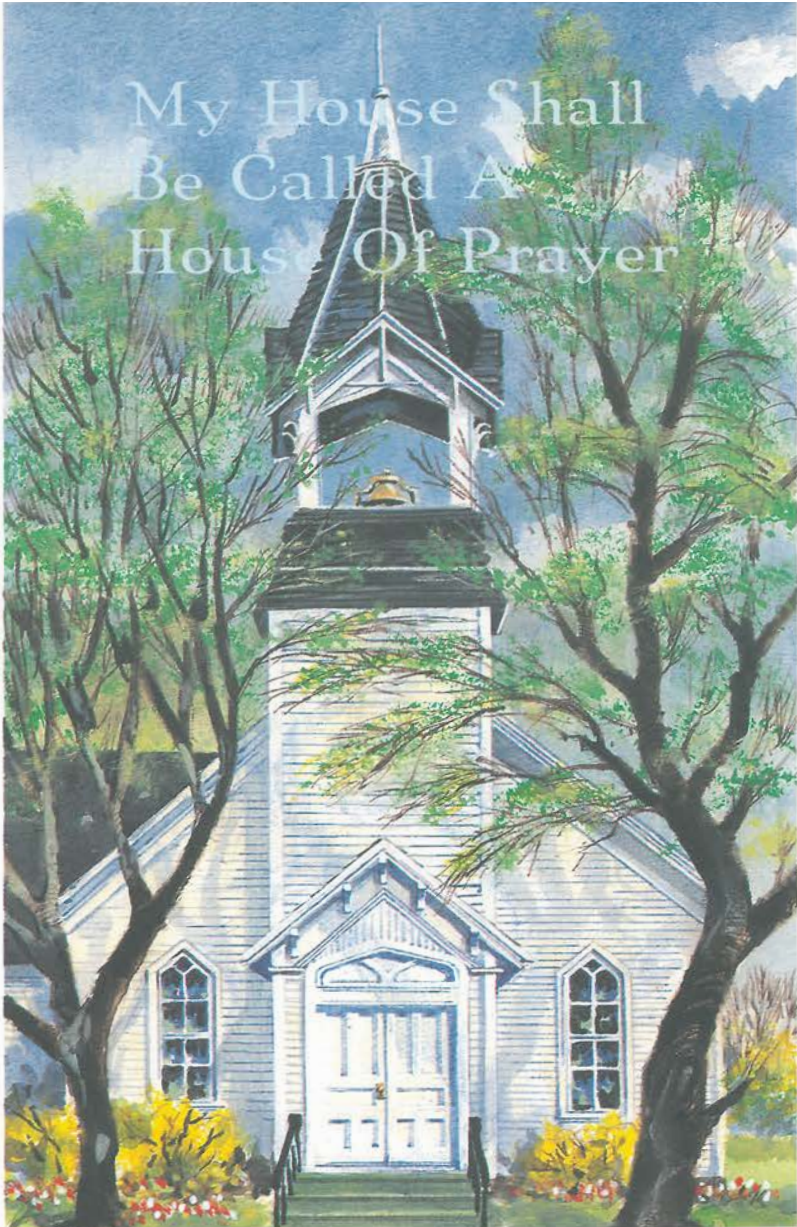


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EVERYTHING BY PRAYER: FOUNDATIONAL BEDROCKS

For the past few months, it has been my intention to use Reflector articles to strengthen the prayer lives of our readers. If a church is to become a praying church, its members must become praying people. In my mind, there are a few "basics" printed throughout the Prayer Seminar Workbook that are foundational bedrocks upon which to build the Christian life.

As a teaching-learning technique, I have found it helpful to introduce a truth (a concept or a principle) and then move away from it and return to it later. For example, I introduce "spiritual warfare" from Daniel 10 on page two, go back to it on page nine, and expand it in later pages.

From the beginning of this ministry, a decision was made to use an acronym, A-C-T-S, to teach the "elements of prayer." I first use "elements" on page three. Session Seven, which deals with PERSONAL PRAYING, addresses how to use the elements of prayer. "A" is "Adoration; "C" is "Confession, "T" is Thanksgiving; S is "Seeking" for self (petition praying) and for others (intercessory praying). Certainly, the first element--"A-doration"-- calls us to worship God.

God continues to look for those who choose to worship Him in spirit and truth. That is for sure. However, don't be ignorant. Your praise and my praise will not change God. He will never be any greater than He already is. Our praise and worship changes us--you and me! After forty years, I still am working on this element of prayer.

"S -eeking for self: Petition praying. A foundational bedrock in prayer

is incorporating into your mindset the importance of praying for yourself. Your enemy, Satan, does not want you to pray for yourself. A major tool in his arsenal is to convince you that it is selfish to pray for yourself.

During our Murfreesboro, Tennessee years, my pastor sometimes asked me to speak on Wednesday evenings since I was seldom there on Sundays.. One night, I spoke on petition praying explaining the Greek word for petition is asking someone to do something for you. It could be a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a stranger, or God. The next time I was back in my home church, two ladies came to me expressing their appreciation for the teaching on "praying for yourself." Both shared that they had been hesitant about praying for pressing personal matters, but decided to give attention to that part of praying. God immediately lifted the burden that they were carrying. One was physical healing. It is right to pray for yourself. In fact, you are unlikely to be effective in praying for others, until you are comfortable with praying for yourself.

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ: PRAYING FOR SELF. There is one primary Biblical example of praying for self. The man's name is Jabez. Anyone looking for "inspirational" reading would likely not turn to 1 Chronicles 1-9, chapters that list names in genealogies, most without commentary. **To compound the challenge, many of the names are difficult to pronounce! But one name stands out--Jabez. It as though God says, "One Moment. Let me tell you about Jabez, a man who ordered his life around praying."**

In this passage, he is praying for himself.

"And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren; and his mother called him Jabez, saying because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh, that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Thine hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. And God granted him that which he requested." I Chronicles 4:9-10.

There are great benefits to be derived from studying the prayers that are recorded in the Bible. We can be sure that there is no greater source to be found to discover God's patterns for effective prayer than God's Word.

"Bible Examples of Prayer" is the title of session two in the prayer seminar. I point out that God's Word abounds with commands, examples, promises, and encouragements to pray. Not counting those in the psalms, there are 650 recorded prayers in the Bible; 450 have recorded answers. When you come across a prayer, ask yourself what you can learn for your own prayer life.

In session two, I use **Jabez** as the Old Testament example of prayer. He illustrates praying for oneself petition praying. His prayer is one that most of us would do well to pray. He was marching to another drum-beat as can be seen through a study of this significant meaningful heart-cry. He made a very earnest appeal for a blessing, and it was granted.

None of us knows very much about Jabez because his name is only mentioned three times in the Bible. He was from the tribe of Judah

and some think that he was Caleb's nephew. Hebrew writers tell us that God did bless Jabez indeed. He became a doctor of law and letters and was surrounded by a very important group of scribes who thought so highly of him that they named a city after him (2 Chronicles 2:55).

When I wrote the material about Jabez over forty years ago, I termed the study, "Jabez ... AN EXAMPLE OF PRAYER. A MAN ALMOSTS NOBODY KNOWS." In 2000, Bruce Wilkinson, a graduate of the college I was president of in New Jersey, wrote a small book for what is known as "The Breakthrough Series" entitled **The PRAYER of JABEZ Breaking Through to the Blessed Life**. The book became a **New York Times** best seller and millions of copies have been sold around the world. It is obvious that the prayer of Jabez strikes a chord in the heart of anyone who becomes familiar with it. **The story of Jabez is full of interesting prayer lessons**. There is much to learn. I will highlight material from the Prayer Seminar Workbook study.

A. INTRODUCTION. 1. Name tucked away amid 500 names. 2. Compulsion to explain this man above all others. 3. Fewer than eighty words yet it speaks volumes. 4. Simple facts stated, but no need to further explain. To personalize the account to our lives, I have THREE QUESTIONS built into the study. **Question #1. If God listed our names, would He need to explain any one of us?**

B. OBSERVE THE PROMINENCE THAT DESCRIBED HIM. More honorable than his brethren. This

means that his brothers were going in one direction while Jabez was going in the opposite direction. His way pleased God. **Question #2. What if no one else is interested in prayer, would I be?** Prayer warriors often work alone. This is the prayer of an honorable man.

C. OBSERVE THE PAIN THAT DESIGNATED HIM.

His name means "pain." For some reason not known, his mother named him Jabez. Jabez clearly became sensitive to man's potential to do things that hurt others. His prayer literally is "Keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."

Question #3. What if there's pain involved?

D. OBSERVE THE PRAYING THAT DISTINGUISHED HIM.

1. "And Jabez called on the God of Israel." A man is known for what he does most. To be recognized, he must do more of what he is known for than others. a. The certainty of his praying. b. The consistency of his praying. c. The content of his praying. 1) "Oh, that Thou wouldest bless me indeed;" (a) Urgent (b) Personal (c) Daring. 2) "AND ENLARGE MY COAST," 3) "And that Thine hand might be with me;" 4) "And that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it might not grieve me;" 2. "And God granted him that which he requested."

Bless me. Frequently we, too, punctuate our prayers with the request that God "bless" someone or something. What do we mean when we PRAY FOR A BLESSING? Are we simply wanting God to make something work out right or to do something good? Or is there a deeper significance which, if understood, could add new a new perspective to our praying?

In the Biblical sense, a "blessing" is an act of God by which He causes someone or something to produce supernaturally more than would be naturally possible. Isn't this truth obvious in the life of Jabez? He wanted a big blessing, not a little one. God granted him that which he requested. He prayed for, and received, spiritual prosperity. As you and I pray, what kind of blessing do we want?

Often we ask God to bless a service, or a pastor-teacher, which means that we want to see results which cannot be explained on the basis of human logic, or human talents or competencies. When we ask the Lord to bless a certain missionary or a certain mission effort, we are asking God to give the missionary the ability to accomplish more than is humanly possible and we want to see the mission effort produce fruits far beyond what man can bring by his own work. Praying that God bless an offering indicates a desire for God to superintend the use of those funds so that more is accomplished than would be if dispensed on the basis of human cleverness. We need God to bless our spouses, children, and our work.

Truly God has blessed the prayer seminar ministry far beyond my own dreams opening doors, providing traveling grace, and blessing each of the 1,737 prayer seminars with a special unction of the Holy Spirit. How my own heart palpitates with thanksgiving for specific blessings. May the sweet incense of prayers from believers whom He has blessed during prayer seminars ever minister to Him for His pleasure. How desperately those around us and throughout the world need to see

God's blessing on our work which can only be explained by His hand moving. As we pray for Him to bless, let's remember the possibilities!

More responsibility. Jabez wanted more responsibility so he prayed "AND ENLARGE MY COAST." If you and I are not careful, we will settle in at a level below what God wants for our lives. It is easy to have the "I taught last year" attitude and not want more responsibility.

God's hand. One of the most revealing things Jabez asked was for God's hand to be upon him. What a difference it is to walk through a day or an experience when you know God's hand is upon you. We, too, need to seek His hand in a deliberate way. Since God intends for us to order our lives around prayer, we must learn to ask Him to do so. His way in prayer is for us to confess to Him what we want Him to do.

The matter of evil. Finally, Jabez asked that he be kept from evil since he understood the grief that could come. When a Christian succumbs to sin, he will lose the joy of God's salvation, as did David. When the Christian loses his joy, he does not worship well, walk well, work well, witness well, or war well.

God's response. Jabez is praying for himself. It is right for us to pray for ourselves. In fact, until a person is praying for himself, he is not in a position to pray for others. Some might look at what this man of God asked and dismiss each request as self-centered. It is important, however, to understand what God felt about what he asked. The conclusion is "And God granted him that which he requested." God is as interested in each of us, and our needs, as He

was in Jabez. As Jabez took his needs directly to God, and obtained an immediate answer of His grace, we need to do the same. His prayer can be our model as we pray earnestly from our hearts.

As you deliberately seek to learn from each prayer recorded in the Bible, you will find none more helpful to guide your praying than the prayer of Jabez. We need to learn and make the prayer of this Old Testament's saint our own prayer. Each of us is in deep need of fuller blessing, widening horizons of faith, and a more constant emancipation from sin's dominion. Through the prayer of Jabez, we can discover more of God's patterns for effective prayer.

Caution. While the prayer of Jabez gives us insight about what we can talk to God about, it is important to use his words as a guide, not something to be said from rote memory. Even the Model Prayer, itself, is not a prayer to be prayed as much as it is a prayer to teach us how to pray. Be sure your heart is in your words. Be sure that you are on praying ground with sins confessed and forsaken (**Psalm 66:18**).

A helpful guideline related to praying for oneself is provided in **the Prayer Seminar Workbok**, page 28.: "Most prayers are full of petitions for our physical, social, and spiritual needs. This is to be expected. However, the bulk of our our praying should not be petition praying for self. Here is a guideline for your praying for yourself: "What is it that I need to help me **BE** what God wants me to **BE** and to **DO** what He wants me to **DO**? **PRAY ABOUT IT!**"

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

"Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, For in you do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You." (Psalm 143:8)

In my morning devotional time, the written Word of God has a prominent role. In fact after a brief time of reflecting on the meaning of this beginning of a new day, I hear God's voice through His written Word.

The psalmist expresses my desire best: "May my **meditation** be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord" (Psalm 104:34). "Meditation" basically means, "talk to yourself," to "mutter," to "muse."

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 4071. A man's heart is right when he wills what God wills. **Thomas Aquinas**

Note 4072. God does not ask us to agree with what He plans; all that He asks is that we acknowledge that He knows best--and obey.

Note 4073. Prayer is weakness leaning on omnipotence. **W. S. Bowd**

Note 4074. You do not test the resources of God until you attempt the impossible. **F. B. Meyer**

Note 4075. A man is what he is on his knees--nothing more and nothing less. **Robert Murray McCheyne**

How to Handle the Bible

- Get everything out of it.
- Do not read anything into it.
- Let nothing remain unread in it.

J. A. Bengel

Welcome! New Doorkeepers!

Marcia Barna (PA)

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Delores Liely (MD)

Peggy Tomayko (PA)

Layden Wood (VA)

BE STILL MY SOUL, THE LORD IS ON HIS THRONE.

PRAYER CALENDAR**OCTOBER 2018***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**MATTHEW 1-4 (New England 15M)**

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David/Eunjoo Andeersen (VA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**MATT 5-7 (Massachusetts 6.86M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marcia Barna (PA)
 Emily Baskin (TN)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**MATT 8-11 (New Hampshire 1.3M)**

Jean Beasley (TN)
 Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**MATT 12-15 (Vermont 626,630)**

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurline Braud (VA)
 Michal Breed (WI)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**MATT 16-19 (Maine 1.4M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Carol Buck (NJ)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**MATT 20-23 (Rhode Island 1M)**

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Eileen Camarena (NJ)
 Dallas & Anne Campbell (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Philip/Jennifer Cooke (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster Covington (VA)
 Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**MATT 24-25 (Connecticut 3.6M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert/Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Joanne Dudley (VA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**MATT 26-28 (New England 15M)**

Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Katherine Eaton (ME)
 Bessie Eggleston (MD)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)
 Bob Tribodeau, Pastor
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10**MARK 1-3 (Connecticut 3.6M)**

James Fugate (CA)
 Travis/Emilee Fulcher (VA)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
 Sara George (GA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**MARK 4-7 (Connecticut 3.6M)**

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 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN)
 Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 William/Sara Hefner (PA)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
MARK 8-10 (New Hampshire 1.3M)
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 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**MARK 11-13 (Maine 1.4M)**

Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

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 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 James/Victoria Johnson (MD)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**MARK 14-16 (Rhode Island 1.1M)**

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)
 Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Judy Jordan (VA)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
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 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

LUKE 1-2 (Boston 655,884)

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 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

LUKE 3-6 (New England 15M)

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 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
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 Manship Chapel (DE)
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

LUKE 7-8 (Massachusetts 6.86M)

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 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
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 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
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 Nancy McPherson (ME)
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

LUKE 9-12 (Maine 1.4M)

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 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
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 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

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 Sandy Pederson (MN)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

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 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
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 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

LUKE 16-18 (Rhode Island 1.1M)

John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 Steve Schrank (IL)
 Sam & Jill Scott (VA)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

LUKE 19-21 (New England 15M)

Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
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 Lola Simpson (NY)
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 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

LUKE 22-24 (New England 15M)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

JOHN 1-2 (Massachusetts 6.8M)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Larry Thompson (VA)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Cathy Tilton (VA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Peggy Tomayko (PA)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

JOHN 3-5 (Vermont 623,657)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

JOHN 6-8 (Maine 1.4M)

Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Mary Ann Voss (DE)

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 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

JOHN 9-12 (Connecticut 3.6M)

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Naomi Webb (NJ)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

JOHN 13-17 (Rhode Island 1.1M)

Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

JOHN 18-21 (Maine 1.4M)

Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Layden Wood (VA)
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E Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY)
A Edra Landers [Phil] (OK)
L Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
T Willie Troutman [Diane] (KY)
H Owen Wetzel [Gale & Nancy] (KY)
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the Word of the Lord will
have free course.

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**BE ONE OF 100:
BELIEVE! PRAY! GIVE!**

God blesses us so that we
might be a blessing to others,
not only the people we see every
day but people we will never
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Since we began the international
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Dr. Henry
BRAZIL APPEAL LETTER

ARGENTINA-BRAZIL PRAYER SEMINARS--2017



We are grateful for our **Doorkeepers**. The list of those promoted to Heaven continues to grow longer. What a blessed **REUNION** we will have when we, too, reach those "sunny banks of sweet deliverance." We've come this far by faith, trusting in the Lord. He's never failed us. **Plans are for the ministry to continue as it is with my leadership until September 30, 2020, my 85th birthday.** At that point, God willing we will become **EVERYTHING BY PRAYER MINISTRIES, INTERNATIONAL**, under new leadership. This is an exciting time for us as we transition.

**OCTOBER 4TH
BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SCHOOL DAY**

LOOKING AHEAD

We have been praying for your successors. One day, while praying, I saw a picture in my mind of your sitting at your desk and reaching across the seas eastward and southward. With extended arm you were hand-picking people, like picking up toys, and bringing them to yourself. Take this for what it's worth. Blessings and guidance.

August 23, 2018

Teresa & Ron Bernardi,
Doorkeepers (IL)

BLESSING BELIEVERS IN CHILE, CUBA, KENYA, TANZANIA, NIGERIA, & PAKISTAN.

Once again, we need your prayer and financial partnership for a special focus for the remaining months in 2018. By the time you read this Reflector, I will be 83 and entering my 84th year of life understanding that we are asking God to make the upcoming two years fruitful. I myself will not be the teacher you send to other nations under the NEW PARADIGM for JGHM, which is to mobilize ROPEHOLDERS who will hold the rope for teachers who will go. Adam Nathanson is scheduled for Chile (September 23-October 7) and will then join Digmar Garcia in Cuba (October 12-26). Adam is a missionary to Venezuela, but serves as VP-Senior Teacher for JGHM. He is using the prayer seminar as a foundational building block for his ministry in other nations as well as the United States. He has been my Spanish/Portuguese interpreter since 1998 and has traveled more miles/days with me than any of our teachers. These two men lead JGHM: Cuba and Venezuela Branch and have taught already many prayer seminars in 2018. Their goal in Cuba is to establish Lighthouses of Prayer in each Cuba Province.

Martin Shikuku is the most

effective pastor-teacher whom I know. He is the pastor of Glory Baptist Church in Eldoret, Kenya in West Africa's beautiful Rift Valley area. He is the director of JGHM: East and Central Africa Branch. His nations include Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Words would fail to describe the full impact Martin has made since April 2006. He is not only building one of the largest Baptist churches in west Kenya, he is a leader in the Kenya Baptist Convention and his local ministerial association. His January-August 2018 report includes 15 prayer seminars, 1,823 participants, 735 pastors, 522 churches, 136 saved, 2,770 miles traveled. As of September 3, Martin wrote: "There are over 100 pastors/churches on my waiting list for prayer seminars. The challenge is huge, but Jeremiah 33:3 is our strength."

Shem Kamla has worked faithfully with us in Nigeria since 1988. We have provided funds for him to complete his theological education as a special project in 2018. Shem's prayer ministry headquarters is in northeast Nigeria, a stronghold for the Muslims in that wonderful nation. The main office for the prayer seminar ministry is

in Jos, Plateau State, under **Othnel Wakili's** leadership. Perhaps we have impacted this nation of 183 million people more than any other nation working with the Baptists and the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA).

Our leader in **Pakistan** has requested that we not use his name for security purposes or the locations of the particular venues. **Pakistan 2018** includes a revised Urdu Prayer Seminar Workbook and four prayer seminars in four major cities with one hundred pastors in each venue. The most recent seminar was in September.

• "LORD, Give me a task larger
• than myself, wisdom greater
• than my years, friends to share
• my vision, sufficient funds to
• realize it, and length of days to
• accomplish it. Amen."

• Woodrow Kroll
• Doorkeeper (NE)
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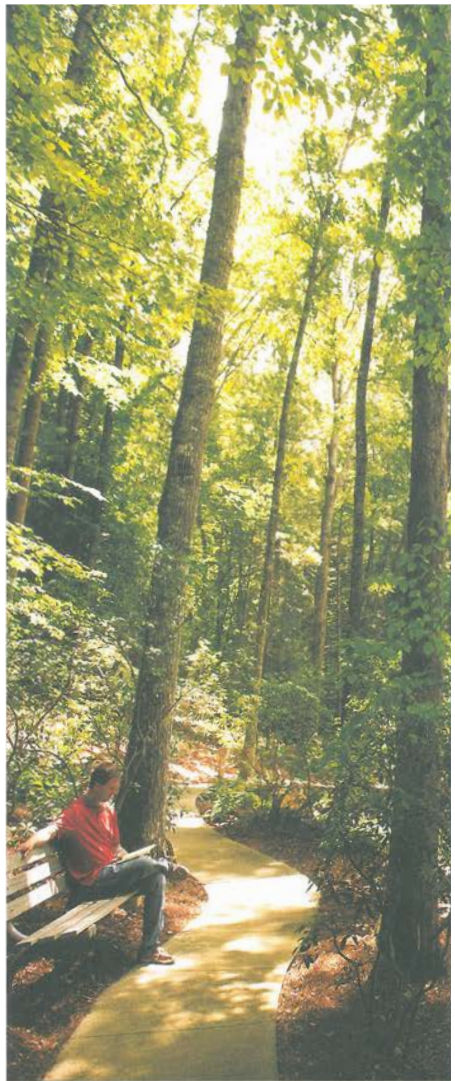
Great Peace

"Great peace have they who love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them" (**Psalm 119:165**).

The study of God's Word will secure peace. Look at those Christians who are rooted and grounded in the Word of God, and you will find they have great peace; but it is those who don't study their Bibles who are easily offended when some little trouble comes, or some little persecution.

Dwight L. Moody

**SCHEDULE A PRAYER SEMINAR
BY SUBMITTING THREE
POSSIBLE DATES. DON'T
SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS
THAN A PRAYING CHURCH.**



"Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it."

—PSALM 119:35, ESV

**God at work in
Harrodsburg [KY]
September 8th, 1932**

God has given us "friends" who became "close friends"—actually some who felt like "family." One of those was **Elizabeth Ragland** who taught math at the **Model Laboratory School**, a department in the College of Education, **Eastern Kentucky University**. When I was asked by **President Robert Martin** to leave my position as Associate Professor of Educational Foundations at ECU and assume the directorship of the **Model Laboratory School**, friendships quickly formed with the outstanding faculty in that department. I could write stimulating discourses on a number of these teachers, my professional colleagues and friends—seasoned educators acknowledged as master teachers.

Miss Ragland was the daughter of the well-known and revered **Dr. George Ragland**, pastor, **First Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky**, a professor of Greek at the University of Kentucky, and a leader in both the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. As the years passed, I became friends with Elizabeth's siblings, **Alice** and **David**. Anytime I was with them, I felt love flowing.

One day, I was pleasantly shocked when **Elizabeth announced that the three Ragland children had decided to give me first choice to choose "books from Papa's library."** What I did not choose would go to the library of the **Clear Creek Baptist Preachers' School, Pineville, Kentucky**. That was 1971 and for years I profited from those books

from Dr. Ragland's library. You can imagine the value of Dr. Ragland's books to one who had never attended either a Bible college or completed extensive studies at a seminary but was responsible for at least two sermons a week. These books are now deposited in the **Dr. J. Gordon and Sue Henry Collection** room in the **Northeastern Baptist College's Hogue Library**, located on Main Street in **Bennington, Vermont** along with both Sue's and my personal libraries.

HARRODSBURG BAPTIST MESSENGER, Sept. 8th, 1932, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, U. S. Postage Paid, Permit No. 12, Harrodsburg, KY. Nestled in the pages of many books were personal notes written by Dr. Ragland and other items. One was the church paper of **Harrodsburg Baptist Church**, one of Kentucky's historic churches.

Baptists came to what is now **Mercer County** in 1774 with the first permanent settlers. In 1776, a crowd of worshipers gathered under the shade of a huge elm near **the Big Spring** in what is now called the **City of Harrodsburg**. Each man had a rifle and sentinels were posted to guard against a surprise Indian attack. It is noted that **Dr. E. Y. Mullins**, a man of God familiar to Baptist historians and theologians, came to Harrodsburg Baptist Church as his first pastorate. He was ordained by the church and served for three years. He was married while serving the church. Many will remember him as the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville KY, from 1899-1928. He served as president of the Southern

Baptist Convention from 1921-24.

I have recently sent the document to Harrodsburg Baptist Church for their archives. For posterity, I decided to share the story set out in the publication of **GOD AT WORK IN HARRODSBURG (KY)**, September 8th, 1932 (three years and twenty-two days before I was born).

Under **W.M.U. (Women's Missionary Union) NOTES**, it was announced that the quarterly meeting of the W.M.U. of **South District Association** was scheduled at **Burgin Baptist Church** at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 16th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Harrodsburg women were encouraged to attend this event. Then followed a reminder that is still relevant in September 2018: "Women do not neglect these opportunities for real service in prayer. The greatest of all things we can do for the spread of the Gospel is to pray. Through prayer we can obey Jesus' command and witness for Him in all lands. Through prayer we can journey around the world, even while we stay at home. Our Missionaries are powerful if we pray, but powerless if we fail to pray. What a great responsibility then is ours! Things happen in far away places because we pray.

'Away in foreign lands they wondered how their single word had power. At home, the Christians, two or three, had met to pray an hour.' If prayer is the Christian's greatest privilege, his greatest opportunity, and his greatest power, surely the women of Harrodsburg church will want to be found faithful. Surely it is our duty to attend these cottage prayer meetings. Jesus taught His disciples the lesson of power

and fasting to accomplish specific results. To pray effectively we must feel the need, then the Spirit of God will move upon us to sacrifice to help relieve the need with our specific gifts. The greatest tasks in our W.M.U. are performed by influence, information, and inspiration brought about through the 'Weeks of prayer.' We are approaching our season of prayer for State Missions. Announcement will be made next week of the time our W. M. S. will meet for information and inspiration. Pray that He shall reign in Kentucky!"

Announcement was made of the Sunday School's Teachers and Officers Meeting at a nearby Kentucky State Park. Six men were to report "promptly at 6:45 p.m." to serve as ushers for the Sunday evening service. Three women and three men were listed to serve as hostesses and hosts. Can you imagine the impact being made in Harrodsburg, Kentucky through the Sunday evening services!

The main message in the September 9th, 1932 **HARRODSBURG BAPTIST MESSENGER** was from their pastor. The header for his remarks was entitled **DID DR. PHILLIPS CARRY AWAY THE SPIRIT OF EVANGELISM?**

"For several weeks the Spirit of Revival has been manifestly present in our church. We come to this point in our church life when we ask the question: "Do you believe the Holy Spirit can continue to save the lost as He has been doing?" God has graciously blessed, but has our cup been filled to overflowing?

Lives have been touched by the spirit of our church, and are fuller, richer, sweeter for the contact. Can

we sit down now, and be satisfied, or will we determine the Spirit of Evangelism shall not die; that we will lend ourselves to the glorious task of keeping the fires of Regeneration flaming high. Dr. Phillipps did not bring the Spirit of Revival in his traveling cases. That gracious Presence was felt before he came. Neither did he take Him away when he left.

The first thing for you to do to maintain a high Spiritual glow in your church is to give yourself resolutely to regular attendance upon all of its services. Nothing will take the place of your doing that. The Spirit of Revival cannot be maintained by empty pews.

The Holy Spirit is a living throbbing, pulsating power, that functions only in human hearts. If human hearts are not present, He is powerless to accomplish His work. Many feel they have done all that can be expected of them when they attend the morning service. The excuse is offered that they cannot get out at night; yet, when a special meeting is in progress they can find it possible to get there every night. Here is the answer to the question as to why we do not have conversions all through our regular services. The less sustained in personal interest, displayed conspicuously in the falling away in attendance, has the effect of discouraging the unsaved in his seeking the Lord.

We want here to challenge every member of Harrodsburg Baptist Church to throw his or her life, with utter abandon into the aggressive warfare against our Spiritual indifference and sin. We have experienced a signal victory. We have the sweet scent of conquest

playing about our Spiritually sensitive nostrils. Let us be anxious to move up closer and closer to the enemy of our God and stand unflinchingly in battle array against him.

We have one war, but many battles. The constancy with which you close your place in the battle line will determine the Victory or Defeat. God is counting on you."

JGH OBSERVATION: Is there any wonder why Dr. Ragland, one of the SBC's greatest communicators in that era, would decide to keep this particular issue of the **HARRODSBURG [KY] BAPTIST MESSENGER** in one of the books in his massive library? I think not. This is a timeless example to pulpit and pew alike.

Not so much now as years before, many church bulletins and newsletters have crossed my desk on a daily basis. For many, there was nothing inspirational in the content—mostly announcements. Certainly, there was little to "grow" the readers in their spiritual lives or motivate them to move closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. My encouragement to those who prepare such documents is to determine to include at least one Scripture or "food for thought" that would tend to draw us nearer to the Father who loves us and the Savior who died for us. Who knows? If this is done, it may be that someone will find one of these documents filed away in one of some person's books years later. **One thing is certain. The God who was working in Harrodsburg [KY] is the same God who is doing great and mighty things around the world in these troubled times.**

PRAY AND VOTE. PRAYER IS THE ONLY HOPE!
ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

The Lord will
FIGHT for YOU

you need only



be still.

Exodus 14:14

FAITH HONORS GOD:
GOD HONORS FAITH.

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"

Habakkuk 2:4 Romans 1:16-17 Galatians 3:11 Hebrews 11:39

SALVATION COMES THROUGH FAITH
IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. THERE IS
NO OTHER WAY TO PLEASE GOD.