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Memphis School of Preaching Graduation 2025

*The Elders of the
Forest Hill Church of Christ
and Faculty of the
Memphis School of Preaching
Memphis, Tennessee*

*join Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Clarke
in requesting the pleasure of your presence
at the*

*Commencement Exercises and Reception
in honor of the Graduates
on Sunday, the fifteenth of June
two thousand and twenty-five.*

*Reception: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
in the Fellowship Hall of the
Forest Hill Church of Christ*

*Graduation: 5:00 P.M. at the
Forest Hill Church of Christ Auditorium
3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road
Memphis, TN 38125*

“THE LORD HAS SAID GO PREACH THE WORD TO ALL THE WORLD”

B. J. Clarke

We must never forget that the great commission is a global commission. Our students at MSOP are reminded of this every morning at the end of chapel when they sing the words reflected in the title above. Likewise, the last words spoken by Jesus before He ascended to His Father served as the basis for the 2025 MSOP Lectureship, titled “Teach All Nations.”

During the last week of March, hundreds gathered here in Memphis to hear over 50 motivating messages, all connected to the Lord’s great commission to go and “teach all nations” (Mat. 28:19-20). Thousands of others watched the livestream or have watched archived messages via YouTube. The excellent material from these messages is also available in a 662-page volume entitled “Teach All Nations.”

It was a thrilling and compelling week of great preaching, singing, and fellowship! The joys of this recent lectureship have only heightened our anticipation for next year’s lectureship, “I Know The Lord Will Find A Way” (March 29-April 2, 2026). During this lectureship, MSOP will celebrate 60 years of training men to “preach the Word” to all the world. Please make plans to be with us!

MSOP EVANGELISM CAMPAIGN

The Memphis School of Preaching places strong emphasis upon the Scriptures in every aspect of our work (Psa. 119:105). As a part of the work of training men to be evangelists, MSOP organizes evangelism seminars for the students, and insures their taking part in mission evangelism campaigns.

With the student body growing, the School has more students to send on campaigns. This Spring, students were able to participate in five different campaigns: Saint Charles, MO; Farmington, MO; Brilliant, AL; and Poole, KY. Additionally, some students worked in door knocking and

evangelistic follow up for the Forest Hill Church of Christ. Forest Hill is the home congregation of the Memphis School of Preaching, which is a part of the Bible school program, under the oversight of the Forest Hill elders.

We are currently making plans for campaigns in Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Georgia in the Fall. If you would be interested in having MSOP students come for an evangelistic campaign, contact Kevin Rutherford at 901-751-2242, or krutherford@msop.org.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Mike McDaniel

The Alumni Association Board of Directors met on April 1, 2025. There were twenty-nine officers and class representatives present. Minutes of the 2024 meeting were approved. There were eleven alumni, or honorary alumni, who passed away in 2024. The wife of a former instructor also passed away. We pay a benefit of \$250 to families of deceased alumni from our alumni fund. A total of \$2600 was paid out this year which is the largest amount ever.

Last year, \$12,500, from alumni and friends, went to pay for studio microphones, lighting, and projection upgrades. This year, we agreed to keep \$5000, and to donate the rest to library needs, equipment, and resources for the new graduate program. We agreed to give the dinner contribution, \$3264, to this need. \$3736 was given from the alumni fund for a total of \$7000.00. Our alumni association continues to do much lasting good with the voluntary dues that are contributed. For this, we are indeed grateful.

Brethren Dennis McIntosh and Richard Melson were selected as Honorary Alumni this year. Kevin Rutherford was selected as our Alumnus of the year.

Clifton Angel was re-elected as Vice President for a second term. Last year’s alumnus of the year, Glen Hitchcock, was our dinner speaker. He did a fabulous job, and the crowd was excellent! We would encourage as many alumni as possible to come to the 60th anniversary celebration at the lectureship next year.



Scott Cain, Forest Hill minister



B. J. Clarke, MSOP Director, addresses the large lectureship crowd



Cliff Goodwin delivers the closing sermon of the 2025 lectures



Associate Director, Billy Bland, gives an update on the Missions Graduate Program



Brother Richard Melson was named an Honorary Alumnus



Kevin Rutherford was selected as the MSOP Alumnus of the Year



Dennis McIntosh was named an Honorary Alumnus



Glenn Hitchcock addresses the large crowd at the Alumni-Friends Dinner



Bobby Liddell, Dean of Graduate Studies and Development, announces MSOP's Apologetics Graduate Program

*1966-2026
60th Anniversary*

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

**I KNOW THE LORD
WILL MAKE A WAY...**

March 29th-April 2nd, 2026



Class of 2025

2025 GRADUATES

Jordan Trey Bohanan*Red Boiling Springs, TN
 Andrew Douglas Boyle****Enid, OK
 Odane Deverney Brissett****Manchester, Jamaica
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 Andrew Vincent Smith*Chillicothe, MO
 Tumelo Thobosi*****Dora, AL
 Joseph VillegasRichmond Hill, GA
 Reginald Rashawn Walker*****Rockford, IL

* Completes work in November 25
 ** Completes work in January 26
 *** Completes work in April 26
 **** World Missions Program
 ***** M.O.S.T. Program

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