



# Inside LABTS

A look at the ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School  
August 2004



## Celebrating God's Faithfulness to 24 Graduates

### Calendar

**8/16 & 8/19**  
Fall 2004 Registration

**8/23 & 8/26**  
Fall 2004 Semester Begins

**10/29**  
Harvest Banquet  
The Proud Bird Restaurant

**10/30**  
Seminar

**12/13 & 12/16**  
Fall 2004 Semester Ends

*Set your  
heart to study the  
word of God*

### Recent Chapel Messages (2003-2004 School Year)

- *The Meaning of Passover* (Mark Ellick, Chosen People Ministries)
- *Why Do You Have a Failing Grade in Godliness*, Luke 22:39-46 (Victor Sholar)
- *What We Get Out of Service*, John 4:1-42 (Dr. Jim Borrer)
- *Foundation for Effective Christian Living*, Colossians 1:9-14 (Dennis Swanson, The Master's Seminary)
- *Understanding Temptation*, James 1:13-15 (President Paul Felix)

All Chapel messages are recorded. For a complete list contact the school.

LABTS held its 40<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercise on May 16. An audience that filled the chapel and two overflow rooms rejoiced with 24 graduates who completed their course of study. God's faithfulness was evident as one student received the Bible Merit Certificate and twenty-three 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. Rev. Carl Hargrove read the Scripture and Dr. George Moore led in prayer. A special selection was sung by alumnus Mrs. Ruth Davis.

Dr. Ronald E. Roberts, Sr., Pastor of Baldwin Hills Baptist Church in Los Angeles, was the graduation speaker. The theme of his commencement address was "Christ Wants Us To Be Effective Servants" (John 15:9-10).

After the completion of the address, President Felix, assisted by Rev. Arthur Morgan and Rev. Jess Palmer, presented the graduates with their certificates and diplomas. The graduation ended with the singing of "God Be with You" and a benediction by Dr. Frederick Stanfield, whose wife was a part of the graduating class.



Please keep the 2004 graduation class in your prayers.

**Biblical Studies Certificate:**  
Grace R. Alota.

**Bible Diploma:** Narcissus V. Alota, Dean P. Bartolome, Joe M. Bolden, Ruddle J. Bruner, Susie M. Chapman, Christopher S. Clark, Sr., Cordell Clark, Frances V. Davenport, DeWayne F. Deas, Connie L. Ellison, Cassandra E. Grady, Leroy F. Grady, III, Tommie L. Harris, Leo Kennedy, John H. Nelson, Erma J. Randle, Rose A. Stanfield, Ralph Turner, Jr., Harold Tyler, Linda D. Wiggins, Eddie Williams, Jr., Mary A. Williams, Jimmie J. Wright, Sr.

## LABTS Announces Fall 2004 Semester

Thirteen classes have been announced for the Fall 2004 semester. The Monday morning classes will be **Doctrine I** (Carl Hargrove) and **Philippians** (Paul Felix). The classes being presented on Monday night are **Old Testament Survey I** (Glen Sykes), **Christian Education I** (Felix), **Romans** (Bennie Ross), **James** (Anthony Tetrow), and **Expository Preaching I** (George Moore). The Thursday day classes will be **New Testament Survey I** (Calvin Sills) and **Spiritual Life** (Frederick Stanfield). The Thursday evening classes are **Doctrine II** (Paul Thorsell), **Hermeneutics** (Harvey Jones), **Epistles of John** (Ernest Daniels), and **First Peter** (Victor Sholar). 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 16 and 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The semester begins on Monday, August 23 and ends on Thursday, December 16. 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. 87<sup>th</sup> Street. For additional information call 323-588-3711 or visit [www.labts.org](http://www.labts.org).

## Harvest Banquet 2004

The Los Angeles Bible Training School and its Alumni Association will be co-sponsoring the 2004 Harvest Banquet. The banquet will be held on Friday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m., at The Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles.

The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Eddie B. Lane. Rev. Lane received his B.A. from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1980 and his Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1982. Dr. Lane has been on the teaching and administrative staff of Dallas Seminary since 1975, where he is currently an Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries. He is the former chairman of the board of the National Black Evangelistic Association and is a co-founder of Black Evangelistic Enterprises. Thirty-four years ago he founded Bibleway Bible Church in Dallas and is still its pastor. He is also the founder and president of the Institute for Black Family Renewal. Lane is the author of six books: *The Single African American Christian (Keeping a Clean Life in a Dirty World)*; *The African American Christian Family (Building Lasting Family Relationships)*; *The African American Christian Parent (Parenting in the Context of a Spiritual Deficit)*; *The African American Christian Man (Reclaiming the Village)*; *The African American Christian Woman (The Village Gate Keeper)*; *The Cattle on a Thousand Hills (Learning to Pray Effectively)*. Pastor Lane maintains a demanding nationwide conference schedule that focuses on the black family in America and it is a privilege to have him be the speaker this year.

Tickets for the Harvest Banquet will be available on August 16. Please make plans now to attend. Dr. Lane will also be conducting a seminar on Saturday morning, October 30.



## Faculty Focus: Jess Palmer

**Birthday:** August 31, 1937

**Place of birth:** Bakersfield, CA

**Wife:** Janice Marie (married 21 years; anniversary November 15)

**Education:** Diploma, Los Angeles Bible Training School; Certificate, Moody Bible Institute; B.A., BIOLA University; M.Div., Talbot School of Theology; Ph.D (in progress), California Pacific School of Theology

**Hobbies/Interests:** Computers, Gardening, Reading, Astronomy, Cooking, Studying the Bible in the original languages

**Courses taught at LABTS:** Bible Study Methods; Hebrews; Romans; Personal Evangelism; Gospel of John; Ephesians; Doctrine II; Doctrine III; Acts

**Years taught at LABTS:** 1984-1986; 1999; 2001-2004. Professor Palmer will not be teaching in the fall of 2004 in order to complete his doctoral dissertation.

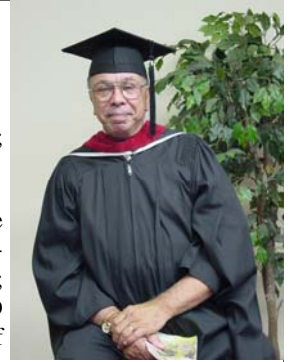
**Favorite verse:** Col. 1:27b-28 (KJV) – ". . . which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

**Ministry involvement:** Bible teaching and preaching in the Local Church in the United States and Canada

**Current church:** Fairview Heights Baptist Church

**Favorite Bible personality:** The Lord Jesus Christ. Since we are being conformed to His image, it is only sensible to aid His process.

**Words of encouragement for LABTS students:** Be a servant, and seek always to be led of the LORD. Abraham's servant said, ". . . I being in the way, the LORD led me . . ." (Gen. 24:27).



## A Word from the President

Paul W. Felix



Allyson Felix on the victory stand after winning the 200m at the Olympic Trials

One of the highlights of my summer thus far was attending the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track and Field in Sacramento, California from July 9-18. I didn't attend the event because I am a diehard track enthusiast, but because my son Wes (21, USC student) and daughter Allyson (18, USC) had qualified to run in this significant event. After making it to the quarter-finals in the 200m, Wes was unable to compete due to soreness in his leg. He sat with my wife (Marlean) and me as we watched Allyson line-up for the finals of the women's 200m. Once the gun sounded, it only took Allyson 22.28 seconds to finish first and to earn a trip to Athens. Obviously, our family is grateful for what God has allowed Allyson to accomplish.

I must admit that I enjoy watching track. I think the apostle Paul did also. Yet, he put sports in its proper perspective when he wrote, "They [those who compete in the games] then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable" (1 Cor. 9:25). My daughter has been given ability from God that gives her an opportunity to win a gold medal. But as believers, we have an opportunity to gain a reward that is far superior --- an imperishable wreath! Please pray for the Felix family as we travel to Athens to watch Allyson compete in the Olympic Games. Also, pray for the students who will be enrolling in LABTS for the Fall 2004 semester that they might set their hearts to study God's word in order to run in such a way as to receive an imperishable crown.

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