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BRETHREN, PLEASE HELP MSOP PROVIDE HOUSING FOR OUR STUDENTS

As Christians, we are very much aware that we belong to God in a double sense. He is our Lord by way of our obeying the gospel of Christ. He is our Lord in that He created us (Psa. 100:3).

On one occasion, the disciples were disturbed because there was not enough bread, but the Lord said, "Bring what you have to me." When the poor cripple begged alms of Peter and John, the response was, "Such as I have I give unto thee" (Acts. 3:6). Although the days of miracles are over, the principle, "What I have I give," is still true and important. It is sometimes the case that one Christian may not be able to do much, but when each Christian does what he can, amazing things can happen.

Men may at times despise small things (Zec. 4:10); but not our Father. He never forgets the smallest cup of cold water given in His name, and takes note of a poor widow's mites; thus, He will not be unrighteous to forget our work of faith (Heb. 6:12).

"Shamgar had an ox goad; Rahab a string; Gideon had a trumpet; David had a sling; Samson had a jawbone; Moses had a rod; Dorcas had a needle; But all were used for God!"

God has made us, redeemed us, sustained us, and He has every right to claim both us and all that we possess. Brethren, won't you give a portion of your wealth to assist MSOP in providing housing for our students? Thank you in advance for all that you will do!

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From The Director

MARGARET A. CATES PASSES

Early on Mother's Day, my dear mother went to her reward some three months short of her ninety-fifth birthday. Dad had preceded her in death by nearly three years. Mother and Dad (Curtis C. Cates) were married on July 31, 1934.

Mother was born in Bessemer, Alabama, into the family of Otis Burgess and Ethel Garrett Anthony on August 8, 1911. Her family had ties to the early Restoration Movement. My grandfather Anthony [I was named after my father and my grandfather] was from Glen Allen, Alabama, and was graduated with the Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in 1897 from Highland Home College [in Alabama], a Class A college started by brother Justus McDuffie Barnes [whose diploma was signed by Alexander Campbell, Bethany College, June, 1856]. First begun in October, 1856, as Strata [Alabama] Academy, it later moved to Highland Home and had "as strong a faculty as could be found anywhere in the South" (H. Leo Boles, Biographical Sketches of Pioneer Preachers, pp. 275-280). Granddad then moved to Bessemer, Alabama, married and became

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B. J. CLARKE NEW FACULTY MEMBER

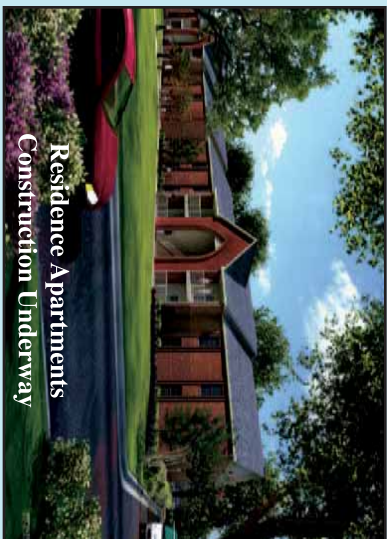
We are happy to welcome B. J. Clarke, faithful, talented brother and well-known and respected gospel preacher, to the faculty of MSOP!

Brother Clarke will be teaching part-time, as well as continuing his work with the great Southaven, MS congregation, and his preaching in meetings and lectures. (See Page 2.)

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(Cates Continued)
 a strong influence in the church. Brother John T. Lewis was graduated from Nashville Bible School, May, 1906., and shortly began preaching in the Birmingham area, encouraged by J. M. Barnes. For several years before he married, brother Lewis lived with the O. B. Anthony family. Later, he performed the ceremony of Mother and Dad. My brother, Paul Lewis, was named for brother Lewis. Granddad served as an elder both in Birmingham and in Pensacola; he stood in the Old Paths and against the encroaching innovations of his day.

My mother and father were both reared in Christian homes, of many generations. Dad began his preaching on a part-time basis after they moved, in 1936, to Andalusia, Alabama, then in Phenix City and Mobile. Mother and Dad preached full-time beginning in early 1950 in Foley, followed by Troy, West End in Montgomery, Flomaton, Alabama, Crestview, Florida, and a second time back at West End in Montgomery. Before they began full-time work, Dad had also, in several places, served as a deacon.

On July 6, 1939, in Andalusia, Margaret and Curtis were blessed with a daughter, Ethel Juanita. Sadly, she was injured in delivery; they sought medical help in Montgomery, Pensacola, and Columbus, Georgia, to no avail. Constantly in pain, often the only way Juanita could sleep at night was on either Mother's or Dad's stomach; they never forgot her "sweet smile." In November, 1942, she died of pneumonia and was buried in the family cemetery. Curtis Anthony had been born the preceding year (February 8, 1941), and Paul Lewis was born January 24, 1945. Mother and Dad had four grandchildren [Andy, Dan, Lara, and Shanna] and seven great-grandchildren [Maggie Cates, Trey Cates, Katy Stancil, Stephen Stancil, Caitlin Cates, Conor Cates, and Sophia Willingham].

Like her parents before her, Margaret A. Cates was strong in "the faith." She expected her children to do right, to become well educated, to be industrious, and to serve others. She enthusiastically supported Dad in his preaching and was known for her hospitality; she fed many preachers of the Word and sacrificed much for the Cause.

As I was at her bedside, the angels carried her precious spirit to Paradise, where she was reunited with her little girl and with her husband of sixty-nine years. Mother's earthly remains are buried beside those of my father and Juanita in the Little Sandy Ridge Cemetery just east of the Fort Deposit exit off I-65 south of Montgomery. Brethren Rex A. Turner, Jr., Jack Cates, and George Herring preached the funeral, and Byron Benson led the congregational singing.

Sincere appreciation is gratefully expressed to the hundreds of our brothers and sisters in Christ who expressed loving sympathy.

Curtis A. Cates

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM B. J. CLARKE

Even though brother B. J. Clarke expressed his appreciation publicly at the annual Alumni-Friends dinner, for receiving the Honorary Alumnus award, he also wished to do so in writing to those who may not have been in attendance. Below is his fine note to our alumni. We continue to be grateful for him and his hard work in the kingdom. We would ask that our alumni lift up the Clarkes before God's throne in prayer that they might be strong and of good courage to do the Master's will. *Mike McDaniel*

To The Alumni of the Memphis School of Preaching,
Please allow me to express in writing my sincerest and deepest gratitude for the honor accorded to me in being granted the status of an honorary alumnus of the Memphis School of Preaching. It was a privilege to express my gratitude personally to those who attended the Alumni and Friends Dinner during the annual lectureship. However, I want to make sure that all of the alumni, many of whom were not able to attend the dinner, know how very much it means to me to be considered an honorary alumnus.

I have loved the school since my childhood when my father (T. J. Clarke) was privileged to attend. I have heard my mother and father say many, many times that two of the happiest years of their lives were spent at the Memphis School of Preaching. I know how much work is involved in graduating from the school because I saw the labor and toil my father exerted during that time. Knowing the workload that you have gone through to become alumni of the school, I can assure you that I don't feel deserving of the status awarded me. Nevertheless, I do appreciate it beyond my ability to describe. Thanks for letting me become a part of one of the greatest fraternities in the world!

*Your servant and His,
 B. J. Clarke*

MEET MSOP'S NEWEST FACULTY MEMBER: B. J. CLARKE



B. J. Clarke was born in Canton, IL. After graduating from high school in 1979 in Noblesville, IN, B. J. attended Freed Hardeman College. In 1983, he received a B.S. degree in Bible. In 1997, he received a Masters Degree from Freed Hardeman University.

Brother Clarke is married to the former Tamela (Tish) Hall of Marietta, GA. They have three children: Daniel, Holly, and Michael.

B. J. served as Youth and Associate Minister for the Etowah Church of Christ in Etowah, TN from 1983 to 1985.

He then moved to Knoxville, TN to begin work as the evangelist for the Ault Road Church of Christ. He currently serves as the preacher of the Southaven Church of Christ (Southaven, MS).

Brother Clarke delivered his first sermon at age 9, and has been involved in several youth rallies, gospel meetings, and lectureships. In 1985, he was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America. In 1987, he held a public debate on Baptism and Apostasy.

B. J. was a member of the adjunct faculty of the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions from 1989 to 1990. He now serves as editor of Power Magazine published by the Southaven church of Christ and directs the annual POWER Lectureship.

We are delighted to welcome him to MSOP!

A PLEA TO FELLOW ALUMNI

Efforts to raise funds for the new students housing, even though only one mail-out of the Yokefellow has mentioned the efforts, have started off surprisingly well. If the numbers of you who pledged help come through, the necessary funds will be forthcoming. If you have not thought about trying to raise \$1000.00, please start now and then go and do it! Remember that many millions of dollars (at \$23,000.00 per month presently for housing students) will be saved and much more will be done, if we alumni get this project completed.

I know that many of you are busy, beleaguered, and behind in your own work and that to get an appeal from MSOP is "one more" thing about which to be thinking. But I trust that your knowledge of the need to train more harvesters for the field will constrain you to help.

I think that **\$1000 times 1000 alumni is a very reachable goal** so I am urging all of you to join the "1000 Square" to help train others.

Keith Mosher (Class of 1975)

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FACULTY AND STAFF REJOICE WITH SISTER LOTTIE BETH HOBBS

The Memphis School of Preaching wishes to express deepest congratulations to sister Lottie Beth Hobbs upon the celebration of her eighty-fifth birthday. A very special reception took place in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 9, 2006.

Among sister Hobbs' many superb, very popular writings are **Daughters Of Eve, You Can Be Beautiful With The Beauty Of Holiness, and Your Best Friend.**

This writer has taught her books for four decades. May this great Christian and dear friend be blessed with many more years.

Curtis A. Cates

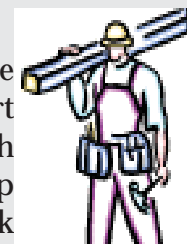
PROFESSOR JAMES A. TURNER PASSES *Curtis A. Cates*

On June 29, 2006, one of my dear college professors passed to his reward, brother James Turner. A superb preacher of the pure gospel, brother Turner taught classes for sixty-two years in Alabama Christian College and in Southern Christian University. He was a brother to brother Rex A. Turner, Sr.

Brother James was known for his convictions, Biblical scholarship, stability, love for his students, and standing for principle. He leaves a great legacy to his many thousands of students. While I was in a gospel meeting at Panama Street two weeks before his death, brethren Jesse Russell, Byron Benson, and I got to visit with him; I admired and loved him. Our prayers are with sister Gwendolyn and family.

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