



Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

“For we are laborers together with God. . .”
(1 Cor. 3:9)

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FAILURES AND SUCCESSES

Mike McDaniel

Recently, I had the opportunity to read, *"Musings From Uncle Rue," A Biography of Roland Rudolph Porter* by brother Don Deffenbaugh. It is a wonderful biography of a gospel preacher from an earlier generation.

Brother Porter held one meeting which he thought was a failure. He reported, "two tousel headed boys of fifteen baptized and thirty-five sermons the price." Thirty years later, he wrote about the same meeting and said, "Thirty years ago I held the most successful meeting of my life. I then thought, and reported to the brethren that I had failed. Two small boys were converted in that meeting, and that was all I could see. Now I see more. Those boys became preachers of the gospel, and have led thousands to Christ and are just in their prime." This reminds me that we should never underestimate the value of a soul and the potential work for Christ which that person can do. Sometimes we get easily discouraged and think our work is a

failure when time will reveal the successful nature of it.

In Matthew 13:37-38, Jesus said, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one." The householder who owned the field and sowed the seed in the parable of the tares represents Jesus Christ. But there is a further application here which we must not miss. Jesus said in verse 24, "*the kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed good seed in his field.*" The kingdom or church is not likened to the field nor to the enemy, but to the man who sowed the good seed. The kingdom does what the sower is doing. It sows the good seed. The Son of Man sows the good seed in His field today through His servants. As Christians we are obligated to use our time, effort, and financial resources in the business of sowing the seed of the kingdom, in order that sons of the kingdom

may be the result of sowing good seed. Sowing the seed of the kingdom (Mt. 13:9) produces children of the kingdom and in the kingdom (Col 1:13).

In 1909, brother H. J. Hood preached in a schoolhouse in Northwest Arkansas. An old widow rode a pony several miles to invite him to come into the settlement where she lived and preach to her neighbors. There were a few converts. The widow paid brother Hood \$3.75 which she had obtained from the sale of eggs and a few hens. He came a second time and more were baptized into Christ. He then brought brother E. M. Borden there for a

debate with an old School Baptist and later for a meeting which resulted in thirty more converts. Of that old widow, brother Porter wrote, "She lived to see her son become a gospel preacher, and her neighbors taught the truth of God. She died triumphant in the faith and will unquestionably be given a crown of glory in the world to come. She was my mother. Her example has been an inspiration to many, and her faith was so strong that it worked. *Eternity alone can reveal the efforts of her work. 'Behold how great a matter a small fire kindleth.'*"

MSOP GRADUATE PROGRAM

Spring Semester 2009

PURPOSE: To provide interested gospel preachers, teachers, church leaders, and other Christians advanced courses. May be taken for credit or audited.

COST: Free of charge - no tuition, no fees.

DATES: January 22 – April 30, 2009

REGISTRATION: First day of classes, Thursday, January 22nd.

CREDIT: May be taken for credit by those graduates from MSOP or equivalent schools, or those holding standard bachelor's degrees, toward the Graduate Diploma from MSOP. Others may take the courses toward an MSOP Certificate, or audit.

TIMES OF MEETINGS: Thursdays.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 4 Sem. Hrs.	The Book of Luke Keith Mosher
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. 4 Sem. Hrs.	The Minor Prophets Dan Cates
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. 4 Sem. Hours	Types and Antitypes B. J. Clarke

INSTRUCTORS: Keith A. Mosher, M. Th., D. Min.; Daniel F. Cates, M. A.; B. J. Clarke, M.A.

THE PASSING OF TWO ALUMNI

I am saddened to report the passing of two of our alumni. Brother Jerry Catchim (class of 75) and brother Edward Allard (class of 72) have passed away. Death benefits have

been sent to assist their families. We are thankful to God for the good which these men were able to do for their Lord.

A NOTE OF PERSONAL LOSS AND GRIEF

Bob Winton

On Monday afternoon, December 8, 2008, my best friend through the years, Ed Allard, slipped into eternity. I was present in September of 1960 when Ed was baptized into Christ at Biloxi, Mississippi. A little over two years later, Ed and his family were transferred to Aviano Airbase in Italy where Marie and I were stationed. We came to know and love the Allard family. We labored together for a few years in the Lord's work in Italy. Later, we both attended Memphis School of Preaching and were in the same class, graduating in 1972. He has preached in meetings where I was laboring, and I have preached in meetings where he was laboring. We have been in regular contact and fellowship through the intervening years.

My wife and I have always believed that Ed and his family came to Aviano in direct answer to our many prayers; the little military congregation was soon to lose all its members due to transfer—except us. From that time onward, we have been firm believers in the Providence of God and in the power of prayer.

Ed was a firm defender of the faith; he was a great personal worker; he was an outstanding trainer of Christian workers; he was an able proclaimer of the gospel; he was an excellent student of the Bible. Ed's motto through the years was, "Ploughing in hope!"

I learned much from Ed. He has offered much encouragement to me through nearly half a century of friendship and fellowship. When we suffered tragedy, he was there to aid us. When he was in need, we offered the encouragement we could provide. He and I and our families had much in common. He has stayed many times in our home, and we have spent much time in his home.

Although the world in general does not know it, it has lost a great man. Although the brotherhood in general may not be aware of it, it has also lost a great servant. When Abner passed from earthly scenes, this tribute was given to him by David: "And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (2 Sam. 3:38).

In hope of obtaining his crown of life, Ed "ploughed" in the Lord's field for almost fifty years. What the apostle Paul wrote regarding his prospects, aptly apply to my friend: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

FOUNDATIONS

"I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon" (1 Cor. 3:10).

Training Servants Now – And For The Time To Come

A Training Camp At Memphis School Of Preaching

June 28 – July 3, 2009

What? This is a week of specialized training for young men (ages 13-18) who would like to learn more about becoming better servants for God. The training will include daily classes, including instruction in do's and don'ts for the following areas of service in worship: leading singing, presiding over the distribution of the Lord's Supper, leading public prayer, public reading of Scripture, preparation of sermons and the proclamation of God's Word in preaching. This instruction will include messages on how to study the Bible, how to develop an outline, how to introduce and conclude a sermon, etc. Our aim is to prepare men to excel not only in the **worship** of the church, but in the **work** of the church as well. Accordingly, we will also provide training in the following areas: How To Conduct A Home Bible Study, Some Do's And Don'ts For Making Hospital Visits, Remembering Widows and Orphans, How To Comfort Those Who Are Grieving, Preparing To Become An Elder In The Lord's Church, Preparing To Become A Deacon In The Lord's Church, Preparing A Church Bulletin/Newsletter, Computer Training (Making Powerpoint Presentations, etc.), and How To Use The Library For Research.

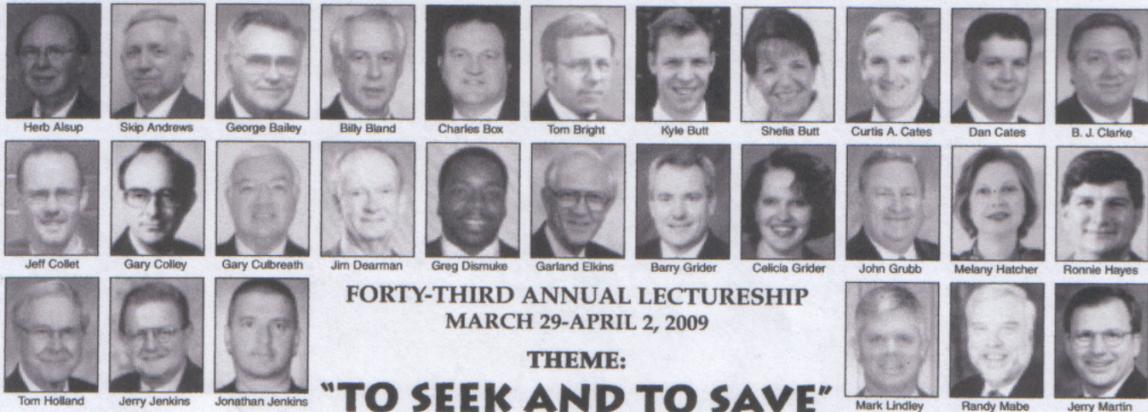
Who? This special week of training is open to the first 30 young men (ages 13-18) who submit and receive approval of their applications, recommendation forms, and medical release forms. We would love to accommodate every request to attend, but because of limited housing, the logistics of

giving proper attention to each student, and finding time for 30 sermons to be presented on Friday, we must limit the space to no more than 30 campers. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, so do not delay. Applications and forms must be received and approved by **June 5th, 2009**.

Cost? The camp is free. Meals will be provided by a number of generous congregations and brethren in the Memphis area. Housing is also free. The students will stay in designated apartments that are normally occupied by MSOP students, some of which will be unoccupied during the summer break. You will need some spending money for some planned recreational activities.

Staff? The students who attend this training camp will benefit from the instruction of many outstanding faculty members of MSOP. The men who make up the faculty have multiplied years of experience and knowledge both in local work, and in the classroom. Additionally, good and godly brethren from other faithful congregations will assist in certain classes, devotionals, and training sessions.

Interested? For a brochure containing this and more information or for an application, please contact B. J. Clarke at 901-751-2242 or at bjclarke@msop.org. [**Editor's Note:** This program had a splendid beginning last year under B. J. Clarke's leadership. The blessing of having the new apartments has made such possible! . . . Mike]



Herb Alsop Skip Andrews George Bailey Billy Bland Charles Box Tom Bright Kyle Butt Sheila Butt Curtis A. Cates Dan Cates B. J. Clarke
 Jeff Collet Gary Colley Gary Culbreath Jim Dearman Greg Dismuke Garland Elkins Barry Grider Calicia Grider John Grubb Melary Hatcher Ronnie Hayes
 Tom Holland Jerry Jenkins Jonathan Jenkins Mark Lindley Randy Mabe Jerry Martin

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL LECTURESHIP
MARCH 29-APRIL 2, 2009

THEME:

"TO SEEK AND TO SAVE"
MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125-2560

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

9:30-10:20 A.M. Evangelism: The Faith To Get The Job Done.....David Sain
 10:30-11:30 A.M. "To Seek And To Save".....Barry Grider
 5:30-6:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 6:00-7:00 P.M. World Vision For Christ.....George Bailey

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) "He That Winneth Souls" (Pro. 11:30).....Scott Cain
 9:00-9:50 A.M. People Really Are Lost.....Paul Sain
 10:00-10:50 A.M. Evangelism: Using Publications.....Garland Elkins
 LADIES* What Can A Woman Do To Seek And To Save? (Women Only).....Irene Taylor
 11:00-11:50 A.M. Working Together: Congregations And Individuals.....Eric Owens
 CLASS* Evangelism: "In Sin City".....Randy Mabe
 LUNCH
 11:50-1:30 P.M. Evangelism: Challenging Denominationalism.....Gary McDade
 1:30-2:20 P.M. The Home Is A Mission Field (Women Only).....Carla Moore
 LADIES* Why Must The Church Grow?.....Jerry Jenkins
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Evangelism And Bible Preaching.....Greg Dismuke
 CLASS* "Searching For Truth".....John Moore
 3:30-4:15 P.M. Value Of Youth Camps.....Ronnie Hayes
 INTERMISSION
 4:15-6:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00-8:00 P.M. The Cross: The Heartbeat Of Evangelism.....Dan Winkler

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

8:30-8:50 A.M. "Converting The Soul" (Psa. 19:7).....Gary Curry
 9:00-9:50 A.M. Does Education Inhibit Evangelism?.....Curtis A. Cates
 10:00-10:50 A.M. Evangelism: Using The Media.....Jim Dearman
 LADIES* Evangelism Means Confrontation: How Do We Handle It? (Women Only).....Tanya Silcox
 11:00-11:50 A.M. Retired Or "Re" Tire.....Gary Colley
 CLASS* Evangelism And World Wide Missions.....John Grubb
 LUNCH
 11:50-1:30 P.M. Evangelism And Church Discipline.....Johnie Scaggs
 1:30-2:20 P.M. I Stood By His Side (Women Only).....Melary Hatcher
 LADIES* Evangelism: Using Campaigns.....Billy Bland
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Training Fishers Of Men.....Tim Wilkes
 CLASS* SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS (MSOP CHAPEL)
 3:30-4:15 P.M. "Digital Bible Study".....Jonathan Jenkins
 4:15-6:30 P.M. Value Of New Converts Class.....Gary Culbreath
 6:30-7:00 P.M. ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
 7:00-8:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 Light The Fire Of Evangelism.....Tom Holland

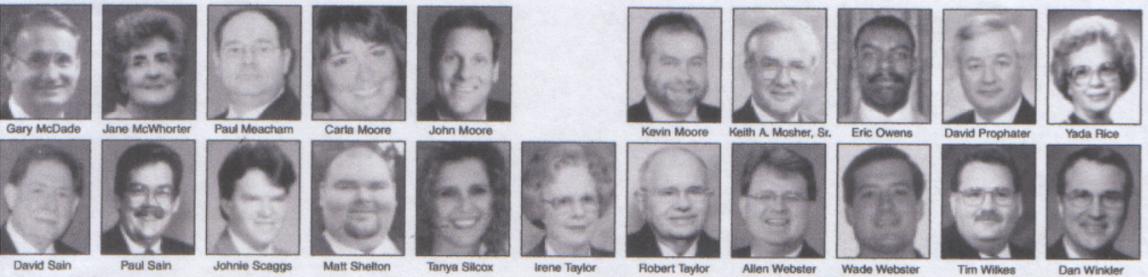
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) "What Is A Man Profited?" (Mat. 16:26).....Donnie Vick
 9:00-9:50 A.M. Why Go Ye Means Go Me.....Keith Mosher
 10:00-10:50 A.M. What Must I Do To Be Saved?.....Mark Lindley
 LADIES* Winning Souls Through Compassion (Women Only).....Jane McWhorter
 11:00-11:50 A.M. You Never Mentioned Him To Me.....David Propthater
 CLASS* The "Action" Of Evangelism.....Wade Webster
 LUNCH
 11:50-1:30 P.M. Evangelism: Quality Or Quantity.....Kevin Moore
 1:30-2:20 P.M. Timothy: Training Our Children To Be Evangelistic (Women Only).....Sheila Butt
 LADIES* Priscilla And Aquilla: Partners In Evangelism.....Herb Alsop
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Evangelism And Apologetics.....Kyle Butt
 CLASS* Truth For The World.....Skip Andrews
 3:30-4:15 P.M. Starting A New Congregation.....Jeff Collet
 INTERMISSION
 4:15-6:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 6:30-7:00 P.M. "Burning Up The Woods".....B. J. Clarke
 7:00-8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) "They That Turn Many to Righteousness" (Dan. 12:3).....Wayne Rodgers
 9:00-9:50 A.M. Evangelism: Who Will Lead?.....Jerry Martin
 10:00-10:50 A.M. Evangelism: School On The Internet.....Tom Bright
 LADIES* The Value Of One (Women Only).....Vada Rice
 11:00-11:50 A.M. Did He Not Also Die For Them?.....Allen Webster
 CLASS* Given To Hospitality.....Matt Shelton
 LUNCH
 11:50-1:30 P.M. Evangelism: Big City Vs. Small Town.....Bob Prichard
 1:30-2:20 P.M. Little Things Mean A Lot (Women Only).....Celicia Grider
 LADIES* The Power Of Influence.....Dan Cates
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Evangelism And The Radio.....Paul Meacham
 CLASS* House To House/Heart To Heart.....Allen Webster
 3:30-4:15 P.M. Value Of Prison Ministries.....Charles Box
 INTERMISSION
 4:15-6:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 6:30-7:00 P.M. "Go Make Disciples".....Robert R. Taylor, Jr.
 7:00-8:00 P.M.

*ALL Classes (Including Ladies Classes) Meet In Room 405 In The School Building.



Gary McDade Jane McWhorter Paul Meacham Carla Moore John Moore Kevin Moore Keith A. Mosher, Sr. Eric Owens David Propthater Yada Rice
 David Sain Paul Sain Johnie Scaggs Matt Shelton Tanya Silcox Irene Taylor Robert Taylor Allen Webster Wade Webster Tim Wilkes Dan Winkler

NEED ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE LECTURES?

If you are like me and need accommodations during the lectureship, sister Sherry Brown has provided us with a good opportunity. The arrangements were just finalized today. I am happy to pass the information along to you.

There is a brand-new Hotel right off Hacks Cross called Candlewood Suites. It opened on November 8, 2008. The address is: 7950 Centennial Drive, Memphis, TN. I have looked at the website and the pictures look very good.

Their web-site says: "Our guests can cook meals in their fully equipped kitchen, relax in the overstuffed recliner while watching movies from our free library on your flat panel television. Business travelers will work more efficiently utilizing the executive desk with speaker phone and free high-speed Internet. Candlewood Suites Memphis provides our guests an indoor pool, free fitness center, free business center and a comfortable place to do laundry in our free guest laundry room."

They do not offer breakfast. However, each suite features a fully-equipped kitchen with a full-size refrigerator with ice maker, dishwasher, microwave and stovetop, and a variety of dishes, cookware and utensils.

Only Queen beds are available. They do offer their Comforts of Home™ Bedding Collection featuring plush mattress sets, fresh cotton blend sateen sheets, generous duvet and a pillow menu.

The television is supposed to have a built in DVD player. There is an alarm clock/radio with automatic time set, a wall mounted hair dryer, and a full-size ironing board and iron.

There are three styles of rooms available.



Studio Suite



Two Bed Studio Suite



One Bedroom Suite

You can get the Studio Suite or the Two Bed Studio Suite for a special MSOP lectureship rate of **\$59 plus tax**. Or you can get the one bedroom Suite which includes a sofa sleeper, an extra tv and closet space for **\$79 plus tax** a night. *Alumni will need to reserve their room by March 15th for these special rates.* Please call their direct number at **901-755-0877** and reserve your room for the lectures at the special MSOP rate. I just did!