



# Inside LABTS

A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School  
August 2009



## CALENDAR

8/24, 27

Fall 2009 Registration

8/31, 9/3

Classes Begin

9/7

Labor Day - No Classes

10/22, 26

Midterm Exams

10/30

Harvest Banquet

11/26

Thanksgiving Day - No Classes

12/14, 17

Final Exams

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 GRADUATES!



**Bottom Row:** Audrey Warrick, Barbara Pointer, Eliza Gilmore, Neecole Johnson, Cloteal Young, Edith Williams  
**Middle Row:** Patrice Dupass, Deanna Curls, Adelaide Stark, Yolanda Hill, Sarah Williams, Wally Recio  
**Top Row:** Charles Seymore, Jeffery Bradley, Robert Lawson, Louis Mealancon, Ernie Pierre, Ticey Brown

*Set your heart to study the word of God*

## 2009 Graduation Class Facts

- 18 graduates (7 men, 11 women)
- Shortest time to graduate - 3 years
- Average time to graduate - 6.3 years
- Average age was 58 years with 31 being the youngest and 78 the oldest
- Average GPA - 3.6
- 3 students graduated with a 4.0
- 11 graduates are college graduates

Please remember to pray for our graduates!

## HARVEST BANQUET 2009

LABTS and its Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the 2009 Harvest Banquet. This wonderful event will be held on Friday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Carson Center (801 E. Carson St., Carson, 90745). In the past, the Harvest Banquet has always been a marvelous time of sweet fellowship as students and friends of LABTS renew their acquaintances. The highlight of the evening is the preaching of God's Word. Dr. Tony Evans, Dr. Crawford Loritts, Dr. John Perkins, Dr. Williams Banks, and other others have challenged the people of God with the Word of God.

Mr. André Thornton is the speaker this year. The name is familiar to baseball enthusiasts because he played professional baseball for 21 years. His career concluded with 11 years with the Cleveland Indians. The former baseball slugger was inducted into the Cleveland Indians Hall of Fame in 2007.

More importantly, our speaker is a man who has walked with God despite having

faced some major obstacles in his life. Those obstacles were chronicled in a book he co-authored, *Triumph Born of Tragedy* (the foreword was written by LABTS co-founder, the late Dr. J. Vernon McGee). Mr. Thornton currently serves as an elder at Parkside Church (Senior Pastor, Alistair Begg) and is also the CEO of ASW Global.

Tickets for the Harvest Banquet are available at \$40.00 each.

Make plans now to attend this great time of dinner, fellowship, and the proclamation of the living word of God. Keep in mind this year's banquet is on a different day of the week (Friday), at a different time (7:00 p.m.), and at a different location (Carson Center).



*Banquet Speaker*  
Mr. André Thornton

# FALL 2009 SEMESTER



## MONDAY MORNING

508 Hebrews  
511 Christian Marriage & Family

## MONDAY EVENING

201 New Testament Survey I  
433 Acts  
500 Soteriology  
519 Philippians

## REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Aug. 24, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Thursday, Aug. 27, 6:00-8:00 pm

## THURSDAY MORNING

103 Personal Evangelism  
514 Genesis

## THURSDAY EVENING

314 Doctrine III  
502 Hermeneutics  
510 Jeremiah  
527 I & II Thessalonians

## REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per semester

# FACULTY FOCUS

## Felix R. Ballon, Jr.

**Birthday:** 8/14/1971 (Philippines)

**Wife:** Gail (anniversary 9/28)

**Children:** Stephen (17), Matthew-Dale (11); Elisha-Grace (9)

**Education:** Diploma, LABTS; B.S., BIOLA University; M.Div., The Master's Seminary; Th.M., The Master's Seminary (in progress)

**Current Church:** South Bay Christian Alliance Church (Carson)

**Ministry Involvement:** Senior Pastor (Preaching, Teaching, Discipleship, Counseling)

**Courses Taught at LABTS:** Epistles of John; Pastoral Epistles; Bible Study Methods

**Favorite Verse:** Matthew 6:33 - But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

**Favorite Bible Personality:** The Gadarene Demoniac is my favorite personality. Christ I worship, Joshua, Ezra and Paul I seek to emulate, but the Gadarene Demoniac — I feel him. When I think of my life prior to the Lord granting to me the faith to believe and repentance to turn from sin, I am always reminded of this man.

**Words of Encouragement for LABTS Students:** “Persevere in your labor and discipline, in due time it will bear fruit in your personal life, family and ministry. Also, consider the time you have invested in the school, the homework, and the time with instructors as precious gifts from the Lord—it makes the whole education experience a joy.”



Graduation 2009

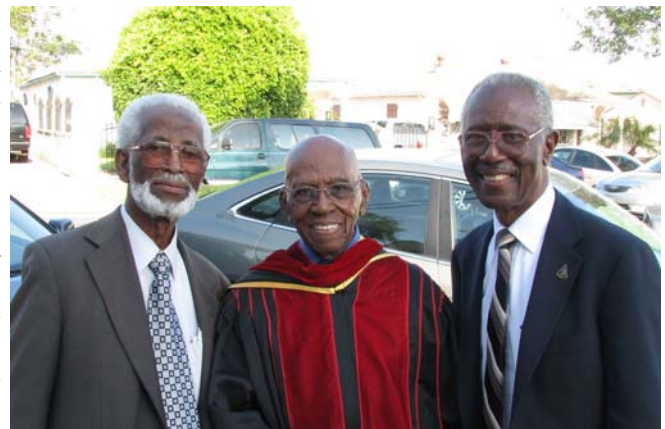
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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

A mark of the ministry of the apostle Paul was his commitment to pass on what he had learned to others (2 Tim. 2:2 - “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”). At LABTS we are committed to passing on God’s word to faithful men and women who will pass it on to others.

I am grateful to God for the individuals who have been my spiritual mentors. At the recent graduation of LABTS, God providentially allowed three men who have served as some of my mentors to be present. Dr. Whalen S. Jones, my father-in-law, was my first mentor in the area of pastoral ministry. I acknowledged my call to the ministry under his leadership. Chancellor Alonzo Levert was instrumental in my life in creating a love for LABTS. He was the president of the school when I first attended as a 21 year old in 1976. He passed the baton to me when I became the third president of LABTS in June 2002. Dr. George Moore mentored me when I was a student at Talbot Seminary. He modeled being a servant in a seminary context. I never imagined that I would follow in his steps and be a professor at The Master’s Seminary.

## My Spiritual Mentors



(left to right) Chancellor Dr. Alonzo Levert, Graduation Speaker Dr. Whalen Jones, Dr. George Moore

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