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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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BEATITUDES FOR TEACHERS

[Editor's Note: This past Friday evening a dinner was held in the fellowship hall in appreciation for our teachers. We are very blessed to have a quality education program for our children at Forest Hill. Please express personal gratitude to our superb teachers for the time they invest in teaching us God's Word.]

1. Blessed are the teachers who set a good example before their students in all things: for they are worthy members of a great calling.
2. Blessed are the teachers who know their subject: for their students shall learn much.
3. Blessed are the teachers who share with their students that which they have learned: for this is the true nature of teaching.
4. Blessed are the teachers who strive to understand their students: for they will be able to comfort and guide them.
5. Blessed are the teachers who make provision for differences in individuals: for their students will rise up and praise them for their understanding.
6. Blessed are the teachers who make their work interesting and profitable: for they shall attract many into their classes.
7. Blessed are the teachers who exhibit self-control: for they shall influence their students to do likewise.
8. Blessed are the teachers who plan their work wisely: for their students shall be led to more successful understandings.
9. Blessed are the teachers who use a variety of methods: for their classes do not become dull and boring.
10. Blessed are the teachers who maintain good classroom order: for they are leading their students toward self-discipline.
11. Blessed are the teachers who are fair and impartial in evaluating students' work: for they shall enjoy the respect and loyalty of their students.
12. Blessed are the teachers who accept criticism constructively: for they shall improve their efficiency and their personality.
13. Blessed are the teachers who work cooperatively with their associates: for they shall be worthy of recommendation.
14. Blessed are the teachers who hunger and thirst after new materials and ideas: for they shall broaden their own perspective of teaching.
15. Blessed art thou, teacher, though your reward may seem small, and some may criticize you, and rebuke you, and say all manner of discouraging things to you—Rejoice; and be exceeding glad: for yours is a great work!

NEWS FROM MSOP

Dear Forest Hill,

You will rejoice with us here at the Memphis School of Preaching and with the Lord upon the success of the four different student campaigns, the week after the school's lectureship. The places of the campaigns and those doing the preaching were: Scottsboro, OH—Joey Davis; West Helena, AR—Bobby Liddell; Hardy, AR—Daniel F. Cates; Duluth, GA—Billy Bland.

The wonderful results during these efforts of soul-winning were: 6,639 doors knocked, 741 correspondence courses handed out, 125 home Bible studies set up, 155 enrolled in Bible correspondence courses, 500 "Searching for Truth" DVD's distributed, 4 baptisms, and 4 restorations. Please include the follow-up in your prayers, that the Lord may reap a great harvest. Appreciation is expressed to the preachers, to the students, and to the congregations who hosted these splendid campaigns [which are an integral, vital part of the students' education].

On another subject, the Fortieth Annual MSOP Lectureship was a resounding success. The Lord was glorified, His powerful gospel magnified, and His saints greatly encouraged. The crowds were tremendous, and (to quote a cherished preacher of years gone by) "a great time was had by all." Numerous prospective students were also present. Thanks to all who participated and attended.

On yet another matter, stakes are being driven in preparation for the student housing, to lay off the street to the apartment buildings—which will be called "Yokefellow Circle"—and for the location of the foundation of the four buildings. Already, gifts are coming to the school toward the \$2,000,000 goal, and interest is building! Our theme is "Every man a beam" (2 Kings 6:2). If you can help, please do.

This is an exciting time—and a great time—in the school's history of service to the Lord and to His glory. You are a vital part of the Lord's work here. We thank God for you!

Affectionately in Christ,
Curtis A. Cates

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Since Thou hast dared to trust me with
This life's supremest good,
Let me be found trustworthy in
The guard of motherhood.

Keep me in touch with Thy great love,
Patient, sure, and wise,
That I, in seeing earthly deeds,
May look with heaven's eyes.

Redeem the faults of thought and deed,
Each poor example set.
Uphold me for the sake of little
Minds that don't forget.

Teach me to balance love between
Too little and too much,
Yet to maintain in all of life
The outward-going touch.

Be Thou my courage, strength of heart,
My soul's up-reaching way
That little feet which follow mine
May not be let astray.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henson
Request the honour of your presence
At the marriage of their daughter
Taffy Marie Kramer
To
Brian Todd Martin
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Patrick
And the late Mr. Duane Martin
On Saturday, the third of June
Two thousand and six
At four o'clock in the afternoon
Forest Hill Church of Christ

ARE YOU HIDING IN THE ROCKS?

Matthew Martin

The minor prophets often end up being the least studied part of the Bible. One book in particular that is often overlooked, simply because it is so small is the book of Obadiah.

What a great and interesting study is this short, one-chapter book. Written by the prophet Obadiah, to the nation of Judah, for the purpose of bringing comfort and assurance that God's justice is always carried out.

The Bible student will recall, from Numbers 20, how Moses led the wandering children of Israel to the land of Edom and sought safe passage through their land, enroute to the promised land (Num. 20:14-17). Edom, however, refused safe passage and threatened to come after them with a sword (Num. 20:18-20).

So Moses and the people had to travel all the way around their territory, so as not to cross into their borders. I'm sure (knowing Israel) there was much grumbling among the people concerning Edom. But never fear, God's justice is always carried out. Obadiah, many years later, reminded God's people of that.

As he writes his letter concerning Edom, Obadiah mentions how foolish the nation is to think it has a chance against God. A key verse is found early in the book, when Obadiah says:

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee,
thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart,
Who shall bring me down to the ground
(Oba.3)?

Edom thought it could withstand whatever God could dish out. How wrong they were. Obadiah will list, in the first half of the book, three flaws Edom has (pride, secrecy, and physical might), and how God will use those against them. But the key is in verse three, where the writer mentions Edom's hiding in the "clefts of the rock." Is it possible that men today could dwell, rebelliously, in the same rocks of pride, secrecy, or physical might? Absolutely.

EDOM WAS HIDING IN THE ROCKS OF PRIDE

Notice verse four:

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and
though thou set thy nest among the stars,
thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

For the nation of Edom to even have the idea that it stood a chance against God is prideful and foolish. But it did. The people of Edom thought they were so great and powerful. They thought they were as high as an eagle, but God said he would bring them down to the ground.

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