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Harper's Book On The Holy Spirit Reprinted

Brother E.R.Harper was truly a spiritual giant among men, who loved the Lord and His church, and was a faithful soldier of the cross. His great book **HARPER On The Holy Spirit Issues In The Twentieth Century** is a classic. We are grateful to his daughters, Mary Nell Harper Gilliland and Ann Youree, for their permission for MSOP to reprint his book. Sister Youree has defrayed the cost, and is giving all of the proceeds to help the School pay for student housing. Since the false doctrine of Calvinism is generally believed in the denominational world, and by some even in the church, every reader should order a copy of the book and study it carefully. **Order from MSOP for \$10.00 + postage.**

In March 1977, brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr. wrote a superb review of brother Harper's book in the **Gospel Advocate**. With his permission, we are reprinting excerpts from his great review.

Garland Elkins

"Harper On The Holy Spirit Issues In The Twentieth Century" Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

For a full half century the name of E. R. Harper has been a synonym for soundness in preaching, integrity of life, and defense of New Testament truth. He has been in the courageous forefront of the decisive battles that have raged against Prince Immanuel and the cause of spiritual Zion. Numerous trials, tribulations, and persecutions have been his along the way but nothing has marred his love for truth and his determination to remain loyal to the old paths...

Brother Harper goes to the heart of what he considers to be the crux of many of our problems relative to the Holy Spirit in the
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A MEDLEY OF MATTERS

Curtis A. Cates, Director Emeritus

LETTERS

First, it is with a grateful heart that I express a deep "thank you" to the many who wrote letters to Annette and me upon the occasion of my completing the twenty-four years of directing this great collegiate institution. The kind, generous expressions from our former students and other dear friends are very appreciated, gracious, and humbling. To the Lord and His cause be the glory for any good we may have done. And, thanks to sister Sherry Brown for assembling them for us. They continue to come in.

CURTIS A. AND ANNETTE B. CATES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Second, we wish most sincerely to thank the Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association and the 2007 Graduating Class for establishing a perpetual scholarship fund in our names, to bless future preachers who study in the MSOP. Annette and I were surprised and humbled by this honor, made known to us on March 27th, when the mantle passed to brother Bobby Liddell, my dear friend and outstanding evangelist and administrator/instructor. "Thank you" for all who had any part in establishing this scholarship and for all who have given financially

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"Dear Fellow Alumni And Friends"

Sharing with you the blessing of being associated with the Memphis School of Preaching is a joyous privilege and cherished honor. I greatly value my diploma from MSOP because of what was required of me to obtain it, and because it represents an education made possible by the faithful labors and loving sacrifices of so many others, but also in that it signifies a special relationship, and a unique bond, with some of the finest brethren anywhere.

Although no verbal statement of gratitude, on my part, could ever adequately express the depth of appreciation I feel for what the School has given to me and made possible for me, I have pledged myself to show my gratitude by faithfully serving the Lord, especially through my work at MSOP, as well and as wisely as I possibly can.

As in the past, the vital work of Memphis School of Preaching is far greater than any one church, or individual, and requires the joint participation of all of us. The selfless dedication, generous support, and fervent prayers of alumni and friends have combined to bring MSOP to where it is today. Now, perhaps more than ever, there is a pressing need for all of us to work together in the accomplishment of educating men to preach, faithfully and fearlessly, the gospel to the multiplied billions of souls in this world.

Will you join with me, dear brethren beloved, in fulfilling the purpose and work of the School? Will you help MSOP to continue faithfully training men to go forth to preach the saving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world? Will you pray for this vital work, encourage men to preach, and encourage faithful brethren to support MSOP? I trust you will--I know you will--and I look forward to working with you to accomplish all the good we can in the service of our King.

In Christ,

Bobby Liddell

P.S. My deepest, heartfelt gratitude goes to all who have been so very kind and gracious to encourage me in the undertaking of directing the School. Thank you so very much!

IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES...

Please send us your change of address. Let us know in time that we do not send, to your old address, an issue that will be returned to us. Each month, we spend quite a bit for returned Yokefellows. We are happy to send Yokefellow free of charge. Thanks for your help in keeping our costs low.

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twentieth century... No one will read Brother Harper's courageous book and say that it is hazy, indefinite and unclear in matters touching persons and issues.

Calvinism Clearly Delineated. Many people in the church today, including preachers, elders and Bible teachers, really do not know the basics of Calvinism. They do not recognize Calvinism when they hear it, see it in print, or even teach certain of its essentials themselves. This is tragic....

Many have seen no connection between the errors commonly accepted with the novel Holy Spirit issues and rank Calvinism. Many of our brethren accept Calvinism in the Christian's life while rejecting it in the conversion process. This is tragic and pathetic. They are just a step behind those who contend that the alien sinner is dead and cannot do anything toward salvation until he has a direct impact of the Holy Spirit upon his spirit with no medium in between....

Brother Harper knows Calvinism through and through. He has met it upon the polemic platform. He has met it from our own brethren, of all people! He shows conclusively that many of the errors now accepted by our brethren relative to the Holy Spirit are nothing but rank Calvinism....

The Bible Exalted. Another major fruit accruing from the rich perusal of this book is the extolling and exalting of the Bible. Brother Harper believes in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Grand Old Book. He deploras, and rightly so, the professed debunking of our Bible. The Book is final and authoritative to him. He is a man of the Book. He has not changed Bibles, nor has he changed what is in the Bible. He loves the Book. He lives the Book. He preaches the Book. He defends the Book.... This book by Brother Harper will lift up and solidify your faith in the Bible; it will not tear down and destroy your faith in it.

The Church Extolled. Some will disagree with certain of the things Brother Harper says. But no one can accuse him truthfully of belittling and disparaging the church of our blessed Lord. The church to him is precious and beautiful.... He is ardent and adamant in his total opposition toward the restructuring of the church advanced by those who seek to turn it into a Pentecostal body, or just a denomination like the Christian church. The church is held high; it is truly exalted in this book. One of the grievous tragedies of Brother Harper's long and useful life has been the errors he has seen come into the church and over his vigorous protest. Brother Harper wants the church of Christ and the Christ of the church to be set forth now just as Christ and the church are depicted in Holy Writ. Who could want more? Who could want less? That is why he wrote this book.

Conclusion. Here is a book you should read. In it, you will see much of what makes E.R. Harper so dear and precious to those of us who love and appreciate him for his work's sake. Much of his magnanimous heart is portrayed within the pages of this book. The Foreword, a very beautiful one indeed, was penned by Mary Nell Gililand, his daughter. Only one who knew the heart of Brother Harper could have written as she did. It is an eloquent tribute to him.

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into the fund. Annette and I express our deep appreciation for your thinking of and encouraging us; we cherish you!

"EPISTLES TO CORINTH"

Third, the Forty-first Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship, with the above theme, was truly outstanding in every way. I congratulate brother Liddell for a "job well done." The lectures were Bible-centered, sound, and scholarly. The crowds were great, and the more than one thousand in attendance went home with "batteries charged" and renewed determination to do the Father's will, and to take the pure gospel to the whole world. If you did not get to be present, you will want to order the 756 page volume of rich material on First and Second Corinthians, edited superbly by brother Bobby Liddell and printed beautifully by brother and sister Paul Sain.

RESIDENCE HALLS UPDATE

Thanks to all who have contributed toward building the student residence halls! **We are still in need of \$1,500,000** to finish paying for them. It will be necessary to borrow that amount--which means we will have a monthly payment; however, we are working diligently that we might pay off this indebtedness as soon as possible.

The contractor has assured me he will have the four apartment buildings ready for inspection by **June 1**. As soon thereafter as the City of Germantown approves them, we will move in students.

Please help now that we may reach our goal of having the apartments free and clear of all debt.

What a great day that will be when the only expense associated with student housing will be utilities and maintenance! Until then, we will have to raise funds, and help our students raise funds, in order to pay a monthly payment on the amount borrowed/owed. **BL**

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE MSOP LECTURES SUCCESSFUL

The 2007 Memphis School Of Preaching Lectures, on "EPISTLES TO CORINTH," were conducted March 25-29, 2007. We are grateful for such a splendid opportunity for us to study the Bible, gather for fellowship, and worship God together. We were delighted to see the great crowds of people from far and near; to renew acquaintances, to have our spirits lifted, and to be encouraged to follow faithfully in the way of the Lord.

We realize that most would never know ALL that must be done in the preparation and presentation of such a lectureship. First, we thank all the good brethren of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, and the godly men who serve as elders, for their wisdom and foresight in the work of the Memphis School of Preaching. Thanks to all the members who expended countless hours of labor, and did so with such joyful willingness! Truly, Forest Hill is a great congregation of loving, dedicated, hard working brethren.

Thanks to all who worked to prepare the buildings, and to keep them clean, to those who worked so hard in preparing and serving delicious meals for hundreds every day, to those who made our surroundings so beautiful and comfortable, to those who welcomed guests into their homes, to those who helped with parking RVs, and parking cars, to those who recorded the lectures, and made the sound systems and internet broadcasting all work so well, to those who directed our worship and led us in such thrilling singing, to those who cared for children and taught children's classes, to those who directed visitors, to those who worked in the book displays, and "such like."

Thanks to the Phillips Street congregation, and to oabs.org under the direction of Tom Bright, for broadcasting the lectures over the Internet. Go to oabs.org (or link from msop.org) to view them.

A very special thanks to the Griders for all their help, to the students and their wives for all they did, and to the members of area congregations for their splendid help in providing meals every day.

Thanks to brother Curtis A. Cates for his encouragement and wise counsel. Thanks to all the faculty and staff of MSOP and Forest Hill, with whom it is such a blessing to work.

A special thanks to brother Paul Sain, and to Sain Publications for their excellent work in printing the lectureship book, and in working, with brother Tony Lawrence, to make possible the CD. We are deeply indebted to sister April Meacham who devoted hundreds of hours to help proofread the manuscripts, and who was a constant source of encouragement, and to sister Jan Kuehn.

Thanks, also, to all the speakers whose dedicated labors brought forth such a rich study of "EPISTLES TO CORINTH." Who knows how many souls may be encouraged to salvation, and to greater service by their work? Our prayer is that the combined efforts of all who labored brought honor and glory to God, lifted up the Christ, and encouraged men to follow Him. Thus, we happily and gratefully extend our most sincere appreciation to ALL who helped. Most of all, we express our thanksgiving to our loving Heavenly Father for His great mercy and loving kindness. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!

We look forward to your being with us March 30-April 3, 2008, for the Forty-second Annual MSOP Lectures. See you then! **BL**



Bobby and Joan Liddell and Annette and Curtis Cates



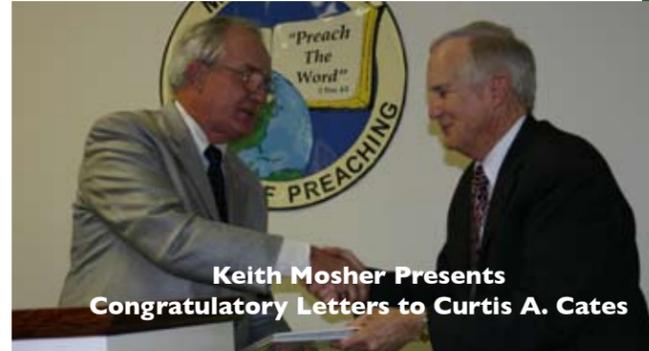
Don And Jane McWhorter Appreciation Dinner



Alumni Association President Mike McDaniel awards 2007 Honorary Alumni: Brad and Lynn Bradshaw (Joanne Bradshaw accepting for them)



Crowd At Alumni Dinner



Keith Mosher Presents Congratulatory Letters to Curtis A. Cates



Donald Rhodes Informs Charles Miller Of His Selection As Honorary Alumnus



Jeff O'Dell 2007 Alumnus Of The Year



Liddell Accepting Directorship

Harold Mangrum, Forest Hill Elder, Addresses Alumni Dinner



Curtis and Annette Cates, and sons Dan and Andy



Bobby Liddell, Director of MSOP and Curtis Cates, Director Emeritus