

# **Publishing Peace**

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

## **Graduation 2020**

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our full graduation service, but we were able to have close friends and family for a small gathering and

stream it online for others. Our graduates are **Collin Matheny** and **Joe Wilson**! **Carlos Molina** also spent much of two years with this class, but started in the second quarter, so he has a quarter and some classwork to complete. **Randy Matheny**, father of Collin, gave the charge to the graduates! We also honored **Lloyd and Janet Morgan** of the Hillview Terrace congregation. Because health concerns prevented the Morgans from attending, their daughter, **Kathy Payne**, accepted the award on their behalf.



# **Online, Facebook, YouTube**

The adjustments we had to make for the pandemic situation forced us to do a lot more online, both as the church and the school. We streamed a lot of lessons through Facebook and then posted them on YouTube, including our regular Hillview Terrace lessons and two video lectureships the school did. We ask you to please watch the Facebook pages for updates and check the YouTube pages for recent additions as well as archived lessons in which you might be interested.

The names of the pages on Facebook and YouTube are simply

Hillview Terrace Church of Christ

West Virginia School of Preaching

**Please subscribe to our YouTube channel!** There are benefits of digital exposure, especially on the YouTube format. The more subscribers we have, the more the school and the church in turn have opportunities to reach more people.

Steve Harr has put together helpful playlists on these channels.



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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Cancelled: Annual Sing and Pie Fling**

This was scheduled for August 21, but the continued fighting of COVID 19 dictates not meeting in a crowded room for singing and eating. We will hope to resume this good event next August. It is usually the first Friday after school begins.

#### Victory Lectures:

# **\*\*COVID 19 ALERT:** The lectures will be live-streamed. We will decide by Sept. 1 whether to have attendance. Watch <u>wvsop.com</u> for updates.

The ever-changing requirements of the coronavirus situation make it difficult to plan and announce events very far into the future. We hope to have the lectures be open to those who would like to attend. Whether or not we have attendees, we will live-stream the lectures. Getting publications ready for mailing takes time, so we ask that everyone watch wvsop.com for updates regarding the status of the plans as we get closer. We will make a determination by September 1 as to whether or not to have attendance. So, please keep watching that website!

This year, we plan to complete our study of the book of **Romans** begun in 2018. In that year, we covered the doctrinal portion of Romans, chapters 1-11. This year, we plan to cover the practical living chapters, 12-16. As usual, we will publish a book with the written manuscripts.

# 2020 Victory Lectureship Paul's Epistle to the Romans To God Be The Glory (Chapters 12-16) October 25-29, 2020

Our keynote speakers our Glenn Colley and Caleb Colley.

These lectures will be **LIVE-STREAMED** on the West Virginia School of Preaching Facebook page, then posted to YouTube shortly afterwards.

#### Lectureship Appreciation Dinner (IF we can allow attendance at lectures)

This year we will posthumously dedicate the lectureship book to **R.C.** and **Virginia Oliver**. With Virginia a steadfast help, R.C. preached in the area several years, and was a great influence in the founding of WVSOP. If we are able to have attendance at the lectures, we will honor them at our customary appreciation dinner (to be Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 4:30 p.m.), with their son, Robert Oliver, accepting the award on their behalf.

Watch to see if our Sept. 1 announcement allows attendance. If so, please RSVP by Oct. 1 if you can come to the dinner.

### WVSOP News

We plan to start school, in person, on August 17. Even if there are coronavirus restrictions, our small student body allows us to be under even a ten-person limit when school is in session. That is our plan, but we realize we must be flexible.

We completed another on-line course, Acts 1-14. About seventy people were signed-up to watch the course, and about twenty completed it for credit. It has been a very enjoyable experience. This fall, we plan to record some of our classes in our regular curriculum and work at editing and formatting them for online use. Keep watching this publication, our website, and Facebook for updates.

This summer, all of our returning students are in internships with local congregations: Zach Barnhart in Covington, Virginia, Rod Goddard at Hillview Terrace, and Carlos Molina with the Pennsboro, West Virginia church. In addition, one of our graduates, Collin Matheny, is in an internship with the Washington Street church of Christ in Fairview, West Virginia.

Internships are incredibly valuable for the students. They receive wonderful book knowledge, and even learn a great deal from informal interactions with experienced preachers while in school. Nevertheless, actual on-the-job training with experienced preachers under good elderships is indispensable. This is where one learns the practical side of preaching. We are exceedingly grateful for these congregations that provide such opportunities.

We have two incoming first-year students: Mike Bisson of Kent, Ohio, and Noah West of Grafton, West Virginia. Please pray for these men, and let us know if you would like to support one of them.

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