



# YOKEFELLOW

## SPECIAL AWARDS GIVEN AT GRADUATION

Bobby Liddell, Dean of Graduate Studies & Development

Each year, at graduation, we present four special awards to worthy recipients, who have gone above and beyond the already high standards expected of every student. These awards express the appreciation, held by the faculty and staff, for the exceptionally good work done by these graduates, and publicly proclaim that recognition.

The awards are for: **Best Attendance Record, True Yokefellow, Best Grade Point Average, and Outstanding Student.**

The **Best Attendance Record** award usually goes to the man (or men) who have not missed a single day of the two years of school. In view of the fact that School meets five days a week, from 8:30 to 4:00, for two years, and from 7:00 to 1:00 in Summer School; and that, we also attend lectures, seminars, and other activities, a perfect attendance record is impressive. Likewise, the reality of life is that students, like everybody else, have to deal with illness, life's interruptions, and important family needs of wives, children, and extended family. School is hard, and men get tired, and the demands of study and homework mean that they miss a lot of sleep. Seeking to encourage them, we graciously and lovingly explain to them they can sleep after they graduate. The temptation is for students just to take a day off, but their commitment prevails. The **Best Attendance Record** represents two years of dedication to be present for every class and every required activity.

The **True Yokefellow** award acknowledges selfless service on an exceptional level. A Yokefellow is, by definition, a comrade, one who is bound; that is, "yoked together," in labor with his fellows. There is a practical meaning, for this award, and that is that this brother has exhibited the qualities of a cheerful, productive servant. He willingly made himself the "go-to-guy" whenever the faculty or staff needed help. The truth is that one could serve from joyless duty, or, from ingratiating self-promotion, or, from oppression and fear, but the **True Yokefellow** serves because he follows the humble example of the Lord whom he serves.

The award for the **Best Grade Point Average** is, perhaps, the hardest one to attain. The School proclaimed, "The Toughest School In Town," will test even the best to their limits. Making an A in a class is impressive, and making an A+ shows one has ability, AND a very dedicated work ethic. In order to receive this award, one must also be consistent, working every day, in order to achieve the best GPA. Usually, the difference in GPAs is extremely small—tenths, or hundredths of a point. While we encourage each student to do his best, and while others were close, and their efforts, we trust, will bring forth much good fruit, we are happy to recognize the one whose grades were the best.

The award for the **Outstanding Student** is different from the Best Grade Point Average award, in that it is not based upon grades only. The Outstanding Student is the one, whom we consider, most closely meets the standard we set for the ideal student. We recognize the recipient as the one student, of this class, who best typifies the kind of man we work, diligently, for two years, to educate and train in order to send him forth with the biblical, challenging charge to preach the Gospel. In a class of excellent students, this man showed himself to be exceptional—outstanding!

We trust you will want to join with us in recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of these worthy men!

*Photos of the recipients of these awards are included in this edition of the Yokefellow.*

### FOREST HILL ELDERS

Danny Braddock, Jr.  
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Michael Clarke (Recruiter) speaks at the MSOP Graduation Banquet.



Many of the Graduate Program teachers and students at the Graduation Banquet.



We were blessed with a great Graduation ceremony crowd



Michael Brown (Graduate Program, Leadership)



Brendan Carr (Graduate Program, Apologetics & Leadership)



Sylionor Houpette (Graduate Program, Leadership)



Jacob Kennedy (Graduate Program, Apologetics & Leadership)



Andrew Huett receives the Attendance Award.



Jordan Deering receives the Academic Award.



Matthew Paschall (Father Steve receiving on his behalf) posthumously won the True Yokefellow Award.



Tony Solaita receives the MSOP Most Outstanding Student Award.



Ronnie Hayes preaches during the 60th Graduating Class Ceremony.



Drew Smith (Graduate Program, Apologetics & Leadership)



Dustin Pool (Graduate Program, Apologetics & Leadership)



Nestor Silva (Graduate Program, Leadership)



Drew Smith (Graduate Program, Apologetics [Wrap-Around] & Leadership)



# Class of 2026

## 2026 GRADUATES

Ebenezer Amable .....Penyi, Volta Region-Ghana  
 Emmanuel Boadu Ayeboafu\*  
 .....Sunyani, Bono Region-Ghana  
 Willie B. Bagwell, Jr.....Coldwater, MS  
 Rafaele Mauga Taufaaasau Barber\*\*  
 .....Leone, American Samoa  
 Caleb Damian Berch .....Byhalia, MS  
 Michael Anthony Brown\*\*\* .....St. Thomas, Jamaica  
 Waylon Trace Blevins\*\* .....Atoka, TN  
 Ravan Desmond Butler\*\* ....Mammee Bay, St. Ann, Jamaica  
 Antonio Cardona\*\*\* .....Myrtle Beach, SC  
 Brendan Scott Carr\*\*\* .....Lebanon, MO  
 Alex B. Coloma .....South Cotabato, Philippines  
 Jordan Nathaniel Deering .....Fairbanks, AK  
 Daniel Gomez.....Barinas, Venezuela  
 Drew Holland .....Obion, TN  
 Sylionor Houquette\*\*\* .....Ocho Rios, St. Ann, Jamaica  
 Andrew Gene Huett .....Elizabeth, AR  
 Jacob Andrew Kennedy\*\*\* .....Tupelo, MS  
 Israel Luna\* .....Waxahachie, TX  
 Matthew Thomas Paschall+ ..... Paris, TN  
 Robert Lester Pendergrass .....Caulfield, MO  
 Nico Kevin Pinnock\* .....Kingston, Jamaica  
 Dustin Ray Pool\*\*\* .....Paris, TN  
 Desroy Davian Reid .....St. Andrews, Jamaica  
 Bernie Rodriguez .....Colon, Panama  
 Nestor José Silva\*\*\* .....San Ramon Alajuela, Costa Rica  
 Andrew Vincent Smith\*\* \* .....Chillicothe, MO  
 Tony La'au Solaita, III .....Nuuuli, American Samoa  
 Jacob Alexander Sullins .....Arlington, TN  
 O.C. Woodlee\* .....Spencer, TN

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\* Completes work in November 2026

\*\*Completes work in January 2027

\*\*\*Graduate Program \*\*\*\*MOST Program

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