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

### **Wednesday:**

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## **THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE LECTURESHIP'S SUCCESS!**

Bobby Liddell

[Editor's Note: In this week's bulletin our readers will enjoy reading the follow up to the 39th Annual Lectureship, written by Bobby Liddell, outstanding director of the program. Also, Jerry Manning gives a student's perspective of the Restoration journey in his excellent article.]

The 2005 Lectures on "What Is Man?" were well attended, and well received. We are truly blessed with this time, yearly, to study the Bible, gather for fellowship, and worship God, and it causes us to rejoice! It is so good to see the great crowds of people from far and near who come to renew acquaintances, to have their spirits lifted, and to be encouraged to follow faithfully in the way of the Lord. It renews our hopes of the joyful homecoming in Heaven one day.

Attendance was high at all sessions, interest was great, and each speaker presented his topic with reverence for God and His Word, and with sincerity and ability. Their scholarly, scriptural sermons insured a splendid treatment of our theme--orally, in written form in the two-volume set of books, and in audio and video recordings. We trust their efforts shall bless generations to come if the world continues.

Our prayer is that the combined efforts of so many brought honor and glory to God, lifted up the Christ, and encouraged men to follow Him, and we extend our deepest gratitude to ALL who helped.

Most would never know all that must be done in the preparation and presentation of such a lectureship. First, we thank all the good brethren of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, and the godly men who serve as elders, for their wisdom and foresight in the work of the Memphis School of Preaching. Thanks to all the members who expended countless hours of labor, and did so with such joyful willingness! Truly, Forest Hill is a great congregation of loving, dedicated, hard working brethren.

Thanks to all who worked to prepare the buildings, and to keep them clean, to those who worked so hard in preparing and serving delicious meals for hundreds every day, to those who made our surroundings so beautiful and comfortable, decorating and arranging things so well, to those who welcomed guests into their homes, to those who helped with parking RVs, and parking cars, to those who recorded the lectures, and made the sound systems and internet broadcasting all work so well, to those who directed our worship and led us in such thrilling singing, to those who cared for children and taught children's classes, to those who directed visitors, to those who worked in the book displays, "and such like."

Thanks to the Phillips Street congregation, and to OABS.org under the direction of Tom Bright for broadcasting the lectures over the internet. Go to OABS.org (or link from MSOP.org) to view them.

A very special thanks to the Griders for all their help, to the students and their wives for all they did, and to the members of area congregations for their splendid help in providing meals every day.

Thanks to brother Curtis A. Cates for his superbly capable direction, his kind encouragement, and his wise counsel. Thanks to all the faculty and staff, with whom it is such a blessing to work. Every detail was handled flawlessly, with a delightful spirit of cooperation.

A special thanks to brother Paul Sain, and to Sain Publications for their expertise and excellent work in printing the lectureship books, and in working, along with brother Tony Lawrence, to make possible the CD (containing all the lectureship books from 1982

through 2005, and much more valuable material). We are indebted to sister April Meacham who devoted hundreds of hours to help proofread the manuscripts, and who was a constant source of encouragement.

Thanks, also, to all the speakers whose excellent work has made such an impact for good. They contributed thousands of man hours to prepare 1,316 pages of such rich study on the topic: "What Is Man?" They gave of themselves, using their talents, traveling and being away from their homes, and contributed in such a wonderful way. Who knows how many souls may be encouraged to salvation, and to greater service by their work?

We are grateful for all who attended the 2005 Lectures. We look forward to your being with us next year (March 26-30, 2006), for the Fortieth Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectures on "The Gospel Of Christ."

Most of all, we express our thanksgiving to God for His great mercy and loving kindness. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!

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## RESTORATION TRIP

Jerry Manning

Our departure was precisely at 6:00 a.m. as we made hasty tracks for breakfast in Jackson, Tennessee. Arriving at the Old Country Store found many sleepy eyes eager to wake up and feast on a delightful breakfast buffet. We were then given time to browse the attached rooms full of antiques, candies and good old fashion stuff. From there we crossed into Kentucky and into Eastern Standard Time where, though we lost an hour of time, we gained ten degrees in warmth from the sunshine. A sunshine that cast its warm rays upon the 348 acre Sinking Spring Farm of beautiful Hodgenville, Kentucky.

In 1808, Thomas and Nancy Lincoln, the parents of Abraham Lincoln, bought this farm for two hundred dollars and lived in a typical frontier log cabin: about 18 by 16 feet, a dirt floor, one window and one door, a small fireplace, and a shingled roof. This boyhood home is preserved in a majestic marble and granite memorial building. On Sunday, February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in this humble abode on a cornhusk bed covered with bear-skins. Almost one hundred years later this farmland and cabin were preserved by the Lincoln Farm Association and was designated a National Historic site in 1959. Our interest in Abraham Lincoln is not only the fact that as the 16<sup>th</sup> President he was one of the greatest and most God fearing presidents in our

country, but it is probable that he was baptized into the Church of Christ.

April 5- Shaker Village: This morning was early to rise and "shake a leg," for we were off to breakfast at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The early morning sun casts its rays across the rolling hills of the most beautiful horse farms in the world, lined with miles of great stone-walls built by the Irish settlers of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. We sat on the bus in awe of the magnificent countryside and arrived by 8:30 to a delicious breakfast. The village was spectacular with its 34 completely restored 19<sup>th</sup> century original Shaker buildings, which included: dwelling houses, the Meeting House or worship hall, a Post Office, a Carpenter Shop, a Timber frame Stable, a Coopers Shop, and many others. All were enclosed by miles of white fencing and stone-walls. After breakfast we toured the facilities and saw demonstrations in woodworking, barrel and broom making, and animal husbandry. The craft stores were full of unique Shaker artifacts showing the ingenuity and simplicity of their everyday living.

After lunch we visited the Lexington Cemetery, which has a national reputation for being one of the most blooming and attractive cemeteries in America. Today the ornamental cherry trees were in full bloom, with magnolias, dogwoods and a variety of over 200 species of trees throughout the 170 acres of hills, lakes and flower gardens. The Audubon Society of Kentucky has identified 179 species of birds within the cemetery. What was of significant importance to us were the gravesites of the important Restoration preachers such as Robert Milligan, John T. Johnson, J.W. McGarvey and "Raccoon" John Smith.

April 6 – Cane Ridge: Today was Cane Ridge day, a high point of a ridge in Bourbon County, Kentucky. There we visited the largest one-room log structure in the U.S. – the Cane Ridge Meeting House, built in 1791. A group of Scots-Irish Presbyterians from North Carolina built this worship house using blue ash logs for walls and oak and chestnut trees for beams and roof supports. This building has been preserved by the Disciples of Christ who built a limestone building over it in 1954. The church graveyard is of particular interest because of the unique ledger stones inscribed with information and reformation dates prior to Alexander Campbell. Also on the property is a museum where several articles of the church are displayed along with early implements and tools.

Cane Ridge's most famous preacher was Barton Warren Stone who came in 1796 as a Presbyterian minister. Mr. Stone became involved with the great revivals that were taking place in the area among Bap-

tists, Methodists and Presbyterians. In 1801 the Cane Ridge church hosted a revival of their own in which an estimated 20-30 thousand people attended, making it the largest revival of the time. This was far too radical for the strict Presbyterian reliance on Calvinism and in 1803, Stone and other ministers were evicted from the Washington Presbytery. Meeting at Cane Ridge, Stone and 5 other preachers wrote and signed a document on June 28, 1804 they entitled the "Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery." Their plea was to restore the first century church in organization, pattern of worship, and New Testament doctrine.

Our final destination of this grand tour was to Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, founded by Alexander Campbell in 1840. Also, we toured Alexander Campbell's house and peaceful farm, which was his home for fifty-five years. Here at Bethany you can see where Alexander Campbell taught, preached, studied, published, lived and died. His father, Thomas Campbell also lived here with his son, following the death of his wife, Jane, in 1835. These men are of great importance to us today because of their efforts to break away from the Presbyterian church and work towards restoring first century Christianity. Their call for unity in accordance with the New Testament, reached a receptive frontier people and their religious efforts grew to become a major religious force in America. The Campbells planted themselves here at the beginning of the nineteenth century and at Bethany they fanned the fires of individualism, patriotism, and freedom. Alexander believed that student could become useful and responsible citizens by liberation from ignorance, superstition and vulgar prejudices. They gave to this nation their special character- a strong belief in God, a search for biblical answers, and a commitment to individual freedom. On the college site is the Bethany Meeting House (Bethany Church of Christ) built in the 1850's where Alexander Campbell preached. The acoustics were perfect for some midday singing that truly inspired all. The Campbell cemetery is also located on a hillside not far from the house. Alexander Campbell himself is buried at this site, as are 13 of his 14 children, his wives, Margaret and Selina, his father and many of his siblings and descendants. Alexander selected this site for the family cemetery when his young daughter Amanda died and gave it the name "God's Acre."

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