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May 2011

Memphis School of Preaching Graduation 2011 The Elders of the Forest Hill Church of Christ and Faculty of the Memphis School of Preaching Memphis, Tennessee join Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Liddell in requesting the pleasure of your presence at the Commencement Exercises and Reception in honor of the Graduates on Sunday, the nineteenth of June two thousand and eleven Reception: 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall of the Forest Hill Church of Christ

MSOP LECTURES A GREAT SUCCESS! WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL

We gladly express our heartfelt appreciation for the good work of all who made the 2011 MSOP Lectureship a great success! The lectures were very well attended, with evening session crowds that filled the auditorium. Thanks to brother Keith Mosher, Lectureship Director, for his diligent labors, in putting together a splendid program, that brought great benefit to all who came, as we studied: THE BEHAVIOR OF FAITH.

Many hundreds from several different states, and even foreign countries, came for the annual gathering, enjoying the great fellowship, and blessings of spiritual growth from the excellent discussions. We were especially glad to see so many alumni and their families, along with our friends.

We hope you will plan now to be with us next year, when we will study the theme IN GOD WE TRUST, Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29, 2012.



Named as Honorary Alumni, indicative of our respect, appreciation, and love, were Annette Cates (above) and David Sain (right), shown with Alumni Association President Rick Lawson. Sister Cates also received a beautiful plaque recognizing her many years of service as MSOP's Librarian.

Brethren B. J. Clarke (5 Years) and Garland Elkins (20 Years) received Service Pins for their years of service to MSOP.



Brother Preston Silcox, 1995 graduate, received the Alumnus Of The Year Award, presented at the Annual Alumni and Friends Dinner, during the recent MSOP Lectures.

Brother Silcox, and his good family, work with the Margaret Street church in Milton, FL. Having known Preston since before he obeyed the Gospel, I know him to be a man of great faith and ability. Aided by his good wife, Tanya (formerly Brantley, daughter and granddaughter of elders), he has labored with much success.

Preston epitomizes the kind of man we seek as a student, and in whose work we rejoice, after his graduation.

TOM AND JANEY BRIGHT HONORED **Mike McDaniel**

On March 29, 2011 during the forty-fifth annual Memphis School of Preaching lectureship, the Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association hosted their Alumni and Friends Dinner. As is our custom, this is held on Tuesday of that week and is a highly anticipated event. On Sunday, January 30, we lost a great friend in Tom

Once again, the attendance was superb. Among the joyous festivities of the evening, it was my privilege as MSOP Alumni Liaison to present a beautiful plaque to sister Janey Bright in honor of Tom and Janey Bright's service to the cause of Christ. It was a poignant moment indeed! Bright who passed away at Baptist Hospital in Memphis after a series of unfortunate complications following a heart attack. Brother Bright was a faithful and dedicated gospel preacher for forty years. He worked with churches in several states including Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, and Tennessee.

After he began to work with the Phillips Street church of Christ, he was instrumental in the starting of the Online Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS) in August of 2000 and became its first Director. This is a tremendous online resource to teach God's Word to the world under the oversight of the Phillips street elders. It remains as a lasting legacy of the fruitful labor of the Brights. OABS is blessed to have eighteen outstanding Instructors from ten different states. At the start of the Spring 2011 semester, OABS had eighty-two registered students from twentyseven different states in the USA and from two foreign countries. We are grateful that OABS has broadcast and archived the annual MSOP lectureship along with the services of the Forest Hill church of Christ since 2003. With brother Ted Thrasher as the new Director, OABS can continue to provide an invaluable and unique service to the church of Christ in the twenty-first century.

We owe so much to Tom and Janey who traveled to congregations all over the brotherhood to raise awareness and support for this great work and were instrumental in its success. Their plaque bears this inscription: "Memphis School of Preaching Honors Tom and Janey Bright for their steadfast service to Christ through OABS and in broadcasting the Gospel unto all the world." To God be the glory for all the great service this godly couple has rendered in His name.

Hundreds of brethren attended the 2011 Lectureship. Below is a photo of some of those who enjoyed the Alumni and Friends Dinner. We look forward to seeing you at the Dinner next year.





