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Election Tuesday --- November 2, 2010

Just a few more praying days before the **2010** election! **Tuesday, November 2**, will soon be here. As go the leaders, so go the people. As go the people, so goes the nation.

Does prayer make a difference in a nation? If you need a review of the answer to the question, read **2 Chronicles 7:14**, Circle two words in the text: **"If"** and **"then."** Four steps are clearly delineated: **humble** (an attitude of dependence on God, not self), **pray** (ask for God's help), **seek His face** (does not change God, but changes the petitioner), and **turn from sin**. The result promised is as clearly defined: He will hear from Heaven (headquarters for the Christian, where the resources are kept), **forgive** (lift and remove a heavy load), and He will bring **healing** to the land.

Before you exercise your God-given right to vote, be sure you are right before God yourself. Then you can ask God's hand to move and that those with proven character who will guide us into God-honoring paths will be elected.

A precious privilege. Voting intelligently is the responsibility of every citizen. The right of a citizen to vote was purchased at a high price of sacrifice and sealed with the blood of martyrs. God forbid that we should regard this right lightly. Study the issues and the party platforms. Examine each candidate and determine how he stands on the issues. Then vote according to God's guidance and your convictions.

On the national scene, many believe that our nation is at a critical crossroad that will affect generations to come. **PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!** And then put legs to your prayers.

You can help mold America. I've not given up on America. How about you? We can make a difference by praying and by voting. I hope each **Reflector** reader will do both.

Don Wildmon's 2008 Appeal

Don Wildmon, founder of the American Family Association, has been a light shining in the darkness for many years. My respect for him and his work could not be any higher. He is a man of God whose values are based on the Scriptures. He could easily be put in the class of "the sons of **Issachar** who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (**1 Chronicles 12:32**). He wrote a letter on October 8, 2008, which was true then and even more so today. Please read carefully and share it with your family and friends.

If you think things are bad, just wait!

The upcoming election is the most critical election in the history of our nation. The very future of our nation's foundation is at stake. Every person will be affected. If the liberals win, then our foundation will no longer be based on traditional Judeo-

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PERSPECTIVES

The most often asked question

“How do you explain your great interest in prayer?” is the question that I am asked more than any other question. Recently, I had occasion to pull out a 1982 issue of the **Northeastern Reflector** and found these remarks in my column, entitled **President’s Perspective**, that answers the question more than any other words I might choose:

Nothing means any more to me these days than leading prayer seminars. The prayer seminar is a six-hour venture following the materials in a 66-page prayer seminar workbook. It is making a difference in the lives of many believers as is attested by the correspondence we receive. Several months ago, I conducted a seminar on Staten Island [New York City]. I received the letter that follows from a journalist in that congregation. A few days ago, he called to invite me to be the guest speaker for a week in August at **Camp Spofford (New Hampshire)** for the Eastern District of the Evangelical Free church. In the course of conversation, he referred to this letter and stressed that he meant every word of it. Because my friend has expressed the impact our Lord made on his life during the prayer seminar, I want to share it.

Dear Dr. Henry,

It has been more than two weeks now since you were at my church for the prayer seminar. What a great two weeks it has been!

*I have been a Christian for 18 years and the past two weeks have been the most exhilarating of my life. I am communicating with God like I never have before. Using your **A-C-T-S** as a guideline, I have been able to establish a daily morning prayer and Bible reading time. I begin with Bible reading and then finish in prayer as you suggested. In 15 days, I have been able to have meaningful devotions 11 days. The days that, for one*

reason or another, I blew it, I really felt out of it.

I have discovered several interesting things:

The new-found time for prayer has increased my desire to read the Scriptures. The nourishment that I am pulling from the Bible reading I am incorporating in my prayer time, especially in my adoration of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord is beginning to burden me for the unsaved. I am the Adult Bible Class teacher and since your prayer seminar, I am praying for individuals in the class by name, and then, in some cases, following up with a phone call.

The most exciting thing is that I sense the beginning of a revival at our church. I could be wrong because I have never been witness to a revival but things are happening that can only be of the Holy Spirit. I know for a fact that my wife and I are being transformed spiritually. And so many people in the church are on fire for the Lord. Our prayer meeting last Wednesday evening ran 25 minutes over. People were praying powerfully in the Spirit. Praying for loved ones. Confessing sins. Thanking God for who He is. Expecting great things, Praise God!

Anyway, I just wanted to share these things with you so you could share in our joy. Thanks for coming to our church. Thanks for making yourself available to God’s call. Thanks for your positive message. (Even the fact that you mentioned that you appreciated the beautiful setting of the church impressed me and others. Most speakers come in and begin by putting down city life and extolling the virtues of the country. These speakers forget that many of us have chosen to remain in the city because we feel it is God’s will.)

Once again, thanks and may the Lord bless you as you minister at Northeastern.

*Yours in Christ,
Larry Miraldi*

Observation. When I was considering devoting more of my time to the prayer

seminar ministry, I wondered the long-term effect knowing that it is possible to have a mountain-top experience that soon wanes. Now our archives are full of reports that support the conclusion that a seminar makes a difference. Our desire is to teach the Word and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as fully as possible knowing that when this is the case the Holy Spirit moves to bring the Word alive within the hearer.

Recently I had a telephone call from **Dr. Chris Seidlitz**, pastor, Windsor Park Baptist Church, Desota, Texas, reporting on what is happening in his congregation since the recent prayer seminar. He reported that he had baptized twelve and then a large number of families had come into the church. He said, "I just wanted you to know." When believers understand the purpose and power of prayer and then practice it asking for specific things to be done that will bring God glory, the long-awaited revival fires begin to flame up.

While it is encouraging to have positive feedback along the way, our task is to keep on going and keep on telling the story of the Lord Jesus Christ and His trading places with us while we were yet sinners, so that we can be forgiven and become a new person in Him.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

The Word of God and Prayer

The Word of God and prayer are both indispensable and should not be separated. In His Word, God speaks to me; in prayer, I speak to God. The Word teaches me God's will, to which I surrender myself in loving obedience. The secret of faith is this: There can be only as much faith as there is of the Living Word dwelling in the land."

Andrew Murray

"Look at this! Just look at this!"

At the close of a prayer seminar near the airport in **Belo Horizonte, Brazil**, the host pastor (who was seventy-seven years old and had recently led the congregation in a major building program), told me that he had a burden to bring the pastors in his area to pray. His efforts to that end were rejected. But he arose at 3 a.m. each day to pray specifically for a pastors' prayer meeting. He had done this for several years, but no answer.

The prayer seminar was scheduled for two evenings. The first evening, attendance was excellent and many expressed delight at the number attending. The second evening, attendance doubled. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so obvious that it appeared that not one word spoken touched the ground, but was readily received by God's children.

At the close of the service, the pastor came to me with great excitement saying over and over: "Look at this! Just look at this!" I will never forget the joy he expressed. In his hand, he held a paper that contained the seven names of pastors who agreed to begin the pastors' prayer meeting.

I wonder what would happen if the pastors in a certain area would do the same for their community. Evidence is abundant that any place in the world where this has happened has produced incredible results. The purpose of this article is to encourage some one who reads this to be the catalyst for a pastors' prayer meeting. If not, why not? If not now, when? If not you, who?

Come together just to pray. We do not need another praise service, another Bible study, or another sermon. **The work that must come before all other work is prayer work.** All evangelical pastors in an area should participate.

God is able! God is willing! God is waiting! He is waiting for His children to ask Him to work. See **Jeremiah 33:3; James 4:2b-3.**

STIMULUS SERMON

Genesis 47:13-27

Someone shared this article with me. I would love to give the Pastor of this predominantly black church in Virginia a hug and a high five. This guy is obviously a leader. Perhaps we should each decide who our real leader is, and it is not a human leader. It is amazing to see that very little has changed in 4,000 years.

Good morning, brothers and sisters; it's always a delight to see the pews crowded on Sunday morning, and so eager to get into God's Word. Turn with me in your Bibles, if you will, to the **47th chapter of Genesis**, we'll begin our reading at **verse 13**, and go through **verse 27**.

Brother Ray, would you stand and read that great passage for us?(reading)...

Thank you for that fine reading, Brother Ray. So we see that economic hard times fell upon Egypt, and the people turned to the government of Pharaoh to deal with this for them. And Pharaoh nationalized the grain harvest, and placed the grain in great storehouses that he had built. So the people brought their money to Pharaoh, like a great tax increase, and gave it all to him willingly in return for grain. And this went on until their money ran out, and they were hungry again. So when they went to Pharaoh after that, they brought their livestock -their cattle, their horses, their sheep, and their donkeys - to barter for grain, and **verse 17** says that only took them through the end of that year. But the famine wasn't over, was it? So the next year, the people came before Pharaoh and admitted they had nothing left,

except their land and their own lives. "There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh.." So they surrendered their homes, their land, and their real estate to Pharaoh's government, and then sold themselves into slavery to him, in return for grain. What can we learn from this, brothers and sisters?

That turning to the government instead of to God to be our provider in hard times only leads to slavery? Yes.. That the only reason government wants to be our provider is to also to become our master? Yes. But look how that passage ends, brothers and sisters! Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt , in the land of Goshen ... And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly." God provided for His people, just as He always has! They didn't end up giving all their possessions to government. No, it says they gained possessions! But I also tell you a great truth today, and an ominous one. We see the same thing happening today - the government today wants to "share the wealth "once again, to take it from us and redistribute it back to us. It wants to take control of healthcare, just as it has taken control of education, and ration it back to us, and when government rations it, then government decides who gets it, and how much, and what kind. And if we go along with it, and do it willingly, then we will wind up no differently than the people of Egypt did four thousand years ago - as slaves to the government, and as slaves to our leaders. What Mr. Obama's

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Cultivative evangelism

If a farmer expects good results from scattering his seed, he will be careful to prepare the soil. He will do everything he possibly can do to make the soil receptive to the good seed he will plant. If we expect good results from our witnessing, then we need to prepare the soil to help make the soil receptive to God's Word. How? Paul tells us a practical way to open doors for the Gospel: "So, then, when we have opportunity, let us do good to all men . . ." (**Galatians 6:10**). Definite expressions of love actions, not just words will open the way for the Gospel. It's not enough just to talk and expect to be heard. We must earn the right to be heard.

Itinerary

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

October

- 7-9 Video - SG School of Theology
Ville Prairie, Louisiana*
- 10 Prayer Seminar
Westside Baptist Church
Aitkin, Minnesota
- 14-16 Video - SL School of Theology
Murfreesboro, Tennessee*
- 16-17 Prayer Seminar
The Bible Temple
Coward, South Carolina
- 23-24 Prayer Seminar
Tidewater Virginia Area
Newport News, Virginia
- 26-28 Video - C School of Theology
Ville Prairie, Louisiana*

*Ten hours (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

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government is doing now is no different from what Pharaoh's government did then, and it will end the same. And a lot of people like to call Mr. Obama a "Messiah," don't they? Is he a Messiah? A savior? Didn't the Egyptians say, after Pharaoh made them his slaves, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh"? Well, I tell you this - I know the Messiah; the Messiah is a friend of mine; and Mr. Obama is no Messiah! No, brothers and sisters, if Mr. Obama is a character from the Bible, then he is Pharaoh.

Bow with me in prayer, if you will.

Lord, You alone are worthy to be served, and we rely on You, and You alone. We confess that the government is not our deliverer, and never rightly will be. We read in the eighth chapter of 1 Samuel, when Samuel warned the people of what a ruler would do, where it says "And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day." And Lord, we acknowledge that day has come. We cry out to you because of the ruler that we have chosen for ourselves as a nation. Lord, we pray for this nation. We pray for revival, and we pray for deliverance from those who would be our masters. Give us hearts to seek You and hands to serve You, and protect Your people from the atrocities of Pharaoh's government.

**IN GOD WE TRUST
PRAY THAT THIS
WILL FOREVER BE TRUE**

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Christian morality. It will gradually but assuredly be based on an ever shifting, ever moving foundation. If the liberals win, the damage can't be stopped with elections two, four or forty years from now. In case you may think I'm a "the sky is falling" type of person, you should know: When it comes to predictions, I am a very reserved person. But not on this one. I cannot overstate the damage a liberal victory will do to our country. The upcoming election is the most important in the history of our nation. Yes, if the liberals win you will lose some of your religious freedoms and free speech rights. Churches and pastors will not be exempt. You will not be allowed to say certain things about a particular group. Every item of the homosexual agenda will be approved. All the laws protecting the unborn will be wiped away.

I cannot overly emphasize the importance of the November 4 [2008] election. That is why I urge you to vote and encourage your family members, friends, Sunday school class and church members to vote. America's future and the future of your children and grandchildren is at stake.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Wildmon
Founder and Chairman
American Family Association

**THE PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY
IS SUPPORTED BY THE GIFTS
OF ITS FRIENDS!**

TO SCHEDULE A 2011 PRAYER
SEMINAR IN YOUR AREA, SEND US
THREE PREFERRED DATES.
WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU!

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1191. The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.

- **Edmund Burke**

Note 1192. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. - **Wendell Phillips**

Note 1193. They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. - **Benjamin Franklin**

Note 1194. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. - **Patrick Henry**

Note 1195. No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he is vigilant in its preservation." - **General Douglas MacArthur**

**ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES.
EVERY VOTE COUNTS!
PRAY THE VOTES!**

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Regular	21	\$1,715.00
Cuba	29	3,478.00
Total	50	\$5,293.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS!
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)

PRAYER CALENDAR**October 2010**

“I will give myself to prayer...”

Psalm 109:4b**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1****MATTHEW 1-4 (India 1.2B)**

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**MATT 5-7 (Indonesia 237.5M)**

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**MATTHEW 8-11 (Iran 65.9M)**

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**MATTHEW 12-15 (Iraq 28.2M)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
Janice Bugg (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)
John & Patricia Carter (FL)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**MATT 16-19 (Costa Rica 4.2M)**

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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**MATT 20-23 (Ivory Coast 20.2M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**MATT 24-25 (Ireland 4.2M)**

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)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**MATT 26-28 (Isle Mari 75,220)**

June Fisher (TN)
Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester County Com Ch
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Charles Hale (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**MARK 1-3 (Israel 7.1M)**

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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**MARK 4-7 (Italy 58.1M)**

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)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**MARK 8-10 (Jamaica 2.8M)**

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**MARK 11-13 (Japan 127.3M)**

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)****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15****MARK 14-16 (Jersey 91,523)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Thomas Knight Jr (SC)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Soma Kooovor (TX)
 Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramer (VA)
 David & Cathy Laing (FL)
 Phil Landers (OK)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

LUKE 1-2 (Jordan 6.2M)

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 & Earline Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

LUKE 3-6 (Kazakhstan 15.3M)

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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

LUKE 7-9 (Kenya 38M)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

LUKE 10-12 (Kiribati 110,356)

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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

LUKE 13-15 (N. Korea 23.5M)

Ann Palumbo (NJ)
 Ellen Paulson (MN)
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

LUKE 16-18 (S. Korea 49.2M)

Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

LUKE 19-21 (Kosovo 2.1M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 Denise Russell (OR)

John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (CT)
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

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)
 Richard/Margaret Siegfied (SC)
 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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

LUKE 22-24 (Kuwait 2.6M)

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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

JOHN 1-2 (Kyrgyzstan 5.4M)

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
 Earlean Thigpen (TN)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

JOHN 3-5 (Laos 6.7M)

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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

JOHN 6-8 (Latvia 2.2M)

Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

JOHN 9-12 (Lebanon 4M)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

JOHN 13-17 (Lesotho 2.1M)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

JOHN 18-21 (Liberia 3.3M)

Derrick Williams (TX)
 Edward Williams (NC)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 The Word Church (NJ)
 Buz Offenbacher, Pastor
 Lili Wykle (VA)

Pray the promises

Some of you will remember how God used a small booklet, *Seven Wonders of Prayer*, written by **Armin Gesswein** (November 28, 1907-2001) to change my life. It was through **Armin's** writing that I understood for the first time that prayer is not bringing God down to earth; rather, it is going into His presence in the Throne Room. I did not know **Armin Gesswein**, but a few years later he was sitting in my office at Northeastern Bible College after speaking in a chapel service. We became close friends.

In my files, I have dozens of letters and monthly newsletters from **Armin** received over a twenty-year period. His friendship meant much to me and his life was an exemplar of all that I am teaching in the area of prayer. He made it a point to encourage me in the prayer seminar ministry as no one else has done.

Armin's influence was extensive and touched many lives and churches for over sixty years. As my life was redirected by this great man of God's writing a turning point for me there was a turning point in his life that could be called "The Haystack Prayer Meeting." He described it in his own words:

Early in the ministry I had an experience which completely changed my understanding of prayer. What a transformation! I was called to start churches and had just discovered "prayer-meeting truth" in the book of Acts. So I started a prayer meeting the first one I ever attended.

In came an elder Methodist one night. When he prayed, I detected something new. "I have never heard praying like that," I said to myself. It was not only fervency I had plenty of that. Heaven and earth got together at once when he prayed. There was a strange immediacy about it. The prayer and the answer were not far apart. He had it "in the bag!"

being of optimistic faith. The Holy Spirit was right there, in action, giving him assurance of the answer even while he was praying. When I prayed, God was "way out there," somewhere in the distance, listening. The answer, too, usually seemed off in the distance.

Eager to learn his secret, I went to see him one day. His name was **Ambrose Wiley**, and everyone called him "**Uncle Am.**" He was a retired blacksmith, a Methodist lay preacher. I soon came to the point: "Uncle Am, I would love to pray with you." At once he arose, led me outside across the driveway into a red barn, up a ladder, into a haystack! There, in some old hay, lay two big Bibles. I prayed first, as I recall it. Poured out my heart, needs, burdens, wishes, aspirations, ambitions to God. Then he prayed and there was "that difference" again. There, in that hay, on our knees, at the eyeball level, I said, "Uncle Am, what is it? . . . You have some kind of secret in praying. Would you mind sharing it with me?"

I was twenty-four; he was seventy-three, and with an eagle-look in his eyes, he said, "Young man, learn to plead the promises of God!"

That did it! Those nine words have echoed in my soul a thousand times since: "Young man, learn to plead the promises of God!" My praying has never been the same since. That word completely changed my understanding of prayer. It really revolutionized it. Mentally I "saw it" as soon as he said it. Saw what? Well when I prayed there was fervency, ambition, etc. And make no mistake about it, the Lord does not put a squelch on these either. But I lacked faith. Prayer is the key to heaven but faith unlocks the door. There must be faith. Where does

that come from? From hearing the Word of God. **Uncle Am** would plead Scripture after Scripture, reminding Him of promise after promise, pleading these promises like a lawyer does his case, all along the Holy Spirit pouring in His assurance. This man knew the promises by the bushel. He did not seem to need those two Bibles in that hay. I soon learned that he was a mighty intercessor. He prayed clear through the Bible. He taught me the secret of intercessory praying. How can I ever thank God enough for leading me to such a prayer warrior?

What happened? With this discovery, God really gave me a new Bible! That day I learned to make the Bible my prayer book. It gave me a new motivation for Bible study. I began to dig in. I would now search Scriptures ... meditate ... mark its many promises ... memorize, memorize, memorize! There are thousands of promises for every need, burden, problem, situation.

“Young many, learn to plead the promises of God!” These words keep echoing in me.

Under attack

Since 1776, the United States has been built on certain core values based on the Judeo-Christian religion. This has made our nation great. Wherever our ministry has carried us, we have encountered folks who want to live in our nation. For the past few years, these values have been under attack. Isn't it time that the erosion stopped? It is obvious that this change must come at the ballot box. Pray that those who are elected will reverse the downward course and move us back to our origin. Then stand firm on your convictions and vote on November 2.

The Upper Room

A few months ago, I used the image of a light house to call for Light Houses of Prayer to be established, both corporately and individually. Many of our readers have expressed appreciation for the challenge.

For as long as I remember I have encouraged believers to master the Upper Room Discourse (**John 13,14, 15, 16, 17**). Some years ago, I wrote a book entitled **The Upper Room Discourse**, my favorite of the books I have written. I have recently reviewed the monthly letters and correspondence from my friend and mentor, **Armin Gesswein**, who now looks down from his Heavenly home. His passion for decades was to ask churches to establish Upper Rooms as the main point in their ministries. I am persuaded that this must be our priority. **As a hospital needs an ER (emergency room), each local church and each Christian needs an UR (Upper Room)**. Whether we know it or not (or are willing to accept and practice it when we do know it), *prayer is the work that must come before all other work* (**John 14:12-14**).

The prayer closet

A time and a place to pray are two essentials in building a prayer life. Make an appointment with God and keep the appointment. Start your day with your Bible in hand and a prayer in your heart. Among the things that Jesus taught about prayer was the matter of finding a prayer closet a set place, shut place, secluded place a place as free from interruptions as possible. Why the analogy of a closet? In Jesus' day, folks kept their valuables in a closet. So, there was limited access from others. Find a quiet place. Jesus said that if the only quiet room in your house is a closet, then you should go in there and shut the door and pray. “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father . . .” (**Matthew 6:6KJV**).

Cuban memories



DR. HENRY IS IN GOOD HANDS WITH INTERPRETER ADAM NATHANSON

Thank you for praying and for giving to make possible a return to Cuba fifty years after my first visit. How can I say thanks and express my gratitude in an appropriate way? I have kept in my mind from the time of arrival in Havana that I am your representative, as well as being Christ's ambassador (**2 Corinthians 5:20**).

I will provide more details in the November **Reflector**. There were nine prayer seminars in Havana. You provided a Spanish prayer seminar workbook for each participant and provided meals. We were able to visit First Baptist Church, Placetas, where I preached in January 1960 (seventy people accepted Christ). Although we were blessed in the earlier trips to Cuba (2000, 2003, 2004), this trip which will likely be my last trip to Cuba has been special due to the Placetas connection. The budget was met.

Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania

Martin Shikuku, our coordinator for East & Central Africa, has been busy preparing to our final overseas work in 2010. A highlight is to use the newly translated Lucanda edition, along with the Swahili one that was translated earlier. Although most know enough Swahili to follow along in a seminar, there is no substitute for having a workbook in your own language.

The dates are **November 14-29**. Begin to pray for these seminars. The reception in East/Central Africa nations is tremendous. God's children are ready to be taught.

In Loving Memory

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

Doorkeeper
Peter Mohan John
1938-2010

Since May 25, 1995, **Peter and Millicent John** have been faithful **Doorkeepers** in the prayer seminar ministry. Now **Peter John** has moved from **New York City** to a new home in **Heaven**. Pray for **Millicent** and for their home church, **Wake Eden Baptist Church**, and their founder-pastor, **Dr. Sam Simpson** and his wife, **Lola, Doorkeepers** and dear friends. Sam accompanied Sue and me on the 1985 trip to India that launched our international prayer seminar ministry. **Sam** is recuperating from a recent stroke. Pray for his other church--**Bronx Baptist Church**.

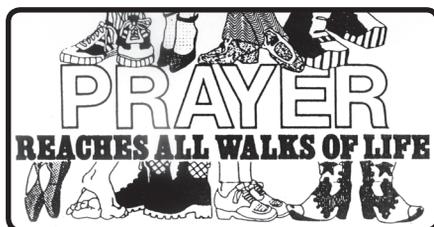
Notable quotes

What makes the difference is not how many times you have been through the Bible, but how many times and how thoroughly the Bible has been through you.

Evangelist Billy Sunday

I read once in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It distressed me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about.

Kagawa



Warning sounds

Randy Davis is the new executive-director for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In a recent interview, he spoke candidly about the overall spiritual climate among many of the churches in that state. He noted that “three quarters of our churches have plateaued or are declining.” He lamented that many of the churches reported no baptisms during the past year including some of the leading, historic Baptist churches. “We can’t continue going down the road we are going.” He then gave the **Acts 1:8 challenge** which he termed “sharing the gospel of grace. We must be about the business of winning people to Jesus Christ.” Looking at a broader picture, he said that annually 3,500 to 4,000 churches are closing their doors. There are 258 million unsaved people living in the United States.

What if you and your family attended one of these barren churches? Further, suppose that your children or spouse were unsaved. I have often said that one Spirit-led service could easily be the difference between heaven and hell for someone in that service. Some do not seem to understand the importance of what is happening in a service.

Watch out! Listen to God’s word to **Ezekiel**: “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn

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the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die in his sin, but you have saved yourself” (**Ezekiel 33:7-10**). I don’t know about you, but I seldom hear a message that has any word of warning to the unsaved. Have you?

You don’t hire a watchman to fight off robbers single-handed; he is responsible for sounding the alarm. God assigned **Ezekiel** the watchman’s role, here in this passage and in an earlier passage (**3:18**). It’s tragic when someone dies for his or her sins, but when he or she dies without being warned, that is inexcusable for the watchman was assigned to offer him a chance to repent.

For the good of your family members, your friends, and your acquaintances, it is important to choose a church that preaches and teaches the whole counsel of God regardless of the response of the hearers. We have often encouraged you to pray for your pastor. Add to your list of prayer concerns that the pastor will understand his role as a watchman whose responsibility includes warning the lost that God wants them saved and that He “does not have pleasure in the death of the wicked” (**Ezekiel**). In his farewell to the Ephesian elders, Paul reminded them of his manner among them in Ephesus. “Serving the Lord with all humility with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ . . . Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men, for I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God” (**Acts 20:19-21, 26-27**). To be free from the blood of all men, the preacher must declare the whole counsel of God thus warning the sinner as well as feeding the saints.

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