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## From Ted's Pen

**“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”**  
*Proverbs 27:1*

Some events that have occurred during the month of June, implanted this truth on my mind even more indelibly than before. And, I have once more been reminded of the rapid passage of time in our lives.

It was a pleasure to work with the church at Lake City, Arkansas in a gospel meeting May 31-June 3. I have preached in gospel meetings at Lake City in the past and remember going there to attend meetings and singings as a youngster with my Dad. Brother Harlan Wood is the preacher at Lake City and they have a wonderful spirit there and I believe the church is poised for growth in the future. We enjoyed seeing many people from our home area and it was a special pleasure to have Brother Marvin Rickett who preaches at Bay, Arkansas as the song director for the meeting.

On June 10 I enjoyed preaching at the Colony congregation in the absence of their regular preacher, Brother Joe Spaulding.

In the afternoon the ladies at Colony hosted a monetary shower and Barbara spoke to a gathering of ladies from the area about our work with a group of children in Pitesti, Romania. Those ladies contributed over \$800 for this work and that will provide a lot of food and vitamins and other needed items for the children. The local Christians will use the money to purchase the needed supplies and take it to the place where the children live.

We left on June 15 for a meeting in Michigan City, Indiana. I cannot explain the special feelings that we have for the church there. This was our first local work beginning in February 1959. A few of the people who were present then are still there and living faithful Christian lives. They are searching for a preacher and at present four or five of the local brethren are filling the pulpit.

One of the things that we had planned for this trip for several months was to participate in the celebration of the 80th birthday of Brother John Olin Bishop, a beloved friend of more than 40 years. The party was scheduled on June 16 so we could be there, and then I would begin the meeting at Michigan City the next day.

On Thursday June 7 John suddenly collapsed while working in his yard and passed away. His 80th birthday would have been June 9. We did get to spend some time with our Sister Marie and tried to comfort and encourage her as much as possible.

We arrived home on Thursday night late and after a couple of days rest we were privileged to be with the church at Heber Springs, Arkansas on Sunday, June 24. It was a wonderful day. The church at Heber Springs is also looking for a preacher and I believe that the congregation would be a great one to work with.

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## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

Interested preachers can contact the elders by writing to the church at 1314 Pine Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas, 72543.

We are going to make this issue of our report for the months of July and August because of the schedule that we have for the next two months. When you review the schedule it will be obvious to you why this is necessary. In the month of July we only have 7 days off and one of those will be our 43rd wedding anniversary on July 24. My how the time has flown. I was telling Barbara this morning that I remembered how I loved foot long chili dogs when I was a teenager and I would have to make a way to get to Jonesboro, Arkansas in order to get one. That was a very rare thing too. Now, I have two Sonic Drive Ins within a few blocks from our house in two directions, but I am so old that I have to eat brussel sprouts and broccoli!

Time has gone by, but my bride surely doesn't look like a lady who has been married for 43 years. And, by the way, today, June 25 she had appointments with two of her doctors for exams and the results were just great. The throat specialist does not want to see her again for six months! I am thankful to God for her and we are both thankful for her splendid recovery from three bouts of cancer since 1995.

### ROMANIA REPORT

The churches in Craiova and Pitesti, Romania both continue to grow and make plans for future growth. I am amazed really at their faithfulness and zeal while working under some very difficult circumstances. The church meeting in Craiova assembles in a very run down building and the room they meet in is dirty and very uncomfortable. During the past few weeks to brethren decided to do what they could to improve their meeting place.

Several of the worked very hard in painting the room, getting some floor covering, and we are told that the room is much, much, better than it has been. We long for the day when we can have our own meeting place there and we believe that the Lord is going to provide that for us very soon.

In July there will be a group of brethren conducting a VBS in Pitesti and then Barbara and I and four other workers will follow that with a city-wide campaign July 26-August 5. We have a great advertising program already to go and the local brethren will kick it off at just the right time. We will be working day and night literally. We will have our nightly services in the church building and will study one on one during the days. We covet your prayers for a great harvest to the glory of God. Brethren, we thank God for those of you

who make our work possible. Your generous support, your prayers, and your words of encouragement mean so very much to us. Please continue to help us and to pray for the success of our endeavors.

### QUOTATIONS

Here are some thought provoking quotes passed on by Brother Bill McDonough from a retreat in the New England area.

"Speak where the Bible speaks, but we must also speak as the Bible speaks."

"Why do we have a Bible if God is not interested in a pattern?"

"We should never have to defend our practices of we follow the New Testament."

"The evil first attacked church leaders before he attacked fundamental doctrine."

"GO' is the message, not bring them over the threshold of the church building."

"The Church has been given by God all that It needs to do all of It's work. Why aren't we as churches training evangelists?"

"The hardest door to get through is to go out your own."

"Love warms the soil to get it ready for the planting of the seed."

"In the New Testament, God sent out the best. He didn't keep them at home to preach to the saved."

"What difficulties are standing in the way of your vision for God?"

## Patience and Prayer by Marty Knight

Most of us are painfully aware of the fact that we are in the midst of some tough times on the economic front. As many other businesses have done, the company for which I work has just gone through a workforce reduction. This past week was a long and trying one for all of us who work there.

During a conversation this week with one of my co-workers who is also a Christian I made the comment, "God is going to grow tired of hearing from us about this." My comment was intended to be tongue-in-cheek, but let's reflect on that statement.

James 1:2-4 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

Patience. An easy concept that is so hard to practice. It's not a coincidence that James follows with this passage in verses 5-6:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting..."

We all have problems that we deal with every day. Each of us have a cross to bear. How many people—how many Christians—are struggling with problems that on the surface are overwhelming? James gives us the answer: Pray with patience. Pray with faith. And know that God will provide us with what we need to go on to perfection. Isn't it great to be a child of His?!

## UPCOMING PLANS

### JULY 1

Greenbrier, Arkansas

### JULY 8—11

Northwest Arkansas Lecture Series  
Bellefonte, Arkansas

### JULY 15—18

Gospel Meeting  
Mt. Judea, Arkansas

### JULY 21

Wedding—Batesville, Arkansas

### JULY 23

VBS—Plummerville, Arkansas

### JULY 25—AUGUST 6

Campaign—Pitesti, Romania

### AUGUST 8

VBS—Cave City, Arkansas

### AUGUST 12—15

Gospel Meeting  
Hoxie, Arkansas

### AUGUST 23—26

Gospel Meeting  
Swifton, Arkansas

## NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

The address for our website has been changed during the month of June. The online edition for June will be combined with the July issue. The new address is very similar to the old one:

<http://evangelisticallyspeaking.net>

You will also notice that there are new e-mail addresses available on the new website. The “old” e-mail addresses for both Ted and Marty are still active. Feel free to use either e-mail address. The new web-hosting service provided these e-mail addresses as part of their services. If you would prefer to receive your ES online, please let us know and we will add you to our e-mail notification list.

# July 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Preach at Greenbrier, Arkansas	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Northwest Arkansas Lecture Series—Bellefonte, AR	9 Northwest Arkansas Lecture Series—Bellefonte, AR	10 Northwest Arkansas Lecture Series—Bellefonte, AR	11 Northwest Arkansas Lecture Series—Bellefonte, AR	12	13	14
15 Gospel Meeting—Mt. Judea, Arkansas	16 Gospel Meeting—Mt. Judea, Arkansas	17 Gospel Meeting—Mt. Judea, Arkansas	18 Gospel Meeting—Mt. Judea, Arkansas	19	20	21 Wedding—Batesville, Arkansas
22	23 VBS—Plummerville, Arkansas	24	25 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	26 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	27 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	28 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania
29 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	30 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	31 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania				

# August 2001

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5 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	6 Campaign—Pitesti, Romania	7	8 VBS—Cave City, Arkansas	9	10	11
12 Gospel Meeting—Hoxie, Arkansas	13 Gospel Meeting—Hoxie, Arkansas	14 Gospel Meeting—Hoxie, Arkansas	15 Gospel Meeting—Hoxie, Arkansas	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Gospel Meeting—Swifton, Arkansas	24 Gospel Meeting—Swifton, Arkansas	25 Gospel Meeting—Swifton, Arkansas
26 Gospel Meeting—Swifton, Arkansas	27	28	29	30	31	

## GIFTS OF MEMORIAL AND HONOR

One of the ways that you can help our work is by sending in a contribution in memory or in honor of those whom you love. We have received the following memorials in recent weeks.

*In Memory of*

**Howard Knopp**

*From*

**Mr. And Mrs. W.A. Mitchell**

*In Memory of*

**John O. Bishop**

*From*

**Mr. And Mrs. Ted Knight**

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