

# Memphis School Of Preaching



***An Intensified Collegiate Program Of Preacher Education  
Conducted By The  
Forest Hill Church of Christ***



# IS YOUR DESIRE TO PREACH?

Do you want to help men to come to know salvation in Christ? Does the ability to help a local church to grow fulfill the dream you have? Or, are you interested in taking the gospel to the millions abroad?

Within two years, at MSOP, you can reach these goals, and be confidently, effectively preaching the Word.

If you are looking for a school where you will be taught the Bible, and how to preach it, in a proven program of preacher training, the Memphis School of Preaching is for you. The School continues to set the pace in training sound, competent preachers of the gospel, emphasizing the same quality education and training that have inspired the trust of brethren since the School's establishment.

If you seek to learn at the feet of men who love the truth, who have spent decades in Bible study, and in preaching with great effectiveness; if you want to grow in knowledge of the inspired, inerrant Word of God and in ability to proclaim it, Memphis School of Preaching is the place for you!

*Bobby Liddell, Director*

## The Forest Hill Church of Christ



Realizing the need for faithful and able men to preach the Word (2 Tim. 4:2), and taking seriously the charge to train such men (2 Tim. 2:2), MSOP has been an integral part of the congregation's work for over 40 years.

As a graduate of MSOP, and as the pulpit minister of the Forest Hill congregation, I know how important a church family is. At Forest Hill, you will indeed find a home away from home. I did! Why not come and visit the school soon? While you are here we invite you to worship with us. We look forward to meeting you and your family.

In His service,  
Barry M. Grider



### ELDERS OF THE FOREST HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Keith McAlister, Harold Mangrum, Jim Crowe,  
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# MSOP FACULTY



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## THE N. B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY AT MSOP

An institution's library encourages individual research and growth, enriches and supports the school's curriculum, stimulates growth in the knowledge of facts and in the appreciation and inculcation of Biblical doctrine and ethics, enlightens one further in the work of a gospel preacher, and familiarizes him with the literary tools needed for individual research, and the techniques of utilizing those tools.



**Annette Cates**  
Librarian

*"In my judgment, there is no finer or more needed work being done than what the Memphis School of Preaching is seeking to accomplish. The Bible is the heart and core of the excellent teaching received by those fortunate enough to be in attendance. Men trained in the Memphis School of Preaching will enter the firing lines for our spiritual Commander-in-Chief armed with the power and might of kingly truth. They are trained by a godly, dedicated and well-prepared faculty to hate every false way and to stand unflinchingly for the towering truths of Biblical Christianity. The Memphis School of Preaching stands tall and eminently qualified as an excellent model to similar schools springing up throughout the brotherhood. The men in the faculty possess names, which are synonymous with soundness and equal with earnestness in the Lord's work. There has been but little turnover in the faculty and this exhibits a remarkable stability many such schools do not enjoy. I commend the school without the first reservation."*

*Robert R. Taylor, Jr.*

# Q & A

## Your Questions Answered

### **What kind of man should attend MSOP?**

A faithful man with a burning desire to preach the Word should attend MSOP! Paul instructed Timothy: "And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). He then charged him to "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2). If you are ready to apply yourself to learn all you can, and to put all you learn into practice, because you want more than anything to preach the Gospel of Christ, you are ready to attend MSOP. Lazy men need not apply. We need preachers who will: "watch...in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, (and) make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Tim. 4:5).

### **How do I become a student at MSOP?**

First, read carefully the information in this booklet to see if you have what it takes to be an MSOP'er. Second, submit an application ([www.msop.org](http://www.msop.org)), being sure to provide all requested information. Third, we will review your application, and send out reference sheets to those whose names you have provided. Fourth, we will, upon receipt of the reference sheets, contact you to let you know if you have been accepted. This process can take as little as a week or two, depending upon the return of the reference sheets.

### **How long does it take to graduate?**

You can receive the equivalent of four years (or more) of college level instruction in only two years at MSOP. Actually, if you entered as a full-time student in August, you could graduate in June, only twenty-two months later. Thus, you can be laboring for the Lord two years earlier than if you attended a four-year college.

### **Will my studies earn me a degree?**

The emphasis of MSOP is to impart Bible knowledge and practical training in what it takes to be a preacher. We grant a diploma upon graduation, but we have not sought accreditation

in order to grant a degree. Many institutions will accept hours taken at MSOP toward their degree programs, and many graduates continue their education, obtaining a degree.

### **What are the age limits for students?**

You should be old enough to have the maturity needed to handle the challenges before you as a student and preacher. Students just out of high school, those who have reached retirement age, and those of all ages in between have come. If you want to spend the rest of your life preaching the Gospel, NOW is the time to begin.

### **Where will I live?**

Student housing consisting of four beautiful apartment buildings, each with eight spacious apartments, stands on the campus of the Forest Hill Church of Christ. Each of the thirty-two apartments has three bedrooms, two baths, living room, kitchen, dining room, laundry room, storage room, and either a balcony or a patio. There are good schools nearby for your children.

### **What will I study?**

You will study the Bible from Genesis through Revelation, along with related subjects such as Bible Geography, Archaeology, Greek, English, Logic, Debate, doctrinal courses, Church History, and courses designed to instruct you in every aspect of what it takes to be a Gospel preacher. When you graduate from MSOP, you will be ready to preach the Gospel!

### **Will I have an opportunity to preach while at MSOP?**

There are more calls for preachers who can fill in occasionally, work with a church as a second man, or preach regularly, than we have students. If you want to preach on a regular basis, while at MSOP, you can. While we do not allow students to be employed in a secular job (because of time demands), we encourage students to gain the practical experience of preaching every opportunity they have.

### **Will I be able to find a place to preach when I graduate?**

MSOP Graduates are known as "men of the Book" because of their distinctive preaching. Each year, churches contact us wanting MSOP graduates as preachers, and most of our graduates find a place to preach long before they graduate. We do not act as a placement service, and we do not

guarantee a place to preach, but since the School began, our graduates have found congregations with which to work. We believe this will continue to be the case.

### **Are there classes for wives?**

Yes! Realizing the need for wives to grow spiritually with their husbands, and the need for the preacher's wife to be equipped for her role, we have classes for student wives. Wives' Classes meet on Monday nights, and provide instruction in the Bible, practical aspects of teaching others, and in being a preacher's wife. The wives receive diplomas from their curriculum, also.

### **How is MSOP supported?**

Memphis School of Preaching is a work of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, under the oversight of the Forest Hill eldership, and is supported by Forest Hill, which contributes about \$500,000 per year to its operational expenses. Other churches and brethren also contribute in order to provide training for men who want to be effective preachers of the Gospel. MSOP does not receive government financing, nor is it supported by charging tuition and fees.

### **How much are tuition and fees?**

There is no charge for tuition and no fees to pay! While tuition often runs into the tens of thousands of dollars in many private and public schools, there is no tuition cost at MSOP. There are also no fees. Your education will be provided FREE of charge!

You will not have to worry about student loans, and big debts when you graduate. Brethren are willing to give \$50,000 (approximate average cost for living expenses and operation expenses) for you to attend MSOP to prepare yourself to be a faithful preacher of the Gospel. Thus, a student at MSOP does not have to go tens of thousands of dollars in debt, or spend four (or more) years to obtain LESS training than he can receive in two years at MSOP.

### **Is financial help available?**

Yes! Through contributions and scholarships, help for living expenses, is readily available.

Both congregations and individuals are willing to help, providing the living expenses for faithful men who desire to train to be faithful gospel preachers.

### **How much support do I need?**

Your needs will depend on your marital status, family size, etc. The Memphis area has a moderate cost of living, comparable to other urban areas of this size. See the catalog for more information.

### **How do I raise support?**

Some mistakenly see raising support as the biggest obstacle to coming to MSOP, but really it is not. Once you commit to coming, you will find raising support just requires persistent, prayerful effort. Start with the congregation where you are and request their help. Make appointments with churches nearby and meet with their leaders face to face. You will find most brethren are receptive and will help if they possibly can. There are probably a number of congregations and individuals that you know who would be more than happy to help support you while you prepare yourself to preach.

We will be glad to help by sending letters to those whom you have contacted, putting you in contact with those who may help, or to direct student support your way.

Following are some time-proven steps to take in raising support.

1. *Make a budget.* Use a very sharp pencil. Include necessities: contribution, rent, utilities, auto expenses, food, clothing, insurance, etc. Have your budget ready to show to those whose support you seek.

2. *Make a list.* List all the preachers, elders, churches, brethren, family, and friends with whom you have had contact in the past. Ask the preacher to help you with contacts he has (he should have dozens). Ask the elders and brethren to help with contacts. Be persistent. Before you know it, you will have a number of potential supporters.

3. *Make appointments.* If you send out one hundred letters, you will hear from a couple, and one of them will say, "No." However, if you make appointments to sit down face to face to express your determination to preach, and to ask for support, you will find two out of three will respond positively. Do not be afraid or ashamed to ask for what you need in order to prepare yourself to preach. Point out MSOP charges no tuition or fees and that in only two years, you will receive the equivalent of more than four years of college level instruction absolutely free, and you will be

ready to go forth and preach. Remember, traveling a couple hundred miles, to meet with potential supporters will be worth it, even if it turns out they can give only \$50.00 per month (24 months X \$50 = \$1,200).

4. *Make a promise.* Promise yourself and God you will not give up in your quest to preach. He will be with you. Pray for His help, and He will provide.

5. *Make us a part of your efforts.* Keep us informed. We will be happy to supply you with contacts, to direct support your way (if it is available), to write or call on your behalf, and to encourage you.

Additionally, some students sell property, use savings accounts, mortgage holdings or borrow money to supplement their support. Some of the wives work, while other men receive help from relatives and friends. Also, while we cannot guarantee such appointments, the School receives frequent calls for preacher students to fill appointments, and many of the students preach one or more times a month, some regularly.

Remember, you can do it! With God's help, you can be a student at MSOP, and become a preacher of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Is MSOP approved for Veteran's assistance?**

MSOP has been approved for benefits for veterans, war orphans and other eligible persons. Veterans who qualify should apply directly to the Veterans Administration in their home state and send the certificate of Eligibility to the school when received, or present it upon registration.

### **"Can you afford not to attend MSOP?"**

If you are seriously interested in preparing yourself as a "man of the book," MSOP is the place for you. As you can see, you can afford to attend. The question is, "Can You Afford Not To Attend Memphis School of Preaching?"

There is a lost and dying world in need of the soul-saving Gospel. A brotherhood is ready to help men, like you, to get ready to go forth with the Truth. Why not submit your application today, go to [www.msop.org](http://www.msop.org), or call for more information?

## **CLASSES FOR STUDENTS' WIVES**

The wives of preacher students are special to us at the Memphis School Of Preaching. We understand that wives of preachers have unique responsibilities associated with their working alongside their husbands, and with dealing with the pressures their husbands face. The wife of a preacher can "make or break" him in his work.

Therefore, special classes have been devised to help prepare students' wives to meet the challenges before them. They are required to attend sessions, held from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. each Monday evening of the quarter (except Summer sessions). A total of eight quarters are needed for the wives to receive their graduation certificates.

The courses are:

*How to Study the Bible*

*New Testament Survey*

*Methods of Teaching and Visual Aid*

*Preparation*

*Acts: Emphasis on Missions and Personal Work*

*Old Testament Survey*

*The Preacher's Wife*

*How to Teach with Success, and Christian Marriage*

At Memphis School of Preaching, wives can also attend the daytime classes and study the Bible in-depth with their husbands. In addition, there are numerous other opportunities for them to attend ladies' classes, workshops, and lectureships. Also, one week is set aside for a tour of restoration sites. The students' wives are encouraged to take part in this wonderful, educational trip.

There are many, unique pressures on wives of preachers. The goal of Memphis School of Preaching's faculty is to give each wife enough background so that she can feel somewhat confident in facing her new role as a preacher's wife--the preacher's best friend, encourager, and fellow worker for Christ.

# CAMPUS LIFE



Many friends have helped the School to realize its goals and seize its opportunities. For this, we express deep gratitude.

This hard work and sacrifice, on the part of so many who love the Truth, enables dedicated and able men, such as you, to receive training second-to-none as you prepare to preach the pure Gospel.

A great door of opportunity has been opened for the Memphis School of Preaching. Let us help you to open God's door of opportunity in your life.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- *Intensive, Two-year, Collegiate Program Of Strong Bible Emphasis*
  - *54 Courses, 164 Semester Hours, 2,960 Clock Hours In Classes*
  - *Two Full Years Of Transferable College Credit*
- *Emphasis On Doctrinal Soundness, Christian Character, And Evangelistic Zeal*
  - *Sound, Well-qualified, Dedicated Faculty*
- *Recognized For Educational Excellence In Preacher Preparation For Pulpit, Local Work, and World Evangelism*
- *Three Campaigns, Restoration Trip, Lectureships, And Other Opportunities For Growth And Service During Two Years*
  - *Personal Direction From A Seasoned Faculty Experienced In All Facets Of Preaching*
    - *Opportunities To Preach While In School*
    - *Classes For Wives (Diplomas Awarded)*
    - *Third Year Graduate Program*
  - *NEW State Of The Art Facility On Fifteen Acre Campus*
- *NEW Residence Halls, With Thirty-two Three Bedroom Apartments, On Campus*
  - *NEW N. B. Hardeman Library Building On Campus*
- *Established In 1966--Oldest School Of Preaching East Of The Mississippi*
- *Located In Germantown--One Of Tennessee's Best Cities In Which To Live And Work*
  - *No Tuition Or Fees*
  - *Scholarships And Housing Assistance Available*
    - *Approved For V. A. Benefits*
    - *Accepting Applications Now*
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