

# Evangelistically Speaking

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## Mark your calendars:

- The Seventh Annual ES Lectureships are set for April 7-9 and will again be held at Mars Hill's building near Vilonia, Arkansas.
- The next Operation Outreach Orientation will be held February 25 at the Levy building in North Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Subsequent sessions will be held on April 15 and June 24 at a location near Conway, Arkansas. Locations will be announced soon.

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## From Ted's Pen

**"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations."**

There is no greater privilege that exists than to teach others about the mercy and faithfulness of our Father in heaven. There are still people who will respond to the gospel and be saved if we will present it to them in a loving and simple way. I thank God every day that I have the pleasure of sharing the good news with others and I thank God for those of you who help us to take the message of God's saving grace to the lost.

The first month of 2006 will not be forgotten by me. We started the new year with enthusiastic anticipation of the activities

that we had planned. Barbara was feeling better each day from the surgery she had been recovering from and we had a full month of appointments. I preached on Sunday, January 1 at Gravel Hill near Dover, Arkansas and the Downtown congregation at Morrilton, Arkansas.

The next weekend we attended the Romanian/Albanian Workshop and enjoyed seeing many people with whom we have worked in Romania for the past eleven years. It was thrilling to learn of the progress of the church in that beloved land. On Sunday, January 8 we had the pleasure of being with the Lord's Family at Bay, Arkansas where we both grew up as children. I never tire of getting to preach in our home congregation.



I can't recall a quicker start to a year than in 2006! Not that I'm complaining as much of the activity has been a blessing.

On Wednesday, January 4 we were at Levy where I had the chance to tell them about our plans for Operation Outreach. As usual, they were so enthusiastic and supportive of the things that we have planned this year. On January 6-7, we traveled to Jonesboro, Arkansas



After returning home, I woke up Monday morning feeling terrible. I was exhausted and just couldn't seem to feel better. Tuesday morning I felt the same way so I asked Barbara to call the wonderful cardiologist in Little Rock. Not only is he a fine doctor, but a strong Christian as well. Normally it takes quite some time to get an appointment with him, but they told me

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## Marty's Thoughts

to attend the annual meeting with our fellow missionaries who serve in Romania and Albania. There we met new workers, renewed old acquaintances, worshipped together, and shared inspiring news of the work that is taking place in those two countries. I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to speak as well.

As they say, "no rest for the weary." The 2nd Youth Outreach University took place the following weekend—January 13-15—in Conway. The event was held on a local university campus. About 275 young people from all over Arkansas and a few from Missouri were in attendance as well as 100 or so adults. Since Lisa and I were providing coordination of housing for the people in attendance, I had not intended to

speak; however, with Pop's foray to the hospital, I was afforded the chance to fill in and speak to the 400 or so in attendance on Sunday morning. The weekend was a genuine blessing to us!

We closed January with the first of four Operation Outreach Orientation Sessions in North Little Rock. A total of 15 attended and I am grateful for their interest. In the month since the launch of Operation Outreach, interest in the program has exceeded expectations.

All indicators point to a busy February. We will be with the Greenbrier congregation for their annual Missions Sunday on February 5, followed by a

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to come in on Thursday, January 12. The doctor did some tests. talked to me a little and asked about my schedule for the next few days, and I told him about a trip to Texas and Oklahoma that we had scheduled for January 19-23. I didn't tell him about appointments to speak four times on the weekend of January 15 because I thought that he was only interested in trips away from home. When I went to check out of his office the lady asked if I knew where Baptist Hospital was and I told her that I did. She said, "Just go in the main entrance and to the left there is the admissions office." I knew that too because I have been there many times. Finally I asked, "Am I going to the hospital?" and she said, "Yes." I asked, "When?" and she answered, "Right now!"

Folks, I didn't even have time to think up an excuse for not going to the hospital! I had never been admitted to a hospital in my life! Hospitals were places where I visited someone else who was a patient. So, before I knew which end was up I was in one of those beautiful hospital gowns with no back in it and was being pushed down the hall in a wheelchair and all the time thinking, "This is Thursday and I have to preach four times on Saturday and Sunday!" What a mess! Well, the Brother Doctor worked me over and let me go home on Saturday afternoon and I was able to keep one of my preaching appointments on Sunday evening.

The doctor tells me that I have atrial fibrillation which is a heart rhythm disturbance. My heart would beat real fast and then very slow and flop around in my chest like a fish out of water. Now I have joined a bunch of other people that I know and have to carry my pill box around with me. I have to watch the clock and take my pills on time - some with food and some without - all the complications that come with pill-popping. But, I do feel much better! In fact, I feel better than I have felt in a long

time and am thankful to God and Brother David Smith for getting me to this point. And, I promise that I am going to do what Brother Smith says and I think that everything is going to be fine. Thanks so much for your prayers for me. By the way, Barbara is really doing splendid too and we are thankful.

We enjoyed very much visiting with some friends in Dallas, Texas on our way to Oklahoma. Sam and Ardella Roberson are friends of many years and he has been undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. We wanted very much to see them and we had a great visit with them. We went on to Marietta, Oklahoma where I was privileged to give a report to the brethren about our work and then preach the gospel. We had a wonderful "Pitch-In" lunch after the morning services while a wonderful rain was coming down and the brethren rejoiced because of that.

We went on to Oklahoma City on Sunday evening and attended services with our dear friend, Shirlene Huffman, at the Southwest congregation. Lewis Hale has been preaching there since Noah built the Ark! A fine day!

Barbara had the privilege of speaking for three Wednesday nights to the ladies at the Center Ridge, Arkansas congregation and some of the ladies told me that she did a splendid job. We also attended the Area Wide Fellowship of Christians in central Arkansas on Tuesday, January 10 and I attended the area preachers meeting on January 9. So, in spite of my little romp in the hospital we had a very busy and enjoyable month.

May God bless every one of us as we continue to spread His word to a world that is lost. Our hearts rejoice with gratitude for the opportunities that we have and for the splendid support that so many of you provide that enables us to do this work. Please continue to pray that in every thing that we do, God will be honored and glorified.

- Ted

## A Note of Thanks

By Marty Knight

*"Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name."*

These verses are from Psalms 100. I read them today. They reminded me of my blessings and how thankful I should be.

### FOR SALVATION

Like each of you, I am a sinner. As Paul, I want so badly to do the things that I know are right—yet, there are times when I fail to do them. Other times I go right ahead and do things even though I know they are wrong. Thankfully, someone has my sins covered. Thank you, Jesus!

### FOR A SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

I feel so blessed that my kids can know that not only are their parents Christians, but each of their grandparents are as well. Both of their grandfathers have served as elders. Even more amazing is the fact that all of their great-grandparents obeyed the gospel! I want to thank Dad, Mom, Alvin, and Freda for passing along a spiritual heritage.

### FOR THE SPIRITUAL BODY

I've been so blessed through the relationships that my family has had with various congregations throughout my lifetime. The cornerstone of my spiritual foundation was laid within the church in Swifton, Arkansas. The Hillcrest church in Oklahoma City is where I obeyed the gospel. Liberty in Conway is where I reached adulthood and had the opportunity to later serve as a deacon. Greenbrier will always hold a special place in my heart as the place where I met and married Lisa. Robinson and Center in Conway first gave me the chance to serve as a deacon, is where we raised our babies, and is the place that my children call home.

Mars Hill gave me strength that I needed during a trying time in my life and continues to be a refuge. In a remarkable turn of

world events, I now have brothers and sisters in, of all places, the little country of Romania! Thanks to the churches in Arges and Dolj for the joy they bring to my life! And I am grateful for what the future holds in Moreni and other cities!

Perhaps no church relationship has meant more to the Knight family than the one we enjoy with Levy in North Little Rock. In August, the Knight's will pass a milestone with Levy and what a great 40 years it has been! They continue to support and sponsor this work—providing encouragement at every turn. Thank you, Levy family!

### FOR CO-WORKERS

There are literally hundreds of you out there who support us in our labors. We know your hearts and the fact that you would not want attention called to your contributions.

Like those in Acts 15:3-4, you make possible our journey, send us on our way, and rejoice when we return to share with you the good news of what God has done. We want you to know this—without you, this would not be possible! We thank God for you continually! We love you all!

### FOR MY FAMILY

I'll be happy if I spend the rest of my life being known as "Kyndall's Dad" or "Brittany's Dad" — now as "Daniel's father-in-law." Flaws and all, my children make me proud every day. They are so supportive of the things I do—never once acting resentful—and encourage me with their enthusiasm.

I like the line that Guy Clark wrote in a song about his wife: "I got a tattoo with her name right through my soul." I can relate! Even though she won't like the attention, I must tell you how proud I am of my wife. He gave her the true heart of a servant. I believe God blessed me with two girls because He knew it would be a shame to waste a Mom like Lisa on a couple of rotten boys!

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number of other appointments to discuss the Operation Outreach campaigns in 2006. We still have outstanding needs for these efforts. Teams are forming, but there is much to do!

### CAMPAIGN NEEDS

- **Workers** are needed to fill out the Romania teams in May, July, and October!
- **Funds** are needed to cover the expense of these trips!
- **Prayers** are needed for the work that is to be done!

If your congregation would like to hear more about this work, please contact me. I'd love to share our plans with you and have you partner with us!

2006 plans are now finalized. The first trip to Romania will be **May 4-16** and will consist of a team of 4 to 6 workers. We'll work with the church in Craiova. The second campaign will be a church planting effort in Moreni

on **July 27-August 8**. While several workers are committed to this effort, we still need additional help. A very special need that exists relative to this trip is a group of **singers**, preferably a quartet. The third team will consist of 4-6 workers returning to Moreni on **October 19-31**. This team will focus on follow-up to the earlier effort.

I encourage you to visit the Operation Outreach website listed on this page for additional information regarding these campaigns (costs, logistics, and training that is available). Don't allow your fear to stand in the way! The purpose of the orientation sessions is to **equip** you for the work.

As always, I don't want to end without thanking those of you who support us so generously. This work would not be possible without "senders" such as you! We love you very much!

## Prayer Site Launched

A new website designed to encourage Christians toward a stronger prayer life was recently launched. The site is built upon the concept of Christians coming together to share their needs and offer thanks to God for answered prayers.

Michael Davis, a member of the Robinson and Center church in Conway, Arkansas, is the administrator for the site.

It consists of a number of forums, including prayer requests for self or for others; a section for praise and thanks to God for His goodness toward us; and a section for general information and announcements.

Christians are encouraged to visit the site, register as users, and begin posting prayer requests as needed. There is, of course, no charge for using the site and posts are made available to all Christians worldwide.

Of course, one of the most powerful aspects of the site is the fact that it gives **all** Christians the opportunity to pray for one another. You are encouraged to visit the site, search the posts and identify those who need **your** prayers on their behalf.

Visit the site today (*URL listed below*) and register as a user—you'll be glad that you did!

"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

JAMES 5:15-16  
(NKJV)

## Thanks *(Continued)*

She's an anomaly in our culture. Years ago, she decided to give up a career and work at home. Not many women today will make that sacrifice. In addition to tenderly caring for our family, she also cares for a number of children who stay in our home each day. Her strong, positive skills with children have extended to over a dozen other children over the last 8 years.

She is my world. My first thought each day is one of thanksgiving that she is by my side. Thank you, Lisa!

This month a lot will be said about "sweethearts." Please forgive my very public attempt to thank God for these things. Without God, we would not be. He is everything. He gives everything. We should thank Him endlessly for His blessings!



Some of the 15 attendees of the January 28 Operation Outreach Orientation

OPERATION OUTREACH WEBSITE: <http://www.operation-outreach.com>

<http://www.praiseandpray.com>

## Seventh Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships

### SPEAKERS

Evertt Huffard—Memphis, TN  
Theotis King—North Little Rock, AR  
Ted Knight—Conway, AR  
Marty Knight—Vilonia, AR  
Robert Swain—Winona, MS  
David Riley—Vilonia, AR

April 7-9, 2006

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### SCHEDULE

Friday, April 7  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 9  
9:45 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

Free on-site RV hookups are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For reservation, call David Riley at 501.796.2052

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