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A look at the ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
July 2003



*Set your heart to study
the word of God*

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Little Known Facts

- The first students to enroll at LABTS were husband and wife, Edgar and Vennie Murrell from Belmont Baptist Church
- In LABTS' first year the registration fee was \$5.00
- LABTS moved to its present location from 66th and San Pedro Street in the fall of 1965
- Funds to construct our classroom building came, primarily, from listeners to Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Thru The Bible Radio program
- Donations of more than \$300,000 to our building fund came from 36 states (USA), 5 continents, and a few islands of the seas

Celebrating God's Goodness with 16 Graduates

LABTS held its 39th Commencement Exercise on May 18 at 3:00 p.m. An overflow audience filled the chapel and rejoiced with 16 graduates who completed their course of study. God's faithfulness was evident as three students received the Bible Merit Certificate and thirteen earned the standard Bible Diploma.

The faculty and graduates entered the sanctuary to the tune of "God of Our Fathers". The congregation then sang "To God Be The Glory" with the desire that the graduation would bring glory and honor to our great God. Dr. Paul Thorsell read the Scripture and Rev. Anthony Kidd led in prayer. A special selection, "Ordinary People," was sung by Mrs. Ruth Davis. The song reminded each graduate that it is ordinary people that God uses to carry out his work in the world.

The graduation speaker was Dr. Irvin Busenitz, who is the Vice-President for Academic Administration and Professor of Bible Exposition and Old Testament at The Master's Seminary. Dr. Busenitz challenged the gradu-



ates with an exposition of Eph. 5:15-17. After the completion of the address, President Felix, assisted by Rev. Arthur Morgan and Dr. Anthony Tetrow, presented the graduates with their certificates and diplomas.

The graduation ended with the singing of "God Be with You" and a benediction by Rev. Acquaye-Baddoo. Family and friends greeted the faculty and graduates on the sidewalk of the facilities.

Please remember to keep the following graduates in your prayers. **Biblical Studies Certificate:** Marlon T. Alicando; Maggie L. Davis; Danilo C. Villalobos. **Bible Diploma:** Carlos L. Bell; Freddie L. Brown; Gary J. Burley; Tressa D. Calloway; Mae O. Fields; Jimmie Hunter; Arthur L. Kidd; Beatrice Porchia; Michael Selkridge; James S. Valdez; Dayton Wafer; George Williams, III; Leonis Word. To God be the glory great things He has done!

LABTS Announces Fall 2003 Semester

Eleven classes have been announced for the upcoming semester. An additional class will now be offered on Monday morning. The Monday morning classes will be **The Book of Acts** (Jess Palmer) and **I, II, III John** (Paul Felix). The classes being presented on Monday night are: **New Testament Survey I** (Anthony Tetrow), **Pastoral Theology I** (George Moore), **Ephesians** (Anthony Kidd), and **Matthew** (Bennie Ross). The Thursday day class will be **Old Testament Survey I** which will be taught by Calvin Sills. The Thursday evening classes are **Doctrine III** (Paul Thorsell), **Revelation I** (Felix), **Daniel** (Bobby Scott), and **Convalescent Ministry** (Ernest Daniels). 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 August 18 and 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The semester begins on Monday, August 25 and ends on Thursday, December 18. 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. There is also an additional cost for textbooks. The LABTS campus is located at 2008 E. 87th Street. For information call 323-588-3711 or visit www.labts.org.

Harvest Banquet 2003

Once again, the Los Angeles Bible Training School and its Alumni Association is co-sponsoring the annual Harvest Banquet. The banquet will be held on Friday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m., at The Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles.

The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. William L. Banks. Dr. Banks received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and prepared for the ministry by earning degrees from Lincoln Seminary and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Not only has he served as a pastor, but his ministry consisted of teaching at Moody Bible Institute and Manna Bible Institute. Banks is the author of numerous articles and has written several books. Some of the books that he has authored are: *Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet*; *The Black Church in the U.S.*; *Daily Manna*; *In Search of the Great Commission*; *The Bible and Black Slavery in the U.S.* Dr. Banks recently penned his autobiography – *The Good Hand of the Lord*.



Dr. Ronald E. Roberts, pastor of Baldwin Hills Baptist Church in Los Angeles, had this to say about the scheduled speaker. "William L. Banks would best be described as a 'seasoned' black evangelical. He is a man of maturity and of great wisdom. It is this writer's conviction, and has been so for many years, that Banks has never received the recognition that he deserves as a pioneer in black evangelicalism. He was an active black evangelical when many of those who are now on the scene did not know the meaning of the phrase 'black evangelical.' . . . It is this author's opinion that William L. Banks stands in the forefront of black evangelical leadership".

Tickets for the Harvest Banquet will be available on August 18. Please make plans now to attend. Dr. Banks will also be conducting a seminar on Saturday morning, October 25.

A Word from the President

Paul W. Felix

On June 1, 2002, the Board of Directors of the LABTS appointed me the President of the school. It is a responsibility that I am still in awe of and one which I do not deserve. I am thankful to God for His grace, mercy, and power, which have allowed me to complete my first year in this new capacity. I am also grateful that I have a partner in ministry, Arthur Morgan, who serves as the Assistant to the President. Art is the one responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school and is the primary interface with the students. God has been gracious to the both of us as we sought to do His will this past school year. As the president, I strive to be faithful and to leave the results to God. I look forward to the next school year to see what our marvelous God will do. I trust He will honor the plan to offer an additional course and to explore the possibility of an extension class in Ontario. Please continue to keep LABTS in your prayers. God's best to you!

Faculty Focus: Ernest Daniels



Birthday: September 11

Wife: Eloyce (anniversary July 27)

Children: Danette, Jeanine, Darryl, and Derek

Education: Diploma, Los Angeles Bible Training School; M. Min., Biola University

Hobbies/Interests: Playing pool, basketball and running marathons (completed seven)

Courses taught at LABTS: Convalescent Ministry I & II, Galatians, Philippians, Hebrews, Epistles of John

Favorite Verse: Philippians 3:10 – "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death"

Current Church: Los Angeles Community Bible Church, Pastor Bobby Scott

Current local church ministry: Convalescent Ministry, Union Rescue Ministry

Favorite Bible personality: Joshua, because he was pre-eminent as a military leader who knew how to place campaigns, discipline his forces, use spies, but above all, pray and trust in God.

Words of encouragement for LABTS students: Continue to study the Word of God, and obey His truth. Any persuasion, any position, any teaching that leads away from the truth of Jesus Christ is not of God.

Any additional comments about yourself: Retired from the military after twenty-one years (Master Sgt., U.S.M.C.). Served in Korea and Viet-Nam.



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