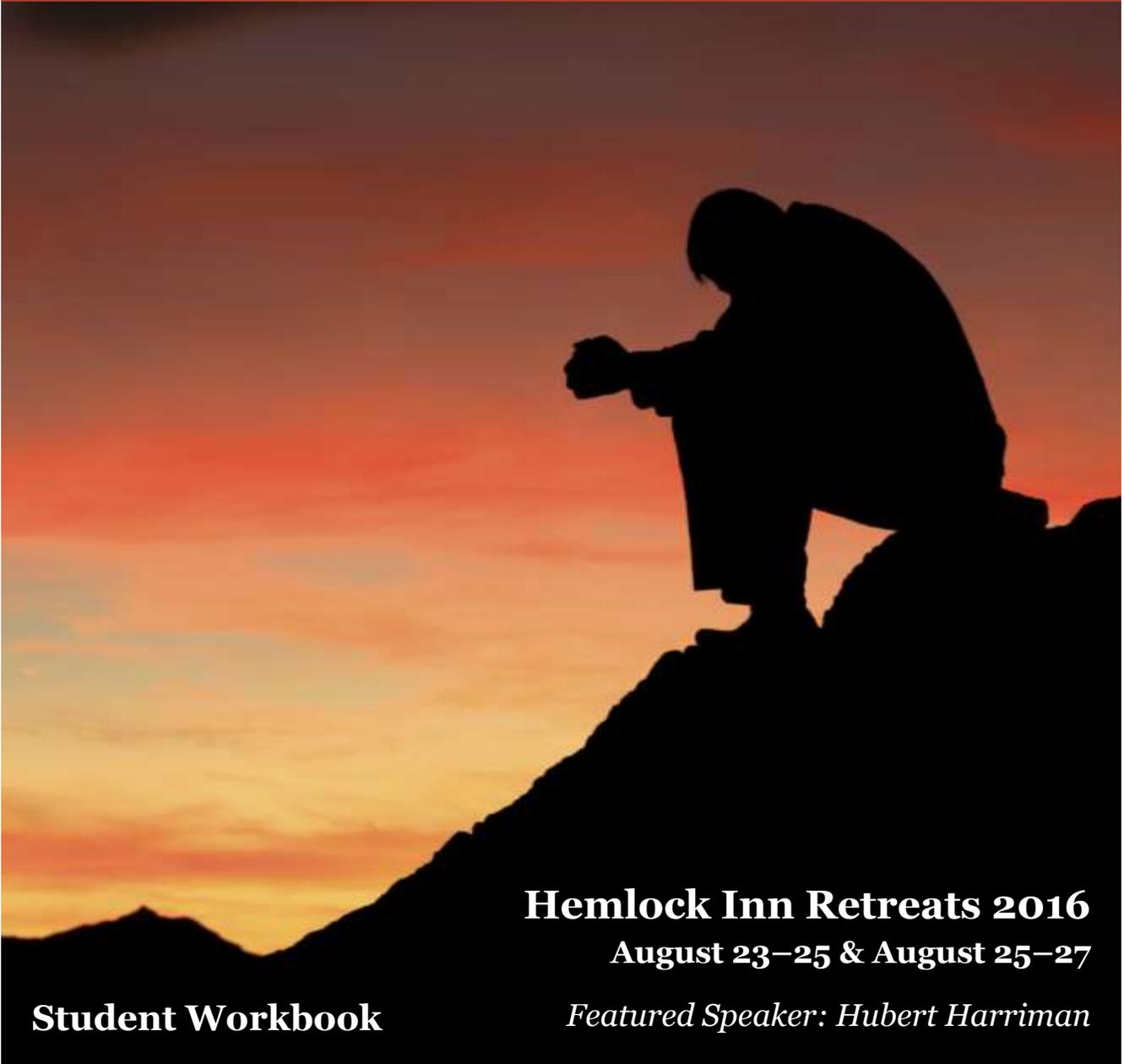


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Hemlock Inn Retreats 2016

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Student Workbook

Featured Speaker: Hubert Harriman

*“Men [and women] always ought to pray and not lose heart.”
(Luke 18:1 NKJV)*



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SCHEDULE

Day One

Time	Activity
2:00 p.m.	Check-in
5:00 p.m.	Orientation (Mike Boyd) <i>Prayer: The Key to Everything</i> (Stan Key)
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	<i>Session 1: The Wonder of Prayer</i> (Hubert Harriman)

Day Two

Time	Activity
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	<i>Session 2: The Way of Prayer</i> (Hubert Harriman)
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	News from the Front (Jerry Coleman)
12:30 p.m.	Free Time (lunch on your own)
5:00 p.m.	Time for Testimonials/Sharing <i>Toward a Theology of Intercessory Prayer</i> (Stan Key)
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	<i>Session 3: The Wait of Prayer</i> (Hubert Harriman)

Day Three

Time	Activity
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Check-out
9:30 a.m.	<i>Session 4: The Weight of Prayer</i> (Hubert Harriman)
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	<i>Session 5: The Watch of Prayer</i> (Hubert Harriman) Holy Communion
12:30 p.m.	Departure

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Psalm 51:10, 12.



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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Prayer: The Key to Everything

James 4:1–4 gives a money-back-guarantee formula for achieving peace on earth and obtaining everything you ask for! This session will introduce the theme for this year’s retreat and will invite us to (re)discover the most elementary command concerning prayer: ask! Each of us will be urged to ask God to do something specific in our lives.

Session 1: The Wonder of Prayer

The greatest wonder in the world, bar none, is that human beings were made in the image and likeness of their Creator—with the same sense of communion known by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fall of man greatly damaged that design but it could not completely destroy the inner compass of the soul that somehow still points to the one who designed us for communion with himself. In this study, we will seek to rediscover the design and find again the wonder of the ancient garden walks and talks.

Session 2: The Way of Prayer

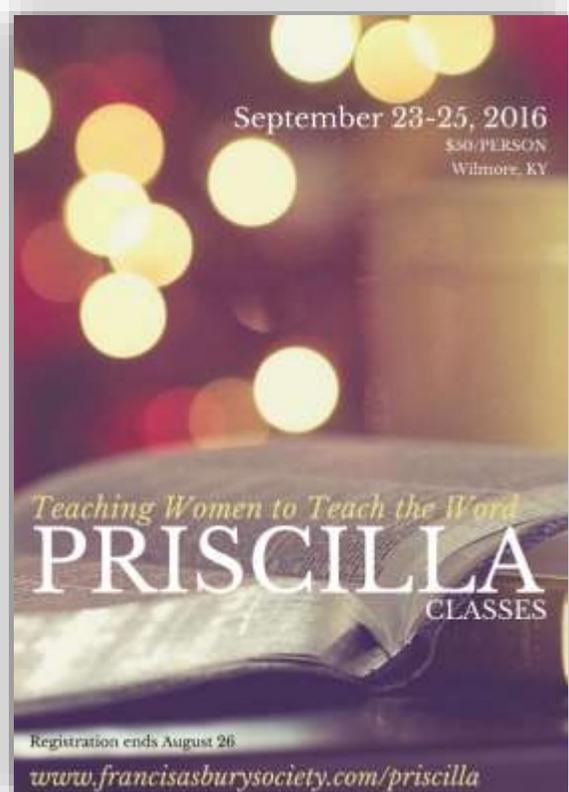
God often reveals great truths as “a way.” Such is prayer. Many people, in their “praying,” are like a superball. They ricochet off objects—bouncing around without any direction. We often speak of the power of prayer, but we should probably speak of it more as the path of prayer, because prayer is a journey we enjoy rather than a jolt we get. The early patriarchs were known for their “walk” with God. In this study, we will learn what that way is like in its scenery, its slowness, and its stops.

Toward a Theology of Intercessory Prayer

If God is sovereign and knows the future, why pray? Shouldn’t we just submit to what God has already planned rather than asking him to change his mind? Looking at those occasions in the Bible when God “changes his mind,” this session will delve into the deepest mysteries of prayer and call us to a life of intercession.

Session 3: The Wait of Prayer

Americans want everything—fast. The “agonizing” slowness with which God seems to work out his story is more than many of us



can wait for and, in our hurry to claim “the promise,” we produce a lot of Ishmaels and wrap them in blankets called “blessings from God.” In this study, we will discover the “waits” of God’s Word, learning the depths and delights of this great treasure.

Session 4: The Weight of Prayer

There are two kinds of weights: the burden of prayer (as in its heaviness) and our authority in prayer (as in what weight does it carry). This is a realm of prayer all too few enter or practice, and both we and the world are suffering for it. What would happen with our marriages, our families, our churches and our communities if we took them up as burdens worth agonizing and petitioning over? What would happen with tribes and nations if we bore them on our hearts in agonizing and petitioning prayer? Let’s find out!

Session 5: The Watch of Prayer

More than anything, prayer is the care of our own soul, without which we will care for no one’s soul and finally be unable to care for anyone’s soul. Families are in trouble because parents didn’t take care of their own souls. Churches are in trouble because pastors didn’t take care of their own souls. Organizations are in trouble because leaders didn’t take care of their own souls. These are dangerous days for the believer. In this study, we will learn what it means to “watch and pray lest you enter into temptation.”

News from the Front

Two members of our larger FAS team will share from the “front lines” of battle where God has called them to serve. Their stories are both inspirational and motivational as we all need models to help us respond with greater effectiveness in those places we are called to minister.





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SPEAKERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

Hubert Harriman

Former President, World Gospel Mission



Dr. Hubert Harriman, former president of World Gospel Mission (WGM), was born and raised in Bolivia, South America, where his parents were missionaries with WGM. He earned his B.A. from Vennard College (Iowa) before doing graduate work at Jerusalem University College in Israel, and then earned an M.A. from Anderson School of Theology (Indiana). In 2004, Wesley Biblical Seminary (Mississippi) conferred on Dr. Harriman an honorary doctorate. In 2016, Universidad Evangelica Boliviana (Bolivia) conferred on Dr. Harriman another honorary doctorate.

Dr. Harriman pastored Ligonier Evangelical Church for 26 years. He also served as superintendent of the East Central Conference of the Evangelical Church for two years before becoming the fifth president of WGM in June 2002. He has been a frequent speaker at church revivals, youth camps, camp meetings, seminars, retreats, conferences, and campaigns, both in the United States and internationally.

In addition to growing up as a missionary kid, Dr. Harriman's ties to WGM include serving on the Board of Directors; serving with his wife, Sarah, as missionaries in Argentina; speaking on various WGM fields; and participating with Summer Career Corp (now Volunteers in Action) in Mexico during his senior year in college.

Dr. Harriman is the co-author of the book *Color Me Holy*, along with Dr. Barry Callen. He and Sarah have three grown and married daughters, four granddaughters, and five grandsons.

Stan Key

President, FAS



Stan Key has been president of FAS since 2014. He is married to Katy (38 years) and they have three children and four grandchildren. Before coming to FAS, Stan served for ten years as a missionary in Europe and for 18 years as pastor of an independent church in Albany, New York. Stan also serves as Spiritual Dean for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). Stan is the author of *The Last Word* (Warner Press, 2015), a study on the book of Revelation.

Jerry & Jan Coleman

Worship Leaders



Jerry Coleman serves as director of Francis Asbury Speakers. He has years of ministry experience in dozens of countries. For 17 years, Jerry and his wife, Jan, served as missionaries in Europe with the Free Methodist Church, the last 11 years as the area director for continental Europe. To hear more of his family's story, read Jerry's book, *One Way Ticket: Leaving Home for Good*.

Matt Henson (2nd Retreat)

Executive Director and Lead Evangelist, Living the Adventure Ministries



An energetic, dynamic, vision-casting adventurer for Jesus is one of the best ways to describe Rev. Matt Henson. Matt specializes in evangelistic preaching, mission experiences, healing/reconciliation ministry, and adolescent ministry, using his experience and passion to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ.

Matt serves as the Executive Evangelist for the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists as well as on the United Christian Ashram Board. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Albion, Illinois, with their five children.

Linda Boyette

Ministry Staff for Titus Women



Linda Boyette's life is centered in one reality: Jesus is enough! Linda has been involved with Titus Women, a ministry of The Francis Asbury Society, since its beginning. She also leads a Bible study in her home and speaks at conferences and retreats around the U.S. and internationally. No matter the setting, Linda's appointment is to invite women to live the incredible joy of a sacred fellowship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through knowing Jesus as Savior, Center, and Source. Linda is also an accomplished pianist, serving churches and camp meetings through the ministry of music. She lives on a farm in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, with her husband Phil and is mother to three sons and two daughters-in-love.



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PRAYER: THE KEY TO EVERYTHING

By Stan Key

If a genie came out of a magic lamp and promised you could have anything you wished, what would you ask for? Jesus has given a promise almost that audacious:

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do... If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you... Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full. (John 14:13–14; 15:7; 16:23–24)

As Charles Spurgeon says, “Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom. If you may have everything by asking in his name and nothing without asking, I beg you to see how absolutely vital **prayer** is.” The purpose of this retreat is to encourage us to **ask!**

James 4:1–10. A Guide to Asking

James teaches us how to ask **rightly** and thus have all our prayers answered. If our prayers (desires) are all answered, then we will be completely satisfied, thus ushering in a life of blessedness. If everyone lived this kind of a life, we would have world peace (shalom).

The big question (v.1): What causes unrest in the world? What causes people to be unhappy and frustrated? Whether the conflict is external or internal, whether it is a hot war or a cold war... why are we so discontent? James answers the question by describing four layers of the soul that must be examined, one at a time.

1. The First Layer (vv 1–2a). The surface level explanation for your unrest is the fact that your **passions** (desires, pleasures, cravings) “at war within you.” You want something and can’t get it. This makes you an inner cauldron of bubbling emotions. It also makes you difficult to live with and dangerous! “You desire and do not have, so you murder... you fight and quarrel.” Whether we are talking about Putin’s desire for the Crimean Peninsula or your wife’s desire for the covers on your bed at night... when we don’t get what we want... Grrrrr! The first layer cause of unhappiness: **unmet desires**.
2. The Second Layer (v 2b). James tells us exactly **why** we have these unmet desires and thus are so unhappy: “You do not have, because you do not **ask**.” He is talking about prayer; bringing God into the equation. If only we would tell God about these inner conflicts of unmet desires, he could help us and then we would not have so much conflict and turmoil in our lives. The second layer cause of unhappiness: **prayerlessness**.
3. The Third Layer (vv 3–4). The plot thickens as James digs deeper, explaining why when we *do* pray, nothing happens. “You ask and do not receive because you ask **wrongly**”. The error in your praying, James points out, relates to two things:
 - **Selfishness**. “... to spend it on your passions...”
 - **Worldliness**. “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?...”

The third layer cause of unhappiness can thus be called **selfish ambition**; a combination of selfishness and worldliness (see James 3:14–16). This means we want the wrong things, which means we pray the wrong way, which means God will not answer our prayers.

4. The Fourth Layer (vv 5–10). James now goes to the root issue. The reason we are consumed with selfish ambition is because our hearts are filled with **pride**. And when we are proud, then: our hands are unclean and our hearts are **double-minded**. Such spiritual bi-polar disorder makes us “unstable in all (our) ways” (James 1:8). The fourth layer cause of unhappiness is **pride** (the same sin that caused Lucifer to be expelled from heaven and Adam and Eve to be kicked out of Eden).

Note the logic of James argument:

1. Our hearts are **proud**. We are double-minded, trying to serve two masters.
2. This means we are defined by **selfish-ambition**: we want the wrong things.
3. When we want the wrong things, we will, by definition, **pray wrongly**.
4. God will not answer such prayers meaning that such people will remain locked in their pit of **discontent** on the inside and **conflict** on the outside.

What Can Be Done?

The series of commands in verses 5–10 help us discover the way to have our prayers answered and thus live in peace and contentment:

- Submit to God (v 7).
- Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (v 7).
- Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you (v 8).
- Cleanse your hands, you sinners (v 8).
- Purify your hearts, you double-minded (v 8).
- Be wretched, mourn, weep... (v 9).
- **Humble yourself** before the Lord, and he will exalt you (v 10).

Therefore, the key to inner contentment and outward peace is learning how to pray prayers that God will always answer. And the only way to pray such prayers is when our hearts are pure and humble. Thus, the key to everything is **sanctified prayer**.

Assignment: What do you want to ask God to do?



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THE WONDER OF PRAYER **By Hubert Harriman**

Introduction

Prayer is God's Design

Prayer is God's Desire

Prayer is God's Delight

- This means all that is His is mine.
- This means I sit at His table.



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THE WAY OF PRAYER By Hubert Harriman

Introduction

- You can't _____ God and others without prayer. And eternity will be full of love.
- You can't _____ with God without prayer. And eternity will be full of fellowship.
- You can't _____ God without prayer. And eternity will be full of worship.
- You can't _____ God without prayer. And eternity will be full of praise.
- You can't _____ from God without prayer. And eternity will be full of learning.
- You can't _____ with God without prayer. And eternity will be full of walking.

Prayer in the Way

1. Prayer is our daily _____ of who is Lord.
2. Prayer is our daily _____ to the Lord.
3. Prayer is our daily _____ with the Lord.
4. Prayer is our daily _____: "It's the Lord" (John 21:7).

Prayer on the Way

1. It's full of _____.
2. It's full of _____.
3. It's full of _____.
4. It's full of _____.

Prayer for the Way

As much as you need certain things for a journey, there are vital things for your prayer journey. Let me mention three.

1. _____

2. _____
3. _____



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TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF PRAYER **By Stan Key**



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THE WAIT OF PRAYER

By Hubert Harriman

More harm has been done by controllers than anyone else.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

This is a running commentary on “WAIT!” In the Old Testament alone, there are at least 6 or 7 different Hebrew words that carry the idea of some kind of waiting, and are translated “wait” in some of our translations. Some are similar or even synonyms.

- Psalm 37:7
- Psalm 59:9
- Psalm 62:5
- Psalm 69:3
- Psalm 145:15
- Habakkuk 2:3, 4
- Psalm 27:14

There are three concepts that begin to emerge with the whole idea of waiting in prayer:

1. The _____ concept
2. The _____ concept
 - We need the _____ to pray for the things God has promised.
 - We need the _____ to pray outside ourselves.
 - We need the _____ to pray beyond our time.
3. The _____ concept



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THE WEIGHT OF PRAYER

By Hubert Harriman

Introduction

1. We have available the _____.
2. We have available the _____.

To pray in Jesus name is no small thing.

- This speaks of _____.
- This speaks of _____.
- This speaks of _____.

3. We have available the full strength of the Holy Spirit's inspiration.

And besides this powerful lineup, the weight of prayer comes because of two more things:

1. In the _____.
2. In the _____.

The Burden of Prayer

Anyone with love and desire on their heart will know the burden of prayer.

1. The _____
2. Our _____
3. For _____
4. Our _____
5. The _____
6. Kingdom _____
7. Our _____



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THE WATCH OF PRAYER

By Hubert Harriman

Mark 14:32-37

They came to a place named Gethsemane [*Luke adds “the Mount of Olives, as He was his custom”*]; and He said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed.” [*Luke adds, “He said to them, ‘Pray that you may not enter into temptation’”*] And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.” And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. And He was saying, “**Abba! Father!** All things are possible for you; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what you will.” [*Luke adds, “Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him, and being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”*] And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? [*Luke adds, “He said to them, ‘Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.’”*]

Satan will use several factors against us. We must be alert to each one.

1. The _____ factor
2. The _____ factor
3. The _____ factor
4. The _____ factor

The _____ of Prayer

Dead End Praying

1. Self-righteous praying
2. Lustful praying
3. Wordy praying
4. “To be seen of men” praying
5. Judgmental praying
6. Cloche praying
7. Substitute praying
8. Forced faith praying
9. Not ready for spiritual warfare praying
10. Prejudice praying
11. Depressive praying

12. Duty praying
13. Superstitious praying
14. Unconfessed sin praying
15. Lack of understanding praying

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