

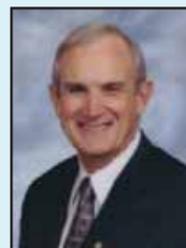
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From The Director



GARLAND ELKINS TO ADDRESS THIRTY-EIGHTH GRADUATING CLASS

On Sunday, June 19th, the Memphis School of Preaching will graduate its thirty-eighth class of gospel preachers. Brother Garland Elkins will teach the Sunday morning Bible class at 9:30, and will preach at 10:30, and will deliver the sermon and address during the evening assembly of the Forest Hill congregation. After the assembly is dismissed, the graduation procedures will take place. Twenty-five dedicated, well-educated preachers will be graduated.

Brother Elkins is a truly outstanding preacher, Bible scholar, Christian gentleman, and defender of the Truth. He was graduated from Freed-Hardeman College in 1951, and pursued his studies in the University of Tennessee. Several years ago, Southern Christian University awarded brother Elkins the D. Min. He serves as Dean of Public Relations, and as a superb full-time instructor in the Memphis School of Preaching, as well as preaching at Stanton, Tennessee. He is in much demand as a speaker in gospel meetings and lectureships. He is Co-Editor of the *Yokefellow*.

Brother Garland and sister Corinne are dear friends and great encouragers and fellow laborers in the School. Having begun preaching in 1949, brother Elkins has much wisdom to impart to the audience and graduates.

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 to follow. 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 studying in the School and pray for their success in their work as faithful servants in the Lord's vineyard.

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Co-Editor's Column

The Christian As An Employee

Garland Elkins



The Lord cannot be accused of being unfair, either to capital or labor. He instructed servants to be obedient and to render faithful, loyal service; then, he gave instructions to masters to have the same attitude of respect and kindness toward their servants (Eph. 6:5-9.)

Although the exact relationship as set out in Ephesians 6:5-9 is not applicable today, the principle of respect and honor is just as valid for the Christian employee. Though the teaching of the Lord's word eventually overthrew slavery, the Lord did not make and enforce such laws as would unduly disturb the social and economic conditions of the day. Instead of making the church responsible for a violent social and economic revolution, he preferred to teach people out of the system of slavery. This approach was characteristic of our Lord during his personal ministry. "And with many such parables spake he unto them, as they were able to hear it" (Mark 4:33).

The Christian employee (and all Christians) must be meticulously careful that his life is "worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27).

Some Characteristics Of The Christian Employee

1. He recognizes the wrongness of cheating, or falsifying, in commercial life, and the wrongness of not giving one's strength and time concerning his job or task. Our country needs to know, and it is imperative that a Christian employee know, what it is to steal and not to steal, and the difference between honesty and dishonesty. The Christian employee must be scrupulously honest.

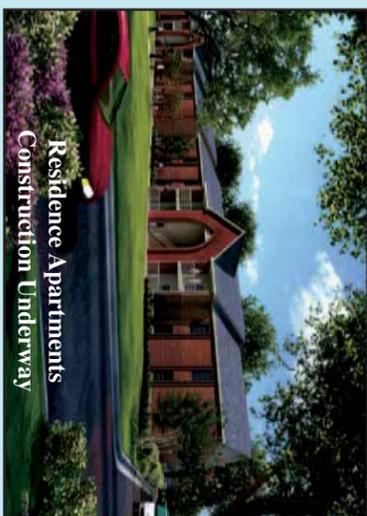
2. The Christian employee must be truthful. The Christian is instructed: "Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds" (Col. 3:9). Lies can smash homes, and lies in business can ruin thousands of people, swallowing up their savings. There is one course for the Christian employee, "Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor" (Eph. 4:25).

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Which Begin the Last Sunday of March and Continue Through the Following Thursday.

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3. The Christian employee must show purity of life. A few years ago, sin was generally identified as sin. While homosexuality was once looked upon with horror, today it is condoned in much of our fiction, in the movies, and on television. The titles of many of the movies advertised in our papers are very frankly suggestive. In many countries it is rapidly becoming the norm for young men and women to live together before marriage. In many of our colleges today, women are permitted to visit men's private rooms.

The Christian employee must resist with all of his being anything or anybody at work which would tend to wreck his or her home and condemn his soul. Christians must carefully avoid and strenuously oppose the sin which blights the marriage relationship and destroys the family. Even though there may be numbers of his fellow workers who are not faithful to their companions, the Christian must remain true to his marital vows. He has agreed to "leave" all others, and to "cleave" to his/her partner (Matt. 19:3-6).

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" is the prohibition in both the Old and New Testaments (Exo. 20:14; Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9). It has been stated that the sin of adultery is mentioned by name thirty-four times in the Old Testament, and thirty times in the New Testament. This is significant when one realizes that the New Testament is less than one third the length of the Old. This should cause the Christian to become very much aware of the definite bearing Christianity has on this vice!

The Christian Employee Can Make A Difference

The Christian can change attitudes and actions while at work, when his associates can see a difference in his attitude

and conduct. We live in a world of change. We change brands of products if we find a better one. If fellow workers can see that there is a difference in the manner of life of a Christian employee, that he can face his problems and overcome them in Christ, then they will take note that he has "been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13; 1 Pet. 5:7). Even as the fruit of the tree is not concealed, neither will the Christ-like character be unnoticed (Matt. 5:14, 16; Phil. 1:27; 2 Cor. 3; Gal. 5:22-24). Eternity alone can measure the influence of a truly Christian employee.

The Christian employee will exert a good influence by putting his heart into the doing of his duty toward God and man. (Ecc. 12:13-14). As a result, he will enjoy freely and without fear, everything good and beautiful that comes his way (Rom. 8:28; Phil. 4:19).

Conclusion

The responsibilities, privileges, and duties of the Christian employee are both wonderful and at times frightening. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under a bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

Garland Elkins

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TWENTY-FIVE GRADUATE!

Listed below are the names of the graduates, from where they came, and to where they are going.

STUDENT	FROM	GOING TO
John J. Barker	Ferriday, LA	Atlanta, TX
De'Angelo Brown	Raleigh, NC	To Be Determined
Sean Carratt	Columbus, GA	Greer, SC
Robert Collier	Newport News, VA	To Be Determined
Michael Dugger	Memphis, TN	Nettleton, Jonesboro, AR
John Gondos	Philadelphia, PA	Tunica, MS
Roger Goodwin	Greenville, SC	Charlottesville, VA
Kevin Graves	Dacula, GA	Dacula, GA
Steven R. Hall	Roanoke, VA	Completes Work In January
Billy Hayes	Munford, AL	Completes Work In January
Jason Hilburn	Montgomery, AL	Bellingrath Rd., Theodore, AL
Ralphelle Hubbard	Holly Springs, MS	To Be Determined
Jeff Johnson	Pulaski, TN	Lake Hills, Chattanooga, TN
Matthew Martin	Moorilton, AR	Forest Hill, Memphis, TN
Robert Notgrass	St. Charles, MO	To Be Determined
Anthony Oesch	Clinton, NC	Shiloh, Louisville, IL
Larry Prince	Daytona, FL	Hinesville, GA
Willie L. Smith	Lake City, FL	Cochran, GA
Garrick Sullivan	Memphis, TN	Southside, Memphis, TN
Stephen Sutton	Alamo, TN	Maury City, TN
Patrick Swayne	Ellenwood, GA	Jefferson City, TN
Phillip Vanwinkle	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles, CA
Jeremy Walls	Lamar, MS	To Be Determined
Scott Webster	Fayette, AL	Crossroads, Jasper, AL
Jeffery Winters	Southaven, MS	West Side, Muskogee, OK

**FIFTY-EIGHT ENROLLED--
SUPPORT NEEDED**

Thirty new students have been accepted, so far, to join the twenty-eight students returning for the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year.

In addition to these fifty-eight full-time preacher students, classes for the student wives, and the third-year program add another fifty or more students.

Thus, the Memphis School of Preaching is actually teaching more than one hundred students.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED

The intensive, collegiate level program of MSOP (which offers more than four years of college level instruction in a two-year program) requires preacher students to be in class six hours a day and to study six hours at night. Due to this workload, students are not allowed to hold secular jobs while at MSOP. Therefore, they depend upon the financial support of individuals and churches for their living expenses.

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

We rely upon scholarships and continuing financial support to take care of the living expenses of students.

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. Especially is this lack of support troubling when wives and children are in need.

Are these 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.

**IN MEMORY OF DYLAN WORTHAM
AND JOHN HUNT**

Last January, and this news only arrived on May 10th, John Hunt, a 1975 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching, died. This "gentle giant" is survived by his wife Florence whose address is 1025 Lexington Drive, Moody, AL 35004 for those who wish to send her a belated note of sympathy.

Also, on April 13th, Dylan Wortham who had such a struggle during his short life, passed away. Dylan's father, Clay, graduated in 1994. The family can be reached in Columbiana, AL at 205-746-7057. The Wortham's have our tenderest sympathies concerning their constant struggles in life and are always in our prayers.

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