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

2019 Lectureship

The 2019 Victory Lectures were conducted at the West Virginia School of Preaching October 20-24. The theme was our third on the Psalms—this one titled, **“When I Study the Psalms...” Encouraging My Spirit—Enlightening My Understanding.**

This was the school’s 25th annual lectureship. Attendance was outstanding, and the spirit of fellowship was great. We had visitors from the community, and from many congregations—as far away as North Carolina. Lectureship books are available; just contact our office. All the audio and video of the lectures are available on our website, wvsop.com.

The lectureship occurs in the last full week of October each year; this year, the weather was pleasant and the leaves were in full color. The 2020 Lectures are scheduled for October 25-29.



The lectureship book was dedicated this year to Wirt Cook. Wirt was one of the four preachers who originally contemplated the idea of a preaching school in the Ohio Valley. He is pictured here with the other three founders: Terry Varner, Emanuel Daugherty, and Charles Pugh.

Wirt passed from this life on December 2, 2019. We are deeply indebted to him for his labor in the Lord.

Student Spotlights

by Andy Robison



Collin Matheny is the son of Randy and Pam Matheny of Brookville, PA. Randy and Pam raised this hard-working young fellow right. He is personable, outgoing, and always willing to help people with anything needed—

even hard, physical labor. In fact, the first few weeks of school in his first year, he felt badly for sitting all day in class, and not being out serving. That's a noble attitude. We assured him that the time spent learning God's word and preaching skills in his two years here would be worth it; he would be more prepared than ever to serve others.

Being raised in a homeschool environment perhaps fostered Collin's affinity for learning things by doing them—like working on vehicles. He loves outdoor activities.

Collin has worked for Victory Beverage Air in Brookville, PA, and Wal-Mart before coming to WVSOP. Since being here, he has devoted a lot of time to his studies, but has also been preaching some at various places, with regular appointments at the Clarion, PA, Warren, PA, Crum Ridge and Minksville, Ohio congregations.

This good and conscientious young man would like to some day start a family, and continue to preach God's word. He is set to graduate in June 2020.



Joe Wilson comes from a large extended family—his father is one of twelve children and his mother is one of seven. This, as you might imagine, facilitates a lot of family get-togethers at his home.

That home is in St. Marys, West Virginia, where Joe graduated high school in 2003. Since that time, he worked for several years as a meat cutter in a local grocery store. Joe worshiped and worked with the Dewey Avenue church of Christ, including spending last summer as their intern.

The time came to be right for Joe to enter the school of preaching. For a full year, he came to the school to sit in on some classes, gauge his interest, and learn what he could. Then, in August of 2018, he started school full time.

He has been very conscientious about his studies, making sure not to overbook himself on preaching appointments during his first year, so as to make sure he was getting the classwork done. (Preaching on Sundays is a monumental task for these students who are already overwhelmed with coursework.)

Joe's interest in ancient history feeds into his study of the Bible and related subjects. He would love to visit the Bible lands some day, and also would like to see Rome, Greece, Scotland, and Ireland.

Following graduation, set for June 2020, Joe would like to get an internship somewhere. At some point in his future, he would like to do mission work, especially in some of the aforementioned places, though he is open to going elsewhere.

We appreciate Joe's mature leadership around the school.



Carlos Molina grew up in Nicaragua, where he learned about the Lord's church. At a young age, his family moved to New York. While on a mission trip to Central America, he met his future wife,

Jamie, who was on the same trip. Jamie hailed from Altoona, Pennsylvania. After dating, Carlos and Jamie married and settled in Altoona. Since then, they have been blessed with two children, Isaac and Noah.

Jamie's profession is nursing. During their time in Altoona, Carlos worked at some different jobs, including driving for Potter's Children's Home (working remotely, as their location is in Bowling Green, Kentucky).

When Carlos applied to the West Virginia School of Preaching, he was a bit nervous about the move, as any reasonable person would be. It is quite the step of faith to leave careers, move a family, and not know what the future holds. But, he made the step because he desired so deeply to preach.

Carlos started in the second quarter of last year, and has done well. For those three quarters of the past school year, he would stay in the dormitory during the week, then drive home to Altoona (over 3 hours) to be with his family on the weekends.

The Pennsboro church of Christ has an internship program wherein they help a student two years through school, then have him work with the Pennsboro church for a year as an intern for one year following. Carlos is in that program. Because he was so far away, the Pennsboro church made arrangements for him to move closer to them, even before it was time to move into the house they have provided. They helped secure rental housing, and last summer, Carlos moved his family to that area. Jamie has secured work in the area, and Carlos is able to go home to see them much more often now.

Since Carlos started in the second quarter last year, his official graduation is set to take place in October of 2020, after he picks up the first quarter he missed.

Carlos is a joy to have around school. His jovial and outgoing personality endear him to all who surround him.

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Graduation and Honoring...

Our **graduation banquet** is set for Friday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m. We will be honoring **Lloyd** and **Janet Morgan**, faithful members of the church at Hillview Terrace for many, many years. Their work and labor over the years has been loyal, steady, and selfless. Please join us as we honor them and have commencement exercises for the graduating students.

Future Preacher Training Camp

is June 19-21, 2020. Please check our website for more information at <https://>

Online Curriculum Announcement

With the success of our **Hebrews** class, we will be offering more online coursework. April 6 through June 8 (with the exception of April 20), we will offer a textual overview of Acts 1-14.

We continue to work on a full curriculum, with the possibility of transferring some classes into credit for the comparable classes in the full-time program, should a student decide to come study full-time.

Since there is so much to cover in some classes, and since we have had to go so fast in the Hebrews class, we are breaking some classes into two quarters. For example, we will have the Acts 1-14 class, then later the Acts 15-28 class. Then, if a student takes both of those, he will get credit for the in-house program's Acts class, should he decide to come.

Overall, a student will be able to transfer in up to four class credits (as measured by the in-house curriculum. For more information, call or e-mail Andy Robison: dirwvsop@aol.com. 304-845-8001.

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