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Co-Editor's Column

IF THE READINESS IS THERE



Paul wrote to the Macedonians and said, **“For if the readiness is there,** (Emp. GE) it is acceptable according as a man hath, not according as he hath not” (2 Cor. 8:12). The Lord expects us **first** to give ourselves to the Lord. Paul wrote of the Macedonians, “And this, not as we had hoped, but **first** (Emp. GE) they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God” (2 Cor. 8:5). Paul also said of the Macedonian Christians, “For according to their power, I bear witness, yea, and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord” (2 Cor. 8:3).

The psychologist says **understand** self; the worldling says **enjoy** self; but the Scriptures teach that we should “give yourself to the Lord” (Mat. 6:33; 2 Cor. 8:5).

IF THE READINESS IS THERE AS APPLIED TO THE MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

One of our present needs at MSOP is to pay for the soon to be completed residency halls (apts). These buildings will accommodate all of our students, and will truly be a blessing to the work of the School. These buildings will also save MSOP thousands of dollars in rent each month.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED AND WHO WILL ASSIST US IN THIS GOOD WORK

Even though the Forest Hill Church of Christ contributes one-half million dollars to the Memphis School of Preaching each year, without the help of people like you, the Memphis School of Preaching could not exist.

In a few weeks, we hope to have the apartments available for our students to occupy, and that will indeed be a great milestone. At that time (Continued On Page 2)

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP IN THE PURCHASE OF APPLIANCES/FURNITURE FOR STUDENT HOUSING

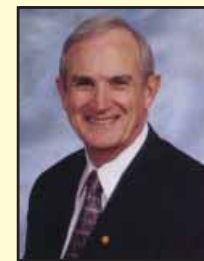
Dear friend of Forest Hill/MSOP:

As earlier updated, the construction of the thirty-two apartments to house MSOP students is proceeding nicely and the time has come for the purchasing of washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, tables, chairs, bedding, chests, et al. It is possible that our readers may be engaged in the furniture/appliance business and might help the Forest Hill elders make wise decisions in the purchase, shipping, and installation of these items in-bulk. If you can help in these areas or know someone who can assist us in making wise purchases, please contact the elders, brother Bobby Liddell, or myself. We wish to be wise stewards, and we are most grateful for your assistance!

Curtis A. Cates

From The Director

A MEDLEY OF MATTERS



FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MSOP LECTURESHIP

Very special at the MSOP each year is lectureship week, which always begins the last Sunday in March (March 25-29, 2007). This year's theme is: “Epistles to Corinth.” Brother Bobby Liddell does a par excellent work in directing the annual lectureship and in editing the lectureship volume. Please plan now to engage in this tremendous study of Paul's letters of 1, 2 Corinthians, to enjoy the encouraging association with some 1,200 and more fellow Christians, to engage in the beautiful, uplifting songs of praise to our Great God, to renew old acquaintances and have our “batteries re-charged,” to see first-hand the new student housing, to help honor a very deserving and wonderful couple, Don and Jane McWhorter, and to be present for the inauguration of the School's new director, brother Bobby Liddell, on March 27, 2007.

STUDENT HOUSING UPDATE

As a friend of the Memphis School of Preaching and of the educating of good, dedicated men in the old, primitive gospel you can well imagine that excitement is really building among the students and their wives and children who will be moving into the apartments, upon the completion of the four buildings. The brick work is well underway on the third building; the cabinets have been installed in the first building, as well as the tile in the bathrooms. The thirty-two three-bedroom apartments will be a Godsend to the cause of preparing faithful evangelists for God.

What great stewardship this is, to house our students and their families on-campus and to refrain from having to pay out approximately \$23,000 every month on rent! Believe me, we as stewards do not apologize for trying to save the Lord's money! We express our deep gratitude to all of you for helping so faithfully and generously to make these apartments possible. Please pray that the goal of paying for the apartments in full will soon be reached, to the glory of God and of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

“STUDIES IN HEBREWS” OFF THE PRESS

A superlative new volume on Hebrews from the pen of our greatly esteemed friend and scholar Robert R. Taylor, Jr., is now available. I have with great delight and personal benefit already read any number of its pages. The **Studies in Hebrews** joins more than thirty other splendid books by brother Taylor, including his recent valuable volume on **Studies in Psalm 119**. With their twenty-six chapters [with challenging questions at the end of each chapter], the “studies” are ideally suited for Bible class situations.

Brother Taylor was educated at Freed-Hardeman College, David Lipscomb College, and George Peabody College [now universities], receiving both undergraduate and graduate degrees. He began to preach in 1949. He

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Residence Apartments Construction To Begin Soon



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- Intensive Two-year Collegiate Program Of Strong Bible Emphasis Under A Qualified Faculty
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- No Tuition Or Fees, Scholarships And Housing Assistance Available, Approved For V. A. Benefits
- Accepting Applications Now. Write Or Call For Catalog And Application

Attend The Annual

MSOP LECTURES

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

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and sister Irene have preached for the Ripley, Tennessee, congregation for some thirty-three years. He preaches in about ten gospel meetings and over twenty lectureships yearly. For information, write to: Robert R. Taylor, Jr., P.O. Box 464, Ripley, TN 38063.

THE GOSPEL JOURNAL

I wish to congratulate brethren Barry Grider and John Moore, Co-Editors of **The Gospel Journal**, for the excellent work they are doing with the monthly publication. It is true to the Word of God, its articles are solid and good, and its thirty-six pages are very attractive.

The Journal has begun its eighth year of publication, having put out its first issue in January 2000. The Board of Directors are: Curtis A. Cates, President; Joseph Meador, Vice President; Kenneth E. Ratcliff, Treasurer-Business Manager; and Tommy J. Hicks, Member-at-Large. It also has a bookstore, operated by brother Tommy Largent. Sam Dilbeck does a great job of graphics and design.

Those interested in individual and/or congregational subscriptions, or sample copies, could write the Business Office, P.O. Box 219, Cibola, TX 78108-0219, or call 210-566-9055. As early as I could remember, back in the 1940's, my family received the **Gospel Advocate** and the **Firm Foundation**. As I learned to read and as I began later as a teenager to speak, I "cut my eye-teeth" on those great and faithful publications. I enthusiastically commend to you and your children **The Gospel Journal**. Subscribe today. *Curtis A. Cates*

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we will owe approximately one million dollars, and as you know even the interest on that sum of money is great. We are hoping that we can repay that loan in twelve months by requesting congregations or individuals to send \$500.00 per month to the Memphis School for twelve months; so that we can pay off that debt and thus also eliminate the interest. I do not believe that amount would hurt anyone, but it would help the Memphis School of preaching tremendously!

We do not want to "ride a good horse to death" but if we could have a number of congregations, or individuals, to send \$500.00 per month for twelve months to the Memphis School of Preaching, it would help us solve a great problem, and lift a heavy burden from the shoulders of MSOP.

The Stanton, Tennessee congregation, with attendance in the twenties and thirties, purposed to send MSOP \$500.00 per month for twelve months of 2007. They have already sent \$500.00 for January as well as February. This congregation has already given between sixty and one hundred thousand dollars in assisting us in the building of our new school building, and the N. B. Hardeman library. When we began construction on the student housing, the church at Stanton gave five thousand dollars, and now is giving \$500.00 per month during the twelve months of 2007, and it would not surprise me that after this commitment is fulfilled they very likely may give another lump sum to assist the Lord's work done by the Forest Hill congregation and her work done through the Memphis School of Preaching.

In the last sixteen years, seldom has there been a worship service or Bible study at Stanton but that three times on Sunday, and at Wednesday Bible study we have publicly prayed for the Memphis School of Preaching. We need the prayers of faithful brethren most of all (Phi. 4:6; Jas. 5:16).

Thank you so very much, in advance, for considering these matters. We especially request your prayers, and we shall continue to pray for you, and we request that you pray for us. *Garland Elkins*

PREVIEW FOR PROSPECTS

Dear fellow alumni:
The Memphis School of Preaching depends on its alumni to recruit students and help raise student support. For fifteen plus years, we have tried to coordinate those efforts with the Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship. On Tuesdays of the Lectureship each year, a **Preview for Prospects** presentation is conducted. This year's presentation will be on March 27th at 2:10 PM in the Chapel Hall of the School. Here, prospective students and congregations/individuals interested in supporting preacher students are given an introductory overview of the Memphis School of Preaching by the Director and faculty. Prospects have an opportunity to ask questions and will be given a packet of information to take with them.

Each year, during the Preview for Prospects time slot, an alumnus of MSOP speaks for about 10 minutes. This gives prospective students and potential supporters an opportunity to see and hear from a finished product of the school. This occasion also gives an alumnus the opportunity to highlight how he has personally benefited from the training he received from the Memphis School of Preaching. This year's guest speaker will be brother **Terry Claunch** of the class of 1984.

Your work in bringing prospective students and supporters to the preview presentation, and to the lectureship, are vital to our recruiting efforts. We are asking every alumnus to make a special effort to make this year, 2007, the best year ever for student recruitment and support raised. See you at the lectureship!
Jerry L. Martin

DISPLAY AREA

Those planning to have displays at the Lectureship **must** make reservations by **March 15, 2007**, and be approved in advance. Liberal displays/materials are not allowed. Contact Kathy Jones at (901) 751-9964 to make reservations.

R.V. HOOKUPS

To reserve R.V. space, or for questions about R.V. parking, call the School office at (901) 751-2242. Call **early**, because spaces are limited. NOTE: R.V.s must be parked in spaces assigned, and as directed by Parking Lot Attendants.

LOCAL MOTELS

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THEM AT THE NUMBERS LISTED. You must ask for Memphis School of Preaching Rates.

COMFORT INN & SUITES--7787 Wolf River Blvd. (901) 757-7800 or (888) 960-2378. King \$59.00 plus tax. Double \$62 plus tax. Suite \$89 plus tax. Cut off date is March 10, 2007.

FAIRFIELD INN--9320 Poplar Pike, Germantown. (901) 757-9100 or (888) 426-5207. 2 people, \$82.00 plus tax. Cut off date is March 3, 2007.

HAMPTON INN--1280 W Poplar Ave., Collierville, TN (901) 854-9400 or 1-800-HAMPTON. 1 King or 2 Doubles \$89.00 plus tax. Cut off date is March 10, 2007.

PLAN TO ATTEND THESE DINNERS

Dinners will begin at 4:15 P.M., and will be catered. The cost is \$7.00 for each adult, and \$3.00 for each child. Call the School at 901-751-2242 to reserve your seat.

HONORING DON MCWHORTER

MONDAY, MARCH 26

You will surely want to be present as we honor brother Don McWhorter, who, along with Jane, his talented and faithful wife, have served the Lord's Cause so splendidly.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER

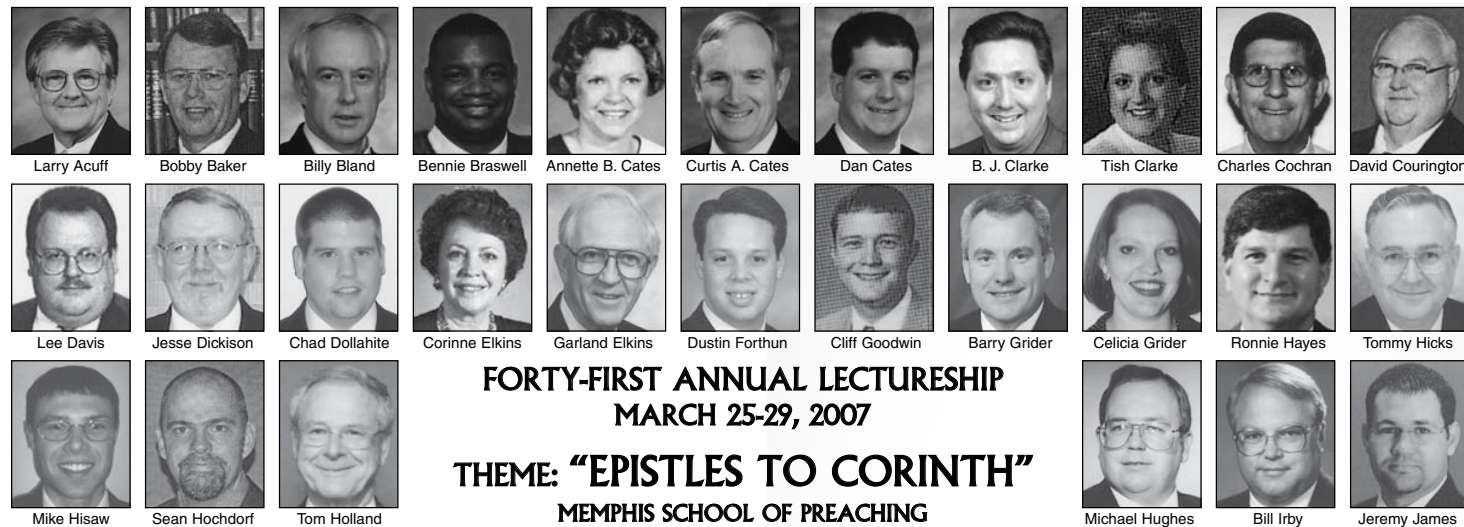
TUESDAY, MARCH 27

One of the highlights of the lectureship is the Alumni and Friends Dinner. It is a great time of renewing acquaintances, and catching up on news. The naming of the "Alumnus of the Year" is always greatly anticipated. Class representatives will be elected. Plan to be present!

THE GOSPEL JOURNAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Learn more about TGJ, Wed., March 28, 4:15 P.M.



SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007
9:30-10:20 A.M. The City Of Corinth And The Church At Corinth.....Eric Lyons
10:30-11:30 A.M. The Apostleship Of Paul.....Barry Grider
2:00-3:30 P.M. Singing
6:00-7:00 P.M. 1 Cor. 1:1-9: Christ And The Church.....Don McWhorter

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007
8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) We Preach Not Ourselves.....Chance Hicks
9:00-9:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 1:10-17: Unity And Baptism.....Neal Pollard
10:00-10:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 1:18-31: Glory In The Lord.....Gary McDade
Ladies Class
Class 1 Answering Anti-ism's Arguments From The Corinthian Epistles.....Corinne Elkins
11:00-11:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 2:1-16: Revelation Of The Mind Of Christ.....Scott Perry
Class 1 1 Cor. 2:1-15: Laborers Together With God.....Mike McDaniel
Class 2 1 Cor. 3:16-23: The Temple Of God.....Jeremy James
11:50-1:10 P.M. 1 Cor. 4:1-21: Fools For Christ.....Bennie Braswell
LUNCH
1:10-2:00 P.M. 1 Cor. 5:1-13: Put Away That Wicked Person.....Wade Webster
Ladies Class The Work Of The Holy Spirit In The Church At Corinth.....Annette Cates
Class 1 1 Cor. 6:1-8: Suffering To Be Defrauded.....Dustin Forthun
2:10-3:00 P.M. 1 Cor. 6:9-20: Your Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Ghost.....Kenneth Ratcliff
Class 1 1 Cor. 7:1-24: Marriage And Divorce: Not Under Bondage.....Ryan Tuten
Class 2 1 Cor. 7:25-40: Marriage In View Of The Present Distress.....Michael Hughes
3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum.....Garland Elkins
4:00-7:00 P.M. INTERMISSION
7:00-7:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
7:30-8:30 P.M. 1 Cor. 8:1-13: Consideration Of Weak Brethren.....B. J. Clarke

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007
8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) Christ's Love Constrains Us.....David Williams
9:00-9:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 9:1-15: Plowing In Hope.....Randy Vaughn
10:00-10:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 9:16-27: For The Gospel's Sake.....Curtis A. Cates
Ladies Class Paul's Approach To Problems In The Church At Corinth.....Tish Clarke
Class 1 1 Cor. 10:1-15: Examples From The Past And Admonition.....Lee Davis
11:00-11:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 10:16-33: The Cup Of The Lord And The Cup Of Devils.....Johnie Scaggs
Class 1 1 Cor. 11:1-16: Coverings And Customs.....Cliff Goodwin
Class 2 1 Cor. 11:17-34: Come Not Together Unto Condemnation.....Larry Acuff
11:50-1:10 P.M. LUNCH
1:10-2:00 P.M. 1 Cor. 12:1-11: Diversities Of Spiritual Gifts.....Tommy Hicks
Ladies Class The Role Of Women In The Church At Corinth.....Jane McWhorter
Class 1 1 Cor. 12:12-31: Many Members Of One Body.....Charles Cochran
2:10-3:00 P.M. 1 Cor. 13:1-13: The Greatest Of These Is Love.....Tony Lawrence
Class 1 1 Cor. 14:1-22: Speaking In Tongues.....Russell Kline
Class 2 1 Cor. 14:23-40: Let All Things Be Done Decently.....David Courington
3:10-4:00 P.M. And In Order
4:00-7:00 P.M. Open Forum.....Garland Elkins
7:00-7:30 P.M. INTERMISSION
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING



**FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL LECTURESHIP
MARCH 25-29, 2007**

THEME: "EPISTLES TO CORINTH"

**MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING
3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125-2560**

7:30-8:30 P.M. 1 Cor. 15:1-20: If Christ Be Not Raised.....Tom Holland

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007
8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) The First And Last Adam.....John Rose
9:00-9:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 15:21-58: Victory Over Death And The Grave.....Keith Mosher
10:00-10:50 A.M. 1 Cor. 16:1-4: The Collection For The Saints.....Denny Petrillo
Ladies Class Instructions To The Church At Corinth On Worship.....Denise Martin
Class 1 1 Cor. 16:5-24: Paul, People, Places, And Plans.....Garry Stanton
11:00-11:50 A.M. 2 Cor. 1:1-24: Comfort, Consolation, And Confidence.....Billy Bland
Class 1 2 Cor. 2:1-11: Response To Repentance.....Robert Jefferies
Class 2 2 Cor. 2:12-17: A Sweet Saviour In Christ.....Mike Hisaw
11:50-1:10 P.M. LUNCH
1:10-2:00 P.M. 2 Cor. 3:1-18: The Letter And The Spirit.....David B. Jones
Ladies Class Eschatology And The Epistles To Corinth.....Irene Taylor
Class 1 2 Cor. 4:1-15: Treasure In Earthen Vessels.....Sean Hochdorf
2:10-3:00 P.M. 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10: Our House From Heaven.....Ronnie Hayes
Class 1 2 Cor. 5:11-21: The Ministry Of Reconciliation.....Kelvin Pugh
Class 2 2 Cor. 6:1-13: That The Ministry Be Not Blamed.....Bobby Baker
3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum.....Garland Elkins
4:00-7:00 P.M. INTERMISSION
7:00-7:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
7:30-8:30 P.M. 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1: Come Out From Among Them.....Paul Sain

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007
8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) God Gives The Increase.....Andy Brewer
9:00-9:50 A.M. 2 Cor. 7:2-16: Godly Sorrow Works Repentance.....Dan Cates
10:00-10:50 A.M. 2 Cor. 8:1-15: Proving The Sincerity Of Your Love.....Ken Tyler
Ladies Class What Did Paul Teach About Baptism?.....Keri Sayle
Class 1 2 Cor. 8:16-24: Providing Things Honest In The Sight Of All Men.....Jesse Dickson
11:00-11:50 A.M. 2 Cor. 9:1-15: Bountiful Sowing And Bountiful Reaping.....Jerry Martin
Class 1 2 Cor. 10:1-6: The Weapons Of Our Warfare Are Not Carnal.....Mitch Rhymer
Class 2 2 Cor. 10:7-18: Measured By God's Standard.....Mark Lance
11:50-1:10 P.M. LUNCH
1:10-2:00 P.M. 2 Cor. 11:1-15: True And False Apostles.....David Looney
Ladies Class The Teaching Of Paul And Christ On Marriage, Divorce, And Remarriage.....Cecilia Grider
Class 1 2 Cor. 11:16-33: Glorifying In Infirmary.....Keith Young
2:10-3:00 P.M. 2 Cor. 12:1-11: God's Grace Is Sufficient.....Bill Irby
Class 1 2 Cor. 12:12-21: To Spend And To Be Spent.....Chad Dollahite
Class 2 2 Cor. 13:1-10: Weakness And Power.....Kevin Rutherford
3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum.....Garland Elkins
4:00-7:00 P.M. INTERMISSION
7:00-7:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
7:30-8:30 P.M. 2 Cor. 13:11-14: Finally, Farewell.....Robert Taylor

NOTE: There will be classes and activities for pre-school children daily. WATER/ ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS PROVIDED.