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## From Ted's Pen

In Colossians 1:3-12 Paul expresses his gratitude for the Colossian Christians. He also prays that they will be blessed by God as they "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in very good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." I can think of no better prayer for our loved ones and brothers and sisters in Christ who serve the Lord with faithfulness in this present age.

We certainly are thankful for those of you who continue to struggle from day to day to live for Jesus and to bring the message of saving grace to others. It is our prayer that God will richly bless your life in Him.

We were privileged to work with the West Liberty church of Christ in Montezuma, Iowa the first week of May. We have worked with these

brethren many times through the years and it is always a blessing to us to be associated with them. We were especially glad to be with Brother and Sister Frank Stovers again. Brother Frank will be 100 years old on June 13 and Sister Gladys is in her 90's.

They attended every service of the meeting but one and he was feeling just a little weak on that evening and decided to stay at home and rest. What great Christians they are! We stayed in the home of Sister Pauline Ell and certainly enjoyed the great fellowship of her and the Wendall Harde- man's, who are staying there while they are building a house in the area.

It was also good to have Brother and Sister Art Wallis to visit the ser- vices of the meeting. Brother Wallis conducts preacher training

classes in several differ- ent congregations in Iowa and currently has a good number of men en- rolled in those classes. The men in some of these classes go to area congregations as they are needed to fill the pul- pit and teach bible classes. Brother Wallis also works to recruit preachers to come to the state of Iowa to work with the church fulltime.

The Wallis's formerly lived in Morrilton, Arkan- sas and it was good to see them. It was also good to see Brother and Sister William Kay Moser who live and work with the church in Ottumwa, Iowa. They are also for- mer Arkansans and have been working with the church in Ottumwa for many years.

We worked with the Southside church in Cabot, Arkansas May 5- 8 in a gospel meeting.

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Brother Richard Kirkland has been preaching for this congregation for eleven years. Richard is a good friend and a fine gospel preacher and I hope that he continues to have productive work with the congregation for many years to come.

I spoke to a meeting of area preachers and men of the Southside congregation on Monday morning on the subject of "Leadership." I appreciate their interest in this subject because we have a critical leadership crisis among us in my opinion. We need good, strong, knowledgeable, men to fight the good fight of faith and shepherd the flock of God during this critical time in our lives.

We left on May 16 for LaPorte, Indiana. Barbara was scheduled to speak at a ladies day on Saturday, May 18 so we needed to be there on Friday in order for her to get some rest for the early Saturday morning beginning of the program. We were surprised and thrilled at the participation of the ladies from that area in this event. There were 69 ladies from 15 area congregations. All of the congregations are quite small except one, and some of the ladies drove over an hour each way

to attend. The emphasis for the study was "Setting Priorities." Of course, I was told that Barbara did her usual great job in presenting her lesson and she assured me that she enjoyed the day with these sisters in Christ.

We began our gospel meeting with the church at LaPorte on Sunday, May 19 and continued through Wednesday, May 22. It was a wonderful meeting. Brethren came from many congregations, especially Michigan City, Indiana and it was a time of great fellowship and worship. On the last night of the meeting we had 110 present and when we left to begin our trip to Arkansas many of the people were still there visiting. We are thankful for some who attended the services who were not Christians and some who have not served the Lord faithfully in many years also came. We are hoping and praying that some of those good people will respond to the gospel and begin living for Jesus.

We were with the Eglantine church of Christ on May 26. These brethren have been helping to support our work for several years and we always enjoy being with

them. They had a very good number present for Bible study and worship that day. Brother Walter (Dub) Clark preaches for the congregation, but he was away attending the graduation ceremony of a grandchild.

### REPORT ON KATHY'S HEALTH

So many of you have inquired about our daughter Kathy's health. Kathy was diagnosed with cervical cancer in March and had surgery at UAMS in Little Rock. She has returned for examinations several times since then and the doctor is very, very, encouraged by her progress and is optimistic about her full recovery. We are grateful for every prayer and every word of encouragement from so many of you.

This issue of Evangelistically Speaking will be for the months of June and July. As you will notice on the calendar we are going to be so busy that it would be very, very, difficult for us to find the time to publish another one before the last part of July. So, look for our next report the first of August.

It may seem at times that we have quite a bit of time off between meetings. But, there must be time to travel, time for

doctor appointments, and many other things that must be done. The travel is getting a little harder on us too as we get older.

I remember the time when we would get ready to leave and we would go to the store and get a good supply of Little Debbie cakes, candy bars, peanuts, and Dr. Peppers. Now, we get apples, celery sticks, prunes, and bottled water! So, the times they are a changing!

We appreciate so very much your interest in our work and your support and prayers. We are enjoying another wonderful year in service to the Master and we pray that we may be granted many more years of fruitful work in His kingdom. Please continue to pray for us.

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**UPCOMING PLANS**

*June 2002*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Center Ridge, Arkansas	3	4	5	6	7 Marietta, Oklahoma	8 Marietta, Oklahoma
9 Marietta, Oklahoma	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Pitesti, Romania	19 Pitesti, Romania	20 Pitesti, Romania	21 Pitesti, Romania	22 Pitesti, Romania
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**JUNE 2**  
*Center Ridge, AR*

**JUNE 7-9**  
*Gospel Meeting at Marietta, OK*

**JUNE 18-JULY 2**  
*Campaign and VBS in Pitesti, Romania*

**JUNE 7-10**  
*Northwest Arkansas Lectureships Bellefonte, AR*

**JUNE 14-17**  
*Gospel Meeting at Mt. Judea, AR*

**JUNE 21-24**  
*Gospel Meeting at Hickory Ridge, AR*

*July 2002*

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	1 Pitesti, Romania	2 Pitesti, Romania	3	4	5	6
7 NW Arkansas Lectureships	8 NW Arkansas Lectureships	9 NW Arkansas Lectureships	10 NW Arkansas Lectureships	11	12	13
14 Mt. Judea, Arkansas	15 Mt. Judea, Arkansas	16 Mt. Judea, Arkansas	17 Mt. Judea, Arkansas	18	19	20
21 Hickory Ridge, Arkansas	22 Hickory Ridge, Arkansas	23 Hickory Ridge, Arkansas	24 Hickory Ridge, Arkansas	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**PREPARING FOR A GOSPEL MEETING by Ted Knight**

I have learned through the years that some brethren prepare for a gospel meeting and some do not. I must say that it is a far greater pleasure to work with a congregation that has worked hard to prepare for the preaching of the gospel in a meeting than for one that has not prepared.

Some simply mail a letter to area congregations inviting them to attend the meeting. While we are always grateful for the support of the brethren from other congregations, surely that is not our primary purpose in having a gospel meeting. May I make a few suggestions

about preparation for a gospel meeting?

First, announce the meeting several weeks prior to the beginning of it.

Second, begin praying for the meeting in public services and encourage the church to pray for the meeting in private.

Third, plan a program of visitation to start several weeks before the meeting begins. Visit those who are unfaithful, visitors to the services, friends and family members who are not Christians, and encourage them to attend the very first service.

Fourth, invite someone who isn't a member of the church to have an early evening meal with you with the understanding that they join you for services.

Fifth, advertise the meeting in the community. The local newspaper will often publish information about the meeting free of charge. Spend some money on additional advertising.

Sixth, provide some type of material that church members can give to others to invite them to attend the meeting.

Seventh, plan to be present yourself at every service if at all possible.

Eighth, be cordial and warm to the visitors and be sure to invite them to return to all services.

Ninth, be excited about the meeting and speak about it with enthusiasm and optimism.

Tenth, arrive early! Participate in the service heartily! Praise the Lord in song, prayer, and study!

You can think of other things that one might do to have a great gospel meeting. Let's not be satisfied with the average type of gospel meeting. Let's make every meeting a special one to the glory of God.

- Ted

## 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.

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**Faber Woodward**

*By*

**Marty and Lisa Knight**

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