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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

There have been very few periods of time in my life when there was so much to do as there was during the month of July 2010. But, God be thanked that we were able to keep every appointment with only Barbara missing one night of a gospel meeting with me.

We are thankful for the opportunities that we had to share the gospel with others and to help with some loved ones who were hurting for various reasons. In spite of those situations we still had many great moments in our work for which we are truly grateful.

We were part of the 21st Annual Northwest Arkansas Lectureship on July 9-11. The theme for

study this year was "Daily Christian Living." How could we not be blessed to hear powerful lessons on this subject? The elders at Bellefonte church of Christ and their preacher, Brother Ray Crawford, did an excellent job of selecting speakers and assigning the subjects.

My task was to discuss "The Grace of Love" as it relates to daily Christian living. The preparation for the delivery of the lesson was really good for me. I look forward already to the 22nd lectureship which is scheduled for July 8-10 2011.

It was a great privilege to speak on July 12-13 in the campaign which was conducted that week at the Vilonia congregation.



The brethren had worked very hard in advance of the nightly services inviting and encouraging people in the community to attend the services. There were teachers available every day of the week to study with people who were interested in a Bible study. We were just happy to be a part of the meeting.

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## A Tribute to a Mentor

I do not know of any man who has touched and influenced my life for the past 43 years like Jollie Pace did. Brother Pace passed away on Monday, July 26 and his body was committed back to mother earth on Friday, July 30.

I was honored to be asked to speak at the funeral service, although I felt that there was so much that I could have said and said better than I did.

The Pace family became a part of our life in July 1967 and played a major role in our family since that time. He served as an elder at Levy for almost 40 years and did so with all that he had. He and his precious wife, Anna Mae, were married for 62 years and

raised four children—Louise, Vicki, Nancy, and Jay—all of whom became Christians.

They were deeply interested in preaching the gospel, especially in mission fields and there is now way to know how much money they contributed for that work.

They have supported us in our present work from the beginning and the last time that I talked with him he wanted to know if our support was holding up.

I could write pages and pages about Jollie Pace and the great work that he did for the Lord, but suffice it to say that I loved and respected him as much as I could.



*Jollie Junior (J.J.) Pace  
1927—2010*

The Knight family will miss him. Please pray for Anna Mae, Louise, Vickie, Jay, and Nancy, all of whom loved him dearly.

So long, Jollie, we plan to see you again.

- Ted

## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

On Wednesday, July 14 we drove to Cave City, Arkansas where I spoke on a special series of lessons that they were having every Wednesday night during the summer. My assignment was "Growing Through The Use Of Our Abilities And Opportunities." When those two things are not used there can be no growth, so again it was helpful to me to study, prepare, and deliver this lesson.

We enjoyed so much being with the brethren at the Mt. Judea church of Christ on July 18-21 for a gospel meeting. These brethren are always a blessing to us and have supported our work for a number of years.

On July 25-29 we worked with the church at Austin, Arkansas in a gospel meeting and we believe that good was done in the study of some vital issues of our day which the church is facing. These brethren too have supported our work and encouraged us in our efforts for many years.

On Tuesday, July 20 our daughter, Kathy Hall, had surgery at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. So, we came home from Mt. Judea following services on Monday night. Once the surgery was com-

pleted I drove back to Mt. Judea for the services, back home that night, then to Mt. Judea and back on Wednesday. My Lady stayed with Kathy on Tuesday night and then accompanied me back for the last night of the meeting.

Following the surgery Kathy has several severe complications and what was supposed to have been a two or three day recovery time turned into a three WEEK recovery time. As of this writing on August 6 she is much improved and we are certainly thankful to God for His watchful care.

We left on Saturday, July 31 for a meeting with the church at Charleston, Missouri. This was our first time to be with them and it was a great meeting. It is amazing what a preacher can see from the pulpit while delivering his lesson. A young man in his mid-twenties sat right on the edge of his seat one night while I preached.

He never took his eyes off of me. I could tell that he was really absorbing every word that I said and it was a joy to see that. When the invitation song started he moved another man out of his way and came and told Brother Gary Hill, "I am lost and want to be saved."

Brother Hill and Adam had a good discussion and he was baptized into Christ that evening. He seems to be such a fine man.

I could not help but be amazed when he came to services the last night of the meeting and was excited almost beyond description. He had been looking for a job since leaving the Marine Corps. Two days after he became a Christian he got TWO jobs and will be working 60 hours each week. But, he made sure that he would be able to worship with the church on Sunday. We pray for Adam as he lives for Jesus.

As always, we are grateful for your support, prayers, words of encouragement, and your love. As you can see by our schedule, we have very busy months ahead in August and September. I will return to Cluj in early October along with Brother Curtis Sawrie. I look forward to seeing the brethren there and offering you a report in a future edition of ES.

God bless each of you in your labors for the Lord!

- Ted

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## Marty's Thoughts

I both battled the disease. I am inspired by his courage in the face of a terrible disease. He never let it get the best of him. I'm sure that those close to him could tell of times when it drained him physically and emotionally; but, he rarely let that show to others. I use the term "warrior" in referring to those who fight cancer. Jollie was one of the most valiant.

He was a **brother**. I approached the Levy eldership in early 2003 with my plans to join Dad in the mission fields of Romania on a regular basis. Within days of that meeting, I received a phone call from Jollie informing me that he and Anna Mae wanted to provide regular support. They were my first supporters. I'll never, ever forget the encouragement that they were to me!

As his son, Jay, spoke at the memorial service, he mentioned that his father was a **fun guy!** His smile could brighten your day. He loved a good joke. To those of us on the receiving end of his encouragement, it seemed as if a positive word was as important to him as oxygen.

Jollie Pace was a **mentor** and a **shepherd**. He was one of the most gifted men I've ever known when it comes to managing people and relationships. He was the ultimate salesman, in more ways than one. His kindness, gentleness, and patience made him one of the most effective elders I've ever had the fortune of knowing. He was there for me during some difficult times and helped guide me when I had few others to whom I could turn.

It is a remarkable thing for a man to serve a congregation for 40 years as an elder. It is an even **more** remarkable thing that the man's effectiveness could **grow** over that period of time! You see athletes who "hang on too long" and don't know when to step aside. That wasn't Jollie. He continued to be effective as long as his body would allow.

Our brother, Garry Neal, put it this way in his remarks at Jollie's funeral: "He never stopped being a shepherd for the Levy church. He just stopped attending meetings." I can think of no greater compliment that could be paid to a leader in the Lord's church.

As best I can recall, my life has been influenced by over 50 men who have served as elders. Each of them had their strengths and each had weaknesses. Many of them have gone on to be with the Lord and I still miss them. Some had such a strong presence that they were intimidating to me as a boy or young man. A few were difficult to know because of their sober nature and age. A number of them were nearly as dear to me as my own grandfathers.

Now that I am serving as a shepherd myself, I sometimes think back on the traits and qualities that each possessed and how I can learn from them. Different ones excelled in different ways, but when it comes to relationships and the process of inspiring and leading people, one man is at the top of that list—J.J. Pace. I will miss him. As Pop so ably stated on page 1, we look forward to seeing him again.

### ROMANIA

As I have eluded to several times in this column, my commitments to my job here in the U.S. are a bit different since I changed em-

ployers back in 2008. I had spent over 25 years with my previous employer and with that came a great deal of flexibility and time off. I don't have quite as much of that now. So, the smaller amount of vacation time, coupled with my commitments to my family (as Kyndall prepares to marry in 2011) are resulting in fewer trips to Romania. While I am not able to go, I am able to send!

Curtis Sawrie and I talked back in April and I shared my dilemma with him. The bottom line: he is able to go, but needed help with fundraising. I had the funds set aside for two trips this year, but could only go on one. That's a pretty good combination!

So, Curtis will join Dad on a trip to Cluj in early October and my next trip to Cluj will likely be the retreat—otherwise known as the Romanian Christian Family Reunion—next spring. Curtis has the heart of a missionary and I appreciate him and his family deeply.

This will be his third trip to Romania since 2007 and he worked in Costa Rica earlier in 2010. Of course, he does a find work with the local church at Mars Hill.

I ask you to keep Ted and Curtis in your prayers, along with the church in Cluj, Claudiu, and Anca as they prepare for the work. God bless each of us as we labor in our appointed ways!

### SCHEDULE

### Ted and Barbara

- AUGUST 8  
Harding Street, Morrilton, Arkansas
- AUGUST 15  
Hoxie, Arkansas
- AUGUST 18  
Somers Avenue, North Little Rock, Arkansas
- AUGUST 20-25  
Michigan City, Indiana
- AUGUST 27-29  
Oskaloosa, Iowa
- SEPTEMBER 12-15  
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