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“Behold on the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings, who proclaims peace!...” (Nahum 1:15)

The WVSOP 2024 Victory Lectures were a great success!



2024 VICTORY LECTURES

“Let this mind be in you”



Student Spotlight

Jon Hescht



Jon Hescht started school at WVSOP in August of 2024. Prior to doing so, Jon had a long academic and work career.

Having grown up in the Parkersburg, West Virginia Area, Jon, while at Parkersburg High School was quite active musically. In all three bands (concert, jazz, and marching) he excelled as a trumpet section leader. He also participated in the A Cappella and Chamber Choirs. Academically, he was recognized for his achievements by placements in the National Honors Society and National Latin Honors Society.

Growing up at the Camden Avenue church of Christ, Jon was active in the youth group in learning to use his talents for the Lord. In the Lads to Leaders program, he participated in Song-Leading, Music Composition, Debate, Art Says It, Banner, Know the Books, and Read the Word. As an adult, he has continued working with the young people in the program, particularly in Art Says It and Know the Books. This program is designed to hone young people's talents towards serving the Lord with them, and motivate their inclinations to do so.

Jon has continued to be active at the Camden Avenue church of Christ, including serving as a deacon at the church there in the areas of Education, Evangelism, and Technology.

Jon graduated Ohio Valley University in 2007 with a degree in Psychology and Education and minors in Information Technology and Music. He has also attended Freed-Hardeman University's Graduate School of Religion.

In 2011, Jon married Brandi (Stewart) and they have two children—Teegan (11) and Cadence (8). In addition to other employment, they have spent one year as house parents at North Alabama Christian Children's Home. Prior to coming to WVSOP, Jon was employed by CVS Pharmacies.

Having overcome many health challenges, Jon was ready to solidify his direction toward preaching. His academic work at WVSOP has been very good.

His graduation day is set for June 13. We hope you can join us!

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Let Brotherly Love Continue

By Andy Robison

The book of Hebrews consists of a long doctrinal section defending the supremacy of Christ (1:1-10:18), followed by a section of practical exhortation to live by faith for Him (10:19-12:29). Arguably, the exhortation section extends through the end of the book (13:25). Yet, chapter thirteen takes on a little character of its own.

In the last chapter, it seems as if a mind full of thought is relaying brief, staccato instructions on a variety of matters not necessarily related to the treatise's main point. There is instruction on hospitality (13:2), prison labors (13:3), marriage and morality (13:4), covetousness (13:5), and fearlessness (13:6). Depending on who is referenced by the phrase, "those who rule over you," in verses seven and seventeen, there is instruction to obey the doctrine of the apostles and/or the judgment calls of elders who "watch out for (their) souls." There also exist some vague references to the topic of the contrast of the Old and New Covenants in verses ten through fifteen, with a nod the necessity of benevolence in verse sixteen. Then, there are personal greetings.

This is not unlike the apostle Paul (again, though, one cannot be certain he wrote Hebrews) in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, leaving the main topic to cover a wide array of reminders. Reminders, God knows, are needed for forgetful humans.

It is striking in Hebrews that this list of reminders begins with a simple four-word phrase, "Let brotherly love continue" (v. 1).

The means by which the world would know disciples of Christ would be their love for one another (John 13:34-35). One cannot love God without loving his brother (1 John 4:20-21).

Submission and preference of others—so central to Christianity—is based on brotherly love (Rom. 12:3, 10, 16).

Brotherly love is central to Christianity because the Gospel is based on love (John 3:16); it teaches the ways to avoid the hatred and/or apathy of the world.

One could say that love is the Gospel call in short, if one defined love correctly. For example, John (often styled "the apostle of love") wrote letters that emphasize love in connection with—and not in contrast to—commandment-keeping.

1 John 2:5: "But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know we are in Him."

1 John 5:3: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."

2 John 6: "This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it."

Brethren who love one another show it by keeping God's commandments as a whole. Brethren who neglect God's commandments are showing a lack of love. God's commandments are for the purpose of love. As Paul elsewhere said, "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith" (1 Tim. 1:5).

"Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13:1), may be regarded as not just one of a list of topics, but an overall heading that encompasses the purpose and actions of the Christian walk.

2025 Dates to Mark

Graduation

June 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Sing and Pie Fling

August 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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Genesis 12-50

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Phil Sanders & Mike Vestal

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