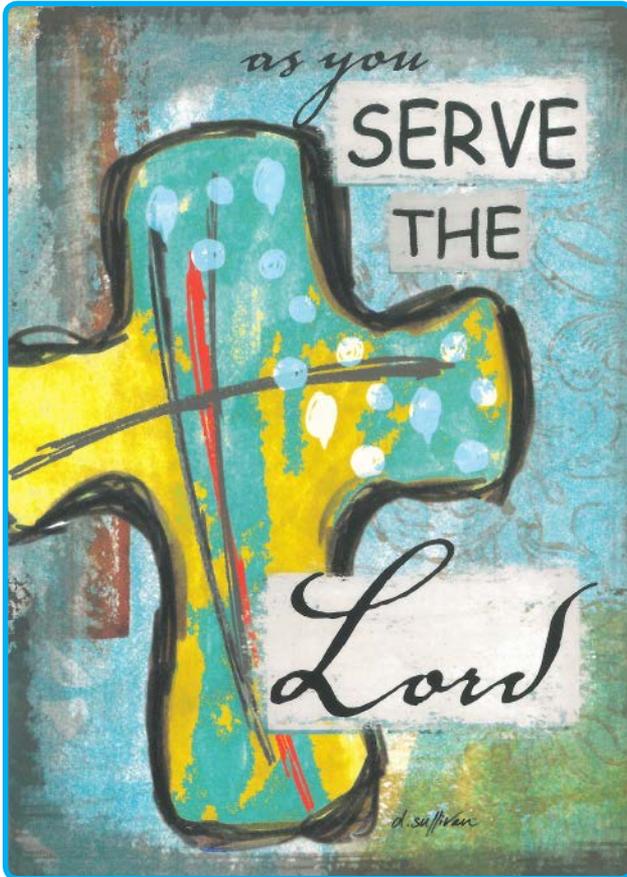


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THE STORY OF THE NOTE CARDS

Before leaving for an international ministry, our daughter, Mona Thomas, hands me four envelopes to be opened during the trip. These are carefully chosen to express her wishes for her Dad as he ministers. This card was from a recent trip. Each set is among my most treasured possessions.

Looking back over eighty-two years (1935-2017)

Some call it "Memory Lane." I have sometimes referred to it as "Reminiscent Trail." I suppose that this could be justified by terming this phenomenon as one of the stages of aging. Who am I? Why am I here? Have I been a good steward in the sense of my Master's expectation? Have I done my best? Have I made the right choices? Are there things I could reduce to writing that might help others along their way? One admonition is "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (**Psalm 107:2**). So as **I think about** eighty-two years of living, my affirmation is that **throughout life, God has been good to me.**

My education. **I think about** my education and the doors He opened for me to learn and grow mentally (White Pine School, TN, twelve years from ages six to seventeen, competent teachers who cared topped by two master teachers—**Deane Bell Harrison** and **Dorothy Spickard** who whetted my appetite for academic excellence; **Berea College**, an institution that the Saturday Evening Post featured as "the school where nobody loafers" which remains at the top of the annual listing of excellent colleges in its category in US News & World Report; **Eastern Kentucky University** for my first graduate degree; and the **University of Kentucky** for a doctorate).

My family. **I think about** my **Mom, Ira Mae Covington**, and her wisdom encapsulated in two reminders—"Where there is a will, there is a way" and "Anything in life that is worth having is worth working for." My **Dad, Lee Henry**, a typical Appalachian mountain type of man who loved me enough to awaken me when I was an infant so that he could let me sit in his lap and play with me before he left for work. In his old age, the blessing of simply sitting in

Dear Dr. Shin,

Sue and I were blessed by your greetings. We have placed your letter with the many cards and greetings we received for our sixtieth wedding celebration. We have a section on a wall in our office featuring Korea and your leadership of **JGHM: Korean Branch** so many years. It was thrilling to see the thousands in prayer seminars all over the country. So we see your photo, along with your wife, son, and daughter often. You are beautiful. Then we have several thousand photos from prayer seminars in Korea. We dearly love Koreans and Korea!

We are both very well and the prayer seminar ministry is still being used by our Heavenly Father to teach God's children the purpose and power of prayer. With age comes adjustment, but we have people in many nations teaching the prayer seminar using our materials. We praise the Lord for His grace and mercy. We love you, my brother. We cherish each word with joy.



**"MOM" HENRY--TO FAMILY
& FRIENDS
White Pine, Tennessee**

his presence, not needing extensive verbal communication, and then doing with him the things that brought him pleasure. I think about my **two sisters** (Pansy and Ruby) and my **six brothers** (Boots, Al, Lee, Doug and two who died very young—Sanford and Dale). Now I am the only one left. I think of my **nieces and nephews**.



TAKING A BREAK IN SMOKIES (TN)

I think about the special person God gave me to be **my wife**, Sue Troutman. Words fail in describing our journey together for over sixty years. She gave me three wonderful children and was a great mother to them. She could not have been a better "first lady" in the churches God has allowed me to serve as pastor-teacher and in the institutions of higher learning while at the same time, excelling in her nursing career at all levels. She brought the Troutmans into my life and one could not have a better, more loving extended family.



KERBY KNOB (KY) EASTER 1967

I think about our **children**, the 3 Ms (Mona, Mark, and Melody). 6 **grandchildren**—Beau and Jeanne (Mona's); Wendy and Jamey (Mark's); Emilee and Kimberlee (Melody's). 7 **great-grandchildren**: Maggie (Jeanne's); Willow and Stone (Beau's); Caleb and Emma (Emilee's); Caleb and Lillian (Wendy's) and soon to be 8—Elizabeth James who will be called "Ellie" expected to arrive four days before my 82nd birthday.



DAD BECOMES "DR." DAD--1970

I think about my **jobs**. In God's wisdom, His bi-vocational assignments were ministry and education: **Pastor** (twenty-seven years) and then teacher (thirty-seven years) for the prayer seminars around the world; Educator at all levels (secondary school teacher, city school principal, college teacher, university professor, university/college administrator, accrediting agency—Berea City Schools (KY); Averett College (VA); Eastern Kentucky University; Lynchburg Baptist College—now Liberty University (VA); Northeastern Bible College (NJ); Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TN).

I think about the **churches** I have served and the **prayer seminar ministry**. There have been honors bestowed along the way with tokens

placed throughout the JGHM offices. These are in the past. Thank God there are men and women in many nations who have learned that prayer is the work that must come before all other work. Thousands of testimonies are on file as to what God did in lives and written commitments to pass this along to others. Elderly pastors in **Borneo (East Malaysia)** who had come from near and far to **Miri**, a town on the South China Sea, asked for an audience with me. The Indonesian prayer seminar workbook was judged to be a very accurate translation. The prayer seminar was recorded. We had planned for 200 pastors and 500 came. The elderly pastors said, "Thank you for coming to Borneo. We promise that what you have taught us we will teach others until Jesus comes!" That's a promise that I have heard in many nations. May God bring it to pass!

I think about the future on earth and eternity ahead. As I come to the end of my eighty-second year and September 30, 2017 comes bringing in my eighty-third year of living (John Wesley's way of accounting years), what can I say personally?

I can say, **Ebenezer**: "Hitherto has the Lord helped [me]" (**1 Samuel 7:12**) and "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad" (**Psalms 126:3**). "Give God the glory" for the past and yield to His will and His way in the future be it a few days, a few months, or a few years. An adage that came to me years ago became the cover for a **Doorkeeper Report** booklet: "**DO YOUR BEST AND GOD WILL DO THE REST!**" Covered by the love and prayers of my family and my friends, and with God's enablement, I will press on keep on keeping on "UNTIL THEN."

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Cards and Souls

Picking a card, thinking of the person to whom you are sending it, requires a great amount of thought and care. Never just grab any card to send. What message are you wanting to send? Choosing just the right card is trying to see the Soul of that one you are greeting. Since it is impossible for us to do that, let God and His understanding guide you. This might take a great deal of time. Utter a prayer as you seek to do this. Then God, that person you are sending it to, and you will be blessed. Please take time to send an appropriate card to someone. Remember! Wrap it in love and prayer and send it! One step in cultivative evangelism is through a carefully chosen card.

Doorkeeper
Walt Sommers
 Forest, Virginia
 2/16/AD 2016

PRAY FOR REVIVAL IN AMERICA!

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor.

George Washington, A Founding Father

MEMORIES KOREA-JAPAN

May 13—June 5, 1986

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" **Romans 1:16-17**

109 Saved; 200 in Prayer Seminars; 20 Churches/22 Pastors

WALKING DOWN THE ROAD WITH JESUS,
HOLDING TO HIS NAIL-PIERCED HAND



THE HENRYS WITH THE TWO PASTOR KIMS

Teaching & preaching the things pertaining to Jesus Christ (Acts 28:31)

August 1, 1986

DEAR DOORKEEPERS,

"... David ... served his own
generation by the will of God ..."
ACTS 13:36

Thank you for serving your generation through the prayer seminar ministry. As you help us do the Lord's work "while it is yet day" (**John 9:4**), you can be sure that you are a vital part of what He plans to do through this ministry in our generation. Thank you for caring. Your gifts and words of encouragement have lasting spiritual repercussion in many lives daily. Every letter and every gift strengthens the work.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry



THE BIBLICAL CHURCH
TOKYO, JAPAN
DR. OYAMA, PASTOR & TEAM
6 Medical Students Saved

August 1, 2017 UNCHANGED!

THANK YOU DOORKEEPERS! NOW IT IS TIME TO PROVIDE SPECIAL
PRAYER COVERING FOR KOREA-JAPAN AND NEIGHBORING NATIONS

THE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

Since 1985, sharing the prayer seminar in other nations has been an important part of our ministry. As we have gone to fifty-seven nations beyond America, all expenses have been met by DOORKEEPERS who have invested thousands upon thousands of dollars in eternity through this work. You have held the rope for me to go into the darkness traveling over 2.7 million miles. Now you are holding the rope for others to go, as well. The most recent are the prayer seminars in Kenya conducted by Martin & Ann Shikuku and their team.

July 16--August 12, 2017

Seminars --- 11; Churches represented 482; Pastors 591; Attendance: 1,651; Professions of Faith 190; Miles traveled: 2,203. Only eternity will reveal the fruit of our labors during these critical days of National Election in Kenya. Time to REJOICE!

OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN FOR VENEZUELA. HAVING ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON WITH US IN AUGUST WAS A BLESSING. HAVING JAMES AND ELIZABTH DEAN FROM PAKISTAN WAS A DOUBLE BLESSING. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

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BLANKETTING VENEZUELA SINCE 1992

NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 4006. You can do better than you think; you can do better if you think; you can do better, don't you think?

Note 4007. It is good to be wise; it is wise to be good.

Note 4008. A wise man thinks what he says; a foolish man says what he thinks.

Note 4009. He is a wise man who knows what not to say.

Note 4010. God is for us; that is **good**; God is with us, that is **better**; God is in us, that is **best**.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

June 18-August 11, 2017

Regular	50	\$14,440.25
Kenya	6	1,280.00
Total	67	\$15,720.00

ROPEHOLDERS



WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS!
First Baptist Church of Pimlico (MD)

PRAYER CALENDAR**SEPTEMBER 2017**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**Hosea 1-3 (Mexico 121.7M)**

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

Allie Allen (LA)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**Hosea 4-6 Micronesia 105,216)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (OK)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

Linda Beard (MD)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**Hosea 7-8 (Moldova 3.5M)**

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**Hosea 9-11 (Mongolia 3M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**Hosea 12-13 (Montenegro 647,073)**

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Eileen Camarena (NJ)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Cliff/Laura Cannon (FL)

Joeretha Capers (FL)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**Joel 1-Montserrat (5,241)**

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**Amos 1-2 (Morocco 33.3M)**

Barbara Custalow (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Thomas DeWindt (WI)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Bessie Eggleston (NJ)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**Amos 3-5 (Mozambique 24.7M)**

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

First Baptst Pimlico (MD)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)

Freedom Through Faith (MD)

Robert Thibodea, Pastor

Linda Beard (MD)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

James Fugate (CA)

Travis & Emilee Fulcher (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

Gethsemani Evang Ctr (MD)

Robert & Ann Lara, Pastors

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**Amos 6-8 (Namibia 2.2M)**

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**Amos 9-11 (Nauru 9,540)**

Linda Haley (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Mike Hall (IN)

Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

WED, SEPTEMBER 13**Obadiah (Nepal 31.6M)**

Jack Henry (FL)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**Jonah (Netherlands 16.9M)**

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**Micah 1-2 (New Caledonia 271,615)**

Millcent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**Micah 3-5 (S Africa 48.4M)**

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Sheila Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church
 Darren Hisel, Pastor
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch: Dr. Shin
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**Micah 6-7 (Niger 18M)**

Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Rachel Mann (NC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
 Wilma Marcum (KY)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**Nahum (Nigeria 181.6M)**

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

WED. SEPTEMBER 20**Habakkuk (Niue 1,190)**

Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**Zephaniah 1-3 (Norfolk Is 2,210)**

Elaine Moser (MN)
 Northeastern Bapt College
 (VT) Mark Ballard, President
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)

Peter Dorn, Pastor
 Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Barbara Powell (NY)
 Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**Haggai (N. Mardiana 52,344)**

Dave Ricker (ME)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Joyce Riley (KY)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**Zechariah 1-2 (Norway 5.2M)**

Fred Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
 (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Ray Shields (VA)
 Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**Zechariah 3-4 (Oman 3.3M)**

Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**Zechadriah 5-6 (Pakistan 199.1M)**

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 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)

WED. SEPTEMBER 27**Zechariah 7-8 (Palau 21,265)**

Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Terri & Debta Turbin (MD)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**Zechariah 9-11 (Panama 3.7M)**

Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Willow & Stone Ware (VA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**Zech 12-14 (New Guinea 6.7M)**

Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Naomi Webb (NJ)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Kay Wice (GA)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30**Malachi (Paraguay 6.8M)**

Jeff Williamson
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Jon & Selena Wood (PA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Betty Yates (WI)
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)
 Dr. Frank Bell, President
 Fred & Susan Zeller (WV)

DAILY INTERCESSION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

You do not have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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 Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)
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 Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)
 Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Willie Troutman [Diane] (KY)
 Harris [Jane] Verkaik (MI)

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 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Believers in Venezuela
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (China)
 Robert & Joana Waisam (Brazil)
 Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

PRAY FOR LABORERS!

Pray Daily

Pause to Remember

"absent from the body, present with the Lord"

2 Corinthians 5:8

DOORKEEPERS

Dr. Samuel Simpson, Pastor

Bronx Baptist Church

Wake Eden Baptist Church

New York, New York

Pray for Lola, family, and churches

12/6/1931--2/3/2015



Georgia Covington, First Lady

Victory Ind. Baptist Church

Roanoke, Virginia

New York, New York

Pray for Foster, family, and church

4/3/1944--8/1/2017



Rev. Anthony Dorsey, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Pimlico

Baltimore, Maryland

Pray for Mrs. Dorsey, family, and church

6/15/1948--8/2/2017



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Psalm 116:15

September Letter-Writing Month

Friendship means identity in thought, heart, and spirit. Communicating with one another helps friendships grow. I am thankful to call you "friend" and thank you for allowing me to come into your life each month through the **Reflector**. As Paul said to the church at Philippi, you are in my mind, my heart, and often in my prayers.

Each September, we encourage our readers, especially our **Doorkeepers**, to write to us sharing their lives. Your message need not be long, but it will encourage our hearts. We have had as many as one hundred **Doorkeepers** to write to us. Perhaps this year, we could have 124, two for each year of my ministry.

In earlier years, we asked **Doorkeepers** to share what being a **Doorkeeper** for prayer seminars meant to them including the impact of a prayer seminar on their lives personally. I often shared some thought in the **Reflector** (or **The Doorkeeper Report** or **Waymarks**, our publication that was used to share ministry ideas) in months that followed. Consequently, we can go back and review these affirmations. One was from a nurse in Cape Coral, Florida, who not only became a **Doorkeeper**, but a close personal friend. **Alyce Rose** described the life changes she experienced that brought her into walking in His will for her life. The description was beautiful:

"He called me to the edge.
I answered, 'No! I am afraid.'
He called me to the edge.
I answered, 'No! I might fall!'
He called me to the edge.
And I went.
**HE PUSHED ME! AND --
I --F -- L-- E-- W!"**

Can you identify with this?

Gus and Jovita Cortes, Brooklyn, NY, wrote: "We have been so richly blessed by your ministry that it would be unthinkable not to support you in your efforts to help Christians grow closer to the Lord through prayer and Bible reading . . . We look forward to receiving the **Reflector** and heartily recommend the prayer seminar to both new and mature believers. We want you to know you can count on us to help you in what we consider to be one of the most important ministries outside of the local church . . ."

September Letter-Writing Month, which has been an annual rite for several decades, is more than a perfunctory activity. For your convenience, a special form is enclosed. If you have grown into one who prefers "E-mail" over "Snail mail," use that mode. Jeanne and Maggie have taught me to use texting (434-239-8837). So if that is your choice, go for it!

Are you out there? A missive tells us that you are there! As you write, remember us in prayer. As never before, Sue and I can say, "We need the prayers of those we love."

**"I HAD RATHER BE DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY GOD
..." (PSALM 84:10b)**

"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

The Bridge

Around us is a world lost in sin, above us is a God willing and able to save; it is ours to build the bridge that links heaven and earth, and prayer is the mighty instrument that does the work. If we will do our part, God will do His.

E. M. Bounds

"Give account of your stewardship"

Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting your strength building here;
Your journey will end with the closing day,
You will never again pass this way.
You have crossed this chasm deep and wide,
Why build you a bridge at even-tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I 've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fairhaired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must come in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building a bridge for him."

A couple of years ago, we completed a project to enlarge the **prayer bulletin board** in our office. During the past year, I have ventured to organize the photos to include name(s) and location. Sue and I would be honored to receive new entries or updated ones. The Bradshaws are our newest additions on the prayer board.



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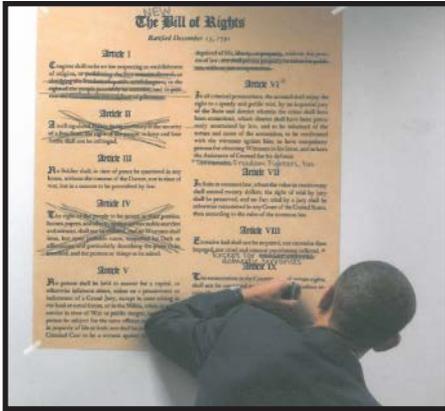
Cherish each day

"This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). "The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works" (Psalm 145:9).

THE LORD IS GOOD; THEN TELL OF HIM.

THE LORD IS GOOD; THEN TRY HIM.

AMERICA UNDER ASSAULT



"We are not going to betray our core values!" was a statement that got my full attention a few days ago. Amazingly, the speaker was addressing Christians as those betraying "our core values"--a new set of values that is guiding our nation.

Any believer is aware of the frontal assault the past eight years on the core values upon which our nation was established and the subsequent culture collapse. Prior to this time, the attack was more like termites eating away at the foundation, quietly. Many issues and subjects emblazoned in our media were thought inappropriate in public discourse until relatively recent. Most Christians felt uneasy at some public behavior and we found ourselves turning away and downright blushing. We regarded ourselves as a "Christian nation."

Then the word came that we are no longer a Christian nation and the time had arrived when core values need to be thrown out. The result has often produced havoc beyond imagination. Even the name "God" and "Jesus" were taboo in the public. How could we be

where we are today when we have declared on our money, in the pledge to our flag, and in public buildings "In God We Trust." We "legalized" abortions. The fact that the overwhelming number of citizens in 37 states voted to sustain traditional marriage between one man and one woman did not matter. Someone knew better than the people. Under the guise of "civil rights" our nation has allowed things that were once held sacred to become tarnished, things that God has told us plainly that are abominations. History has been erased.

Now it is September 2017. God answered our prayers in 2016 to halt the erosion and the open attack. Has the ship been righted and now on course? Have we weathered the storm? Are things going to settle down so we can live quietly and peacefully? Are we now headed in the right direction? **REMEMBER 9/11!**

My conclusion is that the spiritual darkness will remain until a spiritual awakening occurs. It is time that "judgment begin in the house of God" which is another way of saying that true Christians need renewal and recommitment. The starting place is ourselves; then **through prayer we can begin to push against the spiritual darkness.** Knowing the terror of God, we persuade men. Although scoffers declare such is untrue, there remains a Heaven to be gained and a Hell to shun. What a person does with the Lord Jesus Christ determines where he/she will be in eternity.