

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.
- Please remember Ted and Barbara's travel to Massachusetts later in the month of March. They will be working with the church in Fall River on March 10-16.

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From Ted's Pen

The month of February is over and we finally had some snow and cold weather. I hope that is all gone for the year. February was an unusual month for Barbara and me. For the past several years we spent the month of February in Romania, but when we got home last year after a 61-hour trip, we decided that we would not go at that time any more.

So, we stayed here and, of course, had some snow and ice at our house! But, it didn't last long and was not all that bad. We had hoped to spend some time in this month in some warm place to relax a little and it has not worked out, but we have enjoyed being at home. Here are some of the things that happened in February. Our daughter, Kathy, had her birth-

day on February 16. As I mentioned, we have been going to Romania every February for several years and therefore did not get to be with her on her birthday. On Sunday, February 12 we planned a surprise birthday party for her and the entire family was here and we had a great time. Kathy is a lovely, gracious, lady and we are proud of her and all that she and her husband David do to help us in our work.

We were privileged to be with the church at Greenbrier, Arkansas on Sunday, February 5 for their annual Missions Day. It is always a very gratifying day. Some of those who are supported by the congregation were there and reports from others are given. The congregation offers a special contribu-



tion to help spread the gospel and they are very generous in their giving at that time. We are thankful for the support that they provide for us and all the other great work that they do. We always enjoy being with the church there. We were scheduled to be with the church at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas on the weekend of February 19, but we had to postpone that trip due to the ice and snow.

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Marty's Thoughts

He concluded with this remark, "***I sure we hope we aren't too busy to make it to heaven!***"

As I told him, "That'll preach!"

This exchange brought to mind the passage in Luke 10:38-42. You will recall the story of Mary and Martha, the two sisters who welcomed Jesus into their home. Mary chose "the good part" according to Jesus — the thing that really mattered at that moment. On the other hand, Martha, chose to do the things that seemed to be of importance.

How easily we are distracted! If you will, think of the things that sidetrack us, even things that in and of themselves are not bad. Our society is full of them! Where does that leave us as

Christians? With an understanding that our every action should be driven by the knowledge that we have been given a small amount of time to accomplish a great deal for the Lord.

Am I making the most of my time? (Colossians 4:5)

Am I being a good steward and using the financial resources that God has shared with me? (Luke 12:16-21)

Am I making sure that my every action has the proper motivation? (Colossians 3:17)

Let's all make sure that we aren't "too busy to make it to heaven!"

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From Ted's Pen (Continued)

However, I was asked if I would preach at the Harrison and Willow congregation here in Conway that day and I was happy to do so. Brother John Phillips, who preaches there, was unable to get to Conway from Little Rock and it was my pleasure to fill in for him that day. On February 26 we were thankful to be with the congregations at Southside in Cabot, Arkansas and Higden, Arkansas.

LADIES DAY

Barbara will be the speaker for a Ladies Day at the Dover church of Christ on Saturday, April 8. The theme of the day is, "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE." The program begins at 8:30 in the morning and after lunch is served the program will end at 1:00 PM. If you are in that part of the country they would be glad to have you there.

EVANGELISTICALLY SPEAKING LECTURESHIP

We are excited about the Seventh Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship which will be conducted on April 7-9 at the building of the Mars Hill Church of Christ. The building is located just south of Highway 64 between Vilonia and Beebe, Arkansas. We have a great program planned! The Friday program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with about 25 minutes of singing praises to the Lord. Following the song service, Brother Evert Huffard of Memphis, Tennessee

will speak. On Saturday the entire morning session is devoted to reviewing some methods of evangelism that you can use.

Many people seem to have a desire to teach others, but lack the confidence to try or just do not think that they can do it. We want to share several different methods with you so that you leave prepared to teach someone else the gospel. The Saturday evening service will feature Brother Theotis King from the McAlmont congregation in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Brother Jason Almond leading us in 25 minutes of singing and then Brother King will preach the Word. On Sunday Brother Robert Swain, David Riley, and I will bring the lessons. We urge you to come and be a part of this great lectureship. We are hoping and praying for 300 people on Friday night!

I am not writing as much this month because Marty and Kathy both have things that they want to present to you. Let me thank you so much for your love, prayers, and support of our work. We are in our 15th year of this ministry and we are so humbled by the encouragement and support of so many. We pray that God will continue to use us in the most effective way possible to spread the gospel to as many as possible. May God bless and keep you is our prayer.

- Ted

Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

The month of February has indeed been a busy one for us! It was an honor to be a part of the program at the Greenbrier congregation's annual Missions Sunday on February 5.

On February 9 I spent the afternoon with a group of fine men as we began plans for the 2007 Youth Outreach University. We are looking forward to an even more effective program for next year.

I was also invited to meet with a group of preachers from north-central Arkansas on February 13 and share our 2006 plans for Operation Outreach. I left this meeting grateful for the opportunity, humbled by such a wonderful group of men who have dedicated their lives to ministry, and uplifted by their encouragement.

We closed the month with a flurry of activity, including an extended conversation on February 24 with a missionary family here in the States on furlough from Romania. Dan and Jan Davis have spent the past decade working with the church of Christ in Cluj, Romania. It is very likely that we will be able to help the church in Cluj through short-term mission efforts and we are very excited about that prospect!

The second Operation Outreach Orientation was held at the Levy building on February 25. The attendance was much lighter than the January session, but there is good news! We now have a total of nine workers

scheduled for the work in Moreni, Romania in July and August. There is still a need for one male teacher—the field is white to harvest! Will you consider joining us?

We closed a busy weekend with the church at Shirley, Arkansas on February 26. This congregation is home to my wife's family. Lisa's family has been a prominent presence in this community for over 150 years and we love being in this beautiful part of America.

The church there is doing a fine work and is being served by preacher, Larry Williams, and his wife, Billie Jean. For many years, they worked in Romania and were instrumental in scheduling the meeting with the Davis'. We love the Shirley congregation and the Williams family and thank them for their support in the past and look forward to working with them in the future.

Also on February 26 we were able to help Lisa's grandmother, Opal Bradford, celebrate her 91st birthday. Sister Opal is our last living grandparent and we are thankful that we were able to spend this time with her.

We are grateful for your prayers, your kind words, and your consideration of our needs in a financial way. Continue to hold us up before God as we carry the Gospel to the lost of this world!

- Marty

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

Home

By Kathy Knight Hall

July 2005 was an interesting time in my life. There were a few things that happened that to others may not seem significant but they certainly made me think about some things in a new light. As most of you know my Dad had said that he would never go to Romania again without my mother, but due to some unforeseen circumstances that is exactly what happened in July 2005.

I know that Dad has written his feeling about this in an article here, but I don't think he went into as much detail as the situation deserved. For as long as I can remember, I have always known that my parents loved Marty and I more than anything in this world, with the exception of each other. They never made any bones about the fact that if they had to choose between each other or Marty and I it would be each other. I never remember a time when they were happy apart from each other, and that included the time they spent apart in July 2005.

The other thing that occurred in July 2005 was that my daughter, Melanie, moved out of the house she has lived in her entire life to an apartment in Conway, Arkansas, which is about 12

miles from our home. Melanie turned 19 in August 2005 and she was really excited about moving out. I was excited for her, but I have to admit that it felt like a part of me was moving also and I guess in some way it was.

That same time in July a song by Michael Buble entitled "Home" started to play on the radio. It is a beautiful song that talks about a man who is away from the person he loves and how he is in "Paris and Rome but I want to go home". Of course when I first heard this song it made me think of my parents and I just followed that line of thinking.

It is amazing to me that my parents can go together to Romania and not be near as homesick as they are when they are apart. Why is that? Because to my Dad his home is tied up in my mother and the same is true for her, my Dad represents home to her. This is the reason that when Melanie moved away from home I felt as if a part of me had moved also.

She represents a large part of what home is to me. David and I have learned to enjoy some things about having the house to ourselves now, but it still is wonderful when she comes home to

eat dinner with us or just to visit (rob the refrigerator, borrow money, almost any excuse for a visit is great with us).

All of this leads me to wonder about something that had always been in the back of my mind, but had never been quite so plain. Do we miss God, and how are we preparing to go home? Do we talk with God each day, unceasing as we are told to do, or do we just assume that we will fall into feeling comfortable in heaven?

I can promise you that things were not always roses with Ted and Barbara Knight. That they represent home to each other did not happen by accident, it took a lot of praying, consideration of what was right and wrong in God's eyes and commitment.

I know that raising Melanie was not always easy, and the job isn't over yet. I also know that both of these things represent home to me to some extent, but it sure would be different if I never talked with my parents or Melanie or didn't treat the times we are together as special. I wonder what our homes would look like if they were a reflection of how we prepared for our heavenly home? I know many people who would not dream of allowing their earthly homes to be in dis-

repair and yet they go about life in a manner that does very little to prepare them for being with their brothers and sisters in heaven. If you don't attend the services of the church when you have the opportunity who do you think you will know when you get to heaven? Do you truly believe that you will make it to heaven and not know your neighbors?

In Ecclesiastes 12 we hear Solomon talk of the end of life and how the "silver cord will be loosened or the golden bowl broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the body return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it."

Our spirits will go home at death if we have lived as we are instructed to do so in God's word. But just as it takes time, commitment, and hard work to create a 'home' in our relationships here on earth, we must all take the time to prepare ourselves for the home we will someday have with God and our heavenly family.

I believe that my family has a mission to know as many of our neighbors as possible when we get to heaven. We hope that you will make it your mission also.

- Kathy

Schedule for Marty

April 7-9
Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships
Vilonia, Arkansas

April 15
Operation Outreach Orientation
Conway, Arkansas

May 4-16
Operation Outreach Campaign
Craiova and Moreni, Romania

Schedule for Ted

March 5
Hattieville, Arkansas (AM)
Colony—Bee Branch, Arkansas (PM)

March 7
Host—Area-Wide Fellowship for 24th Consecutive Year
Plumerville, Arkansas

March 10-16
Fall River, Massachusetts

March 19-22
Caney, Arkansas

March 26-29
Johnson, Arkansas

April 7-9
Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships
Vilonia, Arkansas

April 8
Ladies Day—Barbara
Dover, Arkansas

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