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From Ted's Pen

**"Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly."
Psalms 68:1-3**

I do not want to be an enemy of God! I know who is going to lose in the battle between God and man. And, I know that the righteous person has every reason to be glad and to rejoice. Thank God for His friendship and for the love He so bountifully bestows upon those who love Him.

Our work in the month of April has been both enjoyable and fruitful. Barbara spoke on April 6 at a special Ladies Day program at the Overcup congregation near Morrilton, Arkansas. She reported that there was a good crowd present and several ladies told me later that Barbara did an exceptional job in her presen-

tation of the lesson. On April 7 it was a pleasure to be with the congregation at Gainesville, Arkansas. One of my nephews, Roger Knight, worships there with his family and is doing a lot of the preaching since their regular preacher left some time ago. On Wednesday night, April 10 we gave a report on our work to the church at Higden, Arkansas, a congregation that has supported us from the beginning of our present work. It was a pleasure indeed to be with these fine congregations.

The Third Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship was conducted at the Mars Hill congregation near Vilonia, Arkansas on April 12-14. The building was packed for the very first service on Friday night. We enjoyed about 30 minutes of singing praises to the Lord and then Harvey Starling presented a powerful and a challenging lesson on the subject, "The fields are white - laborers are few." What a great lesson!

The lessons of encouragement and challenge continued from the very first lesson on Saturday morning presented

by Jim Davis through Saturday evening when Clyde Slimp presented a wonderful lesson regarding young people and evangelism. Marty Knight, David Riley, and I closed the lectureship with our lessons on Sunday. We are thankful for the elders at Mars Hill who gladly accepted the oversight of this program and have given every indication that the lectureship will continue on for years to come. Brethren, if you really want to be stirred up and exhorted to get involved in preaching the gospel to the world, you will not want to miss the fourth year of this program in April 2003.

We were privileged to be with the church in Charleston, Mississippi for a gospel meeting April 21-24. Brother Ed Burns preaches for the congregation at Charleston. Brother and Sister Burns are loved and appreciated for their continued work in the kingdom of God when many who have reached their age are retired and not nearly as active as they once were. It was a real pleasure to stay in the home of our life long

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friends Carroll and Myra Morris who grew up with us at Bay, Arkansas.

We were also blessed to work with the West Liberty congregation near Montezuma, Iowa April 28-May 1. We have worked with this congregation many times in years gone by, but it had been about four years since we had been there for a meeting.

We missed our dear friend, Brother Bill Ell, who served the congregation as the preacher for a long, long, time but has passed away. We stayed in the home of Sister Pauline Ell and enjoyed it so very much.

We give all praise to the Father in heaven for the splendid opportunities to serve with brethren like these all over the brotherhood.

ROMANIA UPDATE

Brother Harry Middleton and Brother Mike Justice worked for almost three weeks with the church in Craiova, Romania during the month of April. Five were baptized into Christ. They also began some work in the city of Slatina, Romania where there are several World Bible School students. Approximately twenty people assembled for some studies on one Saturday and there are plans to continue and to expand the work in that city.

Slatina is a city of about 150,000 people located halfway between the cities of Pitesti and Craiova where we have been working.

Two of our Christian translators continue to closely observe the needs of the kindergarten that Barbara and I have been working with in Pitesti, Romania. Many of you are helping us meet the needs of these children. They took food and clothing to them and purchased some sheets for the beds in which the children sleep.

In the summer months there will be more children and the needs will become even greater. A pediatric clinic here in Conway has already called and asked us to pick up another supply of medicine when we return to Romania in June.

So, with the help of a lot of people these children are going to have a better life than they have had in the past. And, hopefully we are going to be able to reach some of the parents and the workers at the kindergarten with the gospel of Christ. Please pray for that to happen.

NEED FOR PREACHER

The Lord's church in Casa Grande, Arizona is interested in securing the efforts of a good gospel preacher who is committed to the word of God and interested in reaching out to the lost of that city. If you know of a faithful, zealous, gospel preacher who might be interested in this work, please contact Brother Ross Turner, P.O. Box 11094, Casa Grande, Arizona 85230. They would be glad to hear from you or that preacher.

PERSONAL NOTE

Barbara and I were recently talking about how busy our schedule has been for the last three months. As we reviewed the work that we had done, we discovered that during a 50 day period between February 7 and March 29, I had spoken 98 times! It made me tired when I thought of that!

Quite a few of those were one on one Bible studies in Romania. But, each of those studies cover an hour to ninety minutes of very intense study. In addition to those studies and the sermons that I preached in gospel meetings, I spoke at one teachers meeting, two youth meetings, and one question/answer session that lasted for almost two hours. We are certainly not complaining. We are thankful for every door of opportunity that the Lord opens for us. But, we are working hard and we want those of you who support us to know that we are expending every effort possible to reach as many as possible with the saving message of salvation in Christ Jesus.

I also thought as we were talking, that in very few other areas are two people so involved as many preachers and their wives are, for only one salary. Barbara goes everywhere that I go. She teaches many, many, Bible studies in addition to the speaking that she does to the Ladies classes and special Ladies Day programs. She never complains, but is always eager to help in any way possible. She sat down to visit with a lady recently after she had

spoken to a ladies class. She assumed that the lady was a Christian. She asked her how long she had been a Christian and the lady told her that she was not a Christian. Barbara asked if she would like to study the Bible and the next morning they met at the building for a period of Bible study. Barbara is still in contact with her via e-mail and hopefully someday that lady will be our sister in Christ.

Barbara probably asks more people for Bible studies than anyone that I know and she usually gets one. What a great Christian and a great wife and helper to me.

We thank God for you brethren who support us and encourage us in our work. May God bless and keep you and you make every efforts to lead the lost to salvation in Christ.

- Ted

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UPCOMING PLANS

May 2002

MAY 5-8

Gospel Meeting at Southside in Batesville, AR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MAY 18

Ladies Day (Barbara) at Laporte, IN

5 <i>Gospel Meeting Southside at Batesville, AR</i>	6 <i>Gospel Meeting Southside at Batesville, AR</i>	7 <i>Gospel Meeting Southside at Batesville, AR</i>	8 <i>Gospel Meeting Southside at Batesville, AR</i>	9	10	11
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MAY 19-22

Gospel Meeting at Laporte, IN

12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Ladies Day at Laporte, IN (Barbara)</i>
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MAY 26

Preach at Eglantine, AR

19 <i>Gospel Meeting at Laporte, IN</i>	20 <i>Gospel Meeting at Laporte, IN</i>	21 <i>Gospel Meeting at Laporte, IN</i>	22 <i>Gospel Meeting at Laporte, IN</i>	23	24	25
26 <i>Speak at Eglantine, AR</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

GOOD by Randy Harshbarger

"Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." (Psalm 34:14).

"That cake was good!" "That TV show was good!" And so it goes. We use the word good often. It is a handy word to have in one's vocabulary. Overuse of certain words tends to nullify their true meaning and effectiveness; has this happened to the word good?

The word good is often used on a deeper level than just describing a piece of cake. Good and its opposite, evil, occupy the minds of ethicists, philosophers, politicians, and economists. We think of

something being good when a favorable result is produced.

For example, we judge it a good thing when the economy remains on solid ground. We may not think that a dip in the stock market is evil, but we do not think it is good.

Another word, value, is a part of the economic picture; stocks are undervalued, overvalued, etc. God's prophets often spoke of His goodness. How God acted in history on behalf of His people demonstrated not only His faithfulness, but His concern for what is good.

The principle of goodness emanates from Him. When the people refused to know God, they turned to murder, lying, stealing, etc., and thus brought judgment on themselves (Hosea 4:2-3). Knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings is still needed today (Hosea 6:6). The quest for what is good is a much-desired goal for our world today.

Our world is one of perverseness, lying, crimes against mankind, etc. Paul's litany of sins recorded in Romans chapter one reads like our daily newspaper. Men constantly call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

Men today, as did Israel of old, "spurn the good" (Hosea 8:3). The evil man in Ezekiel chapter eighteen did not do what was good (Ezekiel 18:18). A few lines in an article about being good or pursuing good are inadequate for the job. To contemplate God's goodness is a much needed, but arduous challenge.

In our pursuit of God, we must pursue what is good. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

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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By

Brittany and Kyndall Knight

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