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Ever since the Memphis School of Preaching had its beginning, in 1966, those contributions made at the close of the calendar year have been vital to its work. As you know, the MSOP receives no (it does not wish for, nor would it accept any) federal or state grants, student loans, building loans, or other governmental support. And, it charges no tuition, or fees of its students.

The School is a part of the Bible teaching program of the Forest Hill church of Christ, and is supported by the Forest Hill congregation, and by other faithful brothers and sisters, individually and congregationally, who are convinced of the continuing need to train men to preach the Gospel of Christ.

The many hundreds of MSOP graduates preaching throughout the world tell us their training at the Memphis School of Preaching was the hardest work they ever did--and loved! Equal to more than four years of college in two years (164 semester hours), the course demands that students learn discipline and diligence as they learn the Scriptures and the practical aspects of preaching.

Memphis School of Preaching has not departed from its purpose. More than five decades of faithful service to the Lord, and to the Cause of Christ, have shown the School is worthy of the support of brethren.

These end-of-year gifts are very helpful because of the needs of students who have not raised all of their support for living expenses (some are doing without, but are continuing in their studies), January enrollment of new students, anticipated lectureship expenses in March, and catching up with unanticipated expenses involved in the operation of the School.

These donations are needed, are fully tax deductible, of course, and they are a Godsend to the work of MSOP. Please help if you can.

*From All The Faculty, Staff, and Administration Of The Memphis School Of Preaching,
We Wish For You*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A GREAT NEW YEAR!

SOME WORTHY RESOLUTIONS FOR 2019

Encourage Men to Preach.

Well more than one thousand men have graduated from MSOP, and each one of them needed the encouragement of those whom they loved and trusted. Begin early to train boys, as did Lois and Eunice (2 Tim. 3:15). Impress upon them positive aspects of serving the Lord by preaching the gospel. Assure them you will be very pleased if they dedicate their lives to being God's heralds. Praise their initial, perhaps feeble, efforts when they stand at those make-believe pulpits, and deliver their first "sermons." Your commendation, and smile of approval, along with a hug of tender love may be just what these young men need in order to chart their courses for life. Never discourage a good man from preaching (2 Tim. 2:2).

Send Men To MSOP.

There are many good, faithful, dedicated brothers who are looking for the way to prepare themselves to preach, or who are wondering if they have what it takes to preach. Point them in our direction. Give them information about the School (we will be happy to send brochures and catalogs to you, or to them). Inform us of their contact information, and we will be glad to get in touch with them. Encourage them to visit MSOP. We will meet with them, show them around the campus, and allow them to sit in on classes. Your recommendation may be just what they need to get them on the road to a lifetime of preaching the soul-saving gospel of Christ. Instead of lamenting sin in the world, and the shortage of preachers, send men to MSOP.

Support Men at MSOP.

Men who sacrifice by leaving homes, families, and jobs--because they have committed themselves to two years of intensive, college level instruction in the Word of God, and in how to preach it with effectiveness--deserve your support (1 Tim. 5:18). With an increase in the number of students MSOP trains, comes an increase

in the amount of support needed to provide living expenses for students. These men need your help, and they are worthy; thus, they look to you, trusting in God, and depending upon the generous help which faithful, loving brethren, who have the vision to see the real need for gospel preachers today, and in the future, will provide.

Support MSOP.

Over fifty years of faithful service have shown the School to be worthy of your support. Your contributions have been a vital part of the School's training of men to preach (cf. Phi. 1:3-5). MSOP does not seek, nor would it accept, governmental support. It charges no tuition, or fees. As a part of the Bible teaching program of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, MSOP is supported by the Forest Hill church, and by faithful brethren who are convinced of the continuing need to train men to preach the Gospel of Christ. Your donations to MSOP are fully tax deductible, and will help save precious souls. Now is the time to begin supporting the training of men to preach if you have not, in the past, done so--or, to continue, and even increase your support if you have been helping in this worthy effort.

Pray For MSOP.

We trust our God hears and answers the prayers of the faithful (Jam. 5:16). He has commanded us to come before Him with our petitions, and He has promised to bless us with what we need, especially in our service to Him (Mat. 7:7). Pray that God will bless us with men who are committed to spending the rest of their lives in preaching the Word. Pray that our Creator and Sustainer will provide us the means to continue in this good work as long as the earth shall stand. Pray that our Heavenly Father will bless our efforts with much success--not for our glory, but for His. Together, we can train men to preach.

Bobby Liddell

APPLY NOW FOR ADMISSION TO MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

There is still time to complete the admission process, but hurry. Go to www.msop.org, or call, or write, today!

NEW QUARTER STARTS JANUARY 21, 2019

WANT AN ADMISSIONS PACKET?

Are you interested in preparing yourself to preach the Gospel? Or, do you know some faithful man who is? We will be happy to send an information packet containing all one needs to get started.

Already, we have accepted a good number of quality students, and we hope you will be among the graduating class of 2021! There is still room and time to complete the admission process--but hurry.

Contact us today! 901-751-2242 of msop.org

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LESS THAN A DOLLAR A DAY!

There are some expenses we incur at the Memphis School of Preaching that are annual expenses. For instance, the five categories listed below represent an annual expenditure of nearly \$150,000.

YOKEFELLOW

The Yokefellow is a free publication of the Memphis School of Preaching. The cost of the printing and distribution is approximately \$35,000 - \$40,000 per year.

MSOP LECTURESHIP

The lectureship is a spiritual blessing for hundreds of alumni and friends. This investment is well worth the good that it does for the souls in attendance. The annual cost is approximately \$25,000.

N.B. Hardeman Library

The Memphis School of Preaching is extremely blessed to be the location of the N.B. Hardeman Library. The purchasing of books, periodicals, shelving, stocking, and staffing of the library represents an investment of around \$60,000 per year.

Polishing the Pulpit

As part of the curriculum, MSOP students annually attend PTP. For this week long event, the students/their families must raise funds for travel, meals, lodging and registration fees. This represents a need of \$12,000 in addition to the amount raised by the students.



This spiritual training camp for teenage boys and girls is conducted each June on the MSOP campus. The costs of conducting the camp (feeding and transporting over 200 campers for an entire week, etc.) represents expenses of just over nearly \$25,000.

A Proposed Solution. The need to raise nearly \$150,000 every year to meet these annual expenses seems rather daunting. However, if a large number of people each contribute a little, the good they can do adds up rather quickly.

For example, if we could find just 500 MSOP supporters, who would send just \$25 a month to MSOP, it would provide \$150,000 of annual support, more than enough to pay for the expense of the five categories mentioned above!

Of course, God has blessed some with the financial wherewithal to give more than \$25 per month, but there are many, who are not blessed with great wealth, who can give \$25 per month.

This is the equivalent of just \$0.82 per day! For less than the cost of a good cup of coffee, or fountain drink, you can make an eternal difference in furthering our work.

Would you consider becoming one of the 500 for the 5 areas of work mentioned above? If so, you may send your \$25 monthly contribution to 3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125. Please make out your check to MSOP and, if you would like to designate your contribution to help us cover the annual expenses in the five categories listed above, you may write "500 for the 5" in the memo line.

If you prefer to give \$25 a month to MSOP without having to bother with writing and sending a check each month, call the School and our financial secretary will walk you through the steps involved in arranging for a secure monthly electronic transaction, which will automatically deposit into the School's account each month the amount you authorize.

Thank you so much for your help in all that we do!

TO WHOM SHOULD WE PREACH?

B. J. Clarke

The New Testament shows us clearly **to whom** we should preach.

(1) We should preach **to every creature**. We sometimes sing, “Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight; Jesus loves the little children of the world.” These multi-colored children grow up and become adults—adults who are sinners in need of the Gospel. Jesus loves the adults of the world—no matter what color they are, and no matter the nation from whence they come. Therefore, we must preach the Word to “every creature” (Mark 16:15) of “all nations” (Matt. 28:19). When the believers in Jerusalem were scattered because of persecution “they went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). After baptizing the eunuch, Philip was caught away by the Holy Spirit and placed in Azotus. Passing through there “he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea (Acts 8:40). After baptizing the Gentile, Cornelius, in water, Peter returned to Jerusalem where those of the circumcision, who thought the Gospel was for Jews only, confronted him. After Peter rehearsed how the Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles like He did on the apostles at the beginning (Pentecost), the Gentiles held

their peace and glorified God that the Gentiles also had been granted the opportunity to enjoy eternal life. The preacher must remember that the Gospel is “the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16).

(2) We should preach **to the church**. The preacher must never forget that there are two parts to fulfilling the Great Commission. The first part is to go, teach and baptize (Matt. 28:19). The second part is to teach those who have been baptized to observe all things that Jesus has commanded (Matt. 28:20). Barnabas and Paul spent an entire year with the church at Antioch “and taught much people” (Acts 11:26). Paul and Barnabas both thought so much of the importance of the second part of the great commission that they scheduled it into their missionary journeys (Acts 15:36; 20:7-9, 17-32). In contrast, too many churches today are lopsided in their emphasis. Some greatly emphasize the first part of the great commission, to the neglect of the second part. Others emphasize the second part but fail to emphasize the first part. For true church growth to occur we must preach both to the alien sinner and to the new convert!

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