



Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

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

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WHO SOWED THE SEED?

Charles R. Brewer

[**Editor’s Note:** Several years ago, I had the opportunity to preach at the Power lectures in Southaven, MS on the parable of the tares. In doing the research for that chapter, I came upon this poem which I chose to read at the end of my lesson. I remember that brother David Lemmons appreciated it enough that he later sent it out on his e-mail list to a large number of people. It has become one of my favorite poems. In my estimation, brother Brewer was one of the greatest poets among us. I send it out to our alumni today in hopes that it will be a source of encouragement to you as you sow seed in His name...Mike]

Who sowed the seed? None could recall.
But somewhere, in the bygone years,
A toiler in the ground let fall
A seed that in the soil took hold,
And through long months of heat and cold,
Increased and spread, till now appears
An annual harvest of rich gold.

Who planted the tree? Nobody knew.
But someone, sometime, set it out,
And it through rain and sunshine grew,
Although no eye was near to see,
Till from the little tender sprout
There came a sheltering giant tree
And many a pilgrim breathed a prayer
Of thanks for him who put it there.

Who sowed Good Seed? Perhaps not now,
But in eternity we’ll know,
The Master then will tell us how
Some gentle soul, devoid of fame,
Proclaimed a truth in His Great Name,
Showed someone else the way to go.
And then another, seeing the light,
Turned from the way of doubt and wrong,
And followed the pathway of the right.

And thus the good work moved along.
But only in Heaven will it be known
By whom the original seed was sown.

NEW MSOP APPOINTMENTS

BILLY BLAND NAMED ADMINISTRATIVE DEAN

For fifteen years, brother Billy Bland has exemplified Christian character and faithful service in his roles as instructor and Dean of Students at MSOP. On August 1, he will begin to serve as Administrative Dean, a new and much needed position. As Administrative Dean, brother Bland will continue to oversee evangelistic campaigns, will be in charge of the responsibilities involved with our residence halls, will coordinate the work of the secretarial staff, and will assist the Director in the area of finances.

Brother Bland was born in Oxford, Mississippi, married Terry Collums, and they have two children Anna and Jared (now deceased). They also have three grandchildren. He graduated from Memphis School of Preaching (1977), received the MSOP Graduate Diploma (1991), and has B. A. and M. A. degrees from Southern Christian University.

He has done local work in Tennessee and Mississippi, and now serves as an elder in Coldwater, MS. In addition to being Editor of Far East / World Evangelism Newsletter, Billy writes articles for various other publications, conducts meetings, and speaks in lectures in the United States, Canada, China, India, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, and Thailand. He conducts mission work in the Far East and Russia, and teaches classes in Four Seas College of the Bible and Missions, Singapore, where he also serves as Chairman of the Board.

JERRY MARTIN TO BE NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

Brother Jerry Martin, who has contributed greatly in his role as Instructor will, on August 1, become the new Dean of Students. He is uniquely qualified for this position.

Jerry (MSOP 1979) is a native of Crossett, Arkansas. He and his wife, Denise, have three sons, Paul (2002 MSOP graduate), Chad, and Nathan, and one daughter, Amy. They also have six grandchildren.

Brother Martin holds a B.A. degree in Bible, and an M. S. degree in Counseling from Southern Christian University in Montgomery, Alabama. He is currently a PhD candidate in Marriage and Family Therapy at Regions University (formerly Southern Christian).

The Martins did local work in Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and Colorado before moving to Tennessee to work with the Cordova Church of Christ in 1998, where he also serves as one of its elders. In addition to his preaching and teaching duties, he uses his training to provide counseling to Christians in the Memphis area.

Jerry preaches in a number of Gospel meetings each year, as well as speaking on several lectureships. He conducts seminars on marriage enrichment, conflict management, and grief management. He also enjoys working with the Indian Creek Youth Camp in Walker County, Alabama, where he has directed Teen Week since 1989.

DEWEY MEDLIN GRAVELY ILL

Mike,

I am writing to inform you that brother Dewey Medlin who is an alumnus of MSOP (1973) is in critical condition in the Baptist Hospital in Columbus, Ms. He has had alzheimer's for a couple of years and last Thursday he fell and broke his hip. The surgery went fine but afterwards fluid started collecting on his lungs. The doctors have informed the family that he only has a few days left (Received 8/13). Please inform the other alumni about Bro. Dewey – From Greg Lowery (2007)

REMEMBER YOUR DUES

Please remember to send your \$25 alumni association dues to brother Keith Mosher. He serves as the treasurer of the alumni association. We will need to build up the alumni fund in anticipation of publishing brother Roy J. Hearn's autobiography later.

GET YOKEFELLOW BY EMAIL

Now you can receive the *Yokefellow* in the same manner as the *Laborers Together Newsletter*. If you would like to receive Yokefellow by email, go to the MSOP web site at www.msop.org, navigate to the Yokefellow page, and select the "Electronic Subscription" option.

MSOP LECTURES PODCAST

MSOP is now registered with the Apple iTunes store. Just go there and search for MSOP and download the lectures. One friend enjoys listening to lectures as he takes his daily morning walk.

NEW STUDENT INTAKE

Besides the returning second year class, MSOP took in twelve new students this summer and an additional thirteen students at the beginning of the new school year for a total of twenty-five students in the first year class alone. In addition, two more students will be coming in January and there are yet others who have applied and may be accepted. We rejoice that the student body continues to have a good number each year.

Let us keep these students and their studies in our prayers. The Lord's church desperately needs faithful men to preach the gospel. Only those who have attended MSOP really know of the sacrifice and financial hardship which is often involved in making this commitment. If the congregation where you attend is not now supporting a student, please do what you can to see that such be considered by those in leadership. If as an alumnus of the school, you could support the school on an individual basis, or buy a student's books, or contribute to the building fund, any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Also, if anybody wants a representative of MSOP to speak to your elders or to your congregation to explain the work of the school, the need for support, or to encourage men to preach and be trained at the school, please contact the office. They will be glad to assist you.

REPRINT OF E.R. HARPER'S BOOK

Harper On The Holy Spirit Issues In The 20th Century has now been reprinted with all funds from its sale going towards the apartment indebtedness. This classic and informative book is \$10 each. Order yours today!

MSOP STUDENTS MOVED INTO THE NEW APARTMENTS AROUND THE MIDDLE OF JUNE!



MSOP LECTURESHIP BOOKS SPECIAL

86 - I, II TIMOTHY AND TITUS- \$5.00
96 - THE APOSTLE PAUL- \$5.00
97 - EZEKIEL AND LAMENTATIONS -
\$5.00
98 - LESSONS IN LYRICS- \$5.00
99 - GOD HATH SPOKEN, AFFIRMING
TRUTH AND REPROVING ERROR- \$5.00
00 - CHURCH GROWTH: MAN'S WAYS
OR GOD'S WAY?- \$5.00

01 - THE BOOK OF GENESIS- \$5.00
02 - SATAN- \$5.00
03 - GOD THE FATHER \$5.00
04 - SIN AND SALVATION \$10.00 set
05 - WHAT IS MAN? \$10.00 set

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“STRENGTHENING THE HEART”

The Forty-second Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectures are planned for March 30-April 3, 2008. The theme: “Strengthening The Heart,” will be an encouraging, instructive, biblical study, addressing not only the need to strengthen our hearts for the trials and troubles of life, but also to look to the Scriptures to learn God’s way to do so.

Faithful brothers and sisters will present uplifting lectures on such topics as: Trusting God’s Providence, Seeing God Through The Tears, The Heart That Grieves, When Bad News Comes, Remembering The Foundations Of Faith, Facing Responsibility As A Caregiver, et al.

On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the *Seminar For Prospective Students and Supporters* will take place at 2:30 P.M. On that same day, at 4:00 P.M., will be *The Alumni And Friends Dinner*, a highlight of our year. Monday through Thursday will begin with Chapel at 8:30 A.M., with lectures throughout the day, closing with the evening’s keynote addresses at 7:00 P.M. (preceded by congregational singing at 6:30).

We believe this lecture program will provide a much needed boost to all who attend. Thus, we hope you will begin now to plan to be with us. We will greatly and joyfully anticipate your presence.

**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL
MSOP LECTURES
MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2008**

GRADUATE PROGRAM CLASSES BEGINNING

It is time for the Fall Semester of the Graduate Program. The purpose is to provide interested gospel preachers, teachers, church leaders, and other Christians advanced courses. These may be taken for credit through MSOP or audited. There is no tuition or fees.

The classes will begin on September 4th and continue through December 13th, 2007. Registration will be on the first day of classes, either Tuesday, September 4th, or Thursday, September 6th

These classes may be taken for credit by graduates from MSOP or equivalent schools, or those holding standard bachelor’s degrees, toward the Graduate Diploma from MSOP.

Others may take the courses toward an MSOP Certificate, or audit. They may be taken for university credit; student must make arrangements with the university relative to registration, tuition costs, fees, etc.

This schedule is an expanded schedule from years past with classes on Tuesday as well as Thursday.

Tuesday Schedule

9 AM - 12 PM - *Christian Evidences And Natural Science* with Curtis A Cates (4 Sem. hrs)

6 P.M. - 9 P.M. - *Survey Of Christian Doctrines* with Curtis A Cates (4 Sem. Hrs)

Thursday Schedule

11 A.M. - 2 P.M. - *Foundations In Faith Development* with Keith A. Mosher (4 Sem. Hrs)

2 P.M. - 5 P.M. - *Survey Of Ancient World Religions* with Dan Cates (4 Sem. Hrs)

6 P.M. - 9 P.M. - *A Harmony Of Acts And Paul’s Epistles* with B. J. Clarke (4 Sem. Hrs)

Instructors: Curtis A Cates, M. Th., Ed. D.; Keith A Mosher, M. Th, D. Min.; Daniel F. Cates, M.A.; B.J. Clarke, M.A.

Our alumni and friends are encouraged to attend!