



Inside LABTS

A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
January 2008



CALENDAR

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Classes Begin

4/14, 17, 21, 24
Missions Conference

4/25, 26
L.A. Men's Bible
Conference

5/5 & 8
Alumni Week

5/12 & 15
Final Exams

5/17
Graduation Dinner

5/18
Commencement

*Set your
heart to study the
word of God*

Recent Chapel Messages

- *A Biblical Response to Pornography* (various scriptures), Bobby Scott
- *Exhortation to Unity* (Phil. 2:9-11), Anthony Tetrow
- *Greetings from the Table of a Renewed Heart* (1 Timothy 1:1-2), Frederick Stanfield
- *A Life Dedicated to God* (Romans 12:1-2), Calvin Sills
- *Praying for Directed Feet* (Psalm 119:35), Paul Felix

All Chapel messages are recorded.
For a complete list and further
information contact the office.

FALL 2007: SEMESTER IN REVIEW

God's faithfulness and goodness continue to be demonstrated toward the Los Angeles Bible Training School. The Fall 2007 semester is further evidence of God being at work at LABTS. A student body of 312 students populated the 12 classes offered in the fall semester. Eleven classes were held at the main campus and one at the Ontario extension. Students were privileged to take the following courses: Cults and Contemporary Religions; Bible Study Methods; Doctrine I; Doctrine II; Acts; I & II Timothy, Titus; Old Testament Survey I; New Testament Survey I; Christian Marriage & Family; Hebrews; Daniel; Matthew. The classes were taught by a faculty that has earned a total of three doctorates, five Master of Theology degrees, seven Master of Divinity degrees, and four Master of Arts degrees. These men are not only committed to God, but also to the local church.

The Harvest Banquet was held on October

27. Approximately 550 people gathered for a wonderful time of fellowship. Those in attendance were blessed by a challenging message from Dr. John Perkins. Using Psalm 11 as his text, Perkins raised and answered the question, "When the foundation is being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"



Progress continues to be made on the library. In November, the number of books was increased by the donation of the personal library of the late Rev. Charles Allen, an alumnus of LABTS.

The semester concluded with individual classes taking their final exams, enjoying a time of eating, and students expressing their appreciation to the instructors.

LABTS PROFESSORS MINISTER IN HAITI

Professors Willio Destin, Carl Hargrove, George Hurtt, Anthony Kidd, and Victor Scholar, had the privilege of going to Haiti. Professor Destin is a Haitian native and believes God is leading him to return to Haiti for ministry upon graduation from The Master's Seminary. His vision is to establish a Bible training school similar to LABTS in his home village of Grand Goave, which is 31 miles SW of the capital. The five day ministry trip (July 30 – August 3) was foundational in nature. The



heart of the ministry was a Bible conference in which the LABTS professors taught through a systematic theology that will serve as the official doctrinal statement for the Training school. The attendees consisted of a number of the village pastors, church workers,

and Bible students. The Word was well received, and the professors believe there is a ripe harvest in need of trained workers.

In addition to their teaching, they interviewed twenty young men who are interested in seminary training. The plan is to select five of these men and sponsor them to attend the Seminaire de Theologie Evangelique at Port-au-Prince.

Upon graduation these men will return to Grand Goave in order to serve as instructors at the Training school. One of the many highlights of the trip was the joy of handing out twenty copies of John MacArthur's French Pauline epistles commentary and five French MacArthur Study Bibles. The joyous reception of these gifts by the attendees was a testimony to their hunger for the word of God.

PLUMER BERNARD BRYANT (A Tribute by President Felix)



I met Plumer in the latter part of 1986. I do not remember the exact date, but I do remember the occasion. It was the Fall semester at LABTS. I was teaching an evening class on the Pastoral Epistles. While I was teaching, a visitor entered the class. It was Plumer. As he strolled across the room with his "cool" limp, I remember saying to myself "Here comes trouble!" Little did I know that the one I labeled as "trouble" would come to be such a blessing in my life.

My memory fails me when I try to put all the pieces together on how Plumer and I became best friends. It was a friendship that was orchestrated by God and that centered on our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. What brought Plumer and I together was our common faith in Christ.

Our friendship began to develop at LABTS. Plumer became a student in the Spring of 1987. He graduated in May 1993. During that time I had the privilege of being his professor for six different classes (NT Survey I; NT Survey II; Soteriology; Galatians; Ecclesiology; Christian Marriage and Family). Initially it was a relationship of teacher and student, but eventually it became one of friend and friend. I was Plumer's professor in the classroom, but his "brother" and "buddy" outside of the classroom. On numerous occasions, even until his death, he would address me as "my brother" or "hey buddy."

During the course of our friendship, Plumer and I enjoyed some wonderful times. Before he married his wife Ginger (alumnus of LABTS), he stayed with my family. It was our privilege to read through the *Knowledge of the Holy* and *The Disciplines of a Godly Man*. We served together at Baldwin Hills Baptist Church. He was my companion at conferences and retreats. I was the best man in his wedding. When my family moved to Colorado, it was Plumer who helped me drive a U-Haul truck from L.A. to Denver. My son and daughter knew him as "Uncle Plumer." My mother was "Mom" to him.

My "brother" loved LABTS. He spoke in chapel services about his short-term missions trips to Nova Scotia and to the Dominican Republic. He took additional classes after he graduated. Plumer could always be counted on to help during registration. He was a regular at the annual Harvest Banquet and at graduations.

Plumer was a good friend! More importantly, he was a good and faithful Christian. If I were to compare him to a person in the Bible, it would be Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30). Epaphroditus was committed to the cause of Christ (2:25a), was ready and available to serve Christ (2:25b), considered others more important than himself (2:26-27), was submissive to godly leadership (2:28), and took seriously his responsibilities to serve Christ (2:29-30). That describes Plumer and because it does, men like him should be held in honor.

Plumer Bryant went home to be with the Lord on December 5 after a brief battle with lung cancer. I will miss my friend, but I take comfort in the truth that "to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21b).

JEREMIAH C. H. ROWE PRESIDENT'S ALUMNI AWARD



Rev. German and President Felix

A highlight of the annual Harvest Banquet is the awarding of the Jeremiah C. H. Rowe President's Alumni Award. The selection is made on the basis of outstanding achievement in the recipient's field of service in the Lord's work and for particular contributions to the ministry at LABTS. The recipient for 2007 was Rev. William German.

Brother German began attending LABTS in 1983 and graduated in 1993. The instruction that he received was instrumental in planting the New Horizon Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. German also started Optimal Christian Academy, a pre-kindergarten through 8th grade school with over 400 students in city of Compton.

The plaque that was presented contained the following words:

William German

For Your Continual Love and Loyalty to the Ministry of
the Los Angeles Bible Training School,

and

For Your Diligent Study of the Word of God,

and

For Your Passion to Plant a Church That
Honors the Lord Jesus Christ,

and

For Your Visionary Leadership to Develop Children
of Character Who Know Christ.

October 27, 2007

SPRING 2008 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

212 Doctrine II
333 Romans

MONDAY EVENING

314 Doctrine III
502 Hermeneutics
521 Epistles of John
522 I Peter

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Jan. 14, 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 17, 6:00-8:00 pm

THURSDAY MORNING

102 OT Survey II
435 James

THURSDAY EVENING

132 Gospel of John
202 NT Survey II
333 Romans (Ontario)
440 Pastoral Theology
517 Discipleship

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per semester

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