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Update your prayer list:

- Please keep the brethren in Cluj and Moreni in your prayers on a regular basis.
- Pray for laborers who are willing to work the harvest in the U.S. and Romania.
- Pray that churches with resources will feel the call to send workers into the field.

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From Ted's Pen

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." Acts 5:42.

The idea of house-to-house teaching of the gospel of Christ is clearly taught in the New Testament. We may have decided that it is not effective any more to knock on doors and seek to spread the gospel in this way, but we are wrong.

I recently preached in a gospel meeting with the Nettleton congregation at Jonesboro, Arkansas. They made a number of flyers and asked the brethren to distribute them as they had the opportunity to do so. However, there was one family and a couple of individuals who asked the elders for materials to distribute so that they could do more than

just leave a flyer. They took these materials for just a short time on two different afternoons and began going door to door. Here are the results:

- Doors Knocked:**
183
- Persons Contacted:**
74
- Surveys Completed:**
33
- Bible Studies Scheduled:**
6
- Correspondence Enrollees:**
12

There is no way to measure the good that may come from the efforts of these brethren who were willing to spend a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon trying to share the gospel with someone. I could give your other examples



of this same kind of work which were successful in bringing people to Christ. It is my prayer that someday we may forget the false ideas that someone sold us that "it doesn't work any more to knock on doors."

The meeting at Nettleton on April 1-4 was a pleasure for me. I have preached in many gospel meetings there since the mid-1960's and I have loved and

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My brother, Danny Holman, recently delivered a lesson that drew a comparison between Christians and people who live in RV trailers. You're probably thinking, "I want to hear that comparison!" It certainly piqued my interest. He used a picture to illustrate his point. It showed an RV that had obviously ceased to be a "vehicle" in any sense of the word. It had a porch, shrubs planted around it and a storage building out back.

Marty's Thoughts

For whatever reason, this vehicle had stopped serving one purpose and taken on another. It's original designed use had been one of motion—activity and mobility—to be on the go. But, over time it became stationary.

I appreciate Danny's thoughts. I also share his concern that many Christians—even churches—have fallen into this same state.

During the recent lectureship at Mars Hill, Brother Dan Lightfoot made this statement:

"Evangelism should be the Christian's automatic response to the love of God."

I couldn't agree more; yet, most Christians have "parked the RV" when it comes to evangelism. They've taken off the wheels and planted shrubs instead of moving.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

MATTHEW 7:21-23

I can't tell you how many times I have heard members of the church of Christ use that passage in efforts to persuade members of denominational churches that they must heed the word of the Lord. That application certainly applies. But, what about us?

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appreciated the church there all these years. Brother Jimmy Young has been preaching there for many years and continues to do a great work. Barbara spoke on Saturday, March 31 at a meeting of all the ladies of the congregation and many of the ladies told me how much they enjoyed their studies. The brethren invited us to come again for a meeting in 2012 and we look forward to it.

We were with the church at Formosa, Arkansas on April 8 and it was a real joy also. This congregation is growing and a great spirit prevails there. Brother Jimmy Duncan has lived in that area for many, many, years and preaches for the congregation. On April 10 were attended the Central Arkansas Area-Wide Fellowship at Plumerville, Arkansas and hosted by the Downtown congregation at Morrilton. In spite of some very bad weather we had a good number present and a great time of being with our brethren.

The church in Erie, Kansas is small, but very strong. It was our joy to work with them in a gospel meeting on April 15-18 and we had a great meeting. They had sent the "House to House, Heart to Heart" magazine into 2,000 homes in the community. Even before the meeting began, they received some contacts from those who had received them. We learned that one denominational Bible class teacher is using this as a text for the Bible class in that denomination! We hope and pray that a couple of people who have been attending and studying

for some time will soon become Christians. We will return for a meeting with these brethren in 2008.

On April 29 I preached at the Valley View congregation at Jonesboro, Arkansas. This congregation was planted in this area in June 2004 and they are growing and already have become one of the largest congregations in Arkansas. Brother David Gibson is the preacher and is doing a great work.

2007 EVANGELISTICALLY SPEAKING LECTURESHIP REVIEW

We came home from Kansas tired on Thursday, April 19, but eager to participate in the 8th Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship. As always, it was conducted at the building of the Mars Hill church of Christ between Vilonia and Beebe, Arkansas. We were not disappointed and although we were tired it was a refreshing time for us.

We began on Friday night, April 20 with Brother Carroll Sites presenting a great lesson on the theme, "Challenging the Saved to Teach the Unsaved." Brothers and Sisters, teaching others is what Christianity is all about! What a tremendous challenge we have before us in the world of more than 6.5 billion people! It is not a question of whether we CAN take the gospel to them, but if we WILL take the gospel to them.

On Saturday morning we enjoyed three profitable lessons from three very good students of the word of God. Dan Lightfoot delivered a fine lesson on the subject, "Equipping the Saved to Teach the Unsaved." Dan showed us that we have the equipment in the word, but we must step out on faith and use it if it is to be effective. Brother Sid Womack shared some information about a great program of teaching the gospel to those in jail as he talked about, "Leaders Leading the Saved to Teach the Unsaved." Leaders must show

the way and encourage others to follow them in reaching others with the gospel.

Brother Bob Turner clearly taught us some important lessons on "Leading the Unsaved to Want to be Saved." How can we interest and motivate the unsaved to want to be saved? We must love the Lord, love the Word, and love the lost - really LOVE them if we expect them to be interested in knowing the truth.

On Saturday night, Brother Bill Green delivered a powerful lesson on the subject, "Teaching the Saved to Remain Saved." Too many are baptized into Christ and then fall away. Why? In so many instances it is because we have not done as well as we should have in teaching them the importance of REMAINING saved! Brother Green's lesson was one of the best that I have ever heard on this subject.

On Sunday morning Brother Robert Swain spoke during the Bible class hour about "Giving God the Glory When the Unsaved are Saved." So often we talk about what WE have done when someone has been converted or when we have made a long and tiring trip somewhere and worked hard to bring people to Christ.

Brethren, when we leave GOD out of our efforts we are wasting our time. We are simply sowers of the Seed. GOD gives the increase. We should give Him the glory for any success that results from that sowing.

Brother David Riley made it abundantly clear that our preaching must be right if the unsaved are ever going to be saved. His lesson on "Preaching to Save the Unsaved" was clear and to the point! Preaching must be SCRIPTURAL and delivered in LOVE if it is to be effective in reaching the lost. We must preach CHRIST, the CROSS, the RESURRECTION, and the JUDGMENT as we help the unsaved to be saved.

It was my pleasure to preach the last sermon of the lectureship on Sunday night. My assignment was, "Rejoicing When the Unsaved are Saved." The New Testament reveals several examples of people REJOICING when they learned and obeyed the gospel. I know of NOTHING that should cause us to rejoice than to help an unsaved person to become saved. If that doesn't cause us to rejoice there is something very wrong with our emotions and our thinking.

Brethren, I wish that congregations all over the country would have a lectureship like these we have been having at Mars Hill for the past eight years. I don't know of a better way to use a Friday evening, a few hours on Saturday, and then the regular services on Sunday than to concentrate on more effective ways to save the unsaved. We would be glad to help you with a program if you would like for us to. But, you could certainly design your own program as well.

I believe that the church of Christ is a sleeping giant in the area of evangelism and we need desperately to WAKE UP! I pray that the time will come when we will have lectureships like this in big auditoriums filled with brethren who are eager to learn how to lead the unsaved to be saved.

The dates for the 2008 Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships are April 18-20, 2008. Please reserve those dates now and do not schedule anything that conflicts and come and be with us. You will be glad that you did.

Brethren, please pray for me as I make another trip to Romania on May 11-29. I boldly declared in 2005 that I would never go to Romania by myself again and I should have known better. The Lord is still in charge! I am excited about the work that is to be done there and I humbly as for your prayers as I travel and work. May God bless every one of you in my prayer.

- Ted

Ted's Schedule

May 6-9
Southside
Cabot, Arkansas

May 11-29
Romania

Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

For one moment, stop thinking about how you can use that passage in persuading others and apply it to yourself. What is Jesus telling me in that passage?

First, He is warning us against being confident in ourselves. I recently heard a story about a Christian who was offended when a Bible class teacher implied that those of us who are members of churches of Christ in the southern United States need to stop acting as though we have finally figured everything out and we have every answer. The Lord warns us—not everyone who “says so” will enter heaven and that can include us if we aren't very careful! While we can have confidence in our salvation, we must avoid arrogance and pride for grace extended usward.

Second, Jesus warns us that good works—honorable works—will not be the thing that determines our salvation. During the recent lectureship, Brother David Riley

delivered an outstanding lesson on preaching. He asked a number of pointed questions about the preaching being offered from our pulpits today. Are we preaching Christ? His crucifixion and His resurrection? (1 Cor. 1:23) His church?

Or have we fallen into the trap set by our culture? That trap states that our greatest focus should be good works. Our goal should be to leave the world a better place than we found it. Above all, the world tells us, we must be politically correct. There are many today who believe that we can't tell people that they are lost for fear of turning them off or offending them!

The bottom line is this: we fail our fellow man if we tell them the value of doing good works at the expense of preaching to them the saving gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord!

- Marty

Marty's Schedule

April 28 and May 5
Operation Outreach Orientation
Levy—North Little Rock, Arkansas

July 19-31
City-Wide Campaign, Cluj Romania
Cluj, Romania

November 1-12
Teaching Teams
Cluj and Moreni, Romania



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ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Saturday, April 28
Saturday, May 5

Levy church of Christ
North Little Rock, Arkansas

9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

CAMPAIGN DATES

July 19-31
Cluj, Romania

November 1-12
Cluj and Moreni, Romania

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