin Shikuku** has labored for the Lord in western Kenya (Eldoret, in the Rift Valley) and other parts of Kenya, as well as neighboring nations (Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo) without having a car. He has walked, traveled by bus, and sometimes by taxi.

Several responded to our appeal to help provide the funds for a van. So far, we have received over \$6,000 which Martin deposited into a banking account. The bank officials contacted him on Friday, October 9, to commend him on his efforts and to show him a Toyota sprinter saloon car. The bank officials agreed to finance the car that is now in Martin's possession.

Once there are adequate funds, they will exchange the car for a van. Please pray that his needs will be met. We express our gratitude to all you who have prayed and are praying for Martin, his family, his congregation at Glory Baptist Church, and his work in East and Central Africa nations.

### A car for Onesimus Sule

Once a decision was made following the 1988 prayer seminars in Nigeria to begin a prayer seminar ministry, we needed a car for **Onesimus Sule**, the leader. We begin to pray. It was not very long before we had the word that a donor had given a car, a Volkswagon Sanyana. For many years, this car traversed the roads of Nigeria back and forth, up and down carrying Onesimus and his team to conduct prayer seminars. Amazingly, it was

used in one segment of our 2002 trip and, possibly, saved our lives since it is heavy. As we drove from **Kano to Zaria** on a "toll road" (high speed), a flock of sheep appeared suddenly coming on the road from a hidden entrance. Our driver, although skilled and alert, could do nothing but to plow into the sheep. Thankfully, only a few were killed. Had we not been in the well-built Sanyana ministry car (built years ago when much stronger materials were used), we could have been in serious trouble. The only damage done to the auto was a broken headlight. We were able to continue the journey. We were supposed to travel by van, but there was a scheduling problem and the van that we had used was not available. My firm belief is that God knew that we needed the **Onesimus car** to protect us from peril that awaited.

## A Thanksgiving meditation: Psalm 23

O Lord, You are my shepherd; **thank You, Lord**. I shall not want; **thank You, Lord**. You make me to lie down in green pastures; **thank You, Lord**. You lead me beside still waters; **thank You, Lord**. You restore my soul; **thank You, Lord**. You lead me in paths of righteousness for Your Name's sake; **thank you, Lord**.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; **thank You, Lord**. For You are with me; **thank You, Lord**. Your rod and Your staff they comfort me; **thank You, Lord**. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; **thank You, Lord**. You anoint my head with oil; **thank You, Lord**. My cup runneth over; **thank You, Lord**.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; **thank You, Lord**. And I will dwell in Your house, O Lord, forever; **thank You, Lord**.