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## From Ted's Pen

David writes in the Fifty-first Psalm:

**"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You."**

We know of the tremendous burden of guilt that David had been carrying with him and the pleading for relief that only God could give.

Then he makes a wonderful promise, "I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You." If every Christian could feel such gratitude for the joy of salvation which we find in Christ, and would make that same promise, we would be converting souls by the millions. Why don't we give it a try?

The month of April has been a time of great joy for Barbara and me as we work in the Kingdom. On April 1-4 I was thrilled to preach in a meeting with the Harding Street congregation at

Morrilton. Attendance was excellent and the singing, led by brother Charles Bane was wonderful. It is my prayer that the preaching of the gospel will have a fruitful effect for a long time to come.

The Second Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship was conducted at the Mars Hill church building on April 6-8. The series began on Friday night with a packed building composed of Christians from many, many, places. It was my privilege to lead the singing and what great singing we had. I had a terrible sinus infection so about all I did was start the song and the audience took it from there.

Brother Al Jolly was our first speaker and he did a great job preaching on the subject, "He that winneth souls is wise." We began at 9:00 on Saturday morning and had two great lessons in the morning and two in the afternoon. Following a short break in late afternoon, Brother Lloyd Harris preached on Saturday night

to another great crowd. The services on Sunday were just great.

I am thankful to the Mars Hill elders and David Riley, the preacher at Mars Hill, for hosting this series of lessons. All of our speakers - Bobby Coker, Bob Turner, Al Jolly, Lloyd Harris, Mickey Burleson, Hugh Hale, and David Riley - did a superb job presenting the powerful lessons on "Building a Soul Winning Church."

The dates for the Third Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship are already scheduled for April 12-14, 2002. Speakers are being contacted and subjects assigned already and we are anticipating a wonderful lectureship in 2002 and urge you to make plans to be there for every session.

On April 15 I was invited to preach at Levy and what a wonderful day it was. Gary Neal, who is now preaching at Levy, was so gracious in inviting us to be there for that day and we enjoyed it immensely. I am thankful

## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

for a great spirit and attitude that is growing each week at Levy and the church is growing in number as well.

Brother Hugh Hale and his wife Shirley who worked at Levy in the mid 1970's are back there and beginning another great work. Barbara and I owe Levy so much for the great relationship that we have had there for over 35 years.

On April 16 it was a pleasure to attend the area wide preachers Bible study that is conducted monthly. David Riley was the host and Bobby Coker led our study and it was wonderful. I got some very good material there that I will be preaching in the future.

Barbara spoke at a Ladies Day program at Mars Hill on Saturday, April 21. She reported that there was a wonderful audience and she enjoyed greatly participating in this program. She will be speaking to the ladies at Gainesville, Missouri while we are there for a gospel meeting April 29-May 2. Barbara is feeling great and the medical reports a very good. God sure has been good to Barbara and to all of our family.

We were with the Bellefonte congregation near Harrison, Arkansas for a gospel meeting April 22-25. We have been working with these brethren a lot through the years and it is not like being a 'visiting preacher' when I

am there. I have participated in every one of the Northwest Arkansas Lectureships for about 13 years. Brother Ray Crawford is the preacher at Bellefonte and is doing a really good work with these brethren. I look forward to being back there for the lectureship on July 8-11, 2002. I hope to see many of you there for this lectureship too.

### UPCOMING PLANS

As I mentioned earlier, we will be with the church at Gainesville, Missouri April 29-May 2, but since I am writing this prior to going there, we will give the report on that meeting in next month's issue.

Our May schedule will take us to Cabot, Arkansas May 6-9. I will co-host the area wide preacher Bible study on May 7 at the Southside congregation at Cabot where I will also be preaching in a gospel meeting. We will be in Massachusetts and Rhode Island May 12-21 and we look forward to another trip to New England.

### ROMANIA REPORT

The congregations at Pitesti and Craiova, Romania both continue to make good progress. Vernon Starling is there at the present time teaching one on one studies, conducting evening services, and teaching special classes for various groups. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer as groups

from various places will be going to both places to preach and teach the gospel. Please pray for these wonderful Christians who are striving to serve the Lord under very difficult circumstance.

## The Peace of the Lord

By Jeff Smith  
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"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you." (John 14:27)

This passage, and others, speaks to the peace of God through Jesus Christ. We know this "peace" is not global peace among men because the Lord Himself warned us that was not the purpose for His mission on earth (Matthew 10:34-39). In fact, we know our allegiance to Christ may very well bring division to our most intimate relationships, even to our own households. He was, of course, talking about peace with God, peace where we are no longer at odds with our Father because of our sins.

This is a "peace" the lost in the world still know nothing about, and the "peace" down deep they yearn for but cannot find

## Website of Interest

I would like to make you aware of a wonderful resource available on the Internet that you may not be aware of. It can be found at <http://www.arkansaschurches.org>. Brother Larry Nixon, who preaches at Perryville and also serves as one of their new elders, is the web master and does a great job with it. It has news of interest among all the churches of Christ in Arkansas as well as directory listings for many of the congregations and links to many other sites concerning the church, childrens homes, and schools among us. Brother Nixon would welcome any announcement that you may have about the activities of the congregation where you worship. Surf over there and look things over.

in all their worldly pursuits. It is only found when one obeys the commands of salvation of the One who grants pardon from sin - Jesus Christ. Once we obtain this "peace," what does it do?

### IT "GUARDS" (Philippians 4:7)

We are to be gentle in spirit towards others (v. 5). We are not to be anxious, but rather learn to trust and depend on God more. This will be accomplished through prayer (v. 6). Living so brings about peace, a peace that surpasses human comprehension. It "keeps" or "protects" our hearts from sin. As long as we remain true to the One we implicitly trust, we will enjoy this peace and the protection it gives.

### IT "RULES" (Colossians 3:16)

Literally, this word means "to act as arbiter." This peace settles all disputes, both internally (when we struggle with temptation and sin), and externally (with others). The peace of Christ, stemming from the revealed will of Christ, must be allowed to have the final decision in all matters. If it does, peace always will result. Do you have this peace?

**UPCOMING PLANS**

# May 2001

**APRIL 29—May 2**  
Gospel Meeting  
Gainesville, Missouri

**MAY 6-9**  
Gospel Meeting  
Cabot, Arkansas

**MAY 7**  
Preacher’s Meeting  
Cabot, Arkansas

**MAY 12-21**  
New England Churches  
Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Gospel Meeting at Gainesville, Missouri	2 Gospel Meeting at Gainesville, Missouri	3	4	5
6 Gospel Meeting at Cabot, Arkansas	7 Gospel Meeting at Cabot, Arkansas	8 Gospel Meeting at Cabot, Arkansas	9 Gospel Meeting at Cabot, Arkansas	10	11	12 Trip to New England
13 Trip to New England	14 Trip to New England	15 Trip to New England	16 Trip to New England	17 Trip to New England	18 Trip to New England	19 Trip to New England
20 Trip to New England	21 Trip to New England	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Who Are We Competing Against? *By Marty Knight*

Spring brings a lot of change to the Knight house. Pollen fills the air. The days get longer and Lisa and I enjoy evening walks. The dog even acts happier! And we start with the track meets. Oh, the track meets. We love the excitement of watching a good race. It sometimes frustrating to endure the long waits between races; but we enjoy them nonetheless.

As I was sitting in the little bit of shade I could find at one of these recent events, I thought of Paul’s “last words” to Timothy (see right). Paul used this athletic analogy a number of times in his letters. Just what does he mean by “winning” and “losing?”

I believe our society borders on being obsessive about winning, especially when it comes

to children. Not only does this involve athletic events. I can’t believe the emphasis that is placed on kids outdoing one another. Highly competitive contests are conducted to see who can read the most in my daughter’s elementary school.

What alarms me about our society is that for every “winner” there are “losers.” I’m not saying that we should punish success or reward failure. But, I do believe that we should maintain the proper perspective about who we are competing against and the importance of the competition itself. Winning the right way requires a good deal of compassion. Losing the right way requires a great deal of patience and self-control.

Back to Paul’s statement. Just who is it that the Christian

competes against in this race that the apostle mentions? The answer is found in 1 Peter 5:8:

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”**

You see, we are not competing against **one another!** The race isn’t to see who can be the best Christian! It isn’t necessary for a fellow member of the human race to “lose” in order for us to “win” this race! The devil is the one who should lose! It’s a great joy to see someone run a race, finish way back in the pack, and have fellow competitors and spectators cheer them on at the finish line. That’s what the church is all about. That’s why we’re here. To help one another reach that finish line! **Let’s all win!**

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***“The time of my departure is at hand; I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.”***

***2 Timothy 4:6-8***

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## 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 Honor of*

**Dessie Flora Martin Knight**

*From*

**Vada Matthews Meuli**

Sister Meuli and my mom, Dessie Knight, started to school together in the second grade and have loved and respected each other all these years.

Thanks, Sister Vada, for thinking of my Mom on her birthday.

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