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## Student Housing Report And Appeal

As the student apartments are nearing completion, it is a good time to say, "Thank you!" to every supporter of this work, and to give an update on the progress of the fund-raising for the apartments.

The total cost for all the apartment complex is approximately \$3,400,000.00. Through the Lord's blessings, hard work of many brethren, and the generosity of brethren, approximately \$1,900,000.00 has been raised toward the total cost. This is no small amount, and it is genuinely appreciated. However, as one can see, there still remains a need of some \$1,500,000.00.

The Forest Hill congregation has given liberally to this worthy work. Although the good Forest Hill elders oversee this work, the work of the Memphis School of Preaching is in many ways a brotherhood work! One reason the name "Memphis School of Preaching" originally was chosen, was to give honor, not to just one congregation, but to the many congregations and brethren who are involved in its work.

Now is the time for additional efforts to be made for the raising of the final \$1.5 million. There are many alumni of MSOP who can help greatly in the raising of these needed funds. Congregations can assist, either by one-time contributions, or by placing MSOP in their monthly budget for \$500.00, \$300.00 or \$100.00 a month, for a year, or more. This would be of great help in defraying the cost.

Right now, at least when the students move into the apartments, the monies they pay will actually go toward the cost of paying off the loan for the construction, and will not be just "thrown out the window," in rent paid. When the loan is completely paid off, the cost for the students will not be as great, as they will be charged only for their utilities and a small maintenance fee.

When Nehemiah informed his brethren of the need for rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, the Word of God states, "And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work" (Neh. 4:18). Let us follow their good example, and rise up to support this good work.

Brethren, thanks so much for the contributions that have already been given. As the apartments are now a reality, your support and prayers for this work are still greatly needed and very much appreciated.

**Billy Bland**

## Twenty-nine Gospel Preachers Graduate From MSOP

Two years ago, these faithful men began a journey, the first leg of which will end on June 17, 2007, when they graduate from the Memphis School of Preaching. Graduation is an exciting time, filled with bittersweet emotions. Happiness comes from the successful accomplishment of a difficult task, the eager anticipation of opportunities to come, and the recognition of growth in knowledge and ability. Sadness comes from the separation of dear, dear brothers with whom eternal bonds have been made.

Graduating from MSOP is not an easy thing to do. Because of the School's admission requirements, some are not allowed to enter the rigorous course of study. Of those admitted, not all are able, and some are not allowed, to finish.

Those who do finish the course have invested almost 6,000 hours in study. They have investigated the Scriptures in depth, book by book, and verse by verse. They have memorized about fifteen hundred Bible verses, and have written dozens of papers and sermons. Men who graduate have received the equivalent of four to five years of college level instruction--compressed into two years, and have passed each course.

Graduates of MSOP have made difficult choices, leaving family and friends, giving up jobs, moving from home, living on less, and expending most of their days and nights in study. Their wives and children have contributed greatly in allowing husbands and fathers to take the time necessary to do their work. In addition, student wives have also completed a course of study, designed specifically for them, and receive their diplomas as well.

Why would anyone undergo such an intensive, demanding education? The answer is simple. These are men who have made a decision to spend the rest of their lives preaching the gospel of Christ, and they have recognized the need to be prepared, in the very best possible way, to do their best for our Lord. The Savior certainly deserves the most supreme efforts and greatest abilities we can offer, along with the highest of character and conduct.

These are special men, indeed. They deserve our support, our prayers, and our gratitude. Through their efforts, multiplied thousands will hear the good news of a loving Savior who died for them. Their knowledge, wisdom, and zeal will help congregations to begin, and established churches to grow. Their encouragement will produce Christians, and help them to grow to become elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, and more gospel preachers.

We are happy to commend these twenty-nine men to you. Congratulations to them on a job well done! Our prayers are that God's richest blessings may be theirs.

**Bobby Liddell**

### INFORMATION ABOUT

#### MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

- Intensive, Two-year Collegiate Program Of Strong Bible Emphasis
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## David Sain To Address Graduates

On Sunday, June 17, David Sain, faithful, dedicated evangelist, will address the graduating class of 2007. Brother Sain preached his first sermon on November 10, 1952, and has preached for 28 years on weekly TV, and for 42 years on weekly and daily radio. He now preaches for the West Fayetteville church and is Manager of Operations for The International Gospel Hour.

Brother Sain will speak at 9:30 and 10:30 A.M. The activities of the day include a reception in honor of the graduates and their families from 2:00 until 3:00 Sunday afternoon, in addition to the evening service at 6:00 until 7:00 P.M., with graduation following dismissal from the evening service.

Our appreciation and congratulations are expressed to the graduates and to their families, as well as to those congregations and individuals who made their education as gospel preachers possible. We thank the graduates for their diligent application to studying in the School and pray for their success in their work as faithful servants in the Lord's vineyard.

## ALMOST FIFTY STUDENTS ENROLLED SO FAR

As of the middle of May (when this is being written), nearly fifty students are enrolled for the 2007-2008 school year. We expect others to be admitted before the Fall Quarter which begins August 20, as well as even more who will begin their studies in January.

In addition to these preacher students, classes for the student wives, and the third-year program add another forty, or fifty (or more) students. Thus, the Memphis School of Preaching is actually teaching around a hundred students, or more.

The intensive, collegiate level program of MSOP requires preacher students to be in class six hours a day and to study six hours at night. Because of this workload, students are not allowed to hold secular jobs while at MSOP. Therefore, they depend upon the financial support of their brethren, both individuals and churches, for their living expenses while here.

MSOP does not charge tuition, nor are there any fees; however, students still have to have shelter, food, clothing, transportation, and insurance, and buy their books, and so on. The Forest Hill congregation provides more than \$500,000 per year for faculty, staff, facilities, equipment, and such related expenses.

How do we help students receive support? We rely upon scholarships and the continuing financial support of generous, compassionate brethren to take care of the basic living expenses of our preacher students.

### YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED

Sadly, sometimes these men, who have left homes, jobs, and financial security, in order to dedicate their lives to preaching the gospel, are in real, even desperate, need. Some have to do without the most basic needs because they do not have the money to pay for them--yet, they do not quit. Just this week, a student came to me lamenting the fact that he might have to drop out of school because of lack of support. He has been living on around \$300 a month for almost a year. We have been helping, as we can, but he must have more support. Especially is this lack of support troubling when wives and children are in need.

Are these faithful, dedicated men not worthy of our support? Since they have given so much, can we not help them by sharing the load? What can we do?

Send your support for these deserving preacher students to MSOP. One time contributions help, and monthly support is needed. If we all do what we can, we can help these men prepare themselves for a lifetime of faithful service to God.

Thanks, in advance, for your generous help!

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## Memphis School Of Preaching Graduating Class Of 2007

Graduate	Home	Going To
Roger A. Agustin	Philippines	Teach at Metro Manila School
Loyd Olin Barry	Salinas, CA	Undecided
Andy Jason Brewer	Martin, TN	Pleasant View, TN
*Stephen Casey Clement	Sheridan, AR	Whitehall, AR
Donald Christopher Clevenger	Centre, AL	Collinsville, AL
Randall Marshall Evans	Ballwin, MO	Cadiz, KY
*Cameron C. Freeman	Nashville, TN	Holt Street, Montgomery, AL
Nathan Eugene Hale	Tupelo, MS	Wartburg, TN
Timothy Lloyd Hayes	Pantego, NC	Logan Martin, Pell City, AL
Chance Lamar Hicks	Floral, AL	Undecided
Richard L. Jackson	Elk City, OK	Undecided
Gregory Daniel Lowery	Fayette, AL	Undecided
Joshua Paul Manning	Hamlin, NY	ETSU, Johnson City, TN
Joshua Aaron McCrary	Memphis, TN	2nd Street, Belmont, MS
James Bradley McNutt	Tupelo, MS	Undecided
Steven Ray Morris	Blue Ridge, GA	Undecided
Matthew James Orphanides	Massillon, OH	Marion, AR
Edward Morris Owens	Valdosta, GA	Undecided
Neal Jason Pace	Klamath Falls, OR	Nile Street, Klamath, Falls OR
James Justin Paschall	Martin, TN	Canal Heights, Demopolis, AL
Coty Wade Powers	Lynn, AR	Broadway, Marked Tree, AR
Wade Michael Purdom	Fayetteville, AR	Wuhan, China
John David Rose	Maynard, AR	Nile Street, Klamath Falls, OR
Wayne Sanders	Cordova, TN	Undecided
George W. Shannon III	Henderson, TN	Milledgeville, TN
Jeffrey D. Stacy	Fairhope, AL	10th and Rockford, Tulsa, OK
Bradley Wayne Tate	Saltillo, MS	Rockwood, TN
David M. Williams	Memphis, TN	Horn Lake Levi, Memphis TN
Jonathan L. Winchester	Valdosta, GA	Forrest Park, Valdosta, GA

\* Completes Work in January

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Thanks to Joey Davis and Tony Lawrence for their help!

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Already, we have accepted a large number of quality students, and we hope you will be among the graduating class of 2009! There is still room, and time to complete the admission process--but hurry. Call, or write, today!

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