



Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

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

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2018 MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP [FAITH UNDER FIRE: A STUDY OF FIRST AND SECOND PETER] MARCH 25-29

Keith Mosher

It seems to me, at least in my lifetime, that there has never been so much unrest in the world as there is now. Christianity in this post-modern world of skepticism and atheism is constantly attacked and even those in the world of evil itself seem unsettled. Immorality is rampant in America and the political scene is rife with division. The apostle Peter wrote two letters to the Christians of his day and mentioned those who spoke evil of God's children (1 Pet. 3:16). First century Christians were persecuted to the death and since Islam is on record as murdering professed “Christians” it seemed appropriate that it was the right time to study First and Second Peter during the 2018 Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship from March 25 to the 29th.

This year there are classes for all ages. I have included two new classes twice

daily for the six to twelve-year olds and continued the children's day-long classes as well as the two special sessions each day for the teens. The book, this year, is 634 pages long and contains exegesis and application from both of Peter's letters. [The first lecture, which will be delivered this year by Ronnie Hayes, is the introduction to First Peter from Guy N. Woods outstanding commentary. David Sain's illness necessitated this edition.]

To me, one of the great things about lectureship week is seeing alumni and friends and enjoying the few moments of fellowship with such true yokefellows. I pray that as many alumni as possible will make it here this year for I long to see them. Pray for us here. As brother Curtis Cates used to say: “We have not sprouted any wings yet.”



A Great Start To A New Year!

B. J. Clarke

I trust that 2018 is off to a good start for you, your families, and your respective labors in the Lord's vineyard. Things are off to a great start at MSOP as we begin a new year.

Graduations

Four of our students, who started with us in January of 2016, have now finished their time at MSOP. Three of the four will be returning to their homelands to preach the gospel there. The support given to MSOP has helped to equip them to fulfill the mandate of the Lord to make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:18).

Visit Our New Website

We are enthused to announce the launch of our new website. The web address is the same www.msop.org as it has been, but we have updated the look and the content. Many thanks are owed to Daniel Webster for the many hours of work in redesigning the site. I think you will be very impressed with the job he has done. We also are grateful to Steve Ulrich for many hours of assistance, both technical and otherwise, in getting the site ready for launch. Aaron Cozort contributed as well.

We also owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Joey Davis for all the countless hours and hours he has spent over the years in designing and maintaining the initial MSOP website. He also contributed expert technical assistance in making the transition to the new website. We encourage you visit the site and take a look around.

Plan To Attend The 2018 MSOP Lectureship

One of the things you can do on the website is register for the upcoming lectureship. On the web-site and within this newsletter you will find an advertisement for our 2018 lectures, "Faith Under Fire: A Study of 1 and 2 Peter." Of course, the lectures always begin on the last Sunday in March and continue through Thursday. This year's dates are March 25-29, 2018. Feel free to print the ad and post it on the church bulletin board, or send it by email to anyone you would like to know about the event.

May God continue to bless you and we hope to see you the last week of March!

THE 52ND ANNUAL MSOP LECTURESHIP
MARCH 25-29, 2018

FAITH UNDER

FIRE

A STUDY OF 1 & 2 PETER

FEATURING:

- 39 MESSAGES INTRODUCING AND EXPLAINING THE TEXT OF 1 & 2 PETER •
- 8 SPECIAL CLASSES FOR LADIES •
- ONE VOLUME OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PAGES EXPLAINING THE TEXT OF 1 & 2 PETER •
 - YOUTH DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 •
 - 3 SPECIAL CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE WEEK •
 - DAILY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES; CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN 5 & UNDER •
 - NIGHTLY SESSIONS OF CONGREGATIONAL SINGING •
- A SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & SUPPORTERS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 AT 2:30PM •
 - THE ALUMNI DINNER ON MARCH 27, 2018 AT 4:15PM •
 - BIBLE BOOKSTORES & DOZENS OF BROTHERHOOD DISPLAYS •
 - COFFEE & DONUTS EACH MORNING; LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY •
 - RV HOOKUPS ARE AVAILABLE ON SITE (CALL TO RESERVE) •
 - MULTIPLE HOTELS NEARBY (CALL FOR DISCOUNT RATE INFORMATION) •
 - GREAT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP! •

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Fifty-Second Annual MSOP Lectureship

“Faith Under Fire”

March 25 - 29, 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

- 9:30-10:20 A.M. “Introduction to First Peter”Ronnie Hayes
 10:30-11:30 A.M. “The Theme of First Peter”Barry Grider
 4:30 - 5:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 5:00 - 5:50 P.M. “Strangers Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:1-2).....Bobby Liddell

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

- 8:30 - 8:50 A.M. CHAPEL
 9:00 - 9:50 A.M. “A Living Hope and the Goal Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:3-5).....Mark Reynolds
 10:00-10:50 A.M. “Exultation Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:6-9).....Steven Ford
 **Cates Chapel “The Suffering Church” (*Youth Only*).....Matt Jones
 LADIES*** “The Blessings a Christian Receives” (*Women Only*).....Celicia Grider
 11:00-11:50 A.M. “The Greater Age Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:10-12).....Jim Dearman
 *Rm 405 School Bldg “Maintaining Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:13).....Jeff Johnson

11:50 - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH

- 1:30 - 2:20 P.M. “Separated While Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:14-16).....David Prophater
 LADIES*** “The Duties the Christian Assumes” (*Women Only*).....Mindy Reynolds
 2:30 - 3:20 P.M. “Judgment and the Fire of Persecution” (1 Peter 1:17).....Larry Acuff
 *Rm 405 School Bldg “Prepared by God for the Fire” (1 Peter 1:18-21).....Preston Silcox
 **Cates Chapel “The Claim of Salvation” (Psa. 119:49) (*Youth Class*).....Matt Jones
 3:30 - 4:15 P.M. “From Bible to Baptistry” (A Special Lesson on Evangelism).....Rob Whitacre

4:15 - 6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION

- 6:30 - 7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. “Prepared and Tempted Under Fire” (1 Peter 1:18-25).....Dan Winkler

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

- 8:30 - 8:50 A.M. CHAPEL
 9:00 - 9:50 A.M. “Faults and Being Under Fire” (1 Peter 2:1-3).....Dan Cates
 10:00-10:50 A.M. “A ‘Stone’ and ‘Royalty’ Under Fire” (1 Peter 2:4-10).....Mike Hixson
 **Cates Chapel “The Suffering Church” (*Youth Class*).....John Manning
 LADIES*** “The Trials the Christian Encounters” (*Women Only*).....Janice Dearman
 11:00-11:50 A.M. “Good Works, Citizens, Under Fire” (1 Peter 2:11-17).....Russell Kline
 *Rm 405 School Bldg “The Christian’s Work Ethic While Under Fire” (1 Peter 2:18).....Cody Westbrook

11:50 - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH

- 1:30 - 2:20 P.M. “The Perfect Example While Facing the Fire” (1 Peter 2:21-25).....Don Walker
 LADIES*** “Faith More Precious Than Gold” (*Women Only*).....Tish Clarke
 2:30 - 3:20 P.M. “Families Facing the Fire” (1 Peter 3:1-7).....Paul Sain
 *Rm 405 School Bldg “Unity While Under Fire” (1 Peter 3:8-13).....Tony DeBerry
 Outdoor Pavilion “The Suffering Church” (*Youth Class*).....John Manning

SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS (MSOP CATES CHAPEL—T. J. Clarke)

- 3:30 - 4:15 P.M. “Defending Self Under Fire” (1 Peter 3:13-17).....Ben Giselbach

4:15 - 6:30 P.M. ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER

This dinner will also honor the retirement of Executive Secretary Sherry Brown (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

- 6:30 - 7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. “A Message to the Lost: There is a Fire for You” (1 Peter 3:18-22).....John DeBerry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

8:30 - 8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL	
9:00 - 9:50 A.M.	"Armed for the Fire" (1 Peter 4:1-6).....	Tom Wacaster
10:00-10:50 A.M.	"Be Sober Under Fire" (1 Peter 4:7-11).....	Kevin Beard
**Cates Chapel	"The Suffering Church" (<i>Youth Class</i>).....	Tyler Kirkpatrick
LADIES***	"Holiness: A Bulwark Against Error" (<i>Women Only</i>).....	Tanya Silcox
11:00-11:50 A.M.	"Rejoice Under Fire" (1 Peter 4:12-19).....	Jerry Reynolds
*Rm 405 School Bldg	"Leadership Under Fire"(1 Peter 5:1-4).....	Robert Rawson
11:50 - 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH	
1:30 - 2:20 P.M.	"The Enemy Who Brings the Fire" (1 Peter 5:8-9).....	Eric Owens
LADIES***	"Warnings Against False Teachers" (<i>Women Only</i>).....	Rebecca Davis
2:30 - 3:20 P.M.	"Humility Under Fire" (1 Peter 5:5-7).....	Byran Hatcher
*Rm 405 School Bldg	"The Theme of Second Peter".....	Tony Pulliam
**Cates Chapel	"The Peril of Heresy" (<i>Youth Class</i>).....	Drake Jenkins
3:30 - 4:15 P.M.	"An Introduction to Second Peter".....	Keith Mosher, Sr.
4:15 - 6:30 P.M.	INTERMISSION	
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING	
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	"True Grace Under Fire" (1 Peter 5:10-14).....	B.J. Clarke

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

8:30 - 8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL	
9:00 - 9:50 A.M.	"Like Precious Faith Under Fire" (2 Peter 1:1-2).....	Billy Bland
10:00-10:50 A.M.	"High Knowledge and its Promises Under Fire" (2 Peter 1:3-4).....	Wayne Rodgers
**Cates Chapel	"The Peril of Heresy" (<i>Youth Class</i>).....	Jon McCormack
LADIES***	"The Second Coming as Encouragement for Soundness in the Faith" (<i>Women Only</i>).....	Jan Beard
11:00-11:50 A.M.	"Adding Graces Under Fire" (2 Peter 1:5-11).....	Don Blackwell
*Rm 405 School Bldg	"A Dying Wish Under Fire" (2 Peter 1:12-15)	Joey Davis
11:50 - 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH	
1:30 - 2:20 P.M.	"The Superior Written Gospel" (2 Peter 1:16-21).....	Devin Dean
LADIES***	"The Christian Graces" (<i>Women Only</i>).....	Cindy Rodgers
2:30 - 3:20 P.M.	"False Prophets and Being Under Fire" (2 Peter 2:1-22).....	Ryan Manning
*Rm 405 School Bldg	"The True Prophets and the Apostles Were Equally Inspired" (2 Peter 3:1-2).....	Bruce Hatcher
**Cates Chapel	"The Peril of Heresy" (<i>Youth Class</i>).....	Josh Holloway
3:30 - 4:15 P.M.	"Uniformitarianism and the Second Coming"(2 Peter 3:3-13).....	Riley Nelson
4:15 - 6:30 P.M.	INTERMISSION	
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING	
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	"High Knowledge: The Scriptures" (2 Peter 3:14-18).....	Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

* *Classes In The School Building - Will meet in room 405*

** *Youth Classes - Meet In Cates Chapel or in Outdoor Pavilion*

*** *Ladies Classes - Meet In The Fellowship Hall*

**Please Plan Now To Attend This Year's
Exciting Lectureship!**

MSOP Ongoing Spiritual Training

Memphis School of Preaching--Spring Semester, 2018

The Memphis School of Preaching's M.O.S.T. (MSOP Ongoing Spiritual Training) program will be resuming on Thursday, February 15. The classes will meet every Thursday between February 15 and May 10, with the exception being March 29 which coincides with the school's lectureship. Again this year we are excited to offer all three classes not only on campus but also over the internet (please visit www.msop.org/most.php for details on how to take part on-line). On campus, classes will meet in room 405. These classes may be audited or taken toward a certificate (awarded after the successful completion of 72 semester hours) or an advanced diploma which is the equivalent of an MA in Biblical Studies (awarded after the successful completion of 72 hours and contingent upon a student's having completed the MSOP two-year program or a like training program or having a BA or BS in a Biblical area from a four-year college). Here are the courses being offered this semester:

SPRING, 2018, Course Offerings

11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Exodus and Leviticus	K.A. Mosher, Sr.	4 hrs.
2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.	Hermeneutics	D. Cates	4 hrs.
6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.	Acts	T. Wacaster	4 hrs.

SPRING, 2018, Course Descriptions

Course #602: *Exodus and Leviticus*, taught by Keith A. Mosher, Sr. [B.A., M.A., M.Th., D.Min.], will be an in-depth study of these Old Testament books.

Course #626: *Hermeneutics*, taught by Daniel F. Cates [B.A., M.A.], will be a course focused on the method of correctly understanding the language of the Bible. Attention will be given to such things as attitudes and motivations, the interpretation of figures of speech, consistency, context, etc.

Course #650: *Acts*, taught by Tom Wacaster, will be a verse-by-verse study of the book covering the establishment and early history of the church of Christ.

As in the past, the courses will be of special interest not only to preachers, elders, and Bible class teachers, but, indeed, to all Christians! Also, as in the past, there is no charge for these classes as far as tuition or fees of any kind are concerned, regardless of whether one is just auditing or taking the classes toward the certificate or diploma. Registration may be accomplished in advance via hard copy (copies may be made of the attached enrollment form for any who would be interested in filling out the form before classes begin) or on-line (at msop.org/most) or at the first class meeting on February 15, 2018. The Memphis School of Preaching is located at 3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125. Feel free to call if you have any questions; the number is 901-751-2242. We look forward to helping you make the *MOST* out of your spiritual training!

PLEASE ANNOUNCE AND COME

ALUMNI NEWS

Accident

Emmanuel George (2014) writes, “Dear brother McDaniel in Christ, Christian Greetings to you in His mighty name. Brother this is Emmanuel George Tangirala, 2014 (wrap around)graduate. Brother I met with an accident on bike while I am on the way to preach yesterday and survived with some minor injuries. The collarbone has been fractured and hairline fractures in the left hand palm. I request you to pray for speedy recovery.”

Illness

Robert R. Taylor (HA-1989) had a pacemaker installed not long ago. After this, he lost consciousness while at worship at the church in Ripley, TN. He went to Regional Hospital in Jackson, TN but has since been transferred to the hospital in Ripley for inpatient rehabilitation which is helping him to get stronger.

Mission Trip To Russia

Tom Wacaster (HA- 2016) writes, “I am teaching the students here in Syktyvkar the books of Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon. Getting this in within two weeks is quite challenging; but we are staying on schedule. I will return February 2nd, and be back in classes on the 5th.”

India Missions

Mark Reynolds (1999) writes, “Men like J.C. Bailey, Ira Rice and Joshua Gootam couldn’t have truly known just how the work in Kakinada, and the surrounding areas, would explode in such a profound way from Joshua obeying the gospel some 52 years ago to more than 30,000 congregations in Andhra Pradesh alone (Most believe that number is closer to 50,000 congregations). These brethren started their work in much different times than what

I experience when I travel to India. They took public transportation to remote villages where they slept in rooms without air conditioning. They battled malaria many times, and did not have the bottled water that can be found all over India today. These men, and their wives, did these things because they had a vision of what could be done in India. Brethren Bailey and Rice got to see some of the fruits of their labor while they were still living, but it just continues to grow more than they could have ever imagined. Joshua Gootam turned 74 years old in December. He has survived some major medical issues, but God has spared his life. We are thankful to God that Joshua and his wife Kabitha have been blessed with three godly sons and wonderful daughters-in-law who are all engaged in the work in India. This work, God willing, will only continue to grow for generations to come. *Lord willing, Ronnie and Haritha Gootam will return to India after the birth of their first-born child and will*



engage in the great work. Ronnie is finishing up the missions program at the Memphis School of Preaching. Ronnie is an intelligent Bible student and a gifted speaker. The work will only continue to grow! Ronnie is still in need of a congregation to oversee his part of

the work. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please put me in contact with them.”



Four Seas Bible College

Jesus – His Life And Teachings was the theme of the 10th Annual Four Seas Bible Lectureship in Singapore. This Lectureship was hosted by Four Seas Bible College, the Jurong church of Christ and the Lim Ah Pin church of Christ on November 22-25, 2017. **Peter Chin (2006)** (President of Four Seas), observed: “22 lessons on the theme of ‘Jesus – His Life & Teachings’ were aptly presented at this lectureship by speakers from the United States, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore. The American speakers are Billy Bland, Tim Burroughs, Tim Hayes, Jonathan Burns, Jim and Janis Dearman, Leanna Coats and Jennifer Gondos. Participants came from 10 nations that include India, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, and China. Those who traveled here from Malaysia across the Causeway (that separates Malaysia and Singapore) were from 7 different congregations. Three hundred fifty of the lectureship books printed were almost sold out during the four day lectureship. The average attendance each day was 160. It was very well supported and attended. The next lectureship is scheduled for Nov. 28th to Dec. 1st (Wed – Sat) 2018. We invite you to be with us. Perhaps the preacher in your congregation could be encouraged to come.”

International Bible Teaching Ministries

Ron Gilbert (1973) writes, “I am thankful to the Lord for the continued improvement in my health. I can see improvement in strength in my legs each month. Please continue to pray for my full recovery. As I write these words, 2017 is almost gone. The Lord has greatly blessed our work around the world, but especially in Africa. In this past year alone we have seen many souls added to the Lord with about 875 baptized and over 200 restored in Africa. Also 12 new congregations were established and 2 new preacher schools were started. We helped to build 2 new preacher schools and 5 new church buildings. We had 36 preachers to graduate from the preacher schools we are currently working with and 24 graduated from our distance learning school ICOTB, making a total of 60 to graduate from preacher schools in 2017. Our work at IBTM continues to grow at a very fast pace. The new year will see a change in our work that we have been planning during the past few years. Our work takes me away from my preaching responsibilities at Rock Valley about 20 Sundays per year. A mutual decision was made recently that starting the first of the year I will no longer be the pulpit minister at Rock Valley. I will however continue to work with this good congregation as their missionary. Our work at IBTM will not change but will still be sponsored by the Rock Valley congregation. Not being the pulpit minister will give me full time to devote to our mission work and allow me to travel more to raise funds, to report on our work, and even do more trips to the mission field as they are needed. I will greatly miss being the pulpit preacher at Rock Valley, a position I have held for the past 19 years. However, I also believe this change will allow our work to grow even more. Please keep us in prayer as

we make this change in our work for the Lord.”

Engraving Heavenly Truths

Phillip Patton (2011) writes, “My wife Stephanie and I recently purchased the publishing rights to Engraving Heavenly Truths from the Woods. Not sure how to word it but wanted to let everyone know. Thanks. PSquared Publications, 2900 S Garrett Ter, Marshall, TX 75672.

Illness

Paul Meacham Jr. (2004) recently had a test which showed no indication of progression of cancer. He had surgery months ago to remove a brain tumor. Paul continues to take chemotherapy treatments. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Benevolent Need

Alumni Association President Lee Davis (1985) writes, “I hope this note finds you all doing well and healthy. I want to thank all of you for being such a great support to me and my family. Your prayers and words of encouragement are a great reminder of the generosity and kindness shown to us over the last few months. My health is not improving as I had hoped. Baby steps are being made and things are better than they were back in August. Many of you helped us financially, and we are overwhelmingly appreciative for your kindness. We are in need again. Due to my being sick, I am unable to secure employment. We are going "through the hoops" that we must jump through in order to receive disability and Medicaid and Medicare. It has proven to be a long road. My basic medicine cost per month is over \$1000. This doesn't include housing and utilities. If you or someone you may know would consider helping us, we would be so grateful. The brethren at the Maryville church are accepting and administering the funds on our behalf. Brother Roy Gallagher, one of the elders and

the father-in-law to my sister Susan, is coordinating the situation. All checks should be made out to them and earmarked "Lee Davis Fund". Please consider helping us. The mailing address for the Maryville church is. Maryville church of Christ, P.O. Box 5293, 37802-5293. Thank you and I love you all.”

Panama Mission Work

Marlon Retana (2017) writes, “We returned to Panama on May 8th, 2017. I was able to finish our Missions studies remotely, and I am thankful to MSOP for that opportunity and blessing. We have been very busy in the work of the Lord since then. We have been struggling the last two months, and currently, I am delayed in our mortgage and some bills. I have been applying for secular jobs, with no luck. Our website, www.goyeintoall.org is filled with details about our work and us, and our journal (www.goyeintoall.org/blog) provides lots of information about what we have been doing. Our newsletters are also available on the website. I want to add that everything we have been doing is bilingual. While we work in Spanish here, I upload everything with an English translation so the brethren in America can be fully aware and understand what we do. Our social media accounts @goyeintoall (English) and @idportodo (Spanish) provides more information about our labor. It is interesting that some local brethren think that we came with full support because they keep seeing how busy we are. When some of them ask us, I tell them, ‘we have plenty of work to do, the problem is to get the funds to keep doing it.’ The Gonzales Church of Christ in Gonzales, LA has accepted to be our overseeing congregation. Any funds that the brethren would like to send to support our work can be sent to them. More details are available at <https://www.goyeintoall.org/contribute.html> including our contact

information here in Panama in case the brethren would like to contact us directly. While we are thankful to our heavenly Father on having a sponsoring congregation, we are still in need of supporters to reach our budget. Finally, if you cannot help us financially, please pray for us. Please pray that I can find a secular job if we cannot get the support to do full-time missions. We truly want to serve our Savior as much as we can, but if we cannot do it full-time, we will keep doing it. Thank you for everything you do for the Lord and for keeping us in your prayers.”

Howell Ferguson (1984) writes, “We are excited to announce the soon-opening of the newest WBI preacher-training extension school, the *Costa Rican Theological Institute* on January 8, 2018. CRTI director, Rafael Barrantes has been very busy making preparations for the new extension which will operate in the facilities of the Coronado church of Christ. Coronado is a suburb of the modern capital city of San Jose. As a major hub in Costa Rica, it has the potential to serve as a preacher-training location for other parts of Latin America as well. To help the CRTI with student support or in any other way, please send all contributions to: Costa Rica Mission Work, Greenfield Church of Christ, P. O. Box 156, Greenfield, TN 38230. The *Rwenzori School of Preaching* will be having its graduation of nine students on the 18th of January. Our plans are to travel to Uganda leaving the States on the 15th (Mon) and arriving in Entebbe on the 16th (Tues). The following day (Wed, 17th), Mary and I will rent a taxi to travel to Kasese in time for the graduation the next day (Thurs, 18th). RSOP director, Mbusa Benard has done a great job leading and teaching in the school with the help of fellow instructors. Two other American preachers, Gage Coldwater and Gregg Knight, will also be visiting to



participate in the graduation and helping in other areas. Gage and Gregg have given very useful assistance with the agricultural side of operations of the RSOP. Working with the “Manna Project”, they help mission points learn how to become self-supporting through the practice of more effective farming techniques. Currently the RSOP uses solar-power to provide electricity to operate lights, computers and other items having similar low-power requirements. They also collect rain-water through a type of above-ground cistern system. This helps make the school highly efficient and more independent in the day-to-day operations. Additionally the RSOP grows various crops and raises pigs, chickens, rabbits, and guinea pigs for food and to sell at the local markets. Following our visit to Uganda, the second half of this “short” trip to East Africa will take us back to Tanzania for a few days. We will be visiting and encouraging many of our brethren whom we have not seen for nearly two years and exploring new possibilities.”

A Bible Answer On GBN

A Bible Answer may be seen on the Gospel Broadcasting Network Saturdays at 6:30 P.M. (Central) or Thursdays at 3:30 P.M. (Central). Programs may also be viewed at www.abibleanswerstv.org. Bible questions can be sent to abibleanswer@earthlink.net, or you may utilize the contact page on our web site.

In Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of **Gilbert Tripp (1970)** who passed away on December 17, 2017 at the age of 77 in Marion, NC. At the time of his death, he was serving as an elder at the Rutherford Church of Christ where he taught Bible Class. He owned Tripp Bible Institute, a Bible correspondence school, where he has taught over 600 students. You may make donations to the Gilbert Tripp Memorial Scholarship Fund: 3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 28125-2560 Attn: Joyce Phillips.

We express our sympathy to the family of **Larry Middlebrooks (1990)** who passed away at age 75 in Stephens, Arkansas, on

October 21, 2017. Brother Keith Mosher informed me that when he contacted his wife to tell her about the Alumni Association death benefit of \$250 he was sending, she was overwhelmed with joy. She had just been told of several hundred dollars in unexpected funeral expenses. The money we sent helped to meet her need.

We are saddened to report the death of long-time Knight Arnold/Forest Hills secretary **Jewell Earls**. She had suffered a massive stroke on Friday (2/16/2018) and was at Baptist East. She passed away around 11:30 PM on Saturday night. No arrangements are known at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual MSOP Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting will be held in the second year classroom on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Noon. All class representatives are urgently requested to attend this important meeting. Please go to the front of the lunch line and take your food and drink to the classroom as you may eat during the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate and ask them to attend. The lists of board members will be posted in a couple of highly visible locations. For classes that have just graduated, the rule is for the President and Vice President of the graduating class to serve as class representative and alternate respectfully until the next upcoming election.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Several area hotels give discounts for those attending the MSOP lectureship.
Candlewood Suites | 7950 Centennial Dr., Memphis, TN 38125 | 901-755-0877 | Group Code: Memphis School of Preaching | \$74/night
Hampton Inn (Collierville) | 1280 West Poplar Ave., Collierville, TN 38017 | 901-854-9400
Group Code: MSP | Cut off Date 3/1/18 | \$109/night
Fairfield Inn & Suites | 9320 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138 | 901-757-9100 | Group Code: MSP | Cut off Date 3/9/18 | \$94/night
Hyatt Place (Memphis/Germantown) | 9161 Winchester Rd., Germantown, TN 38138 | Call MSOP at 901-751-2242 (we will call hotel for you) | Cut off Date 3/2/18 | Available 3/25-3/29 | \$115/night

THE BIBLE IN APPROXIMATE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER COMBINED WITH THE THIRTEEN PERIODS OF BIBLE HISTORY

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The following arrangement is set forth to promote greater understanding of the Word of God, especially among those who read the Bible through each year. In Bible study, one should ask, “what period of history is being covered by this book?” As far as the New Testament books are concerned, this is relatively simple to answer because they were penned during the first century and set against the historical background of the Roman Empire. Studying the Old Testament is much more complicated since the books are categorized topically and many are not in chronological order. This chart is designed to help you put each book in its proper setting. It includes arrangements of Jeremiah and Daniel according to kings mentioned. It also inserts various Psalms according to possible time periods. One cannot be dogmatic in these matters as some speculation is involved. I inserted the Thirteen Periods of Bible History which I have taught and preached over the years. Time spent in committing to memory and to study these Thirteen Periods will richly reward you as a Bible student. By doing so, you will acquire a mental framework upon which to fasten every Biblical person, event and book in your mind. Daily Bible readers have informed me that they have enjoyed using this different approach. May the Lord bless you in the reading and study of His Word!

Chronological Order of Old Testament

<p>(1) <u>Period of the Patriarchs</u> Genesis 1 - 11 Job Genesis 12 - 50</p>	<p>Ruth 1 Samuel 1-7</p>	<p>2 Samuel 12:15 - 15:37 Psalms 3, 69 2 Samuel 16 - 20 Psalms 64, 70 2 Samuel 21, 22 Psalm 18 2 Samuel 23, 24 Psalms 4 - 9, 11 - 17, 19 - 22, 24 - 29, 31, 35 - 41, 53, 55, 58, 61, 62, Psalms 65, 68, 72, 86, 101, 103, 108 - 110, 138 - 141, 143 - 145 1 Kings 1 - 4 Song of Solomon Proverbs 1 Kings 5 - 11 Ecclesiastes</p>
<p>(2) <u>Period of Egyptian Bondage</u> Exodus 1-12</p>	<p>(6) <u>Period of the United Kingdom</u> 1 Samuel 8 - 16:13 Psalm 23 1 Samuel 16:14 - 19:11 Psalm 59 1 Samuel 19:12 - 21:15 Psalms 34, 56 1 Samuel 22:1, 2 Psalms 57, 142 1 Samuel 22:3-23 Psalm 52 1 Samuel 23 Psalms 54, 63 1 Samuel 24 - 31 2 Samuel 1 - 7 Psalm 30 2 Samuel 8:1-14 Psalm 60 2 Samuel 8:15 - 12:14 Psalms 51, 32</p>	<p>(7) <u>Period of the Divided Kingdom</u> 1 Kings 12 - 22 2 Kings 1 - 14:25 Jonah</p>
<p>(3) <u>Period of Wilderness Wandering</u> Exodus 13-40 Psalm 90 Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy Psalm 91</p>	<p>(4) <u>Period of Canaan's Conquest</u> Joshua</p>	
<p>(5) <u>Period of the Judges</u> Judges</p>		

2 Kings 14:26-29
Amos
2 Kings 15 - 17

(8) Period of Judah Alone

2 Kings 18-25
Psalms 1, 2, 10, 33, 43, 66,
67, 71, 89, 92 - 100,
Psalms 102, 104 - 106, 111 -
125, 127 - 136, 146 - 150
1 Chronicles 1 - 16
Psalms 42, 44 - 50, 73 - 85,
87, 88
1 Chronicles 17 - 29
2 Chronicles 1 - 21
Obadiah
2 Chronicles 22
Joel
2 Chronicles 23 - 26:8
Isaiah 1 - 5
2 Chronicles 26:9 - 23

Isaiah 6
2 Chronicles 27 - 32
Isaiah 7 - 66
Hosea
Micah
Nahum
2 Chronicles 33, 34
Zephaniah
2 Chronicles 35
Habakkuk
Jeremiah {*Arranged
according to kings by D. J.
Wiseman: Josiah (1:1-19;
2:1-6:30; 7:1-10:25; 18:1-
20:18), Jehoahaz (none),
Josiah or Jehoiakim (11:1-
17:27), Jehoiakim (25-26;
35-36;45-48), Jehoiachin
(31:15-27), Zedekiah (21-24;
27-34; 37-39; 49-51),
Gedaliah (& Egypt) (40-44).*}
Lamentations

(9) Period of Captivity

2 Chronicles 36:1 - 8
Daniel {*Arranged by Rex A.
Turner Sr. (1-4, 7-8, 5-
6,11,10,12, 9).*}
2 Chronicles 36:9 - 21
Psalm 137
Ezekiel

(10) Period of Restoration

2 Chronicles 36:22, 23
Ezra 1 - 5:1
Haggai
Zechariah
Psalms 107, 126
Ezra 5:2 - 6:22
Esther
Ezra 7 - 10
Nehemiah
Malachi

(11) Period Between The Testaments (400 years)

Chronological Order of New Testament

(Note: In some instances, books are placed in association with the mention of their various cities in Acts rather than the precise time of writing. For example, while 1 & 2 Thessalonians may have been written prior to Philippians, why not read Philippians after reading about the start of that church at Philippi in Acts 16 and then read 1 and 2 Thessalonians after reading of the start of the church at Thessalonica in Acts 17:1-10.)

(12) Period of Jesus' Incarnation

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Acts 17:11 - 18:11
1 & 2 Corinthians
Acts 18:12 - 20:1
Ephesians
Romans
Acts 20:2 - 28:30

(13) Period of the Lord's Church

Acts 1 - 14
James
Acts 15
Galatians
Acts 16
Philippians
Acts 17:1 - 10
1 & 2 Thessalonians

Colossians
Hebrews
Titus
Philemon
1 & 2 Timothy
1 & 2 Peter
1, 2, 3 John
Jude
Revelation