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The calendar has changed from 2014 to 2015, but the mission of the Memphis School of Preaching has not changed at all. In fact, the mission of MSOP has not changed since its inception in 1966. Our perpetual mission is to “preach the Word” (2 Tim. 4:2). But why do we “preach the Word”?

1. We preach the Word to turn men from the vain things of this earthly life toward the hope of eternal life in heaven with the living God (Acts 14:15; Titus 1:2). We have a message of hope for those who are living in emptiness (Col. 3:1-4).

2. We preach the Word to draw men to the living God (John 6:44-45) and to the gift of eternal life He offers (Rom. 6:23).

3. We preach the Word to bring glad tidings of good things to our hearers (Rom. 10:15). There is enough bad news. The Gospel is good news that a Savior came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

4. We preach the Word in order to save them that believe (1 Cor. 1:21). “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God...the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Yet, it pleased God to reveal salvation through preaching (1 Cor. 1:18-25). Thus, we preach the Word to help the lost to find their way to God!

5. We preach the Word to offer peace by Jesus Christ to those who have no peace. The gospel preacher is devoted to “preaching peace by Jesus Christ” (Acts 10:36; Rom. 5:1-2)!

6. We preach the Word in order to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8). Christ became poor so that we might be spiritually rich (2 Cor. 8:9). We preach the Word to explain how men and women can become joint heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

7. We preach the Word to help present every man perfect in Christ Jesus (Col. 1:28).

If we faithfully preach God’s message, then we anticipate the time when we, and those converted by our preaching, will receive the crown of life (2 Tim. 4:6-8), and enter the heavenly kingdom (2 Tim. 4:18; Tit. 2:13). Hence, let us never forget our mission – to preach the Word!

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## THE AMAZING UTILIZATION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AT MSOP

*Mike McDaniel*

On November 11, 2014, at 6:30 A.M., I got in my car to make the drive from my home in Caruthersville, Missouri to the Memphis School of Preaching. The air was frigid, but conditions seemed good otherwise. My trip was fine until I approached Jericho, Arkansas where I began to see snow on the ground, ice on the interstate, and a huge traffic jam.

I was able to get off the interstate and proceed down Hwy 77 through Marion, Arkansas to West Memphis. I tried three different ways to get on the interstate. Traffic was not moving at all. Upon calling the school at 8:40 A.M., I learned that there had been a bad wreck and fatality at the Forest-Hill Irene exit and that the Bill Morris Parkway was now closed. A surprise snowfall had stricken Memphis before rush hour, crippling the interstate system. There were wrecks on both of the unsalted bridges and they had to close them. I learned later that it would not be until the afternoon before things got back to normal. I could see the Memphis skyline from Broadway Avenue in West Memphis, yet I had no choice after an hour of waiting but to return to Missouri.

I was scheduled to teach my Mission Program class on Principles of Leadership from 9 to 11. That would not happen. However, I was also scheduled to fill in for brother Billy Bland in Hermeneutics (A First Year Course) from 1:10 to 4 P.M. At this point, I wanted to try to salvage something of my day as my morning had been futile. I called the school and talked with brother Efrain

Aranda, one of our World Mission Program students. He and brother Stephen Ulrich, a second year student who assists us with tech support, would make preparations for me to teach my afternoon first year class online using Blackboard software which is provided for my use by the Online Academy of Biblical Studies.

After surprising my wife at the elementary school where she serves as the library aide, we were able to have lunch together. By 1:10 P.M., I was at my computer and ready to teach Hermeneutics all afternoon. I was very grateful. At the time, I had no idea, however, the technical intricacies of the multiple tasks which brother Ulrich was overseeing at the time.

In the second year classroom, the students were watching a video and audio archived stream of brother Bobby Liddell's lesson on the book of Haggai from November 11th at the 12th Annual Schertz Lectures in Schertz, Texas. This was courtesy of the Online Academy of Biblical Studies website: [www.oabs.org](http://www.oabs.org). This video feed was streamed by the Mac mini that is connected to the classroom TV and controlled from brother Ulrich's iPhone 6 Plus which is capable of monitoring and controlling every piece of network/computer equipment in the school.

At the same time, the M.O.S.T. class which was being taught on campus by brother Ted Clarke was also recorded and streaming live to our online students via YouTube Live and GoToMeeting. This class was controlled/monitored from brother Ulrich's iPad mini 2 in front of him.

Then in my first year class, we were streaming audio and video via BlackBoard Collaborate for me. Blackboard is completely interactive. I can see and hear

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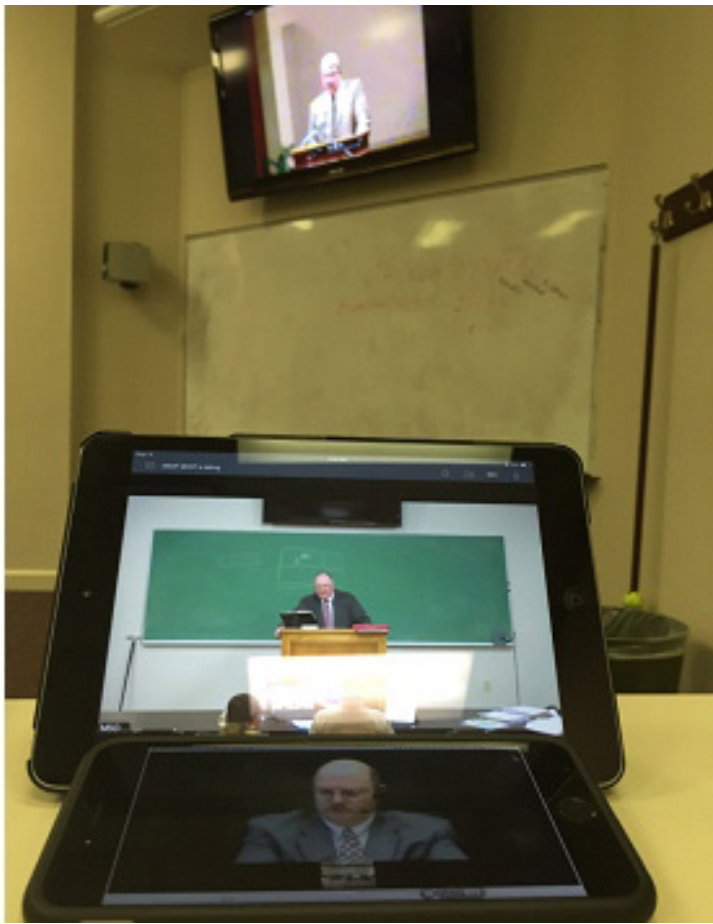
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*Brother Stephen Ulrich uses his iPhone 6 Plus, and his iPad Mini to monitor McDaniel's First Year Class, and Clarke's M.O.S.T. class, while watching Liddell's lecture on the large monitor in the Second Year Class.*

the students, and they can see and hear me. We also have an active chat-room and a whiteboard which can be used for pictures, PowerPoint and writing.

Brother Ulrich was using his MacBook Air connected to the classroom TV to send the audio and video to the monitor for the class to observe while it was also capturing audio and video from the classroom and streaming that back to me. Brother Ulrich writes, "This will be handled in the future by the Mac mini in each classroom, but it will require the purchase of a new webcam for each classroom and possibly the chapel hall as well. I plan to purchase one for myself in the near future and begin testing it in one of the classrooms

prior to asking the school to purchase them for every application. The cost for this is quite minimal at less than \$200 per room and it will provide business class wide angle 1080HD video and excellent room sound while integrating with our existing network infrastructure and video transmission methods. . .All three classes were being conducted via the internet simultaneously controlled by a single individual. Without the recent Hardware upgrades and support of our visionary director B. J. Clarke and the Forest Hill elders, none of this would be possible."

Brother Ulrich took a picture of what was going on during the second half of the day (11/13/14) because he couldn't think of a better way to explain the complexity of it all at the time.

When he showed me this picture on November 18th, I thought it was pretty amazing. I have been engaged with OABS online teaching since 2002 and have been grateful over the years to have been a part of some ground-breaking use of this kind of technology in the brotherhood. Thus, I am very familiar with this kind of technology. However, to see such a variety of software and hardware applications being utilized and being monitored by brother Ulrich on one November afternoon at M.S.O.P. to the glory of God and the edification of many makes me very appreciative also to our alumni and friends who have assisted us financially and in other ways in the Lord's Work. It was a source of encouragement to me on a frustrating day.

## MSOP STUDENTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks so much, dear brethren, to all who have responded to our pleas in the past with either one-time or monthly support for our students. We are deeply appreciative for every contribution, whether large or small.

Many of the good men who come to MSOP are in desperate need of monthly support. They have given up their jobs, and left their homes behind--because they have committed themselves to two years of intensive study and preparation to take the message of salvation to a lost world. They want to preach the gospel, and they need our help.

Can you, or the congregation where you are, respond to this need? Any funds given will be helpful as these men seek the ability to provide for themselves and their families, while here, the basic needs of life. Call us, and we will be happy to give you the details you need to know, in order to help a good man become a good preacher.

**FOUNDATIONS 2015**  
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# RECENT EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

*Billy Bland*

Our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The Memphis School of Preaching emphasizes the great need of teaching others the Gospel of Christ. In addition to the intensive studies at MSOP, the students go on Campaigns twice a year (except every other year there is a Restoration trip taken instead of a Campaign). These Campaigns help congregations reach their communities with the Gospel and also provide practical training for all who work in the campaigns. Each day the students and local members go into the community and knock doors inviting the residents to come hear the Gospel proclaimed by the host congregations.

On October 26-30, 2014, Campaigns were conducted with several congregations. One of the campaigns was with the Margaret Street church of Christ in Milton, FL. Preston Silcox is the local preacher, and Barry Grider was the guest evangelist for the Campaign. Another Campaign was with the Moultrie church of Christ in Moultrie, GA. Jake Sutton is the local preacher and also preached in the Gospel Meeting. The Munford church of Christ in Munford, TN had students come toward the end of the week to knock doors in preparation for the Gospel Meeting to be held the following week with B. J. Clarke preaching the Gospel. In Portage County, Ohio four congregations worked together to host campaigns with churches in Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro and Windham. Ralph Price coordinated these efforts and B. J. Clarke preached in the campaign. As a results of the efforts put forth, 1000's of doors were knocked and many people were given materials relative to the Lord's church. People were offered Free Bible courses and there were some baptisms. If the congregation where you worship is interested in hosting a Campaign, one may contact the Memphis School of Preaching, c/o Billy Bland, 3950 Forest Hill Irene Rd, Memphis, TN 38125.

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Bobby Liddell, Editor

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