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GBN, Gospel Broadcasting Network, now under the oversight of the faithful eldership of the great Southaven Church of Christ (MS), has announced its plans to move to the Memphis area, and to build a building on land next to the facilities of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, home of the Memphis School of Preaching.

The new building will house the offices and studio of GBN and will also serve as a classroom and a training center for the Memphis School of Preaching. We are excitedly anticipating having the ability to utilize the state of the art facilities of GBN in preparing MSOP students for the technological challenges and worldwide opportunities of preaching the gospel in this century.



In the new building, GBN will record gospel programs that will reach millions, and MSOP will be training men for preaching to “all the world.”

In addition to our two-year program, MSOP’s World Missions Program, starting January 2012, will include training in media work and

broadcasting, and will require a suitable facility. We believe, through God’s good providence, our joint efforts with GBN will serve both works well, and will also mean less expense for both.

Brother Don Blackwell, Executive Director of GBN, and 1996 graduate of MSOP, understands well how both works operate. We have great confidence in him, and in his leadership, and we are happy to be working with Don and all the brethren at GBN.

We know there are brethren who want to accomplish the will of the Lord, brethren who are compassionate about souls, and who want to do all possible in order to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ. We know also that good brethren will open wide their hands in order to support good,



sound, faithful works. Thus, we very optimistically look forward to obtaining the necessary funds for this milestone endeavor. Please help NOW if you can.

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USING NEWSPAPERS AS AN EVANGELISTIC TOOL

Garland Elkins

I have known brother Clarence Lavender for more than forty years. He is a native Virginian. He has been a faithful and able gospel preacher for many years, and he was the Director of the Virginia Bible Lectureship for many years; an outstanding lectureship.

He remembers that brother Thomas B. Warren used to say, "The church is sitting on its hands as far as newspaper evangelism is concerned." This statement has stayed in the mind of brother Lavender through the years and he decided to do something about it. He preaches for the church in Pulaski, Virginia, and so, he convinced the brethren to teach the truth through newspapers. The church at Pulaski numbers about fifty (50) members. If a congregation of fifty can do what they have done through newspapers, what could a congregation of 200, 500, or 1,000 do? The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto Salvation, (Rom. 1:16-17); and those out of Christ are lost (Eph. 2:12), and woe is unto us if we do not preach the gospel (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Cor. 9:16).

Churches of Christ in southwest Virginia are using newspapers as an evangelistic tool. The church at Pulaski, Virginia has published the following articles in newspapers:

What Are The Churches Of Christ?

Thomas B. Warren

The Second Coming Of Christ

James M. Tolle

Mohammedism (Islam), Guy N. Woods

Does Life Begin At Conception?

Clarence Lavender

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Clarence Lavender

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The Lord's Church Is Different

Garland Elkins

Atheism - Our Foe - What To Do About It?

Thomas B. Warren

The Scourge Of America, Guy N. Woods

Saved By Faith, V. E. Howard

The New Birth, Garland Elkins

Christ On David's Throne, Curtis A. Cates

The Right Answer Is The Bible

Thomas B. Warren

As a result of what the Pulaski congregation has done, about a dozen congregations in Southwest Virginia published my little tract *Come And See* in the large newspaper, *The Roanoke Times*, with a circulation of more than 100,000. This was a full page article. This tract identifies the Lord's church, and one million one hundred sixty thousand (1,160,000) copies have been printed. We must use the pulpit, personal work, the internet, radio, television, newspapers, tracts, and any right method of teaching the lost, and edifying the church.

If those who read these lines have an interest in newspaper evangelism, or if you desire a CD of these articles, you may write to: Clarence Lavender, 1808 Hazelnut Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073.

SERVICE AND GREATNESS

"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Matthew 18:1 records this disturbing question from the disciples of Christ, who had the wrong idea about His kingdom. Jesus' disciples argued over who would be "greatest." Patiently, the Lord taught them the way to true greatness (Mat. 20:28). If we want to be great, we must be ministers (humbly serving others and attending to them). If we want to be chief, we must be servants (serving of our own free will).

Some ask, "How can we be the servants of God, as we should?" We must follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. Paul wrote of Jesus, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Phi. 2:7). Jesus taught humble service precedes exaltation, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Mat. 23:11-12). He showed that, if one would be promoted, he must be a "faithful and wise servant" (Mat. 24:45).

Such a servant will be blessed, and will hear, "Well done" (Mat. 25:21). The Lord's servants follow Jesus' example of service. Simply put, if we do not follow the Lord's example, we will not serve Him.

We must follow the Lord's example of service, but first we must follow the Lord. Jesus said: "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour" (John 12:26). Consider some of the great men of faith who followed the Lord, and how they rejoiced to be known as His servants.

Instead of reminding the readers of His greatness, or of the fact that He was the brother (half-brother) of Jesus, James wrote: "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting" (Jam. 1:1). There was no greater title that he could wear, than simply being a servant of our Lord and God.

Likewise, Jude, also the half-brother of Jesus (Mat. 13:55), did not claim any special honor, but referred to himself as: "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called" (Jude 1).

Peter, so prominent in so many ways, did not project himself as some great one, but wrote: "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:1).

Perhaps, the New Testament character admired most, other than Christ, is Paul. Yet, Paul reminded those to whom he wrote that he was just a servant (1 Cor. 9:19). His desire was, above all, to serve Christ: "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10). His attitude of service preceded the greatness he achieved. Thus, he wrote: "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:24).

If we follow the Lord, we will humbly submit ourselves to God, seeking simply to glorify Him (Luke 9:23-25). If we do not, we will not be servants to our Lord and God.

As His humble, loyal servants, we can happily anticipate hearing, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Mat. 25:23).

Bobby Liddell

Alumni News

Mike McDaniel

We are saddened by the death of brother **Fred Crowe** (2011) on August 2. Brother Crowe had just graduated from MSOP in June. A memorial service was held at the Forest Hill church of Christ on August 4. The funeral service was August 5 at the Bodkin Funeral Home in Milan, TN.

Mac William deThierry (1994) was killed in an automobile accident in New Zealand July 6. He was 52 years old. He is survived by his wife, Sophie, four children, and eight grandchildren. Two of his sons-in-law are gospel preachers. Over 400 people attended his funeral in Palmerston North, New Zealand. This is a wonderful tribute to him. Mac served as an active member and part-time preacher for churches in Wainuiomata, Wanganui, and Palmerston North.

Joel Smith (1976), age 79, of Benton, KY, died Wednesday, July 20, in Paducah. He suffered a stroke due to complications from a severe bladder infection. He had preached the Gospel of Christ for 36 years. He is survived by his wife Trudy, and sons, Kevin (Tammy) of Murray, Karl (Debbie) of Murray, and Greg (Becky) of Grahamville, KY.

Adolphus Walker (1985), preacher for the Walnut Street church of Christ in Greenfield, TN, passed from this life on August 3. His granddaughter passed away on July 24, and Adolphus had preached her funeral. Alumni responded wonderfully to an e-mail request for funds to help bury her as they had no insurance. The elders of the Dorris Chapel church of Christ where Tim Fuqua (1985) preaches would like to thank everyone for their generous help. Remaining funds are now being used toward brother Walker's burial expenses.

We extend our sympathy to each of these families and ask that you please remember them in your prayers.