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From Ted's Pen

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

It is good to stop for a moment in the daily rush of things and re-confirm that God is indeed God. He is and will be exalted among the nations of the earth and for that we rejoice. The knowledge that "God is God" and that He is in control, gives us a peace and confidence that makes even the harshest conditions of life bearable.

We come to the end of ten years of our present ministry with this issue of Evangelistically Speaking. Barbara and I cannot begin to convey to you the feelings of gratitude that we have for these wonderful years of service to the Master in this way. We pray that the next ten years will be as happy and fruitful as the past ten have been.

We were privileged to be with the congregation of the Lord's church at Portia, Arkansas on November 2-4. We have been to Portia many times, but this was the first time to preach there and work with this fine congregation of people. Two of my nieces and their families worship at Portia and that made it an even more enjoyable experience. Brother

Robert Davis is one of the elders and also preaches part of the time. I have known him for over 35 years and appreciated all the good work that he has done in that area for many years. It was my pleasure to host the Area Wide Preachers Bible Study on Monday, November 5 here in Conway.

The rest of the month of November was scheduled for work in Pitesti and Craiova, Romania. However, I postponed this trip due to the death of my brother Herbert's wife, Bobbie. She has been very sick for three weeks and passed away the day before I was to leave. Herbert and the children asked me to lead the singing for the funeral service and I wanted to be with them during this difficult time, so I made the adjustments to my schedule in order to be at home with them.

So, the rest of the month of November has been used to report on our work and preach at congregations in the Arkansas cities of Heber Springs, Cave City, and Batesville. I was also able to be with the family of Sister Lorene Shock and speak at her funeral service on Friday, November 16. I was also able to go with Barbara to keep appointments with three doctors for her

regular examinations and I was happy to be here for that. So, even though I did not go to Romania the month has been filled with work that needed very much to be done and I am thankful for the opportunities to attend to them.

IRMA DELORES "BOBBIE" KNIGHT

When I was about nine years of age my oldest brother, C.W., began dating a young lady named Bobbie Thompson. She was so young that my next oldest brother, Harvel (or Herbert as he is known to many) began making fun of C.W. for "robbing the cradle." It wasn't long until C.W. and Bobbie broke up and guess who stepped into the picture? Old Harvel himself! He and Bobbie were married in 1953 and became the parents of seven wonderful children. So, since I was just a small boy it has been "Harvel and Bobbie" in the Knight family.

On Monday, October 15 as she was preparing breakfast, Bobbie began to have a severe headache. She was taken by ambulance to St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro where the doctors discovered two

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aneurysms on her brain. She was then airlifted to University Medical Center in Little Rock and a third aneurysm was found and surgery was performed immediately. Two of the aneurysms were corrected and plans were made to correct the third several weeks later. However, due to unforeseen complications, Bobbie passed away on November 7 at 3:20 in the morning.

Bobbie Thompson Knight was one of the finest Christian ladies that I have ever known. She was a tremendous wife to my brother. She was a great mother to these seven fine children who do indeed rise up and call her "Blessed." One could not have a better sister-in-law and all of my other brothers and sisters will agree to that fully. My parents could not have been blessed with a better daughter-in-law.

When we had our family reunion each year, we all waited for Harvel and Bobbie to arrive because we knew that the biggest part of the food would come with them! She was a great cook. And, one of the things that I loved most about her was her enthusiasm for singing praises to the Lord. When the Knight's get together, the Knight's sing, and Bobbie was a very good singer and taught all of her children to sing. I was so happy to lead some of her favorite songs at the memorial service and what great singing it was. Her son, Richard, led one of the songs and the "rafters were raised" as we used to say.

I hope that you will remember Harvel (Herbert), Pat, Donna, Roger, Sharon, Richard, Sarah, and Dee Dee and their families in your prayers.

PLANS FOR 2002 LECTURE SERIES

I know that it may be a little early, but I want to inform you about the Third Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship which will be conducted at the Mars Hill church of Christ on April 12-14, 2002. Our speakers are scheduled and the topics are assigned. Our emphasis will be upon "Evangelism" in every lesson. Harvey Starling will begin the series on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. and lessons will be presented on Saturday and Sunday by Jim Davis, Harold Turner, Bob Harris, Leo Rainey, Clyde Slimp, Marty Knight, David Riley, and Ted Knight. We hope that you will plan to come and be a part of this great series of studies.

SPECIAL PREACHERS MEETING IN JANUARY

Every month the preachers in this area convene for a period of Bible study, prayer, singing, and fellowship. We have a very special study scheduled for January 14, 2002. Brother David Smith, a deacon in the Lord's church and a very prominent cardiologist in Little Rock will speak to us about "Medical and Christian Ethics." We have asked him to talk about stem cell research and other related subjects. I was asked about some of these things a few months ago and I don't mind telling you that I was very limited in my ability to discuss these things.

We are hoping that this will be a session of great profit to us and I want to invite any of our readers who wish to come to do so. We will meet at the building of the Robinson and Center Street congregation here in Conway at 10:00 a.m.

If you plan to come, I would appreciate you informing me of that by calling me at 501-327-6116 or send an e-mail to me at tmknight@ipa.net. We will have lunch together at a local restaurant following the meeting and I need to know how many will be coming for lunch. So, please contact me if you plan to come and I hope that you will make plans to attend.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

During the month of December I will be reporting on our work and preaching at some of our supporting congregations. The schedule follows: December 2 we will be with the Woodrow congregation near Vilonia for the a.m. service and the Downtown congregation in Morrilton that evening. December 9 we will be at Jerusalem in the morning and Overcup near Morrilton in the evening. December 16 we will be at Bellefonte on Sunday morning and Mt. Judea Sunday evening. On December 23 I will preach at Liberty here at home at all the services that day. On December 30 I will preach at Mars Hill near Vilonia on Sunday morning as I have done of the last Sunday of the year for several years.

INSURANCE COSTS

I had just finished with the information that I wanted to include in this issue of our report and sent it to Marty and then went to the post office. In the mail we received a notice that our health insurance would be increased to \$690.60 for both Barbara and I individually effective January 1, 2002. In the last issue of the paper when I mentioned the need for additional help, the monthly premium was \$581.31 each. Our new health

insurance premium beginning January 1 will be \$1,381.20! If anyone out there has some idea of what could be done about this, we would be happy to hear from you. Barbara will probably not be accepted with most companies since she has had three cases of cancer since 1995. However, any good news or helpful suggestions would be appreciated.

CHILDREN DEFINE LOVE

I have been preaching on the subject of "love" for many years, but I think that these 4-8 year old children have done a better job than me.

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without them having to give you any of theirs."

"Love is when Mommy makes coffee for Daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure the taste is OK."

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken."

"Love is what's in the room at Christmas time if you stop opening presents and listen."

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday."

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Barbara and I want to send our best wishes to all of our readers for a very merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We hope that your holiday season will be free of problems and that you and your families will enjoy the blessings of our Father with great warmth and fellowship. May God bless you with all that would be good for you in 2002.

- Ted

UPCOMING PLANS

DECEMBER 2

Woodrow Congregation (AM)
 Vilonia, Arkansas
 Downtown Congregation (PM)
 Morrilton, Arkansas

DECEMBER 9

Jerusalem, Arkansas (AM)
 Overcup Congregation (PM)
 Morrilton, Arkansas

DECEMBER 16

Bellefonte, Arkansas (AM)
 Mt. Judea, Arkansas (PM)

DECEMBER 23

Liberty Congregation (Both)
 Conway, Arkansas

DECEMBER 30

Mars Hill Congregation (AM)
 Conway, Arkansas

December 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Woodrow, Vilonia, AR and Downtown, Morrilton, AR</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Jerusalem, AR and Overcup, Morrilton, AR</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Bellefonte, AR and Mt. Judea, AR</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Liberty, Conway, AR</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Mars Hill, Vilonia, AR</i>	31					

WHEN I DIE.... *Adapted from an article by Ralph Price*

According to Hebrews 9:27, we'll all eventually die. Have you ever stopped to wonder how you would be remembered by your friends, family, and acquaintances? When I die, what will they remember?

Will I be remembered as one who taught many the gospel? Or as one who constantly needed to be reminded of the most fundamental truths?

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." - Heb 5:12

Will I be remembered as one who was a wonderful example of what a Christian should be? Or as one who was a good example of how not to act?

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." - 1 Tim 4:12

Will I be remembered as one who raised my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Or as one who thought that teaching my children was someone else's job?

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." - Ephesians 6:4

Will I be remembered as one who always had a kind word to say? Or as one who could really let you have it?

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." - Colossians 4:6

Will I be remembered as one who really worked hard to bring glory to God in all things? Or as one who always tried to gain honor and respect for myself?

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:15-16

Will Jesus say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."? (Matthew 25:34) Or will He say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41) Are we living as we should?

CHALLENGING TIMES

"You know you have created God in your own image, when you find that your God hates the same people that you do." - *Anonymous*

God hates no one! Since 9/11 most of us have been challenged in an emotional way unlike anything we have ever experienced. New feelings of rage and anger have surfaced. There is a side of us that wants our country to respond to this vicious attack much like an animal would if threatened. Finally, the temptation is there to use religion and God as our justification. The preceding quote is a powerful one. As we deal with the results of 9/11, make sure that we remain focused on God's pattern of love and forgiveness. God will provide justice—perhaps through our government. But He will do some according to His will.

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 and honorariums in recent weeks.

In Memory of

Irma "Bobbie" Knight

From

James and Wynona Bartlett
Marty and Lisa Knight
Ted and Barbara Knight
W.A. and Peggy Mitchell

In Memory of

Linzy Collins

From

Edna Collins

In Memory of

Shirley Belew

From

Jewel Belew

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