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*Please join us in prayer  
for the following items:*

- Pray that God will send forth workers to help in the harvest
- Praise God for His bountiful blessings in this day and age
- Ask God to bless those in the mission field with strength, health, wisdom, and opportunity
- Pray for the church plant team in Vilonia and ask that God will bless their efforts according to His will

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## From Ted's Pen

It is hard to believe that six months of what we were calling the "new year" just a few days ago are now gone. I read the words to this beautiful little poem recently.

When as a child I laughed and wept, time crept.  
When as a youth I laughed and talked, time walked.  
When I became a full-grown man, time ran.  
When older still I daily grew, time flew.  
Soon I shall find in traveling on, time gone.

I remember when I was a young man of 22 years that Brother Henry Webb of Swifton, Arkansas told me that when I reached the age that he was then, 63, that time would go a lot faster. I didn't know if that would be true or not, but he was right.



Marriages that last for 50 years are an exception. Some do not last that long due to death, but many end long before that time because of divorce. So, it gives you a warm feeling to know that your parents have been blessed with that length of time together.

As nice as it is to see your parents spend that length of time together as husband and wife, it is another thing, altogether, to know that your parents have had

It was our great pleasure to be with the church in Marietta, Oklahoma during the first of June. We had scheduled a time to be with them earlier, but had to postpone it due to Barbara's illness.

It was wonderful to be with them and we are so thankful for their support and encouragement in the teaching of the gospel. On June 15 we were privileged to worship with the church at Levy for the first time in many months and it was a joy to be there. We were



blessed to be with the church at Austin, Arkansas for a gospel meeting on June 29-July 2. The small congregation at Austin continues to be a strong influence for good in the community as well as helping us and others to take the gospel to other parts of the world. We are surely thankful for them. Brother Tom Brister is the preacher at Austin and is doing a fine work.

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## Marty's Thoughts

those 50 years together as best friends. Kathy and I can honestly say that we have had that blessing.

On July 24, 1958 two young people - he was 18 and she was 16 - made the decision to become one in the eyes of God. They married in their hometown of Bay, Arkansas and about a month later, left home bound for northern Indiana.

I've often wondered if they knew then that Bay would never again be home except in their hearts.

In November of that year, they made a second decision life-altering decision. In a display of faith that has been repeated countless times over the years, they placed their trust and faith in God and entered the ministry.

The first decision - to marry - has been a blessing to a number of us who call them "Dad and Mom" or "Pop and Mam." The second decision has been a blessing to the extended spiritual family that the Knight family has enjoyed fellowship with over the past half-century.

In many ways their backgrounds were similar. Both came from large families who farmed to make ends meet. Their mothers became dear friends, his Mom sharing the gospel with her Mother, leading her to Christ. Their fathers were hardworking men whose calloused hands put food on the table and clothes on their backs. Their siblings were close friends

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## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

We are grateful for the phone calls, cards, letters, and all other means of encouragement during Barbara's surgery on June 17. The surgery went very well and the doctor is very pleased with her progress.

There was a problem with getting her pain medicine following the surgery and she began to go into shock because it was about four hours after leaving the recovery room before she was finally given medication for pain. They finally gave up on giving it to her through a pump after trying three of them and finding that none of them would work. They gave her the medication orally and she began to sleep and rest. We anticipate Barbara resuming her normal schedule in a few weeks. May God bless all of you for your interest.

The work in Cluj, Romania continues to move along well. The work is slowly making progress and we know that it will take a long time and a lot of diligent efforts to build the church to a place of self-support. Claudiu has been concerned because it seems that so many are not interested in their spiritual welfare, but it has always been that way throughout the world. It seems to me that the more difficult life becomes, the more attention they must give to providing for shelter, food, and other necessities and have little time left for God.

The increase in oil and food prices there are just as critical as they are here, perhaps even more so. It never ceases to amaze me that they can make it on what they earn, but they do. We help as much as possible with food and medicine each month, but what we have doesn't go very far. We have three or four elderly Christians whom we help each month with their medicine because they simply do not have the money to provide it for themselves.

So, we ask you to continue to pray for the church in Romania as well as the entire world.

I will be going to Romania on August 6. I will spend the first four days in Pitesti, the place where we began our work in that country. I will officiate at the wedding of a wonderful young couple, both of whom have been Christians for several years. Then I will travel on the Cluj for the rest of the time.

Our schedule for the months of July and August are very heavy and because of that we are publishing this issue of ES for both months. As you can see from our schedule it would be almost impossible to publish two issues. Hopefully, in September we can get back on schedule.

You will notice by the list of memorials on page 4 that this has been a difficult month for us in losing some wonderful friends, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fayburn Smith has been a friend of our family since he and my mother were just children together. I had not seen him for many years when one night he came to a meeting where I was preaching. After the service he shook my hand and said, "I'm the first guy that ever slept with your Momma." I nearly died and then when he started grinning I recognized him. He had slept with my Momma when he was about four years of age. It was a privilege to speak at his memorial service.

Brother Wendell Needham was one of the finest human beings and gospel preachers that I have ever known. We have known the Needham family for many years and were sorry to hear of his passing, but rejoice in his hope in Christ Jesus. All of those who are listed in our memorials were dear to us and we mourn their passing, but they were all Christians and we are thankful for their great influence and their faithfulness in serving the Lord.

As always, we are grateful for each and every one of you and ask that God bless you.

- Ted

## Cluj Campaign Update

Plans are well underway for the July/August campaign in Cluj, Romania. Claudiu has been busy making arrangements for advertising in newspapers, as well as signs and posters that will be posted all over the city.

The team consists of myself and two other men. Justin Taylor of the Levy congregation will be making his second trip to Romania, having worked in Moreni with his wife, Emily, in 2006. He and Emily have since had a son and she will be staying home to care for him.

Curtis Sawrie, a member of the Mars Hill congregation, will be making his first trip to Romania. He and his wife, Kimberly, have two young sons. I am grateful for both of these men and their

wives who are willing to sacrifice that they might do the work.

Coincidentally, both of these men come from families who have a long history with my own. Justin's grandparents were close friends to Dad and Mom all the way back to the mid-sixties. My paternal grandmother and Curtis' grandmother were childhood friends at Enola back in the early part of the 20th century. So, this will be a special trip.

We will leave the U.S. on July 25 and return on August 5. Please pray that our efforts will be fruitful and that the church in Cluj will be blessed. We look forward to providing regular updates from Cluj.

- Marty

### Schedule

### Ted and Barbara

JULY 11-13  
Northwest Arkansas Lectureships  
Bellefonte, Arkansas

JULY 16  
Higden, Arkansas

JULY 20-23  
Mt. Judea, Arkansas

JULY 27  
Morley, Missouri

AUGUST 3  
Hoxie, Arkansas

AUGUST 6-20  
Romania

AUGUST 24-27  
Michigan City, Indiana

AUGUST 31  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

### Schedule

### Marty

JULY 25-AUGUST 5  
Teaching Team  
Marty, Justin Taylor and Curtis Sawrie  
Cluj, Romania

## Marty's Thoughts

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In other ways, their early lives were very different. She lost her mother at age 12 and was forced by circumstance to grow up much faster than most her age, caring for a younger brother and sister.

They met when he was 7 and she was 5 and, by their own accounts, knew even then that they would spend a lifetime together. He had a younger sister the same age as her and the two girls have remained close for over 60 years.

After a couple years, they made their way back to northeast Arkansas and the family began to grow. A son came along in 1962 and the family was completed by a little girl in 1966.

Their journey took them from the northern Indiana towns of Michigan City and LaPorte, to the Missouri boot-heel town of Holland, and on to Manila and Swifton in northeast Arkansas. In 1966 they moved to North Little Rock and began what is now a 42-year relationship with the Levy church of Christ.

Further stops in Oklahoma City and finally to Faulkner County, Arkansas. Along the way they encountered relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ that have meant the world to these two special people.

Their children grew, had families of their own and blessed this man and woman with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

While these two people have brought joy and blessings to many others, they would tell you it is they who have been the most blessed. It would be impossible to describe the depth of the relationships that they have enjoyed with many, many others. To make an attempt to list all of those relationships would be a disservice to all.

I must say, having witnessed 46 of these 50 years, the thing that has been most special is the very thing that God planned for a man and a woman - a marriage where two become one. Best friends. Inseparable. Totally in love.

On behalf of their growing family, I want to wish Dad and Mom a wonderful, golden anniversary. I speak for many when I say that you have blessed us much more than you know.

It's fitting that a couple who have shared so much of themselves with so many have decided to reserve this special occasion for themselves. The immediate family will enjoy a dinner together, but July 24, 2008 will be theirs to enjoy.

Dad and Mom,  
Pop and Mam,  
**BEST WISHES  
ON YOUR  
GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY!**

**50  
Years  
Together**

**WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!**

*Marty, Lisa and Kyndall  
Kathy and Dave  
Brittany, Daniel and Cassi  
Melanie and Dessie*

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of  
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for being wonderful co-workers in Mission Evangelism  
by  
Ted and Barbara Knight