

# Evangelistically Speaking

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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 in Romania and for the Christians who labor there in challenging circumstances.

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## From Ted's Pen

In Psalms 135:5 we read these words: "For I know that the Lord is great, and our Lord is above all gods." Many people in our world seem to believe in gods of their own making and that is sad. What do they do when genuine sorrow and disappointments come?

I try to always keep before me the truth expressed in this Psalm and remember that our Lord is above all gods. He is not made and is not represented by material wealth or political power, but we see in Him the greatest example of love and compassion that the world will ever know. Yes, the Lord is great, far beyond our imagination and no other gods begin to compare. "Let us worship Him, and bow down."



Our new building at the Vilonia church is sufficiently complete that we are meeting in it. In order to finish the site work, we had to tear down the old rock house that had been our home since 2008. It was a bittersweet time watching it be torn down.

As they demolished the structure, we found that one of the items holding up the house was a single oak log nearly 50 feet in length.

June has now passed into history and we begin with faith and expectation the month of July 2010. We were blessed the first part of June to be with the Ben's Branch congregation which is nestled out in the beautiful mountains southwest of Harrison, Arkansas.

It is in such a beautiful setting, but the real beauty is seen in the people of God who worship the Lord in the small white building located in the beautiful valley with Ben's Branch running right in front of it. Following our morning services the brethren were ready to prepare a great meal under the trees outside the building near the branch.



What a wonderful meal, exceeded only by the fellowship that we shared together. Following the "dinner on the grounds" we retreated to the nice, cool building where we worshipped the Lord in singing, praying, and more study of His word. We left there wishing that the day could have gone on and on.

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## Marty's Thoughts

It ran the full length, from front to back. The house literally sat on this ancient old log. After 64 years, it still had bark on it! You want to talk about a foundation?

As Andy continued his work in tearing down the building, I got as close as possible for a look. It was amazing! For two years now we have worried that the house was about to fall in. While the decking that made up the floor may have been in jeopardy, this house was NOT about to fall in.

Have you ever considered your own spiritual foundation? What is your faith resting on? I fear that many in our world today have a misplaced foundation when it comes to things spiritual. Many place their total trust in a man or a group of men. That's a dangerous proposition.

Still others place their total trust in a "place" such as a building or a piece of land. Some may place their faith in a set of traditions and customs that have absolutely nothing to do with doctrine.

Where should the foundation of our faith rest? Paul told the church at Corinth:

**"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."**

A foundation is the most important part of a structure. One with strength will hold a structure for what seems like forever. But, a false foundation—one that fails—will create disaster.

On what or whom is the foundation of your faith built?

## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

These fine brethren help to support us in our work with their love, prayers, encouragement, and financial support. We thank God for them.

It was joy to be with the church at Chanute, Kansas the next week. I first preached at Chanute in 1984. Brother Larry Dye and his wife, Carolyn, lived there at that time, but Larry was working with a congregation located nearby. In August they will begin their 8th year of ministry with the congregation and they are doing a really good work.

There are several congregations in that area of Kansas and all of them are really struggling in their efforts to build the Lord's church. I ask you to please pray for the congregations in Chanute, Iola, Parsons, Erie, Garnett, and Neodesha.

We enjoyed so much being with the Southside congregation at Cabot, Arkansas on Sunday, June 27. We had been scheduled to be with them earlier, but it was soon after Barbara's surgery in May and she was not able to go. So, I asked the brethren to let us come later and they agreed with that. We are very thankful for the good church at Southside and their work in the area for the Lord.

### NORTHWEST ARKANSAS LECTURESHIPS

The 21st Annual Northwest Arkansas Lectureship will be conducted July 9-11 at Bellefonte, Arkansas, just south of Harrison. The building is located right on U.S. Highway 65 and is very easy to find. The theme of the lectures is, "Daily Christianity."

We will begin on Friday, July 9 at 6:30 PM with some great singing and then Brother Ken Burton will preach about "Everyday Christianity" at 7:00. The program will begin at 9:30 AM Saturday with Brothers Ray Sullins, Bill McFarland, Nathan Honeycutt, and Glen Elliott preaching. On Sunday, I will speak along with Jeff Crawford and Steve Powers. I would urge you to come for this exciting and edifying series of studies on this vital theme.

Brethren, if our "christianity" is confined to the Lord's Day only, we don't have genuine Christianity! Come and enjoy this great time together.

### VILONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

I want to extend my congratulations to the folks who make up the Vilonia church of Christ. They are only about 2½ years old, but have

just completed the construction of a new building to be used to spread the gospel in Vilonia and other places in the world as well. Marty will tell you more about their upcoming plans, but Barbara and I wanted to congratulate these brethren and encourage them in their endeavors to serve and share the Lord.

### ROMANIA

Brother Claudiu reports that the work in Cluj, Romania continues to move forward with studies being conducted with about 30 new students. Plans are also being made for a Vacation Bible School in July.

Claudiu is also going to help with the VBS at Sibiu, Romania where the Lee Skelton family has worked for several years. The Skelton's have now relocated back to the States. They have asked us to allow Claudiu to help with the VBS and also to help as much as possible with the preaching on Sundays. It is going to be a big job, but we are going to do what we can.

There is a possibility that another young couple who were married in 2008 will be moving to Cluj to work and they will be a great asset to the work of the Lord. Please pray that this will work out if it is the Lord's Will. There is another young Christian lady who has moved to Cluj to attend the University and prepare to become a doctor. She is from Albania and is already a great help to the church in helping to teach classes for the children each Lord's Day.

A lot of work continues to be done in the districts of Arges and Dolj where Brother Harvey Starling and several others work with seven congregations which have been established over the past 15 years. Brethren, please pray for the work in all of the country of Romania and indeed, throughout the entire world.

### BARBARA'S HEALTH

We are so happy to report that Barbara is doing really well for the first time in three years. She began having problems in 2007, had surgery in June 2008, and it was not successful. She had surgery again October 26, 2008 and it helped some, but the problems recurred in 2009. Finally, she had surgery again May 19, 2010.

It has now been almost six weeks since the surgery and she is feeling so much better and stronger. She has been riding on a bed in the back of the van to accompany me on our trips, but on the recent trip to Kansas she was able to ride all the way in the passenger seat. We are so thankful for her recovery, but ask that you continue to pray that she will have good health.

On the way to Kansas we had driven 135 miles when I discovered that we did not have her luggage with us. We called Kathy and she sent her daughter, Melanie, to meet us halfway with the luggage and we drove back to meet her. It made our trip to Kansas almost three hours longer, but we made it OK and we will be more careful in the future.

Beloved, we thank God for you and ask for your prayers for the work that we do. We have a very busy schedule for several months ahead, but look forward to the work with faith and hope as we walk with the Lord each day.

Please accept our love for your partnership in this ministry.

- Ted

### WEBSITES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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Vilonia Church of Christ:  
<http://www.viloniachurch.com>

# A Modern-Day Macedonian Call

In Acts 16:6-10, we're told of the "Macedonian call" that was issued to Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke. This group had plans to travel to certain places, but through the miraculous measure of the Spirit, they were guided elsewhere.

In verse 9, Luke recounts the fact that Paul saw a vision, a Macedonian man calling out, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." The Vilonia church of Christ is issuing a similar message to our brethren in 2010! **We need your help!**

For the past two years we have been patiently planning and working toward a time when we had the facility resources to conduct a city-wide evangelism campaign. During this time we have also prayed and prepared our own hearts to be involved in this good work. That time has arrived.

A two-week effort is planned for the first half of July. Extensive advertising will take place, doors in our little town will be knocked, daily Bible studies will be taught, and the Gospel preached each night. Here is an overview of the campaign:

**July 8-10**

Door-knocking in Vilonia

**July 10**

Community Open House and Fun Day

**July 11**

Building Dedication—2:00 p.m.

**July 11-16**

Gospel Meeting

Sunday—9:00/10:00/7:00

Monday to Friday—7:00

**July 12-16**

Bible Studies

9:00-7:00

Our theme for the campaign is "What Will You Do With Jesus?" An outstanding lineup of speakers will be with us: Garry Neal of the Levy church in North Little Rock will speak on Sunday; Dad will preach on Monday and Tuesday nights; Clyde Slimp of Mustang, OK will be with us on Wednesday; and Danny Holman of Greenville, MS will close out the week on Thursday and Friday.

Meals will be provided each night at 6:00 p.m. in order to help those who work during the day and struggle with making it to an evening service.

An Open House on Saturday, July 10 will give the community the opportunity to visit our facility and give us the chance to meet those who do come. We will provide activities for children, as well as hot dogs and soft drinks. The Vilonia community has been very encouraging and interested

in our building program and we're anxious to give them to chance to see our new buildings. We're so thankful for our families that have small children and we're anxious to reach those in the community in that demographic. So, the fun for the kids will be an important part of that day.

So, why the call for help? Where can you be used? Let me share these opportunities with you! One of our deacons, Patrick Fay, is fond of calling this effort the "Mission Trip to Vilonia." That's how we're treating it—just like any other mission work.

**BIBLE TEACHERS:** Experienced Bible teachers are needed to conduct studies. We have a nice, comfortable Ministry Center in which we will be holding these studies. We'll feed you! And we

even have a few extra beds in which you can bunk, should you need a place to stay!

**DOOR-KNOCKERS:** If you don't feel able to teach, but have a strong set of feet and a sunny disposition, then you're needed to knock doors in our little city.

**PROSPECTORS:** Some of you may know people in Vilonia and Faulkner County who need the message of Jesus Christ. If so, I implore you to let us know who they are and how to reach them.

**PRAYER WARRIORS:** We need your prayers more than all else! Pray that God will direct seekers to us. Pray that He will use us effectively. Pray for resources and good health. And thank Him for His goodness toward us! God bless each of you!

- Marty

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>Ted and Barbara</b>	<i>JULY 9-11</i>	<i>Northwest Arkansas Lectures</i>
			<i>Bellefonte, Arkansas</i>
		<i>JULY 12-13</i>	<i>Vilonia, Arkansas</i>
		<i>JULY 14</i>	<i>Cave City, Arkansas</i>
		<i>JULY 18-21</i>	<i>Mt. Judea, Arkansas</i>
		<i>JULY 25-29</i>	<i>Austin, Arkansas</i>

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