



Inside LABTS

A look at the ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
December 2002



*Set your heart to study
the word of God*

Harvest Banquet — A Tribute to Dr. Alonzo E. Levert

Calendar

12/20—1/19
Semester break

1/20 & 1/23
Spring semester begins

1/31—2/1
January Men's Bible Conference, Fairview Heights Baptist Church

3/31; 4/3, 7, 10
Missions Conference

4/21 & 4/24
Alumni Week

5/18
Commencement

Outside, it was a cold and wet night. Inside, it was a time of warm fellowship as approximately 725 people gathered at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles for the annual Harvest Banquet.

Each year, the Los Angeles Bible Training School and its Alumni Association co-sponsor the evening's activities. The banquet has a history of being a special time for everyone who attends. But this year was truly unique. The evening was devoted to giving glory to God by paying tribute to Dr. Alonzo E. Levert.

The festivities began with the congregational singing of "To God be the Glory" and "Lord I Lift Your Name On High". After the welcome and prayer by the Master of Ceremony, Pastor Robert Scott of the Los Angeles Community Bible Church, there was a time of eating and a renewing of ac-



President Felix honoring Dr. Levert for years of faithful service

quaintances.

The highlight of the evening was giving tribute to the man God used to guide LABTS for the last 36 years as its president. The tribute began with a PowerPoint presentation that spanned the career of the honoree. Words of appreciation were given by one of Dr. Levert's sons, Eugene, and by Margie Roberts of Louisiana,

an alumnus of LABTS. Two notebooks consisting of tributes were presented to Dr. Levert, along with a plaque in recognition of his faithful service. The near capacity crowd was informed that the library at LABTS will be called the Alonzo E. Levert Library. An almost speechless Dr. Levert, concluded the evening by giving glory to God for the great things that He has done!

Did You Know?

The following comments were taken from one of the first pamphlets produced by LABTS many years ago.

- The word of God will make or break a nation, community or family. Either it will prosper the people or it will judge them.
- A church can only be as strong as its people.
- Only the Bible can make the people strong spiritually.
- A regular healthy diet of biblical food will produce spiritually sound bodies.
- LABTS is God's instrument in teaching Church leaders to "eat the book" (Ezek. 3:1) so they will bear the right message.

LABTS Announces Spring 2003 Semester

Ten classes have been announced for the upcoming Spring 2003 semester at Los Angeles Bible Training School. The Monday morning day class will be **Revelation II** taught by Paul Felix. The classes being offered on Monday night are **Old Testament Survey II** (Adokwei Acquaye-Baddoo), **Soteriology** (Bennie Ross), **Galatians** (Ernest Daniels), and **I & II Timothy, Titus** (Anthony Kidd). The Thursday day class will be **Personal Evangelism** taught

by Calvin Sills. The Thursday evening classes are **Gospel of John** (Jess Palmer), **Doctrine II** (Paul Thorsell), **Methods of Bible Study** (Felix), and a new class entitled **Parables of Jesus** (Anthony Tetrow). Day classes meet from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and evening classes from 7:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

The dates for registration are January 13 and 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The semester begins on January 20 and

ends on May 15. No tuition is charged for the classes. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 that will allow a student to take a maximum of four classes per semester.

Set your heart to study the word of God by enrolling for classes on the designated dates. The LABTS campus is located at 2008 E. 87th Street. For more information call 323-588-3711 or feel free to visit the school's website at www.labts.org.

Faculty Profile: Anthony Kidd



Professor Kidd enjoying fellowship at the Harvest Banquet as he chats with alumnus Pastor Clarence Jones (left).

Birthday: January 30, 1967

Wife: Sherry (married 8 years; August 8, 1994)

Children: Jonathan Paul (4), Isaiah Andrew (2 1/2), Mikayla Rose (5 months)

Education: B.A., Washington State University; M. Div., The Master's Seminary

Hobbies/Interests: Reading solid theological works; playing with children

Courses taught at LABTS: I & II Timothy, Titus; New Testament Survey I

Class currently teaching: Ecclesiology

Favorite verse: Ezra 7:10 - "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel"

Current church: Westside Bible Church; Pastor Carl Hargrove

Current local church ministry: Elder, Sunday School Teacher, general oversight

Favorite Bible personality: Jonathan, because of his courage, faith and loyalty

Words of encouragement for LABTS students: Remember that, the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, will equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever, Amen!

Chapel Highlights

All of the evening students at LABTS are required to attend chapel. This time is designed to expose students to expository preaching, Christian ministries, missionaries, etc. Although attendance is mandatory, God has blessed the 7:50 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. time in the lives of those who are present. The following is a list of some of the recent chapel speakers during the months of November and December.

- Dr. Paul Thorsell, Professor, The Master's College
- Ms. Carole Clarke, Hope Again
- Instructor Alex Granados, LABTS
- Rev. John Kanter, Christian Jew Foundation
- Dr. Mark Tatlock, Vice President for Student Life, The Master's College
- Rev. Joseph Jeter, Have Christ Will Travel
- Pastor Charlton Davis, Living by the Word Fellowship; Co-host of "Living by the Word" radio broadcast

Feel free to visit LABTS' chapel time. Also keep in mind that each chapel is recorded. If you are interested in a tape (\$2.00), please call the office at 323-588-3711.

A Word from the President

Paul W. Felix

Welcome to the initial issue of "Inside LABTS". I trust God will use this simple newsletter to keep you informed of what is taking place on the corner of 87th and Grape. I know that you value the ministry of LABTS and I appreciate your prayers on behalf of the administration, teachers, and students.

At the recent Harvest Banquet, I briefly shared with those in attendance the mission of the school. I stated, "The mission of the Los Angeles Bible Training School is to bring glory and honor to God by coming alongside of local churches to train the people of God in the Word of God to do the work of God". This is not a new purpose. From the very beginning LABTS has trained God's people in God's word to do God's work in God's world. Please pray that we will remain faithful to this mission.

We are entering into the Christmas season. What a wonderful time to remember that Jesus Christ the Lord is the reason for the season. As you celebrate the birth of our Savior, may your Christmas be filled with His wonderful blessings. God's best to you in 2003!

"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

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