



Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

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

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A Pleasant Problem

Mike McDaniel

Director B. J. Clarke wrote to supporters on July 31, 2017 of a pleasant problem. We have one of the largest upcoming classes in years. Ten men came in June. Another seventeen are coming in August. Thus, this month we will have twenty-seven new men plus four wrap-arounds for a total of thirty-one in the first year class alone! This excites me greatly.

However, brother Clarke also wrote, “We have fourteen incoming students in the first year class that are still in need of support. Of this number, nine are single students and five have families to support. Overall, these 14 students have a combined need of approximately \$13,050 per month.”

In addition, I am aware that the Ronnie Gootam family from India has lost much support following his graduation. He lacks only three quarters to complete the World Missions Program.

Brother Clarke says we are privileged

to send forth 20 to 25 preachers per year. I attended the Memphis School of Preaching from 1983-1985. The 1984 class picture hangs in my study. I just counted twenty men in my class at that time. I think this reflects that despite the ebb and flow of people coming and going, the numbers in our student body at MSOP have remained consistently good over the years. I am thrilled to see young men have the desire to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8)!

In recent days, I have been in contact with two congregations who are looking for preachers. One of them has not had a single contact from a sound gospel preacher thus far. God forbid that this should happen to the church where you attend.

The Memphis School of Preaching General Fund and these incoming students are in great need of financial support at this time. Please send what you can, tell others about this need, and pray for our efforts!



Foundations Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary!

B. J. Clarke

What started in 2008 as a training camp for young men, with 27 young men in attendance, just finished its 10th year of equipping young people to be better servants of God! This year we had 200 young people in attendance at the camp, which begins annually on the Saturday after Father's Day and concludes with a banquet on the following Friday evening. The camp is

hosted on the campus of the Memphis School of Preaching,

The purpose of the camp is still the same as it was when Foundations began. In 2007, Brother Bobby Liddell, the Director of the Memphis School of Preaching, asked me to meet with him in his office about an idea that he had for a training camp for young men. He explained that he wanted to train young men in the areas of preaching, leading in worship, and in becoming future leaders in the Lord's church. He asked me if I would be willing to direct such a camp on the campus of the School. I happily agreed to do so. I love working with young people because, among other things, it was a young person that first introduced my sin sick father to the good news. So, in 2008, the very first Foundations training camp was conducted. The program for young men grew every year from 2008-2013. In 2014, we added a separate curriculum to Foundations, designed especially for training young ladies in areas wherein they can serve Scripturally. My faithful and godly wife, Tish, has done an outstanding job in coordinating the development of the curriculum for the girls who attend Foundations. From 2014-2017, we have had separate curriculums for boys and girls during the same week of Foundations. The last two years we have averaged more than 200 campers per session. These young people begin each day together in chapel and then part ways to attend training classes for the rest of the day. They conduct services at half a dozen area congregations on Wednesday evening. The campers mix in a little fun and recreation on Tuesday and Thursday, and conclude on Friday by giving the speeches they have worked on during the week, followed by the Friday Night Banquet. We are so blessed to have an extraordinary staff at Foundations, comprised of present faculty, and a number of former and current students.

Lord willing, the next ten years of Foundations for young people will begin on Saturday, June 23, 2018 and continue through June 29, 2018. Our theme to kick off the next decade of training young men and women will be "Jesus, My Firm Foundation." Go to

www.msop.org and click on the Foundations hyperlink to begin your online application to attend the 2018 Foundations at Memphis School of Preaching



Looking at these pictures makes me excited for the future of the Lord's Church and for the widespread impact for good that the Memphis of Preaching has had and continues to have to the glory of God!

ALUMNI NEWS

Adoption

Chris Shipley (2012) writes, “After three years of dealing with DHS, we were finally able to finalize our adoption this morning. We welcome Hope Ann Shipley (9) and Anthony Christopher Shipley (7) to our family. We thank God for this blessing. Chris and Cindy Shipley, Duffee church of Christ, Duffee, MS.

Births

Eddy Gilpin (1985) writes, “Jeanny and I were recently blessed with the birth of two more grandchildren (our 5th and 6th). Kyle (2008 MSOP alumnus) and Kellee had a daughter, Hayden. Kirk and Kacy had a son, Cooper. All are well, and we are greatly blessed.

Retirement

Rod Rutherford (1974) writes, “On July 9, I retired from full time preaching. I had preached for the past 11 years and 4 months for the church in Gatlinburg, TN. July 9 also marked 57 years since the preaching of my first sermon. I have preached in 21 US states and 18 nations and taught either part-time or full time in four schools of preaching in the US and one overseas. I am available to do fill in preaching within driving distance of my home in Powell, TN (Knoxville area area). I am available for gospel meetings and weekend series on Islam, The Restoration Plea, The Home, and other topics. I can be reached at rodrutherford@comcast.net or 865-859-0717. My grandson, Caleb Rutherford, graduated from MSOP recently, the third generation to become an alumnus of our beloved alma mater.

Lindon Ferguson (1980) is retired from local work. However, he is available for Fill-in preaching, Gospel Meetings, and VBS.

His address is 1307 Hilltop Drive, Mayfield, KY 42066-3134. His phone number is 270-247-5349.

Looking

Jamie Long (1997) is looking for a local work. He has been at the Barn Creek congregation in Bear Creek, AL for 21 yrs. He has a resume and says the elders will give him a great reference.

Prayer Requests

Rick Lawson (1999) had surgery on August 10th to remove the section of his colon affected by diverticulitis. He says thanks for the prayers!

Paul Meacham Jr. (2004) had surgery recently to remove a brain tumor. While the tumor was removed successfully, tests have determined that it was a stage 4 malignancy. Paul will begin radiation and chemotherapy at the beginning of September. Please send cards to Paul and April Meacham, 2571 Churchill Dr, Montgomery, AL 3611. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Robert R. Taylor Jr. (HA-1989) had knee replacement surgery recently. Afterwards, he contracted pneumonia. Thankfully, he is feeling better. He remains in the hospital in Ripley, TN doing rehabilitation and is steadily improving.

Ronald Gilbert (1973) writes, “Thanks for the email. I am home now doing outpatient therapy. I am getting stronger and able to walk some with the use of a walker. Not able to be back preaching yet but hope to soon. Please continue to keep us in prayer.” Ron contracted shingles on a mission trip which was followed by an autoimmune disease which left him paralyzed. It is called

Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare autoimmune neurological disease in which the body's immune system produces antibodies against its own nerves, resulting in damage to the nerves. He wrote in his newsletter, "Because of my health I will not be able to go to Africa in August, but the work will continue. Rusty & Laura Stark and Barry & Jodie Gilreath will be going to Malawi and Zambia and doing the work there."

Moves

Nathan Franson (2009) writes, "Mike, as many know we have relocated to Citrus Heights, CA to work with the Mariposa Avenue congregation. We are set to close on a house in August. If all goes well I will have a permanent address."

Adam Evans (WMP-2013) and family have departed Tanzania and have moved to preach for the Valdosta church of Christ in Tuscumbia, Al.

Sean Hochdorf (1996) writes, "Anita and I are now settled into our place in Gilbert, AZ, and the brethren have treated us extremely well. There is great potential here, and we are grateful that we can join the already busy congregation in their work for the Lord. If you want to contact us, we'd love to hear from you. You can reach us by phone at: 817-688-4317, by email at seanhochdorf@gmail.com, or by snail mail at: 953 E Redondo Dr, Gilbert, AZ 85296. [We appreciate the great work that the Hochdorf family did in Arusha, Tanzania for so many years! Mike]

David Gulledge (2011) has moved from the Whitlock church near Paris, TN to be the Associate preacher for the church in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Moving and Benevolent Need

Alumni Association President Lee Davis (1985) and his children (Alex and Chip) are moving to Carthage, Texas on August 31st.

Their address will be 1301 W. Panola St. Carthage, TX, 75633. Thanks to those who looked for a vacant preacher's house for him. Lee is suffering from diabetes, and is unable to work at present. He says they have no income right now and are waiting on disability. He asks if anyone would consider helping them financially at the present time. He says "any amount will be greatly appreciated!"

Mission Work

On July 11-25, **John Grubb (2013-HA)** took his 64th Mission trip to Taiwan. He took with him Scott Ingram who has shown interest in working there in the future. Scott is currently a student in the World Missions Program at MSOP. This trip was beneficial in giving him an idea of what will be involved. Scott was given numerous opportunities. On Saturday evening, Scott taught a Bible class lesson from 2nd and 3rd John. The class was held at the house of one of the members of the congregation. On Sunday morning at the services at the church building, Scott presented a lesson on the "Beatitudes of the Revelation." John translated his lesson into Mandarin. The one lesson was used in both the Bible class and worship. On Monday morning, they took Scott to the Taipei Language Institute (Taichung branch) to get some information about studying Chinese there sometime in the future. As brother Grubb talked to the secretary about various details (she did not speak English), he mentioned to her his Chinese name. She said, "Oh, I know you!" She then said, "when teachers have students who are not applying themselves in the right way, they say you need to apply yourselves like Gu Yue Han!" Brother Grubb thought she was kidding, but she was very serious. Needless to say, it made his day! Wednesday evening, they had midweek Bible study in Hualien. Scott taught

a lesson from Revelation chapters two and three and John translated them into Mandarin. *[I really appreciate John Grubb taking Scott Ingram on this trip and mentoring him! In my opinion, we need to see more of this when possible. Mike]*

Barry Hatcher (1975) writes, “I am teaching in the Philippines for the next three months. I arrived June 23rd. This is my second time to teach Fishers of Men here. I am teaching four congregations this time too. Three of them are repeating from 2011.... You may find it interesting that I am taking four flights a week to meet my classes. My first class begins on Sunday afternoon with the Commonwealth congregation located in Quezon City. (Brother **Jann Dirk Diamante**, a native Filipino, and a 2000 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching is their preacher. Brother Jann is the one who helped me organize these classes for this quarter as he did six years ago.) On Monday mornings, I take my first of four weekly flights. My first flight is to the island of Mindanao where I teach a Congregational Development Workshop each Monday night to the GenSan congregation, then Fishers of Men classes on Tuesday night at Polomolok, and Wednesday night at GenSan. Then Thursday mornings, I fly to Cebu, a city on the island of Central Visayas, where, unfortunately, I have a five hour layover in order to catch the daily flight to Bacolod City on the island of Western Visayas. I get in about five o’clock Thursday afternoon and head to the church building for a Congregational Development Workshop class, and then my fourth FOM class of the week is on Friday night. I fly back to Manila on Saturday to start my week on Sundays. I am teaching every night but Saturday. These brethren are no different from those in thirteen countries where I have taught these courses over the past ten years. They are hungry to

learn and grow in the knowledge of God’s word.”

Howell Ferguson (1984) recently returned from a trip to the Philippines where he spent five days working with the Nlex church of Christ in Baguio City, Philippines. He wrote, “The Nlex congregation which averages 100 members is the home of the Restoration Bible College-an extension school of World Bible Institute. They take the Great Commission seriously and operate not only a preacher-training program, but also conduct a very successful daily internet podcast radio program. A significant number of the Christians at the Nlex congregation point to the radio program for their first-point-of-contact and later conversion. The primary speaker for the program is a paraplegic by the name of Reynaldo Ebatados. Crippled as a result of an accident several years ago, "Ray" has not allowed his disability to slow him down. In fact, he covers more ground in evangelism with his crutches in a month than many preachers do in a year. I had an opportunity to work with him in the Empowered Heart Series #3 seminar in Hong Kong as well as accompany him on Bible studies in Baguio City. He is tireless and faithful to the call of King Jesus to ‘preach the gospel to every creature.’”

Eugene Jenkins (1980) recently led a gospel campaign to Jamaica, June 4-20, 2017. Those involved were: Lois McNeely (Kansas City, Missouri); Bill Noblin (Hazen, Arkansas); Tyler Jenkins (Valdosta, Georgia); Eugene and Luvenia Jenkins (Buckner, Missouri); Terrance, Shenia, and Destyni Brownlow-Dindy (Lakeland, Florida). Their campaign theme was “TO THE WORK.” They had 3 ladies’, 3 men’s, & 6 children’s classes; 15 sermons; 1 High School Devotional; 24 students; 39 studies; 4 baptisms; 1 restoration.

Denton Landon (1983) went to Accra, Ghana, to teach Introduction to Graduate Research April 10-21. He says, "This course is designed to equip for conducting research and developing the writing skills necessary for graduate level academic work. The class includes how to choose, read, and evaluate books and articles in researching biblical topics as well as topics related to their labors as evangelists in the Lord's church. The class went well. The typical schedule was lectures in the morning with application in the afternoon. The students had time each day to begin researching and writing to meet the course requirements. This allowed them an opportunity to ask questions and make adjustments as needed. The Sunday between the two weeks of class I had the privilege of preaching for a congregation that was only three weeks old and then traveled and preached for an older established congregation with over a hundred members that is near the school. I was asked that Sunday afternoon if, on my next trip to Ghana, I would go out and conduct seminars for different congregations around Accra in the evening after class during the week." He is currently in Guatemala August 7 - 11 teaching the Minor Prophets I. He will be in Ukraine September 4 - 13 teaching Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

Robbie Andrews (2015) writes, "The work here in Singapore has been very rewarding indeed. It is remarkable that we are already nearing the halfway point of our tour here and have to be thinking about our replacement. The Lord willing, we will be rejoining our children in Alabama this coming January."

A Congregation Looking

The Whitlock church of Christ near Paris, Tennessee is looking for a preacher. Their address is 1760 Whitlock Rd., Paris, TN

38242. You may contact Jerry Stewart (731-336-5191) or Blake Stewart (731-336-5460). David Gullledge preached here for several years but has just moved to Georgia. They do furnish a house.

Great Event In Kentucky

The Area Wide Gospel Meeting was conducted August 6, 7, 8 at the Luther Carson Center in Paducah, KY. **Cliff Goodwin (1995)** preached each night and did a fabulous job. Later each evening, **Mike McDaniel (1985)** conducted a live edition of the *A Bible Answer* program. Many questions were submitted by those in attendance. Cliff Goodwin, **Keith Mosher (1975)**, and **Don Blackwell (1996)** served as panelists during the event. The videos are posted on utube. You may go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGfYQnTEjA>.

A Bible Answer Is Added To GBN

A Bible Answer is now airing on the Gospel Broadcasting Network. It may seen on Saturday night at 6:30 P.M. (Central) or Thursday at 3:30 P.M. (Central).

Upcoming Event In Arkansas

There will be a free seminar at the Arkansas State University Convocation Center, Saturday August 26 on the theme: "What Is Truth?" It starts at 1:00 P.M. and concludes at 5:15 P.M. Jeff Miller, B. J. Clarke, and Don Blackwell are the speakers.

Congratulations

At the Alumni and Friends Dinner, Allen Webster was named the Alumnus of the Year. Tate Williams and Don Walker were named Honorary Alumni of the school. Tate's father accept the award in his memory.

Welcome To The Wacasters!

We are delighted Tom and Johnnie Ann Wacaster have moved to Memphis. Tom will be an Instructor and Dean of Admissions. We pray God's blessings upon their work!

DEBATES FOR WHICH WE ARE ACTIVELY SEARCHING

Bobby O'Dell

There are 571 printed debates in the collection that I provided for the N. B. Hardeman Library. There are 53 known debates that were printed that we are still looking for in original printing. Can you help us? Please look at the list below. Titles UNDERLINED indicates we have a photocopy of the debate, but still looking for the original.

1. Abernathy-Parker
2. Bagby-Trice “discussion on the design and action of baptism”
3. Ballard-Rogers “Debate on Water Baptism”
4. Blenus-Archibald “A debate on the action of baptism”
5. Boaz-Foulston “A Discussion on is the Sabbath Day Binding On Christians”
6. Bowes-Milner “ Report Of A Public Discussion ”
7. Bradley-Brown “Can the sinner do anything to be saved?”
8. Bright-Green “ The divine origin of Christianity”
9. Bullard-Ellison “Is the Baptist church truly Christian? A Discussion”
10. Burns-Dimmick “ A short refutation of Sabbatarianism ”
11. Camp-Hafley
12. Carswell-Warlick
13. Clark-Douglass “the identity of the church”
14. Cox-Miller “Forty questions concerning classes and women teachers”
15. Crawford-Musgrave
16. Dennis-Smith “Debate on divorce and remarriage”
17. Devoir-Adams
18. Ebeling-McVey “Debate held at the Pennsville, Ohio church of Christ”
19. Elliott-Kauble “A Debate on the Sabbath and the Lord’s Day”
20. Fairbanks-Fuqua “Debate on the second coming of Christ”
21. Fitts-Minor “Debate on first day Adventism”
22. Forsythe-Thrasher
23. Gage-Kesner
24. Garner Smith “Debate on Instrumental Music”
25. Green-Selby “ Secularism versus Christianity ”
26. Hafley-Ferguson
27. Hanna-Alber “Debate on the Tithes”
28. Harding-McGary
29. Harper-Trail
30. Haynes-O’Kane “A Report of the O’Kane & Haynes Debate”

31. Holcomb-Wiser “The Sunny Hill Debate A Discussion On Women Teachers”
32. Jackson-Hudson “A discussion on orphans the bus ministry and cooperation”
33. Key-Abercrombie “The Second Supper”
34. McGary-Burnett “valid baptism”
35. McGary-Burnett-Denton “The Holy Spirit”
36. McGary-Douglass “discussion of the Christian’s relationship to civil government”
37. McGary-Oatman (Christadelphianism)
38. Miller-Dye “Are Classes and women teachers scriptural?”
39. Nichols-Waters “Questions on Premillennialism”
40. Norman-Wilcox “Discussion on the Eldership Question”
41. Oakley-Oakley “Discussion by Two Brothers”
42. Overturf-Wilcox “Discussion of the Eldership Question”
43. Rowe-Rexford “Is universalism true? Or, universalism versus Christ”
44. Settle-Settle “Debate on capital punishment”
45. Smith-Butler (Slavery)
46. Sweeney-Logan “Theological Debate”
47. Sweeney-Willett “The supernatural element in the miracles of the Bible”
48. Thompson-Burgess “a debate on total depravity”
49. Thrasher-Miller
50. Thrasher-Owens
51. Webb-Warlick “ Debate between JG Webb and JS Warlick”
52. White-Sewell
53. Zachary-Smith

Paid Your Yearly Dues Yet?

MSOP Alumni Association dues are \$25 a year and may be sent to MSOP in care of our treasurer, Keith Mosher, at 3950 Forest Hill-Irene Rd., Memphis, TN 38125. Make checks payable to MSOP Alumni Association. If it is more expedient, just go to the alumni page of the website at www.msop.org and pay using your PayPal account. These dues support special projects as well as death benefits for deceased members. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



**Memphis School of Preaching
2nd Annual World Evangelism Seminar
“HOW TO REACH THE MASSES”
October 13th – 14th, 2017
3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125
(901) 751-2242 RVs welcomed**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:30 – 6:50 PM

Congregational Singing

7:00 – 8:00 PM

“If I Be Lifted up” (John 12:32)

Keith Mosher

SATURDAY

9:00 – 9:50 AM

World Video Bible School

Brian Howard

10:00 – 10:50 AM

Short Term Missions

Tim Hayes

11:00 – 11:50 AM

Teaching The Lost

Rob Whitacre

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch Provided/ MSOP World Missions

B. J. Clarke

1:10 -2:00 PM

Gospel Broadcast Network

Don Blackwell

2:10 – 3:00 PM

Fishers Of Men

Tim Wilkes, Sr.

Visit Displays

DISPLAYS LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

**COME LEARN ABOUT EVANGELISTIC
OPPORTUNITIES
AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD**



From the office of the
Dean of Academics

June 8, 2017

Dear Brethren,

I am Robbie Andrews, an instructor and Dean of Academics at the Four Seas College of Bible & Missions (FSC) in Singapore. I am writing at the request of brother Peter Chin, President of FSC, in regard to an upcoming vacancy in our resident teaching staff. This vacancy is expected to occur at the end of CY 2017. At that time my wife, Judy, and I will be completing our one-year commitment to the work here. Our two youngest daughters, Lili & Mei Lin, have been 'holding down the fort' at home in Alabama during our absence.

We are confident that the Lord will provide the right man to take the baton and carry on with this exciting and important mission. I will be happy to answer any questions regarding our very joyful experience here at FSC and of course, provide a personal perspective about my day-to-day teaching experience as well as living and working in Singapore, an ultra modern, multicultural city-state.

Four Seas College has been providing solid, Bible education to young men and women continuously for more than 50 years. Our graduates leave with the tools they need to return to their homelands being "able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

One would be hard-pressed to find a better strategic choice than Singapore for the placement of a center for teaching the ancient precepts and principles of the Christian faith. This location is accessible to students from all over Asia. Further, our graduates have access to the majority of the world's population in a way that Americans do not. Although Americans have many tools at hand for spreading the gospel of Christ, we do not have ready, personal access to some of the most populated areas on earth due to various political, cultural and linguistic barriers. Due to these considerations, the potential influence for the cause of Christ by every graduate of FSC, upon returning to his or her home country, is enormous. The importance of personal access to huge concentrations of people ought not to be under appreciated.

The fact that our student body is small is relatively unimportant when one considers the following facts. Regarding access and evangelistic opportunity, our current student body will return to six, densely populated Asian countries. Namely: China, Vietnam, Laos, India, Malaysia, and the Philippines. The combined population of these six countries alone is approximately 2.96 *billion* people! Bear in mind that these figures do not include Hong Kong S.A.R. or the other 12 countries represented by the alumni of Four Seas College.

The potential for the effective global evangelistic outreach of our current faculty and student body is also remarkable in terms of linguistic ability, having the capacity to communicate Bible truth to a very broad audience. Collectively, our group speaks no less than nine languages, in addition to ten dialects. All classes are conducted in the English language.

We are looking forward to interviewing qualified men who love the Lord and the souls for which He gave His life to save. Please feel free to contact brother Peter Chin directly or to contact me at anytime.

God bless you,

Sincerely,

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