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September: Letter-Writing Month

“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy and because of Your truth” (Psalm 115:1).

Are you still there? 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. I’m thinking of you and praying for you as I affix labels to the carrier envelopes.

September is my month. Not only do I celebrate a physical birthday (September 30—and this one is 88), I celebrate my spiritual birthday—(September 24—and this one is 74). It was in September 1953 that I began my pastoral ministry 70 years ago. In addition, September is the month that the first prayer seminar (under the title “seminar”) was conducted at Madison Baptist Church, Madison NJ, 1980, 43 years ago. Finally September is the month we moved into our own office building in 1987.

Each September, we encourage our readers, especially our Doorkeepers, to write to us. Hundreds have responded and we have several full notebooks shelved in the **JGHM MUSEUM**. Your message need not be long, but **knowing you are there encourages our hearts**. A form is enclosed for your convenience. Please use the wings of the United States Postal Service to return the envelope with the Lynchburg address. If you prefer a text message use (434) 239-8837 or e-mail use jghm84@aol.com. As far as I know this will be the final year for **September Letter Writing Month**.

Testimonies

Of all the speakers I’ve heard speak about prayer, no one has touched my heart more than Dr. Henry. He does not come with enticing words, but rather the Word of God. And when he begins speaking on prayer, you begin to sense the Spirit of God moving in and through the congregation and upon people’s lives. He just takes you to the Word—the best book on prayer I know.”

Dr. John A. Hash, President-Founder
Bible Pathway Ministries
Murfreesboro TN

On behalf of all of us here at Park Avenue, I want to thank you, again, for the blessings of this past Sunday. I believe that it will go down as one of the great days in the history of our church, as far as spiritual growth is concerned. God used you in a mighty way and we give Him the glory for all that He did through you.

Bob Mowrey, Pastor
Park Avenue Baptist Church

If your present position of service was given you by Christ, t, and if He has not yet said that it’s time to throw in the towel, don’t quit! People given assignments by God should never lose heart.

David Mains

Birthday Prayer

God, give me eyes that I might see the work that can be done by me;
God, give me ears that I might hear the cry of those who need me near.
God give me lips that I might speak comfort and peace to all who seek;
God, give me a mind that I might know how to help those who need me so.
God, give me hands that I might do some large or simple task for You;
God, give me a prayer that I might pray Thy help and guidance every day.
And this one thing all else above; God, give me a heart that I might love.

Author Unknown

PERSPECTIVE

“Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14b



“For such a time as this” is an expression that encompasses the “here” and “now.” I remember vividly a conversation I had with a pastor friend during the days following my enlightenment about the value and joy of daily Bible study. I shared that I was thinking about making a number of changes in my lifestyle to free more time for the Word of God.

For many years, I had been an avid reader of the newspapers and three news periodicals, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U. S. News & World Report*.

My friend told me to trash that idea since any effective minister must keep abreast of current events—understanding the times in which he was living! I am glad I heeded his advice since I am sure that my ministry reflects the times. Instead, I found various time leaks in my schedule, corrected them, and had more time for the Word.

“For such a time as this”—what are the conditions of our time? Someone has pointed out **the church is powerless because it is prayerless**. Another said, **the supper room has supplanted the Upper Room**. There are few prayer meetings in the average church. Jesus pointed out that men must always pray and not faint (**Luke 18:1**). Most of us don’t think to pray until we do faint.

The result of the loss of power in the church and in the lives of individual Christians is rapid moral deterioration in the United States. What was proudly hailed as the “land of the free” can now be better characterized as the “land of the spree.” At a time when the material is so abundant, few believe there are any moral absolutes.

In the world, the population has surpassed eight billion. Not only are most unsaved, one can safely say that the vast majority—perhaps as many as two out of three—have never heard the name of Jesus in a saving sense one time. This is primarily because there is no one to tell them. There are no laborers in many parts of the world. Nine of ten Christian workers work with six percent of the world’s population. This means that there is only one worker for ninety-four percent. At this point most of the people will live their lives and die without ever hearing the Gospel one time. The fields are white, but the laborers are few. Why? Christians simply do not pray for laborers. In fact, if it were possible to record every prayer prayed today and there is one for laborers, it would be surprising.

What is the point? **JGHM has been entrusted with a message and a mission**—to mobilize prayer warriors who are anchored in the Word of God and who understand the times. The word **entrust** brings up the idea of a steward and his stewardship. The thought is being granted a trust for profitable use.

Paul reminded Timothy that he had been entrusted with a ministry and urged him to be faithful in executing that trust to the very best of his ability. **It is required in stewards that a person be found faithful**. Further, we can be sure that God will equip us to fulfill His purpose for us. **Where God guides, He provides**.

Any Christian, as well as any leader of a ministry, is wise to step aside from daily demands and the business of life and ask some basic questions. For what have I been entrusted? Am I being faithful? Am I doing my best? Am I faithful with every opportunity? So often opportunities appear to be simply unwelcomed interruptions. It is so easy to move into neutral and waste minutes, hours, and even days.

Moses, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, informed him that our days are three score and ten. When God graces us

with additional years, a good prayer is “Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom [learn more about Him] (Psalm 90:10a, 12). Approaching my 88th birthday, I hacve done serious assessment of my life in relation to the unique ministry God has entrusted to me. I am satisfied in some areas, but see clearly a number of areas that need attention to keep on target. As the psalmist said, “*I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies*” (Psalm 119:59). I believe the result will continue to be found doing what God has brought us into the kingdom to do “for such a time as this.”

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

THE WORK GOES FORTH THANK YOU!

“You also helping together in prayer for us”

2 Corinthians 1:11a

As we enter the last four months of 2023, perhaps the last four months of the **Reflector** as we have known it for the past sixty-nine years, my gratitude is to God who made this printed ministry possible and stirred the hearts of many to pray, give, and tell others about the availability of the prayer seminar ministry. Your prayers are the most important support needed. Sue and I are grateful for the dedicated prayer support we have received. Often someone has told us that he/she prays for us each day.

We are grateful, also, for those who have supported the prayer seminar ministry with financial contributions. Consequently, we have been able to take the prayer seminars to six continents: Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America touching lives in over sixty nations. **Adam Nathanson** and his team continue the work. We remain a faith ministry depending on our friends who have never failed us. **THANK YOU!**

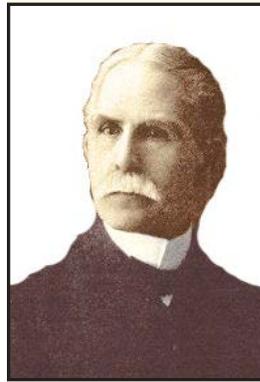
Prayer Seminars in Ecuador

The prayer seminar returned to Ecuador in early August with prayer seminars in Quito and Guayquil. Continue to pray for open doors for Adam as he leads The Prayer Seminar [Founded as J. Gordon Henry Ministries in 1984].



PHOTO FROM THE JGHM ARCHIVES
“ON THE ROAD AGAIN” TO SIXTY NATIONS. DR. HENRY
PREPARATION TO START A NEW DAY OF TEACHING.

The role of music



Music is an excellent way to plant spiritual principles into our minds that will guide our responses to life’s circumstances. Anyone who takes time to reflect on the truths embedded in the great hymns of the faith written by **Elisha A. Hoffman** (1839-1929) will become an advocate of returning them to our worship services today. Among Hoffman’s 2,000 hymns are these favorites: “*What a Wonderful Savior,*” “*Are You Washed in the Blood?*,” “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,*”

“*No Other Friend Like Jesus,*” “*I Must Tell Jesus,*” “*Is Your All on the Altar?*”. One of the mistakes that churches are making is to move away from the hymns of the faith in favor of what is known as “contemporary Christian music” that often exalts man, not the Lord. Clearly, the Holy Spirit often anoints the words, the music, and the singing that helps us remember that God is our strength, our song, and our salvation (**Psalm 118:14, Isaiah 12:2**).

Continuing Prayer—The Secret of Revival

Prior to Pentecost, it is recorded that the believers “continued steadfastly...in prayers” (**Acts 1:14**). After Pentecost, the young church continued steadfastly...in prayers” (**Acts 2:42**) and when the rivers of blessing were flowing far and wide, and the work was so extensive that the apostles could no longer cope with it, we hear their solemn resolve: “We will continue steadfastly in prayer” (**Acts 6:4**).

Let it be burned upon our hearts by the Spirit of God that this mighty movement that turned the world upside down was not only born out of prayer, but was brought forth by prayer and maintained by prayer. Such praying, costly but indispensable, has ever characterized the great revivals of the past.

Believer, Afraid?

Why should I be afraid? It is not death to die. ‘Tis but a step to glory and a mansion in the sky. How can I be afraid? The Lord is with me still, and loves me as He did that day He died upon the hill. Afraid? Of what? No night’s so dark it can His glory dim! Afraid? Oh, no! Though Jordan roar I cross—dry shod—with Him. “To be absent from the body is to be present with Him”



PRAYER SEMINAR

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First Baptist Church
Monongahela,
Pennsylvania

March 24, 2012

Notes from My Bible

Note 6089. “The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of the Lord, our God, stands forever” (Isaiah 40:8).

Note 6090. The more acquainted we become with the Word of God, the more we see life on earth from God’s point of view.

Note 6091. God gave us His Word to mind, not mend.

Note 6092. God speaks through His Word. SO, HEAR the Word of God, READ, STUDY, MEMORIZE, and MEDITATE on the Word of God. THEN, APPLY the Word of

Note 6093. WRITE ON A FLY LEAK OF YOUR BIBLE: “This BOOK will keep you from sin; sin will keep you from this BOOK.”

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