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Update your prayer list:

- Please remember the brethren in Romania as they stand for the Lord.
- Pray for laborers who are willing to work the harvest in the U.S. and Romania.
- Pray for our United States as we struggle to come together in peace and unity.

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From Ted's Pen

We come near the close of 2018 and I am amazed at how quickly times moves on. We are sending our Evangelistically Speaking for the months of November and December together. The past several weeks have been extremely busy for us. Marty has also been experiencing a heavier-than-usual workload and he is, along with Janes and Wynona Bartlett of Jerusalem, Arkansas, absolutely necessary in putting the paper together and getting it in the mail.

You will notice in the Memorial/Honor section that we have lost a lot of very dear people in the past weeks. Funerals are always difficult, but we have been involved in the loss of several folk whom we have known for many, many years and loved them very much. We have also been running to doctor's offices and those of you who are our age will understand that fully. I am doing well, but My Lady has some problems with her neck and shoulder which causes her some severe pain and you know how things are these days. It takes several tests by the family doctor, then he sends you to a specialist and it takes days to get in at his office, and when they find out what the problem is, it takes several more days to get the problem fixed. MERCY!

We have been blessed to keep all of our work schedule in spite of the funerals and doctor visits. We count our blessings constantly for the opportunities that we have to "Tell the story of Jesus" in so many places. If you are not a preacher/teacher of the gospel, you just cannot imagine the pleasure that comes from sharing the word of God with others. It is hard work to travel as much as we do and to study and prepare to preach, but I wouldn't trade what I do with anyone in the world.

The Lord said to "Go, Preach, Baptize, and teach" and that is what we do. We are blessed that so many of you are involved in our work by praying for us, encouraging us, and supporting us, so that we can do this work. We are always mindful of our responsibility to do all that we can to teach as many as we can while there is yet time to do so.

The Gravel Hill Church of Christ near Dover, Arkansas has been a supporter of our work for 26 years. We love these brethren dearly and it is always a joy to preach there and enjoy their fellowship. We will never forget the day that we visited in the home of Joe and Frances Leavell and that began this long and wonderful relationship. They are both resting now, as are sev-



eral others whom we knew and loved there. Brother Bill Roderick has been the preacher there for many years and we love and appreciate him and sister Rexann, his wife, so much.

It was a joy to preach at the Harrison and Willow congregation on Wednesday night, October 10 on the subject, "There is no substitute for God's people." We were blessed to be with the Mt. Vernon Church of Christ near Clarksville, Arkansas on Sunday, October 21 and then enjoy a great meal with most of the congregation in the home of Sister Vivian Gorton. It was a wonderful day with a great congregation.

On October 28 I spoke twice at the Harding Street congregation in Morrilton, Arkansas. This church is going through a change that they have not made many times. Brother Charles Bane has preached there for almost 40 years in two different tenures and now Brother Mickey Burleson is their preacher.

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Although the preacher has changed, the preaching will not change since both of these brothers share a love of the gospel of Christ and that is what they preach. Our work in November took us to the Lord's church at Plumerville, Arkansas on November 4. We enjoyed being with them very much. Brother and Sister Don Williams, long time gospel preacher and wife, were able to be with us that day. Both of them have been having some serious health problems and it was great to see them. We enjoyed so much being with the Southside Church of Christ at Batesville, Arkansas on Sunday, November 11. These brethren have been supporters of our work for 25 years and we love them dearly.

I preached at the Colony Church of Christ on Sunday, November 18 as I have done on the third Sunday of November for about 25 years as well. They are such a blessing to us. Then, on Sunday, November 25 we were with the church of Christ at Black Oak, Arkansas. I remember attending Sunday afternoon singings at Black Oak with my Dad when I was a young fellow. I have spoken there in many gospel meetings through the years and they have supported our work for a long time as well.

The anticipation of heaven grows sweeter day by day as we lose those whom we love, but they gain the vic-

tory over death and the grave and move on to their rest. In the past few weeks we have lost six brothers and sisters, most of them from the Levy congregation in North Little Rock, our home congregation, as well as other places. Death brings pain, but it also brings joy and victory. We are happy that Stacy Shelton, Don Lawson, Natalie Goss, Peggy Mitchell, Keith Montgomery, and Mark Propps were all faithful Christians and very

active in their work for the Lord.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We want to wish every one of you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful, healthy, and happy new year. This is a beautiful time of the year when we spend some extra time with our families and friends to enjoy great food and fellowship. Let's spend some time in prayer and

thought for the opportunities that God may bless us with in the coming year to share the Good News of Jesus with others. May God bless each of you with good health, happiness, and success in the coming year.

- Ted

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

December 2
Swifton, Arkansas

December 9
Jersualem, Arkansas

December 16
Bellefonte, Arkansas

December 23
Vilonia, Arkansas

December 30
Mars Hill—Vilonia, Arkansas

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A Look Backward

There is a great deal of profit in looking at the past as we plan for the future. There are lessons that can be learned from failures and from successes upon which we may build a more successful future. We are constantly striving to improve in areas where improvement is needed and to strengthen the areas of our work where success has been extended.

The year 2018 was a good year and a productive one in the Master's work. I have never reached the point where I have been satisfied with what has been accomplished and do not expect to ever reach that level. However, I am challenged every day to strive for more successful and fruitful endeavors. With God's help and the prayers and support of so many of you and with diligence on our part in teaching the fresh and sound gospel of Christ, I believe that much more can be done to His glory.

On November 17, we began our 26th year of full-time Evangelism and Mission work throughout the world. I have preached the gospel in 41 States if my memory serves me correctly. When I started this work I believed that there was a great need for the preaching of the gospel in the United States. I believe that even more strongly today. As we have traveled throughout this country working with congregations in areas where the church is very weak and is struggling with all kinds of challenges, we have been brought to our knees time and time again pleading for the Lord's direction and assistance in presenting the message of grace and hope to so many who have never heard. I have been overwhelmed by the spiritual ignorance of the vast majority of our population. We grew up in an area where the church was strong and numbered among the fastest-growing religious bodies in the U.S. We assumed that every area was the same way. There has been a terrific awakening for us. So, we have pressed harder and harder as the years have gone by to seek means and methods of presenting the unchanging message of salvation to as many as possible here in our precious homeland.

One of the most discouraging things about our work is to witness the decline of the church in some areas and to note the "graying" of the church all over the land. I am so thankful for the men and women who have fought the battles of the past and I thrill to look out over an audience and see many gray heads who are maintaining their faithfulness in service to the Lord. However, I often ask myself, "What is going to happen as these beloved brethren pass on?" In many congregations the number of older people is far greater than the number of younger brothers and sisters and in many cases the congregations are decreasing in number rather than increasing because of the loss of so many of our older warriors. This presents us with some tremendous challenges.

Our work in Romania continues to be a blessing to us and we trust that it brings glory to God, although it is in some ways more difficult than it was when we began 24 years ago. The economic crisis is more troubling there than it is here and that produces an atmosphere where it is much more difficult to get the attention of people because they are working so diligently to scrape out a living for their families. But, it is a joy to find a few who are still interested and some who are searching diligently for the truth. Brother Curtis Sawrie just arrived back home after a very good and productive work in Cluj. There are several others including David Gibson, Daren Schroeder, Paul Holland, David Lawrence, Justin Speer, the Swains - Robert, Michal, and Jamie - and others who have worked with us in 2018.

Please remember our preacher and his wife and family, Dragos, Sorina, Ariana, Ruth, and Alesia, and all the local Christians in your prayers.

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