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ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TODAY, HOPE FOR TOMORROW

B. J. Clarke

Our culture seems to be spiraling downward at an alarming rate of speed. However, during the last two weeks of June, two events took place at the Memphis School of Preaching that offer encouragement for today, and hope for tomorrow: (1) Graduation and (2) Foundations. On June 21st, twenty-five students graduated from MSOP. They left to take the light of the gospel into a dark world of sin (Psa. 119:105; John 3:19-21; 2 Cor. 4:4). We already miss their daily association, but we are nevertheless encouraged by what they are doing today, and by the hope they will spread to others, both now and in the future. It was also very encouraging to see a number of new students arrive at MSOP to begin their training so that they can go forth in the future to make an eternal difference.

Another tremendous source of encouragement was the Foundations training camp for teen boys and girls (ages 13-19), conducted June 27-July 3, 2015. The first camp began in 2008 with 27 boys. This number kept growing each year until last year, when we had 73 boys. In 2014, we invited girls to participate for the first time in classes especially designed for them. There were 57 girls at last year's training camp. Once again, the program grew in number. This year we shattered the old attendance record of 130 campers (set in 2014) with 201 boys and girls in attendance! What a pleasant problem to have! Despite some crowded quarters, we had a wonderful week of studying the theme: "I Want To Be More Like Jesus." The tender hearts of these young people was something to behold.

In this issue of the YokeFellow, we have included some encouraging pictures of Graduation Day and of Foundations 2015. Think of all the potential for good that is represented in the faces in these snapshots. Look at them and rejoice that there is still good in this world!

foundations
1 CORINTHIANS 3:10

B. J. Clarke, Director of the Memphis School of Preaching, invites Academic Dean, Keith A. Mosher, Sr. to present the graduating class of 2015.



Honorary alumnus, John Grubb delivers the sermon and address to the 2015 graduating class.

Administrative Dean, Bobby Liddell, awards Jesus Jimenez with the Academic Excellence Award.



Stephen Ulrich receives the True Yokefellow award in recognition of his steadfast willingness to serve the needs of others.

Jorge Garza receives an award from the faculty for being "the most improved student."



Brother Robbie Andrews receives the Most Outstanding Student award in recognition of his superior academic excellence and his exemplary conduct as a leader.



Brother Liddell surprises brother Jerry Manning with a certificate for recruiting the most students to MSOP. Jerry, and his sons, Ryan, Evan, John, Joshua, and Daniel, are all graduates of MSOP.



Hatton Allen leads singing at one of the morning chapel services at FOUNDATIONS 2015, a training camp for teens conducted on the campus of MSOP.

MSOP student, Ty Rhymes, leads singing at an evening devotional during Foundations 2015.

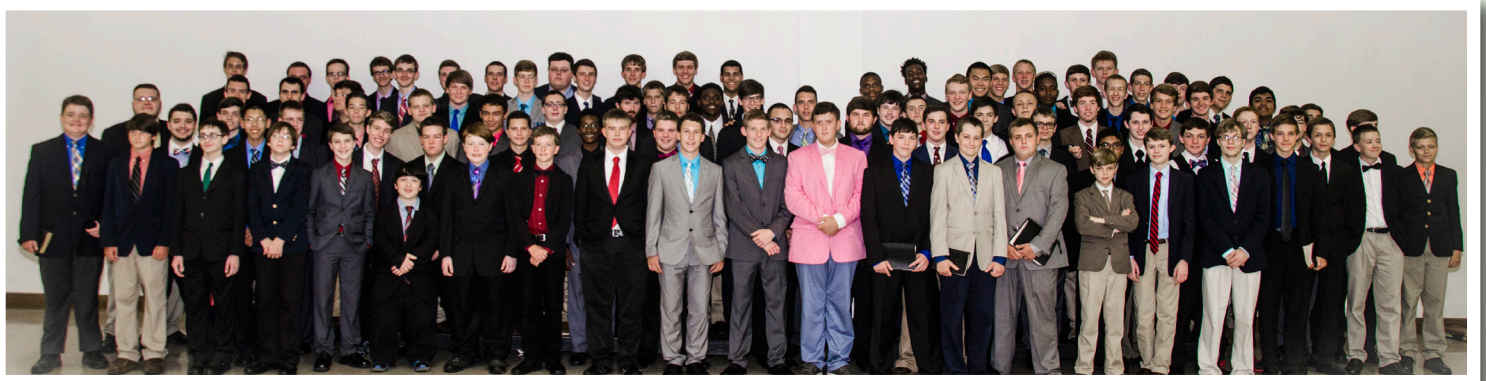


It's time for a moment of truth! Drew Stafford records his 60 second video spot in the MSOP on campus studio.

Barry Kennedy leads Foundations campers in some songs of praise in the atrium of the Forest Hill church building.



Encouragement For Today, Hope For Tomorrow: Over 100 girls participated in Foundations 2015!



Encouragement for Today, Hope For Tomorrow: Over 100 Boys received training at Foundations 2015!

50 YEARS

1966 - 2016

March 27-31, 2016

It is not too early to mark your calendars and save the date for the 50th Anniversary MSOP Lectureship. Our theme for the lectureship will be the same as the School's theme: "Preach The Word" (2 Tim. 4:2). For this 50th anniversary lectureship, we will offer more classes, including some classes especially designed for young people. Make your plans now to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. This week will be a time of instruction, and a time to take a trip down Memory Lane. There will be Power Point projectors at various spots on the campus with looped presentations of hundreds of historic photos. This week will be a time of celebration and reunion. We are anticipating our largest crowd ever. Make plans now to be a part of it!

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