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A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
April 2007



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*Set your
heart to study the
word of God*

Recent Chapel Messages

- *What the World Should See in Us* (Matt. 5:16), James Borror
- *The Key to Life* (Matthew 22:34-38), Bobby Scott
- *Falling in Love with God's Word* (Psalm 119:97-104), H. B. Charles, Jr.
- *Big Lessons From Small Creatures* (Proverbs 30:24-28), LaMonte King
- *Remember We Are in a Spiritual Warfare, Be Alert!* (Ephesians 6:10-20), Ronald Roberts

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

A RICH TRADITION

LABTS has been wonderfully blessed by God from its initial days when God brought the late Reverend Jeremiah C. H. Rowe into personal contact with the late Dr. J. Vernon McGee, the noted pastor and radio Bible teacher. Subsequent to their meeting, a fully organized evening school began functioning in the fall of 1962, with a board of directors, a president, and a gifted teaching staff.

One of the first brochures produced by the school advertised LABTS as a proving ground for worldwide gospel ministries. The school has served as a proving ground for future missionaries at home and overseas. In the early days, one student became a missionary to Birmingham with Black Evangelistic Enterprise. Another student was a missionary to Nigeria.

The school has also served as a training

ground for pastors and teachers. Instructors who once taught at LABTS have gone on to teach at noted schools such as Moody Bible Institute, Biola University, Talbot Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and The Master's Seminary. "Teaching at LABTS in its first two years was

a spiritual highlight in my own growth and ministry," wrote a professor of Bible at Moody Bible Institute a number of years ago.

The stated purpose of the school at the beginning was "to give students sound, fundamental Bible teaching which will enable them to rightly divide the word of God and to minister it to the needs of their own neighborhoods and on the mission field." By God's grace that is still the purpose of LABTS. What an amazing heritage!



LIBRARY EXPANSION

The Alonzo E. Levert Library was recently expanded by approximately 2,000 books. LABTS was the recipient of the theological library of the late Eric (Rick) Shaver. Rick, a teacher at Grace Bible Institute in Long Beach, went home to be with the Lord in 2002 and left behind a library of almost 5,000 books. It was his desire to have his substantial library available to and used by those in the inner-city who may not be able to afford the time or money for a full-time seminary education.

Jessica Renshaw, the remarried widow of Rick, was given the names of three organizations in Los Angeles. One church told her they had no room for the library. Another organization did not respond to several messages. By God's providence, President Felix and his

wife Marlean met with Jessica, and both sides agreed that this was God's plan for this rich theological library. All that was left to do was to move the books to LABTS.

Moving day was March 27. President Felix prepared for the move by unloading six 4 feet by 6 feet bookcases into forty-seven moving boxes. He was assisted in moving the library to LABTS by administrators Art Morgan and Ivory Williams, and current student James Anderson.

It is with eager anticipation that LABTS looks forward to the day when these books are made available to its students. Please pray that the library will become fully functional for Fall 2007. Student Edith Williams is volunteering a significant amount of time to make this a reality.



Ivory Williams, Art Morgan, James Anderson, Paul Felix

FACULTY FOCUS VICTOR SHOLAR

Birthday: Feb. 24, 1973

Place of birth: St. Louis, MO

Wife: Athena (married 10 years; anniversary Dec. 14)

Children: Jonathan (9 years old), Josiah (5), Jeremiah (2)

Education: B.S., Lincoln University; M. Div., The Master's Seminary

Hobbies/Interests: Studying the Word of God and Biblical Resources, spending time with family, and exercising

Courses taught at LABTS: 1 Peter; Doctrine III; Hermeneutics; Discipleship; Ephesians; O.T. Survey I; O.T. Survey II

Years taught at LABTS: Fall 2004 to present

Favorite passage: Acts 20:24 - "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God." (NASB)

Ministry involvement: Elder; Student Ministries

Church: L. A. Community Bible Church (Bobby Scott, Pastor)

Favorite Bible personality: The apostle Peter because his failures remind me of myself at times—prideful, fearful and wavering in faith, but his boldness, humility and love for Jesus Christ encourages me that the Lord is not finished with me yet.

Words of encouragement for LABTS students: May your pursuit of knowledge and understanding from God's word come from a hunger and a passion to know our Savior more.



HARVEST BANQUET OCTOBER 27, 2007



John and Vera Mae Perkins

The Los Angeles Bible Training School and its Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the annual Harvest Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m., at The Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles.

The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. John Perkins, president of the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development. Perkins is a sharecropper's son who grew up in Mississippi amidst dire poverty. He fled to California when he was 17 and vowed never to return after his older brother's murder at the hands of a town marshal. However, in 1960, after his conversion to Christianity, he returned to his boyhood home to share the gospel of Christ. His outspoken nature and support and leadership in civil rights demonstrations resulted in repeated harassment, imprisonment and beatings. Despite dropping out of school in the third grade, John Perkins has been recognized for his work by being awarded eight honorary doctorates. He is the author of nine books including *A Quiet Revolution*, *Let Justice Roll Down*, *With Justice For All*, *Beyond Charity*, *He's My Brother*, and *A Time to Heal*. He is an international speaker and a teacher on the issues of racial reconciliation, indigenous leadership development, and community development.

Please make plans now to join us on this special occasion. Tickets will be available in August.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul W. Felix

The Spring 2007 semester has been a different experience for me. I am on a "sabbatical" as I attempt to make progress on my Th.D. studies at The Master's Seminary. I covet your prayers as I prepare to take my last entrance exam (Hebrew) and also select a dissertation topic. I have missed being a part of the LABTS experience.

God continues to bless our school. The number of registered students is slightly down, which means that we have to do a better job of promoting LABTS. There are still many believers in the greater L.A. area who are unaware of the school even though it has been in existence for almost 45 years. Please pray that we will be able to recruit many new students for Fall 2007.

This time of year is always exciting at LABTS. The Missions Conference will take place in the latter part of April. The theme is "Cultivating A Heart For Missions". In early May we will celebrate Alumni Week. It is always a joy to have former students return. The capstone of the semester is Commencement on May 20th at 4:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles Men's Bible Conference

April 27-28, 2007

"The War Against Biblical Manhood"

Countering the World's Attack on Masculinity

Speakers

Alex Montoya

Dr. Ronald Roberts

Paul Felix

Carl Hargrove

Anthony Kidd

Bobby Scott

For men who want to grow deeper in their faith and be more effective in ministry

Co-sponsored by The Master's Seminary and The Los Angeles Bible Training School

Location

Fairview Heights Baptist Church

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