



Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

“For we are laborers together with God. . .”
(1 Cor. 3:9)

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B. J. Clarke Named MSOP Faculty Member

[**Editor’s Note:** The following appears in the latest issue of the Yokefellow]. 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.

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! [**Editor’s Note:** As our alumni are aware, brother Clarke was chosen as an honorary alumnus of the school this year. We now welcome our dear friend to the faculty of MSOP and know that this will prove to be a wise decision. Please see page two for a note from brother Clarke.]

AN EXCITING NEW WORK

B. J. Clarke

One of my most pleasant childhood memories is that of attending the Knight Arnold church of Christ in Memphis during the time that my father (T. J. Clarke) attended the Memphis School of Preaching. I have seen the tremendous benefits offered by the Memphis School of Preaching, and I have been a beneficiary as well through the knowledge my father received from the school, which he has passed on down to me.



Thus, it is a very special honor for me to be invited to become a member of the part-time faculty and to be affiliated with such a great school. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to help train preachers to preach the Gospel, and there is no school I would rather assist in this task than the Memphis School of Preaching. The Southaven church of Christ, for which I am privileged to preach, also holds the school

in high esteem and has helped a number of students with financial support. I have the utmost confidence in the determination of the school to follow the old paths, and I count it a privilege and honor to be associated with such a solid and sound director and faculty. [Editor's Note: If the applause at the annual alumni dinner when B.J. received our Honorary Alumnus award is any indication, I believe that this decision on the part of the eldership of the Forest Hill church and the administration of MSOP will prove to be a popular one with many of our alumni and justifiably so. We appreciate brother Clark very much for his work's sake and feel confident that he will do a tremendous job in this new work of training preachers. Of course the big question on the minds of the current students will be this: How hard will *his* tests be???)]

ED ALLARD'S WORK IN MONTICELLO

Ed Allard Jr.(1972) is preaching for a small congregation in the town of Monticello, GA. This congregation of 20 members has three that are active in teaching Home Bible studies and nine active as Andrews For The Lord.

A thirteen week School of Christ is conducted twice yearly for those who are not Christians that are enrolled by the Andrews For The Lord. The congregation blankets the city and county with a bimonthly outreach paper by mail, and enables him to send out by e-mail short weekly articles of an evangelistic nature to those who have requested them in 21 states and 6 foreign countries currently. Those receiving the articles are encouraged to forward them to

those they want to influence for Christ. Any desiring to participate in this evangelistic team effort may be enrolled by writing to eallard@juno.com. If any have those in their congregation that are computer active, they can participate also by your making the articles available to them.

A program for the smaller churches of Central Georgia was initiated in 1994 to provide encouragement, fellowship and a program suited to the particular needs of small congregations. It has continued yearly with host congregations rotating among the area churches. Monticello will again host this Very Special Day program in January 2007.

INFORMATIONAL DINNER DURING THE POWER LECTURES NEXT TUESDAY

Mike McDaniel

This issue of the *Laborers Together Newsletter* is sent out a few days early due to our wish to announce this informational dinner that will take place next Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at the Southaven church of Christ in Southaven, Mississippi.

As you are no doubt aware, the Fourteenth Annual Power lectures will take place July 30 thru August 3 on the theme: “How Can We Understand The Bible Alike?” I firmly believe that this lectureship is one of the most outstanding among us. It has long been one of the highlights of my year to attend. The topics are well planned, the sermons are well prepared and presented, and the book is a splendid production. Just this past week, a current MSOP student and I were traveling together after a recent television taping. He commented to me that the Power lectures last year was one of the most enjoyable that he had ever attended. It was tremendous. And this year’s lectures will no doubt be great also.

The elders at Southaven have agreed to host an informational dinner at their facility beginning at 4:00 P.M on Tuesday, August 1st. There will be no cost for the delicious

barbecue meal which will be catered by Leonards of Memphis. However, if you plan to attend the dinner, call MSOP or email sister Brown at sbrown@msop.org and let her know

how many to expect in your group. This will allow them to tell Leonards how much food to prepare. So if you can come, **please RSVP today!**

During this dinner, you will be shown a special DVD presentation concerning the

new student housing of the Memphis School of Preaching. You will be updated on the progress of the apartments and informed as to how you can be an integral and vital part of this exciting opportunity to help in the support of faithful gospel preachers being trained to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We are glad to say that the foundations and slabs of all four buildings have now been poured! The Forest Hill congregation needs your help in relieving them of the financial burden they have undertaken.

If it is your intention to be at the Power lectures next week, why not make plans right now to attend the dinner on Tuesday? All you need to do is to alert the school of your coming and how many will be with you. We hope to see you at Southaven!



A CORRECTION AND AN ILLUSTRATION

[Editor's Note: The following was received from brother Eugene Jenkins. I am printing his note to correct my mistake and to share with others an excellent personal illustration. Illustrations such as this are exactly what Russell Kline needs for his book project. Please send them to him. Mike]

Mike,

I appreciate the work you are doing on the Newsletter. It is enjoyable getting the bits of information about different alumni.

There is one needed correction for the edition before me now. It was Bill and Mary Noblin, not Bill And Gracie Noblin, that just returned from a campaign to Jamaica.

Concerning the campaign, it was indeed a good one. We had 180 registered

Bible studies which resulted in the baptisms and restoration Mary mentioned.

One of the ladies who was baptized, Primrose Brown, had kidney failure. She learned the truth and was baptized on Wednesday, June 14th. On Sunday, June 18th, we learned she was in a coma. I got news that on Friday, June 23rd, she passed away.

I am thankful for the grace of God that allowed her the time to learn and us the time to reach her. If there was ever a personal situation of snatching a soul from the fires of hell, this would be the one for me.

Some have indicated in the past that two week campaigns aren't worth the trouble and do little. I wonder what Primrose would say to that? Thanks for all you do for the cause of Christ. Your brother, Eugene Jenkins

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Michael Gilbert (2000) is now the pulpit preacher for the church in DeKalb, Texas.

Tommy Stacks (1982) is now preaching for the Eastside congregation in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Preston Silcox (1995) is now the pulpit preacher for the Margaret Street church in Milton, Florida.

Sean Carrott (2005) is now the

associate minister for the Livingston, Tennessee congregation where Kirk Talley (2002) is the pulpit preacher.

James Eaves (2002) is now preaching in Gonzales, Louisiana.

Joey Davis (2005) is now preaching for the Lord's church in Morrison, Tennessee.

If you would notify me of your moves, I will be happy to include them in a future issue of the Laborers Together Newsletter.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Robert Meredith (1992) in the passing of his mother, Mary Meredith. Her funeral service was conducted at the Looxahoma, MS church of

Christ on July 20th.

Brother Meredith preaches for the Green Plain congregation in Hazel, Kentucky.