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A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
August 2010



CALENDAR

8/23, 26

Fall 2010 Registration

8/30, 9/2

Classes Begin

9/6

Labor Day - No Classes

10/21, 25

Midterm Exams

11/5

Harvest Banquet

11/25

Thanksgiving Day - No Classes

12/13, 16

Final Exams

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 GRADUATES!



Bottom Row:

Willie Harris Sr., Helen Gaines, Delphia Adophus, Doris Griffith, Virginia Stephens, Virginia Ali, Marguerite Smith

Middle Row:

Fayette Kendrix, Diane Nelson, Minda Small, Willadean DuPass, Mary Willis, Deborah Hodge, Gloria DeCastro, Stacey Ligon

Top Row:

Randy Davis, Eugene Henry, Stacey Neal, John Medley, Herb Scott, Charles Starke, Stephen Russell, Vincent Armstrong

Set your heart to study the word of God

2010 Graduation Class Facts

- 23 graduates (9 men, 14 women)
- Shortest time to graduate - 3 years (3 students)
- Average time to graduate - 8.5 years
- Average age was 47 with 38 being the youngest and 67 the oldest
- Average GPA - 3.5
- 1 student graduated with a 4.0
- 9 graduates had already earned a college degree

Please remember to pray for our graduates!

HARVEST BANQUET 2010

LABTS and its Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the 2010 Harvest Banquet. This wonderful event will be held on Friday, November 5th, 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. Dr. Crawford Loritts, Dr. John Perkins, Dr. Williams Banks, Dr. Alex Montoya, and others, have challenged the people of God with the Word of God at past Harvest Banquets.

Dr. Martin E. Hawkins is the speaker this year. He serves as president of the historic Southern Bible Institute in Dallas, which has been training men and women in the Word of God since 1927. In several ways, LABTS was patterned after SBI. It is affectionately known as the "Best Kept Secret in Dallas" and has prepared thousands of men and women for ministry in a variety of fields both locally and nationally. Dr. Hawkins became president of SBI in February of 2006.

In 2005, our speaker retired as Assistant Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas (Dr. Tony Evans, Senior Pastor), after 29 years of dedicated service. Dr. Hawkins received his B.S. from Rutgers University (1971), M.A. from Rowan College (1973), and Th.M. and D.Min. from Dallas Theological Seminary (1980; 2000). He has been married to his wife Shirley for many years and God has blessed their union with two adult children, Martin Jr. and Melissa.

Tickets 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 the first Friday in November and will once again be at the Carson Center.



Banquet Speaker
Dr. Martin E. Hawkins

FALL 2010 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

132 Gospel of John
505 Spiritual Life

MONDAY EVENING

101 Old Testament Survey I
321 Christian Education I
333 Romans
511 Christian Marriage & Family

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Aug. 23, 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26, 6:00-8:00 pm

THURSDAY MORNING

212 Doctrine II
519 Philippians

THURSDAY EVENING

212 Doctrine II
436 James
503 Bible Study Methods
508 Hebrews

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per semester

PASTOR VICTOR G. SHOLAR Main Street Baptist Church



The assembly of saints at the Main Street Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky observed in worship, in celebration, and in praise the investiture of her fifteenth Pastor: Victor G. Sholar. This glorious event took place on Sunday, August 8, 2010, at the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship services. President Felix brought the Word of God at the 11:00 a.m. service and challenged the Main Street Baptist Church to "Be a Loving Church" (1 Thess. 5:12-13). Professor Robert Scott proclaimed the Word of God at the 4:00 p.m. and charged Pastor Sholar to be a blameless pastor (Titus 1:5-9).

Pastor Sholar served as a professor at LABTS from 2004 to 2010. Please keep him, his wife Athena, and their four boys (Jonathan, Josiah, Jeremiah, Joshua) in your prayers as God has entrusted much into the hands of the new pastor of Main Street.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The journey of earning my Doctor of Theology degree finally culminated on May 8, 2010. The packed sanctuary of Grace Community Church witnessed the graduation of 85 students from The Master's Seminary. The last name called was "Paul W. Felix." It's possible that my name was last because the journey took me approximately 11 years (ministry, family, etc., kept me quite busy!). Regardless, I was glad to hear it and to celebrate the occasion with family and friends.

My beautiful wife of 34 years, Marlean, was a great encouragement along the way. If it were not for her patience and gracious spirit, I doubt if I would have made it. I was extremely grateful that my son, Wes, and my daughter, Allyson, were present. Also in attendance at the graduation was my mom, Susan Felix, who is 91, and my father-in-law, Dr. Whalen S. Jones, who is 101. Other family members (my brother Larry, my sister Susan, my sister-in-laws Eleanor, Ginger, and Melvina) were present.

After the graduation, my wife and I held a reception on the campus of Grace Community Church for approximately 300 friends. We bribed people into coming by offering them bar-b-que chicken, ribs, and beef that were prepared by the best caterers in town, Edward and Ruby Ewell. It was good to have many personal friends there and to have present members from Baldwin Hills Baptist Church, Believers Bible Church, Los Angeles Community Bible Church, and Westside Bible Church.

It was very, very, special to have the students (past and present) and faculty of LABTS in attendance. They often prayed for me that I would finish the course. Art Morgan and Ivory Williams went beyond the call of duty and fulfilled many of my responsibilities as I worked on my dissertation. I am so grateful for the support of these two men.

I wrote my dissertation on *The Style of James*. I examined the vocabulary, grammar and syntax, literary devices, and literary influences of the author of James and demonstrated how it aids in solving textual and exegetical problems in this practical letter. It was approximately 400 pages long and had 903 footnotes, 130 tables, and 23 charts.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!



Dr. Paul W. Felix and his wife Marlean
Graduation Day, May 8, 2010



Allyson Felix, Susan Felix, Dr. Paul Felix, Marlean Felix,
Wes Felix, Dr. Whalen S. Jones

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