

# Evangelistically Speaking

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## From Ted's Pen

*"For we walk by faith,  
not by sight."  
- 2 Corinthians 5:7*

I love these words which were penned by someone unknown to me:

*"When you come to the edge of all the light you have known, and are about to step off into the darkness; Faith will tell you that there will be something to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly."*

It is indeed our faith that keeps all us plodding on in a world that seemingly is disinterested in the message of salvation which is in Christ Jesus. Let us pray with the disciples who asked, "Lord, increase our faith."

The month of September ended with some of the most beautiful weather as fall made it's entrance into our part of the world. We were again reminded of God's bountiful blessings and His continuous care for us as we serve Him from day to day. We were at home for the first ten few days of September because

of the surgery which Barbara had on August 30. I attended services on Sunday, September 1 at the Robinson and Center Street congregation here in Conway on Sunday morning and at Liberty on Sunday evening and it was a pleasure to be at both places.

On September 8 Barbara went with me to preach at Gravel Hill near Dover, Arkansas. Barbara should not have gone because later she experienced quite a lot of pain from the vibration from the ride. But, it was a joy to be with the brethren at Gravel Hill who have been supporting us and encouraging us in our work for eleven years.

The children and teachers in the Sunday evening kindergarten class had been saving some money to help in some mission work. They gave the money to us to help with the kindergarten children in Pitesti, Romania. We are grateful for such a wonderful spirit on the part of these teachers and students. On September 10 we hosted the Area Wide Fel-

lowship as we began the fall-winter session of our meetings together. This is always a most enjoyable time as brethren from about 25-30 congregations in Central Arkansas gather to just enjoy some good food and fellowship.

We were privileged to work in a gospel meeting with the Pine Street congregation at Heber Springs, Arkansas on September 15-18.

I was a bit skeptical about what we would find there because just a few days before the meeting their preacher resigned and all the elders resigned as well. It was really good to find a body of people who seem to be pulling together to move forward and continue to build the church and spread the gospel to the community. A wonderful spirit was evident and we had a very good meeting. I was encouraged by the reception of the lessons that I presented and by the very positive spirit that we saw. They had already asked Marty to preach the next week and he

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will also be filling in some in the months to come while they are searching for a new preacher. He has preached there several times in the past and they even introduced me as, "Our speaker in the meeting is Marty's dad, Ted Knight."

It is always a pleasure to be with the church at Hoxie, Arkansas and we were blessed to be there on September 22 to report on our work and preach the gospel. The church at Hoxie has been supporting our work for many years. We love them and are thankful when we have the opportunity to be with them.

We had been looking forward to worshipping with the church at Levy on September 29 for a long time. On that day the Levy congregation celebrated the 50th year that they have been meeting to worship and serve the Lord in North Little Rock.

They had been making plans for this day for over a year and it was wonderful to be there with all of our family. We have been hanging around Levy for over 36 years. I preached there from 1966-1973 and we have been working under the eldership there for the past eleven years now, so we have served under the oversight of the Levy eldership for 18 years. When we did not live there or work with them we have maintained some very close and wonderful relationships there. If

I get to be at Levy for the 100th anniversary, someone may have to prop me up while I preach!

### HEALTH REPORT FOR BARBARA AND KATHY

I mentioned earlier that Barbara had surgery on August 30. The doctor told her at that time that it would take 6-8 weeks for a full recovery since the surgery was in such a sensitive place. She is doing very well. When she rides for a long time she has some pain, but that is getting better. Her doctor, J. Douglas Stroud, did a wonderful job. When she had an appointment with her cancer doctor in Little Rock at the University Medical Center, he saw the work that Dr. Stroud had done and was very complimentary of his work.

Kathy had an appointment at University Medical Center at the same time Barbara had her appointment and Kathy's report was very good as well. Can you imagine that poor doctor having to meet with Kathy and Barbara being there to ask 1,000 questions about Kathy, and then having to go through an examination with Barbara and have another 1,000 questions asked? I'll bet that he had to have a few moments to get his thoughts collected after that session!

### ROMANIA REPORT

I am very happy to report that FIVE more have been baptized recently in Romania. Some of the local

Christians studied with and baptized four people in the village of Gioriosi. There are now nine Christians meeting in this village a few miles away from Craiova. There was also one baptism on Tuesday, September 24. A young man 19 years of age from Craiova who has been attending with his two aunts and his mother and sister was baptized. His name is Claudiu Murtaza. It is encouraging that two of the very early converts in Craiova, Luminita and Ileana, have now brought their sister, Lidia Murtaza, and now their nephew to Christ.

Brother Harvey Starling directed the fourth year of the Romanian Bible Training School which ended on Friday, September 27. There were twenty-three students enrolled. John Dale and Tom Langley also taught courses. I have talked with one of the students by phone and others by email and they were all very excited because of what they had learned and strengthened in their faith. We are fully convinced that this school is going to have a tremendous impact upon the church in the years to come. The children in the kindergarten whom we are assisting with food, clothing, medicine, and other supplies are doing well. Now that school has started there will probably be other children brought to the kindergarten. We are ready to assist them because of your support for this good work.

### EVANGELISTICALLY SPEAKING LECTURES

It may seem a little early but I wanted to announce the dates and times for the Fourth Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship. The dates are April 11-13, 2003. The lectures will be conducted at the building of the Mars Hill church of Christ on the White/Faulkner county line between Conway and Beebe, Arkansas. Most of the speakers have already been scheduled and their subject assigned to them. A program will be prepared and distributed soon to congregations throughout the country. I urge you to make your plans to be there for that weekend.

### PERSONAL NOTE

Barbara and I feel so wonderfully blessed to be able to work in the Lord's kingdom in the way that we have for the past 11 years. Your support of us has just been more than we ever dreamed it would be. The invitations to preach in meetings and for Barbara to speak at so many ladies programs continue to come and we feel so humbled and grateful for that. The prayers that you offer on our behalf and the encouragement that we receive through telephone calls, cards, letters, and e-mails, are more meaningful than you can imagine. God has certainly blessed us far more than we deserve and we praise Him. And, we thank you for your help in spreading the gospel to people throughout the world. May God bless you for your loyal and faithful support and strength.

**UPCOMING PLANS**

# October 2002

**OCTOBER 3-10**  
Michigan City, Indiana

**OCTOBER 15**  
Central Arkansas Fellowship  
Plummerville, Arkansas

**OCTOBER 19**  
Ladies Day (Barbara)  
Pyburn Street Congregation  
Pocahontas, Arkansas

**OCTOBER 20**  
Heber Springs, Arkansas

**OCTOBER 27-30**  
Sedalia, Kentucky

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Michigan City, Indiana	4 Michigan City, Indiana	5 Michigan City, Indiana
6 Michigan City, Indiana	7 Michigan City, Indiana	8 Michigan City, Indiana	9 Michigan City, Indiana	10 Michigan City, Indiana	11	12
13	14	15 Central Arkansas Fellowship, Plumerville, AR	16	17	18	19 (Barbara) Ladies Day, Pocahontas, Arkansas
20 Heber Springs, Arkansas	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sedalia, Kentucky	28 Sedalia, Kentucky	29 Sedalia, Kentucky	30 Sedalia, Kentucky	31		

## Positive Thoughts in a Negative World *by Marty Knight*

Do you sometimes grow weary of the negative things that surround us in the world? I like this quote:

*“You have it easily in your power to increase the sum total of this world's happiness now. How? By giving a few words of sincere appreciation to someone who is lonely or discouraged.”*  
- Dale Carnegie

I appreciate every one of you who read this publication each month. You are such an encouragement to all of us and we appreciate what you do for the Lord.

I ran across the quote by Mr. Carnegie through an e-mail that I received from a great web site service. You can subscribe to this free service

at the location listed below and receive a daily e-mail which includes a quote as well as links to positive news stories.

At a time when we seem to be surrounded by so many “heavy” news items, it does a heart good to hear uplifting stories.

Here’s another quote I like:

*“To love what you do and feel that it matters—how could anything be more fun?”*  
- Katherine Graham

Graham, longtime publisher of the Washington Post, passed away while we were

vacationing in the D.C. area in 2001. She was known most for her passion for journalism and reporting. But, the quote is especially appropriate for the Christian as well.

Here’s another quote that speaks to the opportunities that Christians have today:

<http://www.positivepress.com>

*“A day dawns, quite like other days; in it, a single hour comes, quite like other hours; but in that day and in that hour the chance of a lifetime faces us.”*  
- Maltbie Babcock

While we’re on the subject

of positive thoughts, let’s consider the crazy pace most of us keep today. Does your life remind you of a race car speeding down the highway—you behind the wheel—not able to take your eyes off the road? If this reminds you of someone familiar, consider the following quote:

*“Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance towards the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point.”*  
-- Harold B. Melchart

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*By*  
**Anthony and Gladys Melakian**

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