



Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

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

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THE PASSING OF ANOTHER ALUMNUS

Mike McDaniel

We regret to announce the passing of brother Lee Harber (HA-1990) who died of an apparent heart attack. This was after getting a good report recently from his doctor.

I spoke with the executor of brother Harber's estate last week who is one of the elders at McKenzie and also the church treasurer. I know him personally. As brother Harber's estate will not cover his funeral expenses entirely, and as he had no immediate family except for a distant nephew and niece, brother Mosher and I authorized the payment of the \$250 death benefit from our alumni fund to go toward brother Harber's burial expense. I think this will leave about a \$1000 shortfall of the \$4500 total funeral expense. This good elder is paying for the funeral out of his pocket and assumed that the church there might help with it. He was very glad to hear of our assistance and deeply appreciated it.

Let week I sent out an e-mail asking if any of the alumni might be willing to give to help offset the cost of brother Harber's burial expense. If you wish to make a contribution,

send it to the McKenzie church of Christ, % Keith Priestly, 5512 Hwy 124, McKenzie, TN 38201. Earmark it for Lee Harber's burial expense. If you would then send me an e-mail informing me of the amount you sent, I would appreciate it. That way, if the shortfall is met, I can let the alumni know. As of today, a total of \$175 has been sent. So the total that is lacking is \$825.

Brother Harber was a good and godly man who loved MSOP. I want to include for your viewing an e-mail which I received from Lee this summer. It is truly an index to his heart and character and his love for the Lord. It puts many of us to shame. I have decided to correct some spelling and punctuation in it to make it more readable for you.

Following this email, you will find the obituary for brother Harber which has been provided me by the McKenzie Funeral Home.

Let us reflect today upon the good example that brother Harber set before us despite the obstacles he faced everyday. Then let us press toward the prize as He did.

From: lee harber
To: mmmcdaniel@earthlink.net
Sent: 6/18/2006 1:05:39 PM
Subject: lee harber

Dear Mike,

How are you? I am doing great. I finally got a brace on my shoe, so I can walk better now. I am writing about several things.

1. I have a student in Shuykl Haven, PA, 17972. She is a student of mine that has taken all the TFTW courses. She says there is no faithful church there. So if we have any alumni there, I would love to have them write her or go to see her.

2. I was thinking about how we could raise money for the new apt. house. If all of the alumni and us honorary alumni, could write a book, we could sell it all let all the money go to the apartments. I have some ideas. When I left school, I did contact brother Green and had him to make me a tape of all my teachers. There was a lesson from brother Hearn, Young, Renshaw, Curry, and the other ones. I am sure that all of us would profit and enjoy a tape of all the teachers. Now, of course I am no preacher. The only way I could is by sending my check. Also, we all love Bible geography, but we forget a lot of it. There should be some of brother Curry's geography tapes at school if we could get permission to use them. Also about 10 years ago, I got to go on the Restoration trip. Of course, I know there were parts of it we could not video tape. I am sure that ever Christian could profit by having a tape of our roots in this country. I know the church started in Jerusalem, but a lot of Christians do not know about that there were men before Campbell that pointed us in that direction, and it could clear up, for once and for all, that the Campbell's, did not start the church. Also, I have another idea. I would like the e-addresses of all the alumni, in Tenn, so I can ask them to see about the price

of putting a add in their local paper. The Lord has given me the talent to teach the gospel through Bible correspondence course use, so I need all the help I can get. Well, see what you think about the project, to help with the housing. You might have a better idea. And could I receive your e-paper? I was made as alumni you know. Ha. Thanks for whatever you can do.

Lee

Obituary For Lee Harber

(As Provided By McKenzie Funeral Home)

Services for Mr. Gordon Lee Harber, 59, will be held Sunday, November 12, 2006 at 2:00 pm at McKenzie Church Of Christ with Bro. Jim Roberts officiating. Interment will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery near Trenton, TN. The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 12, 2006 from 12:00 Noon until Service Time of 2:00 pm at the McKenzie Church Of Christ.

Mr. Harber, died Thursday, November 9, 2006 at McKenzie Health Care Center. He was born on May 4, 1947 in Trenton, TN to the late Gordon Harber and Hazel Grimes. He was a member of McKenzie Church Of Christ. He was preceded in death by one brother (Billy "Tony" Harber) one sister (Martha June Mullins).

Survivors include one Niece (Carla June Higdon) of Bruceton, TN. Three Nephews (James Mullins) of Bradford, TN., (Shayne Mullins) of Freemont, CA. and (Steven Harber) of MS.

Yet Another Death

Word has been received of the passing of Jim Franks (1970). No other information has been received. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

SOFTWARE OPTIONS FROM MICHAEL GILBERT

Brother Michael Gilbert (2000) has asked me to pass along to our alumni that there is now an alternative to Adobe reader called "Foxit" and the website is http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/rd_intro.php. It is a much smaller program than Adobe, but it works well for him so far. Also, for those gospel preachers who may need an office suite (such as Microsoft Office) but can't afford to purchase it (or don't want to pay

Microsoft's high prices), brother Gilbert says there is a free alternative called OpenOffice. It has a word processor that is highly compatible with MS Word and a presentation program comparable to Powerpoint, and a few other things as well. I am glad to pass along this information to our alumni. If you have other good information about software that may not be commonly known, I will be happy to pass that word along.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Matthew (2004) and Lauren Martin on the birth of their son, Jack, who was born September 7th. Matthew is the associate preacher of the Forest Hill Church of Christ in Memphis.

Congratulations to Bobby (1996) and Renee O'Dell on the birth of their daughter, Salem, who was born September 18th. Salem was also welcomed by big sisters, Sidney and Savannah. Bobby preaches for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ in Memphis.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Brenda Rutherford, wife of Rod Rutherford (1974) is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for cancer. We appreciate Brenda very much for her work's sake over the years. Why not send her a card? Address: P.O. Box 268, Powell, TN 37849.

Brother Ted Clarke has been engaged in a battle with prostate cancer. On November 27th, he is scheduled to have surgery. He also

has one kidney with a birth defect that is only functioning at 10% and must be removed. Brother Clarke is an able gospel preacher, a fine instructor for the Bible Institute of Missouri, and served with distinction in the past as a former president of our alumni association. Please remember sister Brenda and brother Ted in your prayers. They are both special to MSOP alumni.

THE BROWNS ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

Anthony (1982) and Shasta Brown have now arrived in Tanzania to begin their work with the Tanzania 2000 mission team. Shasta writes that they are settling in and

beginning their duties. She is keeping a journal blog of their life in Africa. You may go to <http://www.travelblog.org/Africa/Tanzania/Arusha/blog-100567.html> to view it.

INFORMATIONAL DINNERS CONTINUE

Mike McDaniel

We are excited by the MSOP student housing informational dinners which are taking place around the country. I know of dinners in Southaven, MS, Lubbock, TX, Schertz, TX, Ironaton, AL, Elkmont, AL as well as others being scheduled in the future.

It was my pleasure to assist in the planning of the dinner at Lubbock. What a wonderful time we had at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy! Their buffet was splendid and the room was absolutely packed with people! There were people present from Virginia to California and Oregon. We trust that all were challenged by the presentation.

We want to encourage our alumni to consider the possibility of providing a dinner in your area whereby the public may be better

informed. If there are several alumni in your area, why not work together to host a dinner? We need to continue to get the word out about what a blessing these new apartments will be to the Memphis School of Preaching.

Brother Steve Ferguson has just completed a PowerPoint presentation for use at their dinner at Elkmont last week. I am sure he would be glad to share it with you. Of course, we also have the 13 minute video presentation on DVD which can be shown at the dinner. Instructors, area gospel preachers, and other friends can be utilized to speak briefly about this urgent need. If you have any questions about hosting such a dinner, please contact the school office.

THE APARTMENTS ARE SOON BECOMING A REALITY

