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MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION MAKES POSSIBLE COMPUTER LAB UPGRADE



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Memorial contributions play a large role in the continued operation of the school. Without these, the school would be greatly hindered in its effectiveness.

The school has just receive a memorial contribution that enables us to upgrade our Computer Lab. We have just purchased and set up ten (10) DELL Desktop Computers. The systems are :

PENTIUM III PROCESSOR

AT 933MHZ

20GB HARD DRIVE

48X CD ROM

**WINDOWS 98 SECOND EDITION
SOFTWARE**

**MS OFFICE SMALL BUSINESS, BIBLE
PROGRAMS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, DICTIONARIES,
ETC.**

The accompanying pictures and inserts enable us to communicate to our readers this memorial.

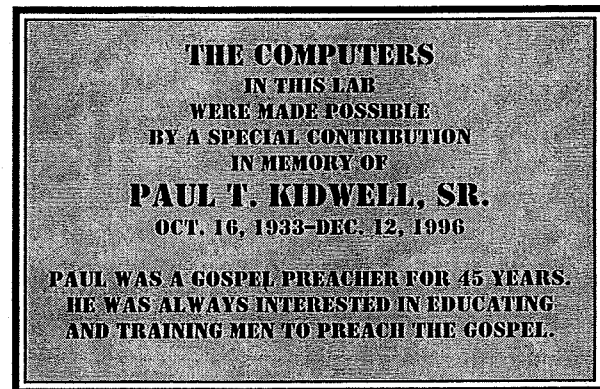
The "text graphic" along with brother Kidwell's picture hangs in the Computer Lab to honor him, and recognize his contribution to the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Blessings and Obstacles

Having a Computer Lab for the school presents us with a mixed bag of blessings and problems. Let us focus on a few of each.



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Blessings

Preachers may learn a number of positive things that would enable them to serve churches more effectively.

1. Computers understood and used may enable the preacher and congregation to keep better financial and membership records.
2. Computers understood and used may enable churches and preachers to provide financial statements that are easily updated and with practical skills more professional in appearance.
3. Computers understood and used may enable the preacher and congregation to produce outlined lessons and distribute them to the congregation—both in sermons and lessons for classes.
4. Computers understood

4. Computers understood and used may enable the preacher and congregation to have less library volume. Many software programs are available that contain multiple language versions of the text of the Bible as well as commentaries, dictionaries, encyclopedias, updated maps, etc. With Read-Write CD capabilities, it is easy to have pictures that reflect current events, and to incorporate these into the bulletins and/or other communication media.
5. With Internet connections preachers and churches may communicate more effectively. Many churches have their weekly bulletin sent to members in this manner. Communication with the mission field is instantaneous and cheaper than mailed communications.
6. Computers understood and used may enable the preacher or congregation to answer questions on Bible related subjects to those in need of assistance.
7. Computers understood and used may enable the preacher and elders to be more effective in keeping pictorial directories of members and works being supported.

With little imagination, a small investment, and the determination to learn, the preacher and congregation can greatly improve their services. Those in our area may take advantage of improving their skills and learning how the computer can better serve them by attending the computer class (two semesters) that will be offered again next year. If you have questions contact the office.

Obstacles

Some of the problems with having a Computer Lab are as follows:

1. Once it is made available, someone will have to spend many hours in keeping up to date on the latest software and programs that are constantly becoming available. It will also mean that whomever is in charge of the Lab must understand the programs and help the students to understand them.
2. Constant and rapid changes are the name of the game in computer technology. This being true, a Computer Lab can become out of date in a few years. The same problem is present in a local situation but not to the degree that it is

in a Lab with a number of computers and software items necessary to teach some of the potentials of computer technology.

3. Computers needing to be updated can be very expensive—even when they have dropped in price as they have in recent months.
4. Having a number of computers that have some age on them, and choosing to upgrade the Lab poses additional problems: What will we do with the older systems and software that we have in the present Lab? We have recently solved this problem by permitting the students to purchase the Lab machines we were replacing at a very low price to them. These machines can have many years of service in a given situation. One student from a foreign country is making these available to his native people.
5. Purchasing upgrade computers poses a problem in deciding where to obtain the units, and what will be the capacity and capabilities.

The writer has both a desktop and laptop computer. The company from which I purchased them is no longer in business. The systems are causing me no problems, however, should they develop problems, yours truly will have to solve the problem and pay service calls if I am unable to repair them myself.

We are happy that the Computer Lab has been upgraded and hope that those reading this and are in driving distance of the school will take advantage of the computer classes being offered next semester.

The courses in computers are designed to be very practical, and are prepared with the preacher and churches in mind. If you need assistance please contact the office.

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FLORIDA SCHOOL OF PREACHING
 27th Annual Bible Lectureship
Do You Understand Worship?
 January 21-24, 2002

Monday, January 21

9:00 Defining Worship Samuel T. Jones
 9:40 Giving I V. P. Black

10:20 BREAK

10:50 The Difficulties of Worship Tom Holland

11:30 LUNCH

Potential Difficulties - Part I

1:30 Do We Understand Singing? Bob McAnally

2:00 Do We Understand Prayer? Arthur Pigman
 2:30 Do We Understand Preaching
 As Worship? Samuel T. Jones

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Forum: Potential Difficulties—Part I

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Singing

7:00 Defining Psalms, Hymns,
 And Spiritual Songs Mickey Walker

7:45 It is a Sin to Worship With
 Mechanical Instruments? James Meadows

Tuesday, January 22

9:00 What Does it Mean to Worship
 In Spirit and in Truth? Glenn Burgess

9:40 Giving II V. P. Black

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Significant Greek Terms Relating
 To Worship Jimmy Clark

11:30 LUNCH

Potential Difficulties - Part II

1:30 How Important is Intent
 In Worship? William Howard

2:00 Do We Understand
 The Lord's Supper? John Tracy

2:30 Is All Service Worship? Barry Gilreath, Jr

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Forum: Potential Difficulties—Part II

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Singing

7:00 Jeroboam: A Lesson in Israel's Origin
 Of Sinful Worship Robert Lindsey

7:45 Implications of Divided
 Evening Worship Jimmy Clark

Wednesday, January 23

9:00 Bible Classes and Public Worship Steve Ellis

9:40 Singing Religious Songs
 For Entertainment Brooks Boyd

10:20 BREAK

10:50 What is the Purpose of The
 Lord's Day Assemblies? . Jackie M. Stearsman

11:30 LUNCH

Potential Difficulties - Part III

1:30 Cheering Sessions And
 Special Groups Freddie Clayton

2:00 Easter and Christmas Services ... Michael Hatcher

2:30 Worshiping with Those in Error Terry Frizzell

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Forum: Potential Difficulties—Part III

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Singing

7:00 Sounding Brass and Clanging Cymbals:
 A Review Ryan Roark

7:45 Who is to Lead Worship? Roy Dicks

Thursday, January 24

9:00 Why is Worship a Custom
 In Most Cultures? Brian Kenyon

9:40 Why Will Compromise in Worship
 Not Convert People? Timothy Kidwell

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Teaching Worship in Mission Work . Billy Nicks

11:30 LUNCH

Potential Difficulties - Part IV

1:30 Does God Care How We Dress
 In Public Worship? Rernard McFarland

2:00 Dramatic Presentations At
 Worship Services Bob Bauer

2:30 Are Wedding and Funeral Services
 Worship? Paul Ditoro

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Forum: Potential Difficulties—Part IV

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Singing

7:00 Does God Care How
 We Worship? Daniel Stearsman

7:45 How May We Improve
 Our Worship? Tom Holland

Please give attention to the following letter from our friend and brother.

Dear brethren:

Since I am to teach the Sunday through Wednesday night VBS Adult Class again this year at South Florida Avenue in Lakeland and also to speak for VBS one night for the church in New Port Richey, I thought it might be good to advertise my availability for such through the summer.

I am still preaching regularly but part-time at Southside in Zephyrhills. We have been back in Florida for one year now in order to keep my Dad in his own place (since 1959) and out of the nursing home. He is doing great & gaining weight on Vicki's cooking!

If I can be of service to you for VBS or in any other way, please contact me at the e-mail address chightow@tampabay.rr.com or call me at 863-293-7767 in Winter Haven. [Mailing address is: 2950 Lucerne Park Rd. Winter Haven FL 33881-9664.]

IN HIM WHO DIED,

/s/ Terry M. Hightower

Lectureship Proposals

As you have seen on page three of this issue we are in the final phase of preparation for the 2002 Lectureship. In addition to the oral presentations, there will be a number of additional topics in the Appendix of the Book.

Brother Hugo McCord has graciously submitted some of his materials relating to the subject of worship for publication in this volume.

We will have faithful brethren to review a number of significant debates on the subject of worshipping with mechanical instrumental music.

There are a number of books written that provide insight into discussions of a technical nature that will also be reviewed and these will be placed in the appendix.

In providing these materials we hope to provide significant insight into the conflicts that have, and continue to be, surrounding the subject of worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

This Lectureship Book should be an item that elders, preachers, and church libraries should possess.

Could you point to a book on worship that would likely in principle address most of the basic areas of concern in studying the subject of worship? If not, we hope with this production that you may. -Editor

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