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WHY SHOULD ONE COME TO MSOP?

Bobby Liddell

Why should one come to the Memphis School of Preaching? The benefits are numerous and significant! Consider the **foundation** which was laid forty years ago, and the **faithfulness** with which MSOP has continued. The **focus** of the education offered has not changed. Dedicated to the continued steadfastness of MSOP to the "old paths" is a **faculty** of scholarly, seasoned, faithful brethren. In addition, God has blessed us with **facilities** which are comfortable and well suited for the work of the School.

MSOP'S FOUNDATION

Forty years ago (1966), brother Roy J. Hearn labored to lay a solid foundation upon which MSOP was built. Providing an in depth, intensive education in the Bible, and Bible related subjects, along with the practical training needed by preachers in order that a man might go forth well prepared to do a good work, faithfully, capably preaching the soul-saving Gospel of Christ, was the foundational principle. The foundation was well laid, and remains solid to this day.

MSOP'S FAITHFULNESS

The course determined for the School, before its beginning, has been carefully followed throughout the ensuing years. Under the *(Continued On Page 2)*

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Co-Editor's Column BASIS FOR HOPE



"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

In this passage, from Paul's inspired pen, "Whatsoever things were written aforetime," refers to the Old Testament. The words "our" and "we" refer to Christians.

Hence, the meaning is that the Old Testament Scriptures were written not only for the benefit of those who were subject to them, but also for their value to those of the subsequent age, called Christians.

The Old Testament Scriptures were written for the obedience of those who lived under them. They also were written for our learning, and for our hope.

We can read them and learn much about the characteristics of God: how He rewarded obedience, how He punished for disobedience, and how He promised a "better covenant established upon better promises." We learn much of His mercy, love, and longsuffering. We are thus able to find comfort.

From these same Scriptures, we learn the importance of steadfastness, and get a preview of the suffering Savior and the salvation that would come through Him.

The Old Testament Scriptures set forth in type, the church of our Lord, the deliverance from sin, the tribulations as well as the joys of the redeemed, and the "rest that remains for the children of God."

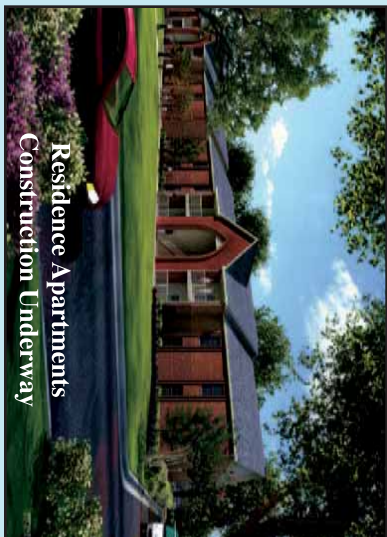
Coupling all this with the "wonderful words of life" found in the New Testament, we are moved to be "patient" (i.e., steadfast) and we find encouragement that begets hope, the "anchor of the soul that enters into that within the veil. Let us flee for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us" (Heb. 6:18-19).

Let us never be "moved away from the hope...." Jesus Christ is the hope of the world (Col. 1:27).

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capable direction of the Forest Hill eldership, and as a part of the Forest Hill congregation's educational program, MSOP teaches today what it taught in 1966. There has been no departure from the Truth, nor from the educational program initially planned for the School.

Were students from 1966, or anytime since, to sit in classes today, they would hear the same instruction which they received. Faithfulness to the Word, and our God Who gave it, are watchwords of MSOP.

MSOP'S FOCUS

The reason MSOP continues faithful to its mission and work is that the School has never lost its focus. Under brother Hearn, the School continued unswervingly on the steady course of faithful service to our God, exalting the Father, glorifying the Son, and holding to the Word, the sword of the Spirit.

Brother Curtis A. Cates received the mantle from brother Hearn, and, as Director of the School since 1983, has maintained the focus of the school, clear and bright, turning neither to the right hand or to the left. Unequaled in his qualifications for this work, brother Cates has led the School in growth in number of students, in quality of facilities, and in capability of providing the best preacher training available--while never losing sight of the School's purpose and direction.

MSOP'S FACULTY

From the beginning, the School was known for its talented, knowledgeable, dedicated, faithful faculty. Through the years, men of impeccable character and unquestioned loyalty to the Lord have proclaimed, in the classrooms, the whole counsel of God.

They have thrilled students, thirsty for Bible knowledge, with their insights into the unsearchable riches of the Book Divine. Compassion and discipline, exercised with wisdom, have helped boys become men, and men become preachers, so that graduates look back upon their time at the feet of these men as two of the best years of their lives.

Longevity characterizes the faculty of MSOP. Most teach until they are no longer able to do so. This fact also contributes to the consistency of the School's instruction and direction.

MSOP'S FACILITIES

Progress from church classrooms to the efficient and spacious School building on the property of the Knight Arnold congregation brought in a new era of functional facilities.

In 1998, the Knight Arnold church moved to its new location on Forest Hill-Irene Road, in Germantown, TN. Now, with fifteen acres of land, located less than a mile from I-385, the School has classrooms, offices, bookstore, break room, and a chapel in the MSOP building.

Located behind the School building is the N. B. Hardeman Library building--a great tool and aid to preacher training. With an outstanding holding, both in quantity and quality, computers for student use, and study areas, the Library plays an important role in the education one receives at MSOP.

The building of student housing is underway! Four buildings, each with eight apartments, will provide thirty-two three bedroom apartments, or ninety-six bedrooms total, for students who come to MSOP. The benefits will be tremendous! Greater safety, more opportunities for fellowship, less expense, and the close proximity to the School and Library buildings will greatly enhance the student's experience.

Why should one come to MSOP? If one wants to gain all the Bible knowledge he can, combined with practical training, and valuable guidance and counsel, from those who have proved themselves by decades of faithful preaching, in a school under an eldership which has faithfully continued in leading the school in the way it should go--he should come to MSOP. In view of all these benefits, the question is, **"Why should one NOT come to MSOP?"**

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Many brethren and churches work together to accomplish the much needed work of the Memphis School of Preaching, and for the contributions of each, whether those contributions are large or small, we are deeply appreciative.

Among the great supporters of MSOP are Paul and LaDon Sain and Sain Publications of Pulaski, Tennessee, who print the annual lectureship books, school catalogs, admission brochures, dinner announcements, letterheads and envelopes, special printings, and, of particular interest to our readers, **Yokefellow**. They also use their expertise in other areas which are of great benefit to MSOP.

They make the printed materials we send for so attractive and effective, for which we are so very thankful. Their generous contributions, unequalled talent, creative genius, great wisdom, tireless efforts, and marvelous selflessness are of incalculable worth to MSOP!

Thank you, brother and sister Sain!

A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE CLASS OF 2006

At the graduation exercises for the Class of 2006 (June 18, 2006), brother Peter Chin, from Malaysia, and President of the MSOP Class of 2006, expressed gratitude, on behalf of the entire class, to the Forest Hill Church of Christ. His speech follows.

"I consider it an honor to deliver this address to the Forest Hill congregation, on behalf of the graduating Class of 2006. It is a joyful day for the twenty-four of us graduating students to receive our diplomas signifying the completion of a two-year training at the Memphis School of Preaching.

"This signifies the beginning of a new phase in our lives as we move forward to begin our work as gospel preachers. Last week, at the graduation banquet, we took the time to appreciate the elders, our instructors, and the staff of the school.

"This evening, the graduating Class of 2006 would like to appreciate you good brethren of the Forest Hill congregation. You extended your fellowship to us when we first arrived here two years ago to begin school. You welcomed us into your Work Team Meetings where we had the wonderful opportunity to get to know you better and enjoy your hospitality. Some of you became foster parents to us.

"We had the wonderful opportunity to serve together in two Memphis School of Preaching Lectureships. You taught us how to serve with humility and forbearance.

"You have supported the school since its inception in 1966. You gave generously for the running of the school each year which amounts to half a million. You gave generously for the construction of the school building. All these have made it possible for us to be in school enjoying the excellent facilities as we studied at the feet of our instructors.

"May you continue to give your support to the good elders of this congregation and to encourage the instructors and students of the school. More than 900 students are now laboring all across the United States and in many other parts of the world as gospel preachers because of you. The Word of God is being proclaimed throughout the world and this is made possible because of your support.

"We appreciate each one of you. Please remember us in prayers. God bless each of you!"

Upon graduation, brother Chin will return to the Far East, where he will serve as an instructor in the Four Seas College of Bible and Missions, located in Singapore.

TAKE A LOOK AT WWW.MSOP.ORG

Mike McDaniel

We have been working steadily to make some improvements and updates to www.msop.org. Our thanks go to brother Joey Davis for his good assistance as our Webmaster. We want to encourage all of our alumni to bookmark the site as one of their favorites, and to go to it regularly. The following things have been accomplished thus far.

On the main page, we now have a link to the **Student Housing Video Presentation**. Upon arriving at its page, you will have a choice between high speed and dial up connections. This thirteen minute video presentation will notify interested members of the church of Christ about the new student apartments and how they may help with this good work. Please inform the brethren about it.

Also on the main page, we have a tab marked **Search**. This feature will allow you to search the entire site, including the back issues of the **Yokefellow**, and the **Laborers Together Newsletter**. This should help to draw more people to our web page who are researching Bible topics.

On the **Alumni Page**, we have the new officers of the alumni association listed. One nice feature is that you can now click on any of our names, and send each of us an email. Your email will then be forward to our respective email accounts.

Next you will see a list of documents. First, is the **Laborers Together Newsletter**. When you select it, you will see our masthead and the issues that are available for viewing. Select one, and it will appear in the form of a PDF file. Those who do not have a computer may go to their local library and print out their copy of this newsletter. If you are not receiving the alumni newsletter, you must send me your correct e-mail address (mmmcdaniel@earthlink.net).

The next document is the **Constitution and By-laws of the Alumni Association**. Following this is our **Alumnus of the Year Selection Criteria**. This document has been updated to acknowledge that brother Rick Lawson is chairman of this committee and included are all the members of the committee which are the award recipients beginning with brother Melvin Hampton in 1989 and concluding with brother Anthony Hixson in 2006.

The last document in the list is the newest. It is entitled: the **Distinguished Alumnus Award Selection Criteria**. This award will be bestowed for the first time next year. I encourage you to read the document and to compare the differences between its criteria and the criteria for the Alumnus of the year award.

The last thing on our alumni page is our **Personal Information Update**. This feature is very important as it serves as a fast and effective way for us to update our information. If your address, phone number, or email address changes, you may call the MSOP office, or you may go to this link and make the changes. It would be good for all alumni to do this, just to make sure that the school has their correct information in advance of any Alumni Directory that may be made. Please make sure your information is updated, and tell other alumni to do the same.

On the **Yokefellow** page, we now have the new masthead and the PDFs of issues going back to November 2003. We hope that older issues will be archived in the near future.

By the time you receive this issue of the **Yokefellow**, we should have the video presentation of the **N. B. Hardeman Library** available for viewing on the **Facility Page**. Such is our intent.

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At the next annual lectureship, for which the theme is, "Epistles To Corinth," sixty men and women will address interesting and challenging topics from 1 and 2 Corinthians. Their studies will surely be informative, uplifting, and helpful to all who wish to understand better the great truths contained in these epistles.

The 2006 Lectures were well attended with visitors from across the United States, and from foreign countries. Positive, enthusiastic comments from numerous attendees indicated it was a great success, accomplishing much good to God's glory.

Make your plans to be at the MSOP Lectures, March 25-29, 2007! The in depth Bible studies, tremendous singing, and wonderful fellowship will make you glad you did.

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