



# Inside LABTS

**A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School**  
May 2013

## CALENDAR

**5/9**  
Alumni Evening

**5/13, 16**  
Final Exams

**5/17**  
Graduation Dinner

**5/19**  
Graduation

**6/1**  
Women's Conference

**8/19, 22**  
Fall 2013 Registration

**8/26, 29**  
Fall 2013 Semester Begins

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heart to study the  
word of God*

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## 50th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

March 9, 2013 was an extraordinary evening in the history of the Los Angeles Bible Training School. Approximately 900 guests gathered together at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel Los Angeles for a wonderful time of fellowship to celebrate God's faithfulness to LABTS for 50 years. Dr. Steven Lawson proclaimed the power of God's word to convict, convert, conform, and comfort. Praise God for a marvelous banquet!



## COMMENCEMENT 2013



Dr. Clint Arnold

The forty-ninth LABTS Commencement Exercise will be held on May 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. It will take place at the Long Beach Alliance Church, 3331 Palo Verde Ave., in Long Beach. Twenty-three students will be graduating from LABTS.

The commencement speaker is Dr. Clinton E. Arnold. Our speaker is the Dean of Talbot School of Theology and also serves there as Professor of New Testament Language and Literature. He earned a B.A. from Biola College, a M.Div. from Talbot Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen.

Dr. Arnold is the author of articles, books, volumes, and chapters. He is the general editor of the completed *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary* (4 volumes and at least 500 pages per volume) and the ongoing *Zondervan Exegetical Commentary Series* (projected to be 20 volumes). He has written commentaries on Acts, Ephesians, and Philippians

In addition to his responsibilities as Dean and New Testament scholar, he has served his local church in various ways. Dr. Arnold is married to his wife Barbara and they have been blessed with three sons, Jeffrey, Dustin, and Brandon, who are all either Biola graduates or current Biola students.

Join us as we give thanks to God for His work in the lives of the graduates.

## FALL 2013 SEMESTER



### MONDAY MORNING

333 Romans  
500 Soteriology

### MONDAY EVENING

201 New Testament Survey I  
433 Acts  
504 Ecclesiology  
521 Epistles of John

### THURSDAY MORNING

212 Doctrine II  
501 Galatians

### THURSDAY EVENING

103 Personal Evangelism  
212 Doctrine II  
436 James  
510 Jeremiah

### REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Aug. 19, 6:00-8:00 pm; Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Classes begin Monday, August 26

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was introduced to LABTS at the age of 21 by my pastor at that time, Dr. Whalen S. Jones. I was dating his daughter and my wife to be, Marlean. He thought it would be a good idea if I became a student of the Bible. He was familiar with the school because another one of his daughters, Eleanor, was attending with her best friend, Ginger.

I enrolled in LABTS for the Fall 1974 semester. The late Mr. Robert Jackson (Th.M. from Dallas Seminary) became one of my favorite teachers. He developed in me a love for good solid Christian books and exposed me to some excellent Christian radio programs like Thru the Bible Radio (Dr. McGee) and Back to the Bible Broadcast (Theodore Epp). I once visited Brother Jackson's modest apartment and he had books everywhere - kitchen, bathroom, etc. I blame this godly man for all of the money I have spent on my theological library!

After 7 semesters, I pursued graduate studies at Talbot Seminary (1978-1982), where I earned a M.A. in Biblical Studies. LABTS provided me with the biblical foundation for studying at the graduate level. It was also during this time that I began to teach at LABTS. The first class I taught was the Gospel of John in the Fall of 1981.



Ner de Leon & President Felix

The Lord eventually led me to earn a M.Div., Th.M., and Th.D. from The Master's Seminary, where I have taught full-time since July 1999.

LABTS changed my life! It prepared me for future theological training, as well as a future ministry as a professor, preacher, and president. I have often said, "I owe LABTS an eternal debt."

This is my story!

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



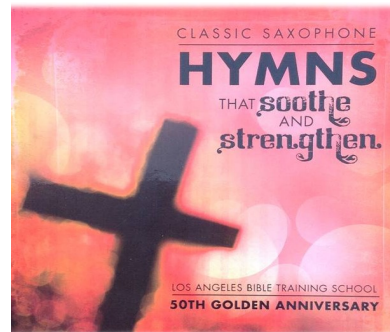
The LABTS Women's Conference will take place Saturday, June 1, at Fairview Heights Baptist Church, 1215 Marlborough Ave., Inglewood, 90302. Continental Breakfast and Registration are at 7:30 a.m. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at noon.

The theme is "Becoming Women of Obedience." Nancy DeMoss has said, "The only reliable means of measuring our love for God is to examine whether we obey Him. We may dress the part, act the part, talk the part of being a Christian, but none of these things proves that we genuinely love God. Obedience is the only way."

The speakers are Marlean Felix (Obeying God with an Unwavering Trust), Hilda Kennedy (Obeying God in Marriage), Sherry Kidd (Obeying God in Disciplining Young Women), Shannon McCoy (Obeying God in Joyful Contentment), and Donna Morley (Obeying God in the Four-Step Plan).

The registration cost is \$10.00 (\$15.00 after May 16). Please visit [www.labts.org](http://www.labts.org) for additional information.

## RECENT NEWS



In honor of the 50th anniversary of LABTS, current student and saxophonist **Ner de Leon** has produced the CD entitled *Hymns that Soothe and Strengthen*. You will be blessed as you listen to classic hymns like "Jesus Paid it All" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Ner's

love for God and LABTS make it possible that 100% of your donation in purchasing this CD goes to expand the ministry of the school.

The **Missions Conference** took place on April 22, 25, 29, and May 2. The theme of the conference was "I'll Go!" The speakers were Professor Willio Destin (headed to Haiti in 2014), Mr. Wilson Baria (President of Logos Wholistic Ministries of Ahmedabad, India), Mr. Gregg Harris (International Director, Thru the Bible Radio), and Dr. George Vogel (Chief of Chaplain Service at VA Long Beach Healthcare System). It was a delight to have Dr. Vogel return to LABTS. He was one of the first teachers at LABTS having taught from the Fall of 1963 to the Spring of 1965.



Dr. George Vogel

The **LABTS Bible Conference** will be held October 25-26. The **Spring Banquet** (formerly the Harvest Banquet) will take place Saturday, March 8, 2014. **Save the dates!**

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