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DECEMBER MEETING

The Memphis Astronomical Society will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2015, in the Assisi Hall Science Auditorium on the campus of Christian Brothers University at East Parkway South and Central Avenue. Enter from Central opposite the Fairgrounds. A campus map can be found at www.cbu.edu/assets/2091/cbumap2014.pdf. Members are urged to attend and to bring guests. The public is welcome.

PROGRAM

WELCOME * * President Bill Busler will greet the members and guests and outline the evening's program.

BUSINESS * * The minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting will be read by Secretary Jeremy Veldman, and the Treasurer's report will be read by Treasurer Bill Wilson.

DECEMBER OBSERVING SESSIONS * * The upcoming Observing Sessions will be announced by Mark Matthews, Vice-President for Observing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2016 * * The candidates running for Board positions are listed on the next page. Ballots will be provided; please bring your own pen or pencil. NOTE: If you are running for the Board or voting in the election, you must have paid your annual dues before the meeting begins.

BUYING YOUR FIRST TELESCOPE *** *** by Freddy Diaz
This time of year, a lot of new telescopes are purchased as Christmas gifts. Unfortunately, many of them turn out to be unsatisfactory for a number of reasons, and consequently end up in closets or attics. In order to head off this recurring problem, Freddy will discuss the various features considered desirable in a beginner's telescope, as well as certain flaws to be avoided. If you (or any people you know) are planning to purchase a telescope anytime soon, please plan to attend, and invite your friends to hear Freddy's presentation.

BREAK: Time to refresh and mix and mingle. Please talk with our visitors and make them feel welcome!

M.A.S. CONTACT INFORMATION
President Bill Busler: WBusler@aol.com
M.A.S. Web Site: www.MemphisAstro.org

***Short Course, Session 11: GALAXIES * *** by William J. Busler
In this installment of our Short Course, Bill will cover the origin of the Universe; types of galaxies and their evolution; stellar populations within galaxies; Seyfert galaxies, quasars, and supermassive black holes.

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M.A.S. YouTube Site: All Short-Course presentations are now available on line, or will be shortly. This is a great way to brush up on previous talks or see ones you might have missed.
https://www.youtube.com/user/MemphisAstronSociety

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DUES NOTICE: The annual M.A.S. dues are now due. All members have been sent renewal notices. Please don't forget to bring your renewal form and check to the meeting.

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DECEMBER OBSERVING SESSIONS: Mark your calendars (or high-tech devices)!

Saturday, December 19: Starry Nights at Shelby Farms. Telescopes are needed! Details at http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/starrynights

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2016

PRESIDENT:	Bill Busler
VICE-PRESIDENT (PROGRAMS):	Tom Richardson
VICE-PRESIDENT (OBSERVING):	Mark Matthews
SECRETARY:	Richard Townley
TREASURER:	Bill Wilson
DIRECTORS (5):	Freddy Diaz, Tom Ernst, Ric Honey, Sarita Joshi, John Smith, Jeremy Veldman