



Inside LABTS

A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
August 2012

CALENDAR

8/20, 23
Fall 2012 Registration

8/27, 30
Classes Begin

9/3
Labor Day - No Classes

10/18, 22
Midterm Exams

11/22
Thanksgiving Day
No Classes

12/10, 13
Final Exams

Set your heart to study the word of God

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Please remember to pray for these men as they seek God's direction for LABTS!

2012 GRADUATION CLASS: A JOB WELL DONE!



First Row: Sheila James-Green, Rachel Nixon, Lillie Harris, Lizzie Miles
Second Row: Margie Williams, Vivian Oliver, Tonia Reeves Jackson, Sheron Clark, Alexander Moore
Third Row: Darryl Strong, Adrian Chivers, Joe Hardin, Dannie McFrazier

A STEPPING STONE FOR FUTURE LEADERS

God has been pleased to use the training students receive at LABTS in several ways. Many students are serving effectively in their local churches. The truth they've learned has enhanced their ability to serve as leaders, teachers, and in other capacities. Other students have been equipped to go on short-term and long-term missions trips. They have sought to make Christ known not only in their communities, but also throughout the whole world.



LABTS has also been a biblical training ground for students who have pursued advanced knowledge of God's word at Biola University, The Master's College, Talbot Seminary, The Master's Seminary, and other institutions of higher learning. The late Calvin Sills completed his studies at LABTS in 1968 and earned his M.A. in Ministry at Talbot Seminary in 1983. President Felix attended LABTS from 1974 to 1978. Although he did not graduate, he earned his M.A. in Biblical studies in 1982 at Talbot Seminary. He then went on to The Master's Seminary to earn other degrees.

Matt Quilala, Micah Anglo, Kris Saliba, Mark Pakingan, Jonathan Polk

The same could be said of others who attended LABTS.

Among the student body of The Master's Seminary for the Spring 2012 semester were Matt Quilala, Micah Anglo, Kris Saliba, Mark Pakingan, and Jonathan Polk. Each of these men received biblical training at LABTS. Yet, God led them to TMS to be trained as shepherds after His own heart. Praise God that LABTS is a stepping stone for the training of future leaders!

FALL 2012 SEMESTER

SAVE THE DATE!



MONDAY MORNING

201 NT Survey I
510 Jeremiah

MONDAY EVENING

314 Doctrine III
333 Romans
502 Hermeneutics
526 Parables of Jesus

THURSDAY MORNING

433 Acts
504 Ecclesiology

THURSDAY EVENING

101 OT Survey I
132 Gospel of John
434 Revelation I
516 Cults & Contemporary Religions

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Aug. 20, 6:00-8:00 pm; Thursday, Aug. 23, 6:00-8:00 pm

**Celebrating
50 Years
of God's Faithfulness
to the
Los Angeles Bible Training School**

Saturday, March 9, 2013

[There will be no Harvest Banquet in 2012]

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT - To Die is Gain!



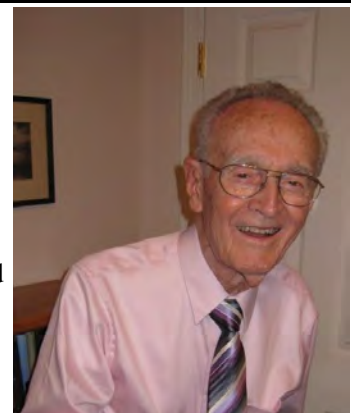
Precious
in the sight
of the LORD
is
the death
of His godly ones.
(Psalm 116:15)

Chancellor Alonzo E. Levert
May 24, 1917 - January 28, 2012



We are
of good courage,
I say, and
prefer rather
to be absent
from the body and
to be at home
with the Lord.
(2 Cor. 5:8)

Professor Calvin Sills
February 9, 1923 - July 8, 2012



Pastor L. Dwight Custis
June 21, 1920 - July 11, 2012

The year 2012 has brought about the home-going of some dear saints of God who were very special to me in my service as president. The Chancellor of LABTS, Dr. Alonzo Levert, entered into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ on January 28. He faithfully served God for over 36 years as the second president of LABTS. At his home-going service I noted that Brother Levert was a spiritual mentor for me who modeled three things. First, he modeled sacrificial service. Second, he provided a pattern for faithfulness to God. Third, this servant of God set before me the example of loving LABTS. Anyone who knew Dr. Levert was convinced that he loved the school.

On July 8, Professor Calvin Sills began to enjoy the blessings of being face-to-face with the Lord Jesus Christ. It can be said about the one who was known as "Mr. Wonderful" that he is truly wonderful since he is in heaven. Pastor Sills graduated from LABTS in 1968 and began to teach at his Alma Mater in 1987. He taught for 25 consecutive years until the Lord called him home. During the course of those 25 years, he taught at least 50 courses. Although Professor Sills was a faithful and dedicated teacher, he was primarily known for his passion for evangelism and missions. He was committed to the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

The majority of the readers of this newsletter are unfamiliar with Pastor L. Dwight Custis, who was received into glory on July 11. God, in His providence, brought this man into my life through his grandson, Will Custis, who was a student in my Greek Exegesis I and II classes at The Master's Seminary. In 2005, Pastor Custis invited me to speak at the annual Bible Conference of Trinity Bible Church in Portland. Thus, a special relationship was established with Pastor Custis and the fine people of Trinity Bible Church. Among churches, Trinity Bible has risen to the top in her consistent generosity to LABTS. I am grateful to God for the godly example and love of Pastor Custis and his faithful exposition of the Word of God.

I will miss these men, but I am comforted by the truth that "to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21b). These men are beholding the very face of Christ!

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