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## From The Director JOHN MARTIN, 1986 **ALUMNUS, PASSES**

The readers of the Yokefellow will remember the mention in Cotober, 2003, that brother Willie John Martin was fighting a serious bout with cancer. Countless ones of you generously responded with letters, cards, and prayers for this dear preacher of the Word. His daughter, Christine Martin Bass, wrote me on January 18, 2004, stating that her dad was "slowly slipping away...only a few days to live." She wanted me "to do something that he so desperately wanted to do before he passed away...to tell everyone how much he appreciated all the cards, telephone calls, prayers, and donations. Thank you so much for taking the time to care." Brother John's spirit slipped away to God not long after Christine wrote these words. He was age fifty-eight.

Brother Martin was an outstanding man. He loved the truth deeply, and he was a diligent student of the Word. He had a most beautiful spirit about him. He made a profound impression upon all with whom he came in contact, especially with his humble, sincere heart of love and compassion. And yet, he had the courage of his convictions. He loved the MSOP, and we dearly loved him. One of his follow students and friends Anthony Hixson (splendid, faithful preacher of LaGrange, Georgia) preached his funeral.

Sister Christine wrote, "I would like to thank you sincerely from my heart for everything, especially all of the encouraging words. I am his only child, and this has been particularly hard for me. Please know that your kindness will never be forgotten. Love."

Our sincere sympathy and love are expressed to sister Bass, to her husband Preston, and to others of the family. If you wish to write, their address is 4706 White Water Lane, Crestview, FL 32359. Precious to us are the memories of this special gospel preacher; we were blessed by his love and association. Curtis A. Cates

#### **KEITH A. MOSHER, SR. APPRECIATION DINNER**

Each year, it is our privilege to give honor to one to whom honor is due. This year, we are happy to express our appreciation for Keith A. Mosher, Sr., for his many years of faithful service to the Lord. He, and Dorothy, have contributed tremendously to the advancement of the Cause of Christ, and the work of the School.

Thus, we are happy to honor him with an Appreciation Dinner on Monday, March 29 at 4:15 P.M. We are expecting a large crowd; thus, to assure your place, please call the School office and order your tickets early. Cost for the catered meal is only \$7.00 per person.



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**VILE PICTURES - EVIL MOVIES - SALACIOUS READING MATTER - DANCE HALLS** 

**T** n our time, all sorts of immorality flourish without rebuke. In I multiplied ways, there are opportunities for doing evil with the endorsement of much of society. We are paying (and shall pay more in the future) a heavy penalty for our sins (Prov. 14:34; Hosea 8:7). On the whole, our material and intellectual advance has, by far, outrun our moral and spiritual progress; at present our chief need is to catch up spiritually. This is true of individuals, the home, the church, and the nation. Even though great gains have been won in the past, yet moral progress wavers, and not all that is won is retained. No sooner do we overcome one sin than Satan seeks insidiously to begin another, and that formed unnoticed by us. We must therefore ever be alert to Satan's tactics (II Cor. 2:11).

Some evil men and women make their living by tempting others to sin. The allurements which they set before the young constitute one of the greatest dangers to the existence of both the home, the church, and society. Such people are leading to a serious spiritual and moral degeneration, and they doubtless are among the worst sinners of our time. They follow in the very acts which have caused the downfall of both individuals and entire civilizations (Jude 7; Rom. 1:18-32). They cause millions to sin through gambling, brothels, drugs, vile pictures ("peep shows"), evil movies, salacious reading matter, dance halls, and liquor stores and cocktail bars.

All the way from Washington down to local communities, there are those who not only make it easy to sin, but actually encourage and urge the committing of sin. Through his avenues, Satan is deliberately undermining the spiritual and moral welfare of the home, the church and society. All of our spiritual and moral progress has been purchased at a heavy cost. One of the greatest problems we have is how to exterminate the sins which live at the expense of the moral and spiritual deterioration and utter ruin of their victims. Surely, all sensible people must realize that there are forces at work in our society, which, if left unchecked, will destroy multitudes of souls in hell. If you really are concerned about such dives, then do everything that is right and proper to help us to eliminate such moral and spiritual cancer from our midst that we may enjoy a respectable community and nation (Prov. 14:34).

Garland Elkins

Yokefellow



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The MSOP students' wives will provide classes and childcare, for children 5 and younger, from 9 to 11:50 A.M. and 1 to 4 P.M Monday through Thursday. Ladies of the Forest Hill congregation will provide classes from 7 to 9 each evening.

We want to make the time edifying and educational, and to insure safety, comfort, and quality of classroom time.

All parents must register their children and complete an Information Sheet.

All adults must show a photo id when picking up children. Parents may designate another, with proper id, to pick up their children, but no one under 18 will be allowed to pick up children.

Please bring a well-stocked diaper bag for infants and toddlers including formula/milk, spill-proof cups, diapers, wipes, extra clothing, snacks, and a special toy or book. Toddlers and older should bring a mat and blanket. Please label all items with the child's name.

#### **ALUMNI/FRIENDS DINNER TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

One of the highlights of the lectureship is the Alumni/ Friends Dinner. It is a great time of renewing acquaintances, and catching up on news and projects. The naming of the "Alumnus of the Year" is always a highlight! Plan to be present at 4:15 P.M. Cost of the catered meal is only \$7.00 per person.

#### DISPLAY AREA & R.V. HOOKUPS **BY RESERVATION**

Those planning to have displays at the lectureship must reserve their spaces. Call Kathy Jones in the Bookstore, at (901) 751-9964 to reserve display space. All displays must be approved and reserved in advance.

To reserve **R.V. hookup space**, call the School office (901) 751-2242. Call early as spaces are limited.

#### LOCAL MOTELS

#### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THEM

AT THE NUMBERS LISTED. Ask for Memphis School of Preaching Rates. Cut off date is March 18th.

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Comfort Inn & Suites--7787 Wolf River Blvd. (901) 757-7800. King room, 55.00 plus tax; Doubles, \$59.00 plus tax; Suites, \$65.00 plus tax.

#### THE GOSPEL JOURNAL DINNER

You will want to be present at 4:15 P.M., Wednesday, March 31, to learn more about this sound, 36 page, monthly publication now in its fifth year. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

#### **ELEVENTH ANNUAL FOREST HILL YOUTH DAY**

Saturday, March 27, 2004 Forest Hill Church of Christ "WHY IS SIN SO SERIOUS?"

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	Singing
10:00-10:45	"JosephWho Resisted Sin"
	Zach Cox, Swartz Creek, MI
10:45-11:30	"SamsonWho Was Overwhelmed By
	Sin"
	Bobby O'Dell, Greenfield, TN
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Singing
1:00-1:45	"Saul Of TarsusWho Overcame Sin"
	Brandon Britton, Pulaski, TN
1:45-2:30	"Jesus ChristThe Remedy For Sin"
	Mark Reynolds, Muncie, IN
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NOTE: There will be classes and activities for pre-school children daily, and also for the WATER/ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS PROVIDED evening Lectures.

Sin Is Man's Greatest Problem; Salvation Is Man's Greatest Need



Robert R. Taylor, Jr.