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*If ever
there were a place,
it's here.*

*If ever
there were a time,
it's now.*

IT IS TIME!

"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

GOD IS ABLE! GOD IS WILLING! GOD IS WAITING!

Perspectives

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).
"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:11-12). "Therefore, He says, Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:14-17).

Almost daily, examples in the media remind Christians that a spiritual war is being waged in the United States. Externally, we have enemies that are working openly to destroy our free way of life. Sadly, there are serious internal attacks on America precipitated internally by the judicial branch of our government, almost monthly. The face of America is changing at an accelerated rate. Christians were incensed a few years ago when a theologian declared that God is dead and expressed concern for the spiritual condition of our nation. Many began to pray and to return to the Word. The concern did not last, however, and soon we were drifting along once more. 9/11 moved us to understand the need for God and for His blessings upon us as a people. Hope was expressed that once again we were moving back toward God and the principles detailed in His Word. In a sense, the sleeping giant simply awakened briefly, turned over, and went back to sleep. The moral erosion continues. For many, morality is relative and there are no absolutes to guide behavior.

INDEPENDENCE DAY
 JULY 4, 2018

WATCHMAN,
 WHAT OF
 THE NIGHT?
 Isaiah 21:11
 See Psalm 127:1
 Ezekiel 3:17
 Micah 7:4

First heard on the *Kate Smith Hour* in 1938, Irving Berlin's *God Bless America* was a solemn prayer of thanks inspired by his Russian immigrant mother's deep gratitude and loyalty to her new home and its brave boys who helped win the Great War.

God Bless America

By Irving Berlin 1918,
 revised 1938

While the storm clouds
 gather far across the sea
 Let us swear allegiance
 to a land that's free
 Let us all be grateful
 for a land so fair,
 As we raise our voices
 in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America,
 land that I love,
 Stand beside her
 and guide her
 Thru the night with a
 light from above;
 From the mountains,
 to the prairies
 To the oceans white
 with foam
 God bless America,
 my home sweet home.
 God bless America, my
 home, sweet home.

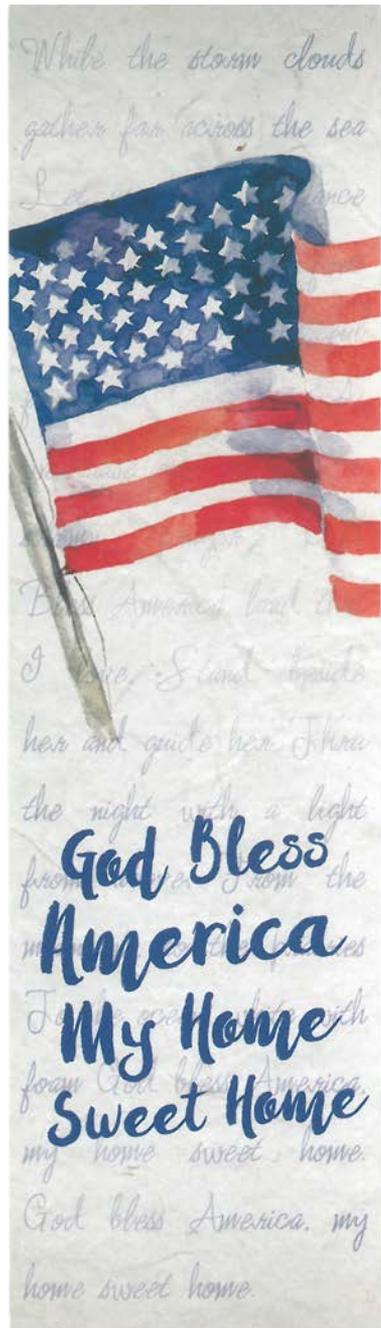
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**A RALLYING CALL:
EVERYTHING BY PRAYER**

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

God speaks to His children out of His Word. Read and consider each reference that follows. When you understand the implications of the text for your life, check it off. This exercise will provide heart preparation to engage in spiritual warfare for the nation.

- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- 2 Chronicles 20:3-30
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Joel 1 & 2
- Ezra 8:21-23
- Jonah 3:5-10

GET ON PRAYING GROUND

Begin with worship. Praise the Lord. It is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious and a song of praise is appropriate. "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they exist, and were created" (**Revelation 4:11**).

✓ Praise God as the Lord of history who is working out His plan according to His perfect will.

✓ Praise the Lord that He is the God of revival, who revives His people in answer to their prayers in His perfect timing.

Heart searching. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there are any wicked ways in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (**Psalms 139:23-24**). Do not try to search your own heart. Just pray honestly and expect God to search you and convict you as needed.

✓ Pray for yourself seeking a right attitude toward God, others, and our nation.

Confession. As you think about your life in the light of God's way, you may already know something you need to confess or may discern that the Holy Spirit has brought conviction regarding specific sins or failures to confront. Some common items to confess might be as follows:

- ✓ Let us confess that we tend to be self-reliant and fail to trust God totally;
- ✓ Let us confess that our commitment to follow God's way and to do His work is often half-hearted;
- ✓ Let us confess indifference and failure to pray regularly for our national and local government.

Accept His forgiveness.

Confession brings forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**) but we must be willing to receive the forgiveness. Take a moment to reflect on His forgiveness, thank Him, and receive this wonderful gift. You are now on praying ground.

Thanksgiving. Thank God for the privilege to worship Him freely in our country today following the dictates of our own hearts and consciences.

BEGIN INTERCESSION

Pray for His children, "called by His name".

1. That Christians may become sensitive to sin and freely confess and forsake all unrighteousness (**Proverbs 28:13**);
2. That God's children may repent and return to loving God with all their hearts (**Matthew 22:37-38, Revelation 2:1-7**);
3. That Christians may humble themselves and forsake the spirit of pride (**2 Chronicles 7:14; I Peter 5:5-8**);
4. That the spirit of prayer and humble repentance might be poured out upon all Christians;
5. That a mighty spiritual awakening will sweep through the entire Christian community regardless of denominational affiliation;
6. That Christians may be cleansed and live in holiness;
7. That His church will repent and be restored to wholly following the

Lord in renewed love and devotion to Him, to fellow believers, to our neighbors, and to all people;

8. That the revived church may renew its efforts to fulfill the Great Commission with fresh vigor.

Pray for Christian families.

1. That they will realize afresh the power of God's grace for reconciliation, as needed, resulting in harmonious living producing a sense of security and love to maximize growth and development;
2. That entire families may learn to find agreement with Christ in patient, united prayer (**Matthew 18:15-20**);
3. That Christian parents may learn to pray like Noah, whose intercession saved his entire family from perishing with a godless society in the flood.

Pray for our nation.

1. Pray that Christians will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to join in prayer for our nation on a daily basis;
2. Admit to God that we need His mercy and divine intervention on our behalf as a nation;
3. Ask God to restore righteousness and wisdom to those who govern (**2 Samuel 23:3-4, Proverbs 29:2, and Daniel 2:20-22**);
4. Pray for the President, Vice-President, members of the Supreme Court, U. S. Senators, your Congressman, state senators, state representatives that they may come to know God and perform their duties with honor to ensure we have good government that can be blessed by God;
5. Pray that the influence of Christian political leaders will be felt in a positive and strong fashion;

6. Pray for the families of the Christian political leaders who are under attack with very direct pressure to compromise their biblically based convictions and standards;

7. Pray for the salvation of government leaders;

8. Pray that the Bible study and prayer groups in our national and state capitols will continue to be a light and an inspiration to those who participate and that their co-workers will be blessed by the overflow coming from the groups.

Pray for your local church

1. Ask God to reveal what part your church is to take in the working out of His divine purpose for our nation;

2. Pray for your pastor and the leadership that they may provide needed guidance to the congregation;

3. Pray that the members of your congregation will be knitted together in love and become a mighty force to stand for righteousness in the nation starting locally.

ACTIONS TO TAKE

Offer yourself to God for any part He may assign to you in His plan to restore the United States to the moral ground set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution in the light of **Proverbs 29:18; Matthew 6:10.**

Contact your governmental leaders and your local media. Write personal letters to the president, members of Congress, members of the state legislature. Tell them that you are praying for them. Let them know your specific concerns.

Remember the following points as you compose your message:

➤ Use words that are gracious and Christlike;

➤ State specifically what you are concerned about. (**Pastor Jack Barrett** suggested to say plainly: "This really breaks my heart. I'm afraid of the consequences for my family & my nation,")

➤ State what you want done about it;

➤ Explain why you want something done now and how it affects you and your family in an immediate way.

➤ Keep the message as concise and brief as possible, preferably on one page.

THE CHRONICLES COMMISSION

Several years ago, **Doorkeeper Suzy Kauffmann (Mrs. Howard)**, suggested that it is time for Christians who know the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to commit themselves first to a **Chronicles Commission (2 Chronicles 7:14)**. I agreed wholeheartedly and determined to include this paradigm in the prayer seminars.

Until the requisites of this text are met, we are unlikely to fulfill the Great Commission. She asked, "Do you think we, as Christians, are commissioned by God to obey the passage if we want our land healed?" Yes, I do think that and see the value to calling each **Doorkeeper** to accept the **Chronicles Commission**. It is high time to awake and to act! **The most potent tool that God has given us to push against the spiritual darkness is prayer.** Now is the time. If not you, who? If not now, when? If not here? Where? America, you're too young to die!

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

President George Washington

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

General Washington at Valley Forge Winter of 1777
[AN ICONIC MOMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY]

In late 1777, General Washington visited his beleaguered troops at Valley Forge. According to eyewitness testimony, after visiting with his soldiers, Washington went off alone into the woods and began praying a prayer that was later described by an eyewitness, Isaac Potts, as a petition to the Almighty "never heard from the lips of man." Here is his testimony: "...I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with His Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis & the cause of the country, of humanity & the world. Such a prayer I have never heard from the lips of man."

Bill Bright, one of the greatest evangelists of all time, said to Armin Gesswein "Don't be surprised if you hear one day that I have given myself to a ministry of intercession."

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NOTES from my BIBLE

LET US SEARCH
AND TRY OUR WAYS,
AND TURN AGAIN TO GOD.
Lamentations 3:40

Note 4056. America is too young to die; Christians must PRAY, confess specific sins; plead for God's mercy.

Note 4057. Remember Sodom and Gomorah? God is not blind to the sins of America; a judgment day is coming.

Note 4058. Remember Rome? The landscape of history is strewn with the remains of nations, once great, who let moral decay from within bring them to ruin.

Note 4059. America desperately needs a spiritual awakening that revives the church, renews believers, and brings to Christ.

Note 4060. National revival must begin with repentance at the individual level. DO IT NOW!

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

May 24-June 19, 2018

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Total	30	\$3,264.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

PRAYER CALENDAR**JULY 2018**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David & Eujoo Andersen (VA)

MONDAY, JULY 2

Proverbs 1-4 (Kiribati 104,488)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Emily Baskin (TN)

TUESDAY, JULY 3

Proverbs 5-9 (N. Korea 24.9M)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Proverbs 10-13 (S Korea 4.9M)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michal Breed (WI)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Proverbs 14-17 (Kosovo 1.9M)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Janet Buck (NJ)

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Proverbs 18-21 (Kuwait 2.7M)
 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)

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Proverbs 22-24 (Kyrgyzstan 5.6M)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

SUNDAY, JULY 8

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)
 Jo Anne Dudley (VA)
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)
 Bessie Eggleston (MD)

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Proverbs 25-29 (Laos 6.8M)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Proverbs 30-31 (Latvia 2.2M)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)
 Robert Tribeau, Pastor
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 James Fugate (CA)
 Travis & Emilee Fulcher (VA)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Sara George (GA)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Ecclesiastes 1-6 (Lebanon 5.9M)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Ecclesiastes 7-12 (Lesotho 1.9M)
 Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN)
 Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Mary Patd Hendrick (VA)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Song of Solomon (Liberia 4.1M)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hense
 Ed & Donna Hindson (VA) (MN)
 Briggs Hensley (VA)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Isaiah 1-4 (Libya 4.1M)
 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)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Millicent John (NY)
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (VA)
 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)
 Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)

MONDAY, JULY 16

Isaiah 5-7 (Liechtenstein 37,313)
 Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)
Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Isaiah 8-12 (Lithuania 3.5M)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Isaiah 13-16 (Lithuania 3.5M)

Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell Jr., President
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
Wilma Marcum (KY)
Nick & Pat Markham (VA)

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Isaiah 17-20 (Macau 587,914)

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Nancy McPherson (ME)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Isaiah 21-23 (Macedonia 2.1M)

Betsy Miedema (MI)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ron & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Isaiah 24-27 (Madagascar 23.2M)
Elaine Moser (MN)

Eileen Murphy GCCC (NJ)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Betty Nichols (WA)
NE Baptist College (VT)
Mark Ballard, President
Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
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Ann Palumbo (PA)

Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
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Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jack/Carolyn Peerman (VA)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Barbara Powell (NY)
Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Joyce Riley (KY)

MONDAY, JULY 23

Isaiah 28-30 (Malaysia 30.1M)

Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
Isabell Robotham (NY)
James & Shelly Rode (FL:)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
James & Shelly Rode (FL)
Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)

Dr. C. L. Adams, Pastor

John Saint (PA)
Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Fank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
Mark/Paula Schollaert (PA)

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Isaiah 31-35 (Maldives 393,595)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Bap Ch (VA)
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Lola Simpson (NY)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Isaiah 36-39 (Mali 16.5M)

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Isaiah 40-43 (Malta 412,655)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rosie Street (TX)
William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Isaiah 44-48 (Marshall Is 70,983)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
Larry Thompson (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (WI)
Cathy Tilton (VA)
Paula Tipton (TN)
William & Katie Toney (NC)

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Isaiah 49-51 (Mauritania 3.5M)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Jane Verkaik (MI)

George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Isaiah 52-57 (Mauritius 1.3M)

Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger Watts (WI)

MONDAY, JULY 30

Isaiah 58-62 (Mexico 120.2M)

Naomi Webb (NJ)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Isaiah 63-66 (Micronesia 105,681)
Jeff Williamson (FL)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
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DAILY INTERCESSION

**GOD KNOWS.
GOD SEES.
GOD CARES.
HE'S THERE.**

-Dr. Tony Evans

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Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)
Pastor Peter Dorn [Marilee] (WI)
Melody Henry (VA)
Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY)
Edra Landers [Phil] (OK)
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
Willie Troutman [Diana] (KY)
Dr. Harold Willmington [Sue] (VA)

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

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FAMILY

"Behold, children
are a heritage from
the Lord" (Psalm 127:3)

When I went out to pick up the paper on Father's Day, I was greatly humbled by this sign. Mona's doing! I immediately thought of the Henry Family--four generations. We are blessed!



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Our 3 Ms: Mona, Mark, Melody
Grandchildren: Beau, Jeanne,
Emilee, Kimberlee, Wendy, James
Great-grandchildren: Caleb,
Lillian, Maggie, Willow, Stone,
Caleb, Emma, Ellie



Our youngest--
Elizabeth James Henry "Ellie"
Born September 22, 2017

I Must Tell Jesus

One hymn that often comes to my mind was written by **Elisha A. Hoffman** in 1893. It is entitled "I Must Tell Jesus." Often I sit down at the piano in our living room or stand at the keyboard in the ministry office, turn in a hymn book to this hymn, and play/sing these wonderful words. These words and melody never grows old.

A minister's son, Hoffman attended Union Seminary in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and was ordained in 1868. Afterward, he worked with the Evangelical Association's publishing arm in Cleveland, Ohio, for eleven years. He pastored churches in Ohio, in Michigan, and in Illinois. In his lifetime, he wrote over 2,000 Gospel songs including these that I have used in my own ministry for many years: (1) Are You Washed in the Blood? (2) Down at the Cross (3) Is Thy Heart Right with God? (4) Is Your All on the Altar? (5) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, (6) No Other Friend Like Jesus and (7) Sing of Jesus.

Background. In his own words, Hoffman gave the background for I Must Tell Jesus. "There was a woman to whom God had permitted many visitations of sorrow and affliction. Coming to her home one day, I found her much discouraged. She unburdened her heart, concluding,

'Brother Hoffman, what shall I do?' I quoted from the word, then added, 'You cannot do better than to take all of your sorrows to Jesus. You must tell Jesus.'

For a moment she seemed lost in meditation. Then her eyes lighted as she exclaimed, 'Yes, I must tell Jesus.' As I left her home I had a vision of that joy-illuminated face ... and I heard all along my pathway the echo, 'I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus.'"

Hoffman wrote these words and the music after reaching home. File this away because, sooner or later, you will face burdens and will need to tell Jesus.

I must tell Jesus all of my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me, He ever loves and cares for is own.

Refrain:

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone; I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles, He is a kind, compassionate friend; If I but ask Him, He will deliver, Make of my troubles quickly an end.

Refrain

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior, One Who can help my burdens to bear; I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, He all my cares and sorrows will share.

Refrain

EVERYTHING BY PRAYER

Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray and not faint" (Luke 18:1). He expects His children to order

their lives around prayer. Use three levels of intensity: "Ask ... Seek ... Knock" (Matthew 7:7).

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** would become an advocate of returning them to our worship services today. 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**). Sing the hymns--all the stanzas.

As I prepared copy for the July 2018 **Reflector**, I reviewed an article written on Tuesday, November 15, 1960, from the **Rosedale Baptist Reflector** (the seventh year of the **Reflector**). The article was in the "PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS," a section where I shared personal thoughts with my congregation. I was twenty-five years old. Now, almost sixty years later I read with interest what was on my mind so long ago. Here is the article that I shared that day.

"If when climbing up life's ladder you can reach a hand below, just to help the other fellow up another rung, or so. It may be that in the future when you're growing weary, too, you'll be glad to find there's someone who will lend a hand to you. The real measure of our Christianity is our attitude toward those about us. We cannot be right with the Lord and wrong in our attitudes and relationships with our fellow men. We sometimes forget this basic truth!

Many feel as long as "Me and my wife, my son John, his wife—us four—no more" are OKAY, then why be concerned about anyone else? Oh! dear friend, let us not take this attitude but let us determine to BE a blessing. 'If I can help somebody, as I pass this way, then my living will not

be in vain!" This is truth that **never grows old**.

Another article I reviewed was from the **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS** in the **Kerby Knob Baptist Reflector** in October 1964 (the **Reflector's** eleventh year). when I had just turned twenty-nine. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you" is the promise of **James 4:8**. HE DRAWS NEAR.

God came near to Adam to clothe him (**Genesis 3:21**) that he might be forgiven of his sin. He drew nigh to Enoch to walk with him in sweet fellowship (**Genesis 5:24**). He came to Abraham to befriend him (**Genesis 18:17**) and to Jacob to bless him (**Genesis 32:30**). On the Island of Patmos, Christ drew near to Zacchaeus to save him (**Luke 19:1-10**). He drew near to the Emmaeus disciples to enlighten them (**Luke 24:13ff**).

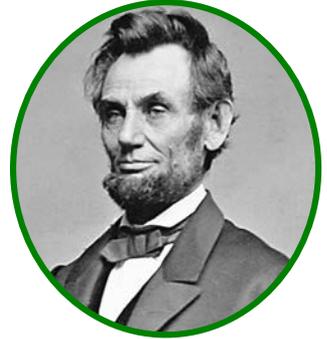
Let us bow down that God might come nigh to us here in the Kerby Knob Baptist Church this weekend. How we need this CLOSER WALK with our Lord. He is willingARE WE?

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OUR LEGACY



"I went to my room one day, and I locked the door, and got down on my knees before Almighty God, and prayed to Him mightily for victory at Gettysburg...And I then and there made a solemn vow to Almighty God, that if He would stand by our boys at Gettysburg, I would stand by Him..."

--President Abraham Lincoln

MINISTRY UPDATE

Almost one year ago, we asked for prayer that God would raise up a godly man to take the reins of the prayer seminar ministry in His timing. The **Five-Year Plan** adopted by the Board of Directors (October 1, 2015--September 30, 2020) has been modified. Adam Nathanson, long-time associate of Dr. Henry and a missionary to Venezuela, has been named Vice President/Senior Teacher for JGHM. He will continue his work as a "missionary," but will couple that work with teaching prayer seminars both in the United States and other nations. In addition, he will train others to teach the seminars. This approach will approximate what we have done in **Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya,** and other nations.

Dr. Henry will continue to provide

oversight and direction for the ministry under the new paradigm being followed, namely, establishing **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** for those who are teaching seminars in other nations. He is likely to maintain this senior role until September 30, 2020, when he reaches his 85th birthday.

Adam is developing a cadre of colleagues who will assist him in scheduling and providing prayer seminars in the United States. He is planning prayer seminars for **Chile and Cuba** later this year.

Martin Shikuku will lead a series of prayer seminars in **Tanzania and Kenya** this summer. **Digmar Garcia** continues to expand into other provinces in **Cuba.** **Pakistan 2018** is underway with prayer seminars planned for four major cities.