



## Laborers Together Newsletter

### Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

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

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## Honor To Whom Honor: Bobby and Joan Liddell Appreciation Dinner

*B. J. Clarke*

On Monday afternoon (April 1) of the annual MSOP lectureship there will be an appreciation dinner for Bobby and Joan Liddell. The dinner will begin at 4:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Forest Hill church of Christ. Brother Liddell has done an excellent job in directing the school over the past few years and it is only fitting that we give honor unto whom honor is due. His wife, Joan, also deserves appreciation for her willingness to spend many lonely hours while brother Liddell worked and traveled as Director of MSOP. She also did an outstanding job in organizing the Graduation tea and reception.

I think it would be most fitting if a number of the alumni, who sat at brother Liddell's feet, would make a special effort

to be with us to pay tribute to him for his faithful dedication to the work of the Memphis School of Preaching. We hope you can be with us for this important occasion.

### **One Paragraph From You Could Change The World**

I am persuaded that our alumni have long been our best recruiters in leading men to attend MSOP. Consequently, I am asking for as many alumni as possible to summarize in one or two paragraphs what your two years at MSOP meant to you and your family. My plan is to publish these statements on the website as part of our efforts to recruit new students to consider attending MSOP. Would you recommend MSOP? If so, why? Your words may very well influence

one or more men to come to the school. If so, when they go forth from the school to preach the saving message of Christ, your paragraph might have been the catalyst which started the whole process! Please send these by email to [bjcmsop@icloud.com](mailto:bjcmsop@icloud.com).

Also, during the lectureship we will have a camera set up in my office to record some video clips of our graduates talking about their MSOP experience. We will post these clips on our website. Feel free to drop by and help us spread the good news! Thank you so very much.

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### Voluntary Alumni Dues

As you all know, the more resources that are at our disposal the more good we can do. At last report, our alumni fund was lower than normal. *Could it be that you have not given your \$25 in dues this year?* Please do so right now by sending them to our treasurer, Keith Mosher at this address: MSOP Alumni Association c/o Keith Mosher, 3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125. In addition, you may also choose to give them to brother Mosher at the lectureship. The dues are voluntary and greatly appreciated.

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### Please Fill Out The Registration Form Online

Our webmaster, Joey Davis, has asked me to let you know that the Lectureship information and pertinent forms are now under the "Lectureship" section of the website at [www.msop.org](http://www.msop.org). Each Alumnus needs to complete the registration form regardless of their attendance plans. Also, the child care registration form is available there as well.

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## ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

### Looking For A Place

Our Alumni Association President **Rick Lawson (1999)** will be leaving the Sunset congregation in Nashville, AR after a five year stay as the associate preacher. Please pray for him and his family as they search for the right congregation and let him know of prospects! You may e-mail him at [bibletofer@gmail.com](mailto:bibletofer@gmail.com).

### Missions

**Ronald D. Gilbert (1973)** writes that he and his wife are sorry they will not

get to attend the lectures this year. They plan to be in Malaysia on a mission trip during the month of April. Please remember this trip in your prayers.

**Eugene Jenkins (1980)** writes, "Luvenia and I worked with the East End congregation in Grand Cayman from Oct. 19-Dec 18, 2012. We return to the island on January 26 and will remain until March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be in Jamaica most of May and June and will return to Grand Cayman

in August 2013, if needed, and funds will allow.

### **World Missions Program Student In Need Of Support**

Adam Evans writes, "As you prepare your new budget for 2013, please prayerfully consider making a four year commitment to our mission work. Currently we are training at the Memphis School of Preaching in the new one-year Mission Preparation Program. We are making an initial commitment to work in Iringa, Tanzania, Africa, for 3.5 years. Please allow us to schedule a time to come present our work to the Elders, Deacons, Mission Committee, or Sunday morning bible class. If you are unable at this time to commit to the work, please consider giving a one-time support. One-time support will assist us in purchasing a trustworthy vehicle and plane tickets to travel overseas. Please make your contributions payable to: West End Church of Christ, memo Mission, 3815 Old Hwy 94 South, St. Peters, MO 63304.

### **Education**

**James Butler (1990)** writes, "Lord willing I will complete and defend my dissertation for my Doctor of Ministry at Amridge. University this semester. I will get my degree at the graduation ceremony in June 2013 . . . My dissertation is on "Conflict and Its Resolution in the Church of Christ."

### **Adoption**

**Jeff Johnson (2005)** writes, "Just thought I would pass this information along. For some of you who do not know the situation, here it is. Three years ago my wife and I were blessed with the custody

of a six year old little girl by the name of Skylar. We did not ask for this but due to circumstances, she came to our house and never left. In the period of Skylar's life her mom was in and out of jail. Skylar was living with a man that could not take care of her. We were willing and able, and we were given custody through the courts. Over the last year and a half, we have been trying to adopt Skylar. We had our last hearing date last month, and we were awarded full custody of Skylar. Her mom's rights were terminated. We can now move ahead to the adoption. For those who have been praying on Skylar's behalf, we say thank you.

### **Recently Moved**

**Quinton Hicks (2010)** writes, "I was hired as the full time preacher for the Eastman Church of Christ in Eastman, GA last year in December. My address is 291 Wright Drive Apt. 4, Eastman, GA 31023.

### **Our Sympathy**

**Bill Crossno (1972)** has passed away. His funeral was held in Huntingdon, TN on January 9<sup>th</sup> and was officiated by his nephew, **Kevin Thomason (1984)**. Brother Bill was one of my instructors for a time as he filled in for brother John Renshaw. At that time, he was preaching at Mountain Terrace in Memphis. In the 1990's while I was preaching at Greenfield, TN, brother Crossno would drive up from Clarksburg to attend our preacher's luncheons. He was a fine gospel preacher. I shall always remember the way he would continually roll up his New Testament in his hands as preached the Word.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to **Bobby (1979) and Joan Liddell** in the loss of Joan's mother, Connie Loe, who passed away on January 7<sup>th</sup>, Services were held at Crestview Memorial Gardens, in Adamsville, Alabama.

Gema Winchester, wife of MSOP graduate **Jonathan Winchester (2007)** whom he met in Peru, passed away on January 15<sup>th</sup> after her battle with stomach cancer. Jonathan's address is: 4023 Knud Drive, Columbia, TN 38401.

**William Abram**, MSOP student, recently lost his grandfather, evangelist Lucky Randall of Longview, Texas.

**Randy Collum's (2010)** father, Randall R. Collum, SR. passed away on February 8<sup>th</sup>. He was a member of the Southaven Church of Christ. The family requests that memorials in his name be sent to The Memphis School of Preaching.

#### **FREE McClintock & Strong**

**David Lemmons (1994\*)** writes, "Josh Bond has made available at: <http://biblesupport.com> a 228 mb download (with images) of the classic: Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, in the form of an e-Sword module. I was blessed to download this massive file this morning. I am confident it will be a tremendous help in Bible study."

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

The annual MSOP Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting will be held in the second year classroom on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Noon. All class representatives are urgently requested to attend.

## **Hotels Close To MSOP**

Please make your reservations by calling them at the numbers listed.

### **Hampton Inn**

1280 W. Poplar Ave – Collierville  
(Ask for MSOP Rates)  
(901) 854-9400  
King or Double \$92.00 plus tax  
CUT OFF DATE: Mar. 9<sup>TH</sup>

### **Candlewood Suites**

7950 Centennial Dr., Memphis, 38125  
(Ask for MSOP Rates)  
(901) 755-0877  
1 King or 2 Double \$72.00 plus tax  
CUT OFF DATE: Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Four Points by Sheraton**

4090 Stansell Court, Memphis, 38125  
(Ask for MSOP Rates)  
(901) 309-3020  
1 King or Double \$69.00 plus tax  
CUT OFF DATE: Feb 28, 2013

### **Hyatt Place**

9161 Winchester Road, Germantown  
(Did not give us a rate)  
(901) 759-1174

### **Fairfield Inn**

9320 Poplar Pike, Germantown  
(Did not give us a rate)  
(901)757-9100

### **Holiday Inn Express**

4068 Stansell Court – Memphis 38125  
\$68.00 plus tax  
(901) 309-6474

### **Hampton Inn**

3579 Hacks Cross Road-Memphis, 38125  
(Did not give us a rate)  
(901) 754-8454

# A WORD OF APPRECIATION, A PROMISE, AND A PLEA

*B. J. Clarke*

I am overwhelmed with a sense of deep gratitude to the elders of the Forest Hill church of Christ for the invitation to serve as the next Director of the school I have loved since I was a little boy. My father, T. J. Clarke, attended the school from 1970-1972. Even now, four decades later, I can remember the powerful preaching of E. L. Whitaker. I have heard my father speak fondly of the tremendous impact the faculty had upon him. I have seen the fruits of their labors in the work my father has done, and in the things he passed down to me, which he learned from these men.

I have immeasurable appreciation for the directorship of men like Roy J. Hearn, Curtis A. Cates, and Bobby Liddell. Every time I look at the curriculum of the school I thank God for the wisdom of Roy Hearn in laying foundations for the school that are still so solid. Every time I show a prospective student the student housing and library, I thank God for the vision of men like brother Cates. Every time I contemplate the current stability of the school, doctrinally, and financially, I praise God for the excellent job brother Liddell has done in leading the way. I cannot thank brother Liddell enough for recommending me to this great work. It brings me great comfort to know that brother Cates and brother Liddell will be close at hand to offer assistance and advice

to me as I endeavor to "keep the toes of the school pointed in the right direction."

I am very enthused about the opportunity to work together with the godly elders, gifted preachers, and dedicated members of the Forest Hill congregation. I am so blessed to work with such a knowledgeable and experienced faculty. They have taught me much, and I look forward to tapping into more of their wisdom. I am also happy to have my supportive wife, Tish, by my side, and I know she will be a positive role model for the student wives.

I truly appreciate the alumni of the Memphis School of Preaching. One of the greatest honors of my life was to be named as an honorary alumnus of the school in 2006. On January 1, 2013, I will experience an even greater honor, but also a greater responsibility. I pledge to you that I will not take this responsibility lightly. I look forward to your input.

Recently, brother Grider spoke in chapel and presented a masterful sermon on Faith from Hebrews 11. My promise to you is that I will endeavor to be a man of faith. I am determined to be faithful to the truth in a balanced and uncompromising way. I am determined to be faithful to God, and to trust Him as we march into the future. I plead for your constant prayers and continued support, and I thank you in advance for your kindness.

# 2013 YOUTH DAY

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 30, 2013

“They Will Know We Are Christians . . .”

9:00 -9:30 Registration

9:30-10:00 Singing (directed by Stephen Sutton, Maury City, Tennessee)

10:00-10:35 “. . . By Our Love” (David Gulledge, Paris, Tennessee)

10:45-11:20 “. . . By Our Joy” (Tyler Kirkpatrick, Visalia, California)

11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:15-12:30 Singing

12:30-1:05 “. . . By Our Lives” (Jared Rhodes, Olive Branch, Mississippi)

1:05-1:15 Closing Remarks

## Highlights of Lectureship Week:

- ▶ Annual Youth Day, Saturday, March 30. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
- ▶ Lectures presented by faithful brethren from morning to evening, covering a broad range of subjects developed from the lectureship theme.
- ▶ Eight classes designed especially for ladies and taught by outstanding Christian women.
- ▶ Chapel service each morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Forest Hill auditorium, conducted by the students of the Memphis School of Preaching.
- ▶ Congregational Singing—Sunday, March 31, 5:30 p.m. and Monday through Thursday evenings, 6:30—7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Appreciation Dinner honoring Bobby & Joan Liddell, Monday, April 1 at 4:15 p.m.
- ▶ Annual Board of Directors Meeting of the MSOP Alumni Association attended by Class Representatives at Noon on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ▶ Seminar for prospective students and supporters on Tuesday, April 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel Hall.
- ▶ Alumni/Friends Banquet, Tuesday, April 2 at 4:15 p.m.
- ▶ Each day, with the exception of Sunday, lunch will be provided.
- ▶ Each day, during the lectures, special classes for children will be conducted in the educational building. There will be no children’s classes conducted in the evenings.

For tickets to the dinners, please call the school office at 901-751-2242. Monday’s tickets are \$8.00 per person, per meal and \$4.50 for children 12 and under. Tuesday’s tickets are \$7.00 per person, per meal and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

*Please Complete the Alumni Registration Form Now At [WWW.MSOP.ORG](http://WWW.MSOP.ORG). We especially need to know those coming to the Dinners and those needing Childcare.*

**FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP**  
**MARCH 31 - APRIL 4, 2013**  
**“A NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN”**  
**MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING**  
**3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013**

9:30-10:20 A.M. “Jesus Christ: The Object of the Christian’s Faith”..... **David Sain**

10:30-11:30 A.M. “Why I Am a Christian”.....**Barry Grider**

5:30-6:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

6:00-7:00 P.M. “Contends for The Faith”.....**Paul Sain**

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013**

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: “The Church of Christ is Well and Alive Because of Its Daily Discipleship” .....**Steven Ford**

9:00-9:50 A.M. “Understands Restoration” .....**Matthew Martin**

10:00-10:50 A.M. “Forgives Without Grudging”.....**Scott Cain**

*LADIES\*\** “Christian Women in the Home”(Women Only)....**Celicia Grider**

11:00-11:50 A.M. “Can Know He is Saved.....**Larry Acuff**

*CLASS\** “Supports World Missions”..... **Ray W. Peters**

**11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH**

1:30-2:20 P.M. “Honors God in His Home”..... **Kelvin Pugh**

*LADIES\*\** “Is a Serious Bible Student” (Women Only).....**Tish Clarke**

2:30-3:20 P.M. “Becomes God’s Friend”.....**Tim Burroughs**

*CLASS\** “Is a Joyful Person”..... **Kyle Wadley**

3:30-4:15 P.M. “Lives a Pure Life”.....**Michael Bates**

**4:15-6:30 P.M. APPRECIATION DINNER - Bobby & Joan Liddell**

6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

7:00-8:00 P.M. “Believes the Simple Plan of Salvation”..... **Dan Winkler**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013**

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: “The Church of Christ is Well and Alive Because of Its Missionary Spirit”.....**Josue Castorena**

9:00-9:50 A.M. “Trusts the Grace of God”.....**Glenn Colley**

10:00-10:50 A.M. “Worships in Spirit and in Truth”..... **Cliff Goodwin**

*LADIES\*\** “Leams from Phoebe: How to Serve”

(Women Only).....**Cindy Colley**

11:00-11:50 A.M. “Guards His Tongue”..... **Sam Wilcutt**

*CLASS\** “Loves Young People”..... **Brad McNutt**

**11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH**

1:30-2:20 P.M. “Respects the Authority of Elders”.....**Joe W. Nichols**

*LADIES\*\** “Christian Women: In the Workplace”

(Women Only).....**Jeanny Gilpin**

2:30-3:20 P.M. “Understands Prophecy”..... **Billy Bland**

*CLASS\** “Has Been Baptized for the Remission of Sins”.....**Tim Alsop**

**SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

**AND SUPPORTERS (MSOP CHAPEL)**

3:30-4:15 P.M. “Loves the Brotherhood”..... **Eddy Gilpin**

**4:15-6:30 P.M. ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER**

**(FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

7:00-8:00 P.M. “The Church to Which a Christian is Added”..... **Tom Holland**

**WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2013**

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: “The Church of Christ is Well and Alive Because of Its Plea”.....**Kaleb Hall**

9:00-9:50 A.M. “Trusts in the Blood of Jesus”..... **Tom House**

10:00-10:50 A.M. “Believes in the Place Called Hell”.....**Jim Dearman**

*LADIES\*\** “Learns from Dorcas: How to Be a Caregiver”

(Women Only) ..... **Racine Wilder**

11:00-11:50 A.M. “Is a Good Citizen” .....**T. J. Clarke**

*CLASS\** “Cares for the Aged”..... **Lee Davis**

**11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH**

1:30-2:20 P.M. “Makes Other Christians”..... **Patrick Gray**

*LADIES\*\** “Lessons from Lydia: Hospitality”

(Women Only).....**Rhonda Jones**

2:30-3:20 P.M. “Helps His Neighbor”..... **Tim Burroughs**

*CLASS\** “Never Stops Growing”..... **Patrick Harper**

3:30-4:15 P.M. “Works at His Marriage”..... **Sam Jones**

**4:15-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION**

6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

7:00-8:00 P.M. “Trusts the Word of God”..... **John DeBerry**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013**

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: “The Church is Well and Alive

Because of its Mission”..... **William Abram**

9:00-9:50 A.M. “Trusts in Prayer”.....**John Barcus**

10:00-10:50 A.M. “Knows How to Study the Bible”..... **B. J. Clarke**

*LADIES\*\** “Learns from Mary and Martha: How to Be Spiritual”

(Women Only).....**Tanya Silcox**

11:00-11:50 A.M. “Believes in Reverence for God”..... **Preston Silcox**

*CLASS\** “Accepts the Genesis Record”.....**Dan Cates**

**11:50-1:30 LUNCH**

1:30-2:20 P.M. “Seeks to Be Balanced”..... **David Lemmons**

*Ladies\*\** “Women in the Book of Revelation”

(Women Only) .....**Irene Taylor**

2:30-3:20 P.M. “Knows the Difference Between the Testaments”.....**Neil Richey**

*CLASS\** “Is Humble”..... **Tim Hayes**

3:30-4:15 P.M. “Longs for Heaven”..... **Hugh Fulford**

**4:15-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION**

6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

7:00-8:00 P.M. “Is Just Like Paul”..... **Robert R. Taylor, Jr.**

\*All Classes meet in the School Building Room 405

\*\*Ladies Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall