



Training Servants Now – And For The Time To Come

At

Memphis School Of Preaching

June 24-30, 2017

Theme: “Are You Ready?”

What? This is a week of specialized training for young men (ages 13-19) and young ladies (ages 13-19) who want to learn more about becoming better servants for God. There will be some joint chapel services, activities, and devotionals, **but the boys and the girls will be in separate classes during the day**. These daily classes will include faith-building teaching on Christian Evidences, holiness, worship, and moral purity, as well as practical instruction on how to be an effective servant.

Young Men will receive training in such areas as:

- How to lead singing
- Presiding over the distribution of the Lord’s Supper
- Leading public prayer
- Effective public reading of Scripture
- Preparation of sermons and the proclamation of God’s Word in preaching. This instruction will include messages on how to study the Bible, how to develop an outline, how to introduce and conclude a sermon, etc., etc., etc.
- Preparing To Become An Elder In The Lord’s Church
- Preparing To Become A Deacon In The Lord’s Church

Young Ladies will receive training in such areas as:

- Leading other young ladies in singing at a girls' devo, or Ladies Day program, etc.
- Preparing the Lord's Supper (Baking unleavened bread, etc.) for worship
- Leading a prayer in a girls' devotional or at a Ladies Day Program, etc.
- Reading Scripture in a girls' devotional or at a Ladies Day Program, etc.
- How to prepare and deliver a message to a Bible class, or girls devotional, or a woman's class at a lectureship, or Ladies day program.
- The kind of women we need in the Lord's Church

To prepare them in the **work** of the church, we will provide training in the following areas:

- How To Conduct A Home Bible Study
- Some Do's and Don'ts For Making Hospital Visits
- Remembering Widows and Orphans
- How To Comfort Those Who Are Grieving
- Preparing A Church Bulletin/Newsletter
- Computer Training (Making PowerPoint presentations, etc.).
- How To Use The Library For Research

Who?

This special week of training is open to young men (ages 13-19), and young women (ages 13-19) who submit and receive approval of their applications, recommendation forms, and medical release forms. We would love to accommodate every request to attend, but because of limited housing, the logistics of giving proper attention to each student, and finding time for sermons/speeches to be presented, **we will accept applications until we have run out of housing space. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, so do not delay.** Applications and forms must be received and approved by **June 10th, 2017.**

When? *June 24th-30th, 2017*

- Campers **will arrive on Saturday afternoon, June 24th, 2017.** Check-in begins at 3 p.m.
- Upon check-in, students will be assigned roommates. They will also meet the adult supervisor who will be staying with them in the available student apartments located on the campus of MSOP, or they will meet the Christian family in whose home they will be staying during FOUNDATIONS. **Of course, the boys and girls will be staying in separate buildings/homes, and will be under adult supervision in these dwellings.**
- After a period of orientation, there will be a cookout for the campers on Saturday at approximately 4:30-5 p.m., followed by games and mixers.
- An evening devotional will conclude Saturday's activities and the campers will go to their respective apartments/homes to retire for the evening.
- All campers will attend at Forest Hill church of Christ for Sunday services.
- The camp will continue through Friday evening, and will officially close with a banquet. Campers will leave after the banquet. Those with great distances to travel may request approval to stay Friday evening, but must provide supervision of their children, and must check out by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Daytime Activities

Activities for Monday-Friday will be as follows:

- **Breakfast** will be served Monday-Friday at 7:30 a.m. in the break room at MSOP, or in the homes where campers are staying.

- **Chapel** will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday in the chapel at MSOP.
- **Morning Classes** will be from 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday-Friday, with breaks scheduled in between classes.
- **Lunch** will be served at noon on the campus each day, Monday-Friday.
- **Following lunch** (Monday-Thursday) there will be additional classes and group time for students to work together on their projects.
- From **2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** (Monday-Thursday) there will be free time.
- At the end of the week, the male **students will deliver the sermons** they have worked on all week. The girls will also deliver a short devotional to a girls only group.

Evening Activities: Special combined activities are planned for the evenings.

- **Two** evenings will be reserved for periods of recreation. These activities include such things as going to a professional Minor League baseball game, Putt-Putt golf, Go-Karts, bowling, etc. For both activities, we will **leave the parking lot at 5:15 p.m.**
- **One** evening, the students will visit an area congregation for an evening meal and a devotional. Students must be **ready to leave by 5:15 p.m.**
- **Wednesday** evening, the students will visit either Forest Hill church of Christ, or an area congregation for an evening meal and Wednesday night Bible study. Students must be **ready to leave by 5:15 p.m.**
- **Friday** evening, **the banquet will be at 6:00 p.m.** It will take place at the Forest Hill church of Christ building/MSOP facilities.

Cost?

The camp is free. In the early days of FOUNDATIONS, area congregations took turns providing the daily meals. However, the camp has grown to a number that is larger than what some of our area congregations can afford. Brother Tony DeBerry, a graduate of MSOP, and a professional caterer for many years, has offered us a very generous discount rate to cater the meals. Some generous congregations and brethren in the Memphis area, and the brotherhood, have contributed to cover some of the costs of these meals. **However, as the camp grows, the food costs have grown also.** **If you would like to contribute voluntarily to help offset some of these costs, please make your check out to Memphis School of Preaching and put FOUNDATIONS in the memo line.** Your child may attend FOUNDATIONS even if you do not, or cannot, contribute. As noted above, the housing is free. The students will stay in designated apartments on the MSOP campus, (some of which are unoccupied during the summer break), or they will stay in the homes of Christians in the area.

You will need some spending money for the recreational activities mentioned above.

Dress Code?

For boys, nice slacks and a dress shirt (polo shirts are acceptable) are required for chapel and for daytime instruction (NO JEANS). **For girls**, dress slacks and a modest shirt, with sleeves, are required for chapel and daytime classes (NO JEANS). **For the guys**, a coat and tie will be required for certain evening activities. **For the girls**, a modest dress (no shorter than knee length) will be required for certain evening activities. Note that these dresses must not be too tight, or too revealing.

You should also bring clothes appropriate for recreational activities (playing basketball, Putt-Putt golf, bowling, field events, baseball game, etc.). T-shirts and sport pants are acceptable, but must not be too tight, too revealing, or imprinted with improper language or advertisements. Capri pants are acceptable for recreational wear. To avoid the need for constant policing concerning the length of shorts, the only shorts that may be worn during recreational activities are shorts that **cover the knees**.

Things To Bring: You will need to bring the following items:

- A Bible
- A Notebook and pen for taking notes
- A sleeping bag or bedding
- Pillow
- Towels and wash cloths
- All needed personal medications
- Personal toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)
- Dress Clothes for Chapel, daytime classes, and certain evening activities. For boys, a coat and tie are required for Sunday services, Wednesday evening, and Friday night for the banquet. For girls, a dress is required for Sunday services, Wednesday evening and Friday night for the banquet. **These clothes must meet the dress code explained above.**
- Recreational clothes for afternoon free time and evening recreational events. **These clothes must meet the dress code explained above.**
- Spending money for recreational events

Staff

The students who attend this camp will benefit from the instruction of many outstanding faculty members of MSOP. These men possess multiplied years of experience, both in local work, and in the classroom. Additionally, good and godly brethren from other faithful congregations will assist in certain classes, devotionals, and training sessions. We are also grateful this year for the godly women, who will be working with, and teaching, our girl campers.

Free Books/Materials

When possible, we provide our campers with free books, handouts, and other materials. Our speakers, and other generous brethren contribute these materials.

