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Dear brethren,

We all are truly engaged in the greatest work on earth, and that is, the saving of our own souls, plus the souls of others (1 Tim. 4:16). First century Christians did not say "Look what the world is coming to," but rather, "Look what has come into the world!" They preached the gospel to every creature under heaven (Col. 1:23). Since its beginning in 1966, the urgent mission of the Memphis School of Preaching has been to educate able and faithful "men of the Book" (2 Tim. 2:2) to help carry the same primitive, pure gospel to the whole world.

The School, part of Forest Hill Church of Christ's teaching program, serves under the oversight of the Forest Hill eldership. The congregation puts more than \$500,000 yearly into the School's operation; however, no one congregation is able to absorb all of the cost required to operate such a school. Therefore, numerous congregations and individuals assist Forest Hill in this good work.

The elders of Forest Hill proceeded with plans to build four buildings (thirty-two three-bedroom apartments) on our own property, thereby saving the \$276,000 that we had been spending per year for rent for student housing. Through the providence of God, and the generosity of our brethren, we have paid the \$3,500,000 debt down to \$300,000!

Very inspiring to us are Nehemiah 4:6, "So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto half the height thereof: for the people had a mind to work," and 6:15, "So the wall was finished ... in fifty and two days." There was victory, to the glory of the Lord!

Brethren, we come with a goal and a challenge. Let us wipe out this remaining debt by the close of 2008. Many who read this have given once and again to help us; others of our friends have not given as yet. Our humble plea to individuals and to congregations is this: Will you consider a one-time individual contribution of \$1,000 and/or a one-time congregational contribution of \$2,000 to the Memphis School of Preaching, as a vital part of eliminating our \$300,000 debt on student housing? Remember your gift is tax deductible. How great for these future preachers (and for you who pray for and help them) for the elders to be able to burn this note by year's end – what cause for rejoicing!

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our earnest plea; your generous gift will be a Godsend to generations and to aspiring gospel preachers even yet unborn. Please pray for us, and if possible, please send a contribution so that you and we, together, may make these student apartments debt-free.

Also, please read short letters from two of our students (one married, and the other single), and the outstanding letter by brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr., great gospel preacher and great friend of MSOP.

In Christian love,

Garland Elkins
Dean of Public Relations



Curtis A. Cates
Director Emeritus





New Residence Apartments



A Walk From "School" To "Home"



Two Of The Four Residence Apartments



Classroom



NBH Library



MSOP Lobby



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Dear Brethren,

Christ spent much time in His personal ministry training disciples and apostles to preach His gospel. Paul spent a major portion of his life in preaching and training men to preach after he left earthly scenes. 2 Timothy 2:2 and 4:2 so attest.

Brother Roy J. Hearn did the same as his great life's work. Brethren Curtis A. Cates, former Director, Bobby Liddell, current Director, and the MSOP faculty are doing the same under the excellent oversight of the Forest Hill eldership.

This good and great School has had my total endorsement since it began in 1966. It still does for it stands now where it has stood for forty-two years. Men are trained to be loyal to the Lord and to preach with faithfulness and fervency the same gospel Christ preached and that Paul declared. MSOP graduates are dedicated men of the Good Book.

Between now and the end of 2008 the School is trying to retire what is owed on Student Housing – some \$300,000. When done, this will greatly reduce the expenditure for each student and his family. Then there will be only maintenance costs for each apartment.

These beautiful and well-built apartments are on the School grounds and thus each student is just a short walk to the school building. Living in such proximity the students and families bond even more than when they lived in different locations in Memphis.

As congregations and individuals let us pray and lend helping hands of generosity for this debt retirement. The Ripley congregation has helped since 1975 on a monthly basis. So have my wife and I. We hope you will pray about this and then give generously. May God bless you for so doing.

In Christian love,

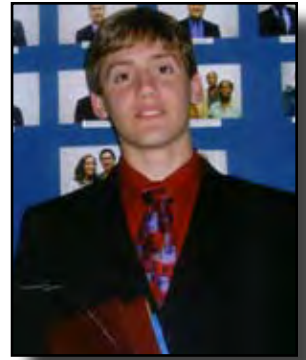
Robert R. Taylor, Jr.



Dear supporters of the Memphis School of Preaching,

As a first year student of this school and as a recipient of the intense study of the Bible gained at this facility, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the newly built apartment complex we have on campus. Before I had even enrolled in this school, the mere thought of having apartments so close to the school building and library was a dream too good to be true, but now that I am currently living in those dreams the finish line that marks the last step to completion is in view. It is a wonderful opportunity to be a student of the Memphis School of Preaching during a time when the rest of the student body is living together and around me, and when close fellowship and interaction with friends and Christian family is just a door away, or down a hall. I am certain that many of the close friendships that I have attained through my short stay in Memphis would not be as strong as they are currently if I did not live in the apartments here at school. Sometimes I find myself quoting, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). Let us all continue through prayer and support to help finish the wonderful work that has been started, so that future students like me can be blessed with the opportunity of staying in these beneficial apartments.

In Christian Love, John Manning, Student, Rochester, New York



Dear Brethren,

My family and I would like to thank all who have contributed financially to the building of the student housing at MSOP. Our hope is for you to receive a glimpse of how this project has benefited my family and me and will continue to benefit future students and families who attend the school.

There are not words adequate to express the appreciation we have of living in our own little Christian community, free of the worldly filth that plagues many apartment complexes today (i.e. drug, alcohol, and tobacco use, loud and vulgar music/language, domestic disturbances, and loud parties). Knowing that our children would not be subjected to such nuisances eased our minds greatly when preparing for our move to Memphis. There are not many opportunities where we would be able to live among only Christians! Being a family of four (which includes two teenage daughters), space was a concern for us. We needed adequate space where the girls would feel comfortable and have a space of their own and also that would provide some sense of privacy for me to study. The spaciousness of the apartment has provided that for us. The apartments are quaint enough where we can come together for family time and also large enough where we can separate for quiet, private moments.

The location and convenience of the apartments in relation to the school is also greatly appreciated. I am able to walk to and from school (which with the high cost of gas is a blessing in and of itself), and after school hours continually, I have ready access to the resources available at the school and the library. The quick accessibility to home is another plus. I know that if an emergency arises, I am able to get to my family quickly. This also eased our minds when preparing our move to Memphis.

Knowing that my family is in a safe environment allows me to focus on my studies without distraction. Again, thank you for your support. My family and I are eternally grateful for your kind hearts.

In Christian love, Gary Curry, Student (April, Shatequa and Aliyah), Enterprise, Alabama



Four beautiful new apartment buildings, on the fifteen acre campus of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, now house MSOP students and their families. In each building, there are eight apartments, for a total of thirty-two apartments. Each apartment has three bedrooms (for a total of ninety-six bedrooms), two baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, patio or deck, and a storage room. Having student housing on campus is not only good stewardship, but it also provides safety and greater opportunities for fellowship, as well as ready access to the N. B. Hardeman Library and school facilities.



Leonard Watson, Harold Mangrum, Floyd Hayes, Tony Callahan, and Jim Crowe

The elders of the Forest Hill Church of Christ oversee the Memphis School of Preaching, a work of the Forest Hill congregation, supported by faithful brothers and sisters, and congregations of the Lord's people across the brotherhood.



"Thank you for investing your time in reading these stirring

letters about this pressing need. We hope you will invest in the future of the Lord's church by sending your contribution today!"

Bobby Liddell
Director,
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