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THE FORTIETH ANNUAL MSOP LECTURESHIP: A MARVELOUS MILESTONE

FORTY YEARS OF MARVELOUS HISTORY

The eventful year of 1966-67 marked the beautiful beginning of this wonderful and worthy School of Preaching in Memphis, Tennessee, and an accompanying lectureship. It long has been my conviction that this was the most important occurrence among churches of Christ for that year. Forty years later, I am of the same persuasion. The School was in good hands under brother Hearn. It continues to be in good hands under brother Cates, the Director and brother Liddell, the Associate Director. An able eldership has overseen it through the years and still does—elders at the Forest Hill congregation. The School has my 100% approval, confidence and endorsement. I am happy to make this public.

MY CONNECTION WITH THIS LECTURESHIP

It has been my distinct honor and deep delight to have spoken on thirty-seven consecutive lectureships beginning in 1970 and continuing through 2006. I have never made it a habit to go, speak and then make a quick exit. I have heard most of the lectures since 1970 in person. Many others I have heard by tape. I have read every printed lecture through 2005. I am currently reading with relish the 2006 volume and will read it through before putting it on a library shelf for further research.

SUBJECT AND THE BOOK

The overall topic this year, "The Gospel of Christ," was relevant and rich, marvelous and magnificent, uplifting and unique. Brother Liddell, the director, did an amazing job of working up subject titles and matching personnel with assigned lessons. He is a master craftsman in lectureship organization. I know of no other book published among us that is as thorough relative to the gospel as is this valiant volume. It is a marvelous must for those who want an in-depth study of God's glorious gospel.

The book is clothed in green hardback with front cover stamped in gold. Paul Sain published it and he is a highly skilled expert in book (Continued on Page 2)

Co-Editor's Column

"MEN OF ISRAEL,
HELP"



The above plea was made by evil men to other Jews, as they sought assistance in an effort to kill Paul. However, when the apostle Peter, a righteous man, preached his great sermon (as recorded in Acts, chapter two), on that great day of Pentecost, he said, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know" (Acts 2:22).

Peter was making a fervent appeal to the Jews to listen to the truth which he was about to preach, and to obey the gospel (Acts 2:22-41).

A CURRENT PLEA, "MEN OF ISRAEL, HELP"

In this plea, I am appealing to the church, for the Lord's church is the spiritual "Israel of God" (Gal. 1:2; 6:15-16). Through God's providence, the Memphis School of Preaching is growing, and we are happy to report that the permit has been approved for us to build student housing. This is indeed a great blessing and encouraging news! The bulldozers have already cleared the land for the buildings.

The Forest Hill Church of Christ cheerfully and generously supports the Memphis School of Preaching. The elders and the entire membership support MSOP. We have waited five years for the approval to build these student housing units, and thanks be unto God we have finally received the approval to build.

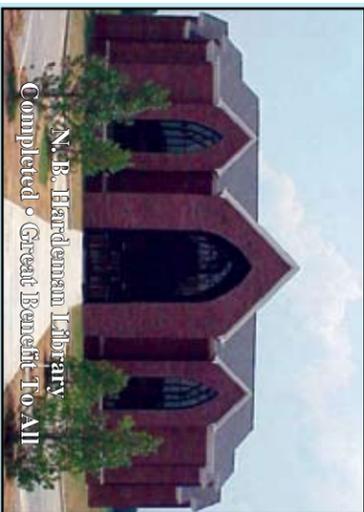
Before our receiving approval, the Forest Hill congregation gave more than \$35,000.00 and pledged more than \$100,000 even before the fund raising officially began, and before the congregation had been approached about helping. The Forest Hill congregation contributes more than \$500,000 per year to the work of training gospel preachers at MSOP.

AN URGENT APPEAL

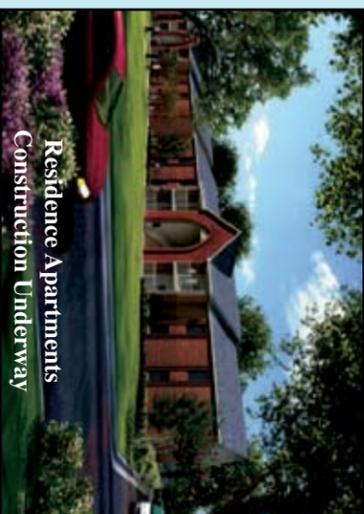
The cost of building the student housing is \$3.2 million dollars. We have \$1.2 million in hand. Therefore, we need to raise an additional \$2,000,000 to complete this great work.

Therefore, **"Men of Israel, help!"**

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 production. The book has 59 chapters and 768 pages. Near the beginning there are 38 pages of pictures of all graduating classes. This enhances the book. The book is divided into six major segments. Five chapters deal with The Gospel Is Good News. Twelve chapters deal with The Gospel Is The Power Of God Unto Salvation. Fifteen chapters deal with Preaching The Gospel. Ten chapters deal with What Is The Gospel Of Christ? Nine chapters present Practical Applications Of The Gospel. Eight chapters contain the material presented by eight of our lovely Christian women. They present a fitting climax to the book.

The chapters are short enough that a person could read easily one chapter a day and complete the book in two months. This would be a wise investment of time.

Some books are too long from Preface to Conclusion. This one is not of that order. Here is a book that diligent students will never outgrow. It is worth its weight in the purest of gold.

THE SPEAKERS

Among the speakers were veterans who have borne the burden and heat of the day for fifty, sixty or more years. Others were younger in the faith who did remarkable jobs with their chosen assignments. Among the women there were the younger ones and those slightly beyond the youth level! Many of the men who spoke were alumni of the School and what a credit to the School each of them was in speaking and in their representation of the School wherever they work either in the states or abroad. They made me proud indeed to be a current supporter of MSOP—not just a past supporter.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Crowds were great. Gas prices were at an all time high for lectureship travel and yet people came by the hundreds. People came from the north, south, east and west. Some from California flew at their own expense. Overall attendance was gratifying indeed.

OF SPECIAL MENTION

Special activities were on Monday night when the School was honored for its fortieth year celebration. The alumni and friends had their banquet on Tuesday night with Tom Holland as featured speaker and what a tremendous job he did there and later that evening at 7:30. He was at his best and I have been hearing Tom preach for well over a half century. On Wednesday night The Gospel Journal had a successful dinner which was well attended.

Delicious meals were provided each day at noon and refreshments were available throughout the day. Several neighboring congregations cooperated in providing food. Forest Hill, as always, took the lead.

Forest Hill always extends red carpet hospitality to those who come each year. This year was no different. There was a wonderful spirit of unity, goodwill and friendship prevalent throughout the five days.

I will not be around when the eightieth celebration occurs but I sincerely hope it does and that Forest Hill and the MSOP will still be marching hand-in-hand in triumph of truth and in preparing men to preach "The Gospel Of Christ."

It was a good, great and grand week. I am thankful I was part of it as speaker and mainly though as listener and learner to lessons rich in Scripture and practical in application.

Thanks, Bobby Liddell, and all who helped you, for a very successful lectureship.

As you finish reading this review, why not order the lectureship volume at for \$17.00 plus \$4.00 for postage and handling? Order from: Memphis School of Preaching, 3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38125. Email msop@msop.org, or phone 901-751-2242.

MSOP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Mike McDaniel

As the new president of the alumni association, let me give my thanks to so many of you for your words of encouragement. On behalf of our membership, our gratitude is extended to brother Liddell for dedicating this year's fortieth anniversary lectureship book to the alumni of the school. Brother Liddell wrote, "To these special, worthy men, the beloved graduates of the Memphis School of Preaching, over these last four decades, we gratefully and lovingly dedicate this volume of the 2006 Memphis School of Preaching Lectures." The fact that the class pictures from each of the forty years are included in the front of the book should make this book a treasure to each alumnus, not only for the hard work represented by each manuscript, but for its historical and sentimental significance. If you were unable to attend the lectureship this year, you will definitely want to order the book.

AWARDS PRESENTED

During our annual dinner, we honored brother Anthony Hixson with the Alumnus of the Year award. He wrote the following:

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow class mates of the MSOP who nominated me to the alumnus of the year. I deeply regret not being able to attend the Lectureship this year. I have always considered the award of the alumnus of the year to be one of great honor, and I also consider it to be one of which I am truly undeserving to have received. Nevertheless, thanks to all who thought of me to be worthy of such honor. Anthony Hixson"

Our Honorary Alumnus awards went to two very worthy recipients, brother B. J. Clarke and sister Joanne Bradshaw. Brother Clarke's remarks of gratitude were very touching. Sister Bradshaw was deeply appreciative and wrote the following letter to each of our alumni:

"My dear brothers, I am humbled by the wonderful honor you have given me. Although undeserved, it is deeply appreciated. As you know, the school is dear to my heart, and association with it has been a great blessing. I am so grateful for the good men who have gone out, well prepared to "preach the word." This must continue.

That you have considered me for this special honor brings much joy. I shall try to live so as to reflect the confidence you have in me. To each of you I give my sincere and genuine thanks. This is not adequate, but it is from the heart. May God's fondest blessings be showered upon all of you. Faithfully, Joanne Bradshaw."

THE LABORERS TOGETHER NEWSLETTER

I have assembled a new electronic newsletter for the alumni association with the above title. Hopefully, this will foster greater communication among those alumni with e-mail addresses. **All alumni must notify me of their e-mail address if it was not included or was incorrect in the 2004 directory.** Please send those e-mail addresses to mmmcdaniel@earthlink.net.

Also, I would advise our alumni to go to the MSOP web-site and update their personal information on-line as soon as possible. If you do not have internet access, then please notify the school office.

BOOK PROJECTS

Two book projects are underway. Please send your personal illustrations to brother Russell Kline at 1810 Dundee Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky, 42431, or by email at msop1989@yahoo.com.

Send brief outlines for Nursing Home or Wednesday evening lessons to Danny Butler, P.O. Box 112, Carbon Hill, Al. jdb@sonet.net.

A FINAL NOTE

Please remember that Brother Keith A. Mosher Sr. has challenged his fellow alumni each to try to raise at least \$1000 for the new student housing.

Surely we can rise up as alumni of the Memphis School of Preaching and meet this challenge. Please do what you can, where you are, for the Lord's work in the school you love.

STUDENT HOUSING DREAM WILL BECOME A REALITY- WITH YOUR HELP!

The long-awaited construction of on-campus housing for Memphis School of Preaching students has begun! Imagine the blessings when we no longer have to pay around \$23,000 per month to house about sixty men (some of whom are pictured below, in brother Dan Cates' class).



Work is underway preparing the foundation for four apartment buildings to house MSOP students. Each building will have eight apartments, and each apartment will have three bedrooms--for a total of 32 apartments and 96 bedrooms.



Take a good, long look at these preachers of tomorrow. Who knows what good they shall accomplish, and that throughout the world? These men deserve your help, for they have dedicated themselves to the service of the Lord, and they have sacrificed much to come to MSOP, in order to receive the education they need to go forth as capable, effective preachers of the Gospel.

Brethren, we need only \$2,000,000! As the brotherhood of Christians, we are well able to accomplish this--and much more. Many have already given, and for that we are deeply appreciative. Let us ALL respond positively, and quickly to supply the rest.

In the long run, this will be a far more efficient use of the Lord's money. We trust the Lord will provide, and that faithful, loving brethren will answer the call, and will generously give to this needed, worthy effort.



Architect's rendering of the front elevation typical of each of the four MSOP student housing units.