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FROM DREAMS TO REALITIES Garland Elkins

More than a decade ago the elders of the Knight Arnold church of Christ wisely decided that the congregation, and one of the church's chief and most important works, the Memphis School of Preaching, should be moved to Forest Hill Irene Road, which is now incorporated into Germantown. That was a challenging move, but one that has been signally blessed by the Lord through His providence, and the generous assistance of numerous faithful congregations and Christians.

I very distinctly remember the day brother Curtis A. Cates, who was then Director of the Memphis School of Preaching, requested that brother Bobby Liddell (who is now Director of MSOP, and is doing an excellent job) and I should work together in raising the needed funds that we might build the necessary buildings on our new site. Brethren Cates and Liddell asked what I would suggest for use as a theme in raising the funds.

I suggested the following Scripture, which was spoken by the Lord to Israel as He promised that they would be restored to their homeland, and prosper: He said among other things they: "shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward" (2 Kings 19:30).

Brother Cates asked that brother Liddell be responsible for the promotional and advertising part of the campaign, and that I be in charge of raising the money. Through the providence of the Lord and the help of faithful brethren, we were able to raise the money to build the MSOP school building. The church also built a commodious auditorium and an all-purpose building.

Some years later; the N. B. Hardeman library building was built, due in large measure to the generosity of brother Hardeman's family, though we were blessed to raise more than one-half million dollars toward that project. We truly are grateful to all who prayed for us and assisted monetarily

A GREAT NEED MET:

NEW APARTMENTS FOR OUR STUDENTS

The elders bought ten acres of ground on which we built all of our original buildings. However, we still had a problem. We paid approximately \$23,000 each month; \$276,000 per year for rent of apartments for our students. The elders had an option to buy five additional acres of land, which adjoined our property. Brother Curtis Cates and I approached the elders with the suggestion that if they would approve it, brother Cates and I would raise money to buy the five additional acres of land on which to build our own apartments for our students. Through the providence of God and generosity of good brethren, we were successful in raising the money with which to pay for the five additional acres of land!

PLEASE HELP US TO COMPLETE THIS PHASE OF MOSP'S DREAM

The land is debt free. The apartments are built and our students now live in them. The cost to build the apartments has been 3.5 million dollars. Through the grace of God and faithful congregations and individual Christians, we presently owe only \$900,000 on those new apartments. (Our goal is to raise this amount by the end of 2008, in order to be free of a monthly loan payment, and the interest such a loan requires. BL)

Please help us to eliminate this debt in 2008! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and contributions to the end that, if it be God's will, MSOP will owe nothing on these apartments by the end of 2008! We will be grateful for small contributions but if some reader could give a large contribution it would be wonderful indeed. Of course, as all of our readers know, all contributions to the School are tax-exempt.

A contribution to MSOP is a timeless investment!

FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

To enroll in a free Bible correspondence course, offered by the Forest Hill Church of Christ, email Jerry Hand at: **carolha365@bellsouth.net**. Please include "Free Course" in the subject line.

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"Strengthening The Heart"

MSOP LECTURES MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2008

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER TUESDAY, APRIL 1

One of the highlights of the MSOP lectureship is the Alumni and Friends Dinner. It is a great time of renewing acquaintances, and catching up on news. The naming of the "Alumnus of the Year" is always greatly anticipated. Class representatives will be elected. Plan to be present!

Dinner will begin at 4:00 P.M., and will be catered. The cost is \$7.00 for each adult, and \$3.00 for each child. Call the School at 901-751-2242 to reserve your seat.

DISPLAY AREA

Those planning to have displays at the Lectureship must make reservations by March **12, 2008**, and be approved in advance. Liberal displays/materials are not allowed. Contact Sherry Brown at (901) 751-2242 to make reservations.

R.V. HOOKUPS

To reserve R.V. space, or for questions about R.V. parking, call the School office at (901) 751-2242. Call early, because spaces are limited. NOTE: R.V.s must be parked in spaces assigned, and as directed by Parking Lot Attendants.

LOCAL MOTELS

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, CALL THE NUMBERS LISTED. You must ask for MSOP Rates.

COMFORT INN & SUITES--7787 Wolf River Blvd. (901) 757-7800 or (888) 960-2378. King \$75.00 plus tax. Double \$82.00 plus tax. Suite \$99.00 plus tax. **Cut off date is March 19, 2008.**

FAIRFIELD INN--9320 Poplar Pike, Germantown. (901) 757-9100 or (888) 426-5207. 2 people, \$89.00 plus tax. **Cut off date is March 8, 2008.**

HAMPTON INN--1280 W Poplar Ave., Collierville, TN (901) 854-9400 or 1-800-HAMPTON. 1 King or 2 Doubles \$99.00 plus tax. Includes breakfast. **Cut off date is March 8, 2008.**

CLASSES & CHILDCARE DURING LECTURES

The MSOP students' wives will provide classes and childcare, for children 5 and younger, from 9 to 11:50 A.M., and 1:30 to 4 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

We want to make the time edifying and educational, and to insure safety, comfort, and quality of classroom time.

All parents must register their children and complete an Information Sheet. All adults must show a photo ID when picking up children. Parents may designate another, with proper ID, to pick up their children, but no one under 18 will be allowed to pick up children.

Please bring a well stocked diaper bag for infants and toddlers including formula/milk, spill-proof cups, diapers, wipes, extra clothing, snacks, and a special toy or book. Toddlers and older should bring a mat and blanket. Please label all items with the child's name.

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To order: call (901) 751-9964, order at msop.org, or mail this to: MSOP Bookstore, 3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125. NOTE: Orders will be shipped in April.

LECTURESHIP BOOK SPECIALS

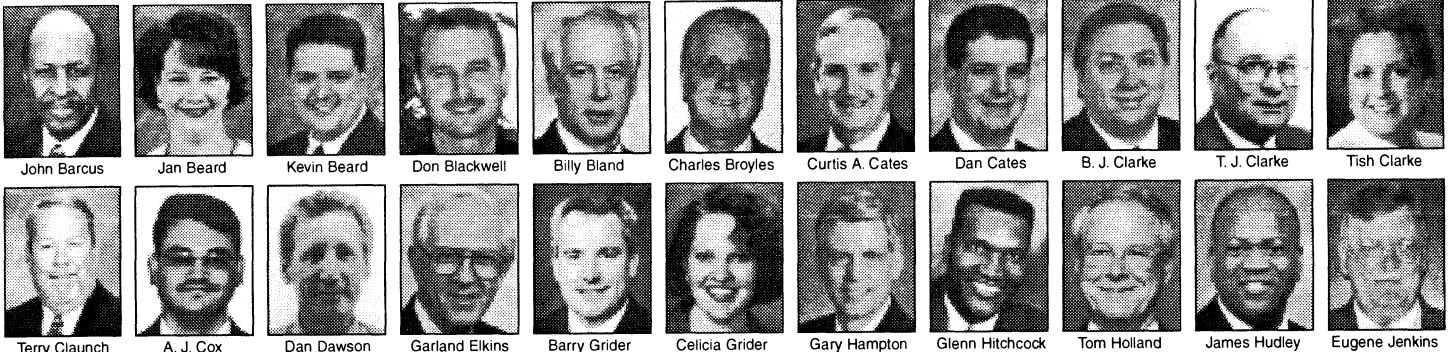
1986	I, II TIMOTHY, TITUS	\$5.00
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2008	STRENGTHENING THE HEART	(SEE ABOVE)

ALUMNI E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

If you did not receive our November electronic newsletter, please send your correct address to mmmcdaniel@earthlink.net or update your information on the alumni page at www.msop.org. Please keep in mind that the newsletter may also be viewed on the alumni page of the school web-site.

Thanks to all who have made contributions to the newsletter: I am humbled to serve as the president of such a great and godly group of men as the MSOP Alumni Association. May God bless you richly in the new year!

Mike McDaniel



John Barcus Jan Beard Kevin Beard Don Blackwell Billy Bland Charles Broyles Curtis A. Cates Dan Cates B. J. Clarke T. J. Clarke Tish Clarke
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**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL LECTURESHIP
 MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2008**

THEME:

"STRENGTHENING THE HEART"

MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125-2560

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2008

9:30-10:20 A.M. He Shall Strengthen Your Heart: An Exposition of Psalm 31 David Sain
 10:30-11:30 A.M. The Heart Of The Preacher.....Barry Grider
 5:30-6:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 6:00-7:00 P.M. The Heart That Trusts God Though Reproached By Enemies Glenn Posey

MONDAY, MARCH 31 2008

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) 1 Corinthians 16:13 Kyle Gilpin
 9:00-9:50 A.M. Strengthen Thou Me According Unto Thy Word B. J. Clarke
 10:00-10:50 A.M. Gaining Strength Through Worship.....Terry Claunch
 CLASS* Growing Stronger In Personal Work James Parker
 11:00-11:50 A.M. Helping Our Neighbors To Be Stronger.....Glenn Hitchcock
 LADIES* Seeing God Through The Tears (Women Only) Jane McWhorter
 11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH
 1:30-2:20 P.M. Practicing Pure Religion.....Mike McDaniel
 LADIES* The Heart Of A Christian Mother (Women Only).....Tanya Silcox
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Equipping Ourselves For Financial Challenges Jimmy Palmer
 CLASS* Withstanding Evil Influences In The Work Place.....Eugene Jenkins
 3:30-4:00 P.M. OPEN FORUM Garland Elkins
 4:00-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00-8:00 P.M. The Heart That Shows Mercy Dan Winkler

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) Philippians 4:13.....Dwayne Butler
 9:00-9:50 A.M. Maintaining Biblical Balance Don Blackwell
 10:00-10:50 A.M. Trusting God's Providence Gary Hampton
 CLASS* Choosing A Mate Who Will Make You Stronger..... Kevin Beard
 11:00-11:50 A.M. They Shall Bring Forth Fruit In Old Age Curtis A. Cates
 LADIES* A Word Fitly Spoken (Women Only) Jan Beard
 11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH
 1:10-2:20 P.M. Don't Ever Give Up! Bob Spurlin
 LADIES* When Loved Ones Go Astray (Women Only) Tish Clarke
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Having A Strong Eldership Billy Bland
 CLASS* Maintaining Strength In Times Of Temptation A. J. Cox
 SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS (MSOP CHAPEL)
 3:30-4:00 P.M. OPEN FORUM Garland Elkins
 4:00-6:30 P.M. ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00-8:00 P.M. The Heart That Is Lonely Tom Holland

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) 2 Timothy 2:1.....Morne Stephanus
 9:00-9:50 A.M. The Lord Is My Strength.....Paul Sain
 10:00-10:50 A.M. On The Mission Field.....Rod Rutherford
 CLASS* Having Strong Deacons Charles Broyles
 11:00-11:50 A.M. Rearing Children With Healthy Hearts Mark Mosher
 LADIES* The Heart Of Her Husband Trusts In Her (Women Only) Keri Sayle
 11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH
 1:30-2:20 P.M. Fighting "The Battle Of Armageddon" James Hudley
 LADIES* Essentials For Strong Bible Class Teachers
 (Women Only) Christa Mangrum
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Building And Repairing Our Homes Jerry Martin
 CLASS* The Christian Response To National Crises Patrick Morrison
 3:30-4:00 P.M. OPEN FORUM Garland Elkins
 4:00-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00-8:00 P.M. The Heart That Grieves Keith A. Mosher, Sr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill) Ephesians 6:10 Josh Richardson
 9:00-9:50 A.M. Keeping The Local Congregation Strong Wade Webster
 10:00-10:50 A.M. When Bad News Comes Ed Smith
 CLASS* Standing Against The Threats Of Atheism T. J. Clarke
 11:00-11:50 A.M. Drugs, Immorality, Violence, And Suicide
 Are Not The Answer.....Dan Cates
 LADIES* Facing Responsibility As A Caregiver (Women Only) Irene Taylor
 11:50-1:30 P.M. LUNCH
 1:30-2:20 P.M. Preparing For The Future Storms Of Life John Barcus
 LADIES* Strengthening The Preacher's Wife (Women Only) Celicia Grider
 2:30-3:20 P.M. Remembering The Foundations Of Faith Gary McDade
 CLASS* Strengthening Our Sisters In Christ Dan Dawson
 3:30-4:00 P.M. OPEN FORUM Garland Elkins
 4:00-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 7:00-8:00 P.M. The Heart That Anticipates The Blessings Of Heaven Robert R Taylor Jr

*ALL Classes (Including Ladies Classes) Meet In Room 405 In The School Building



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