



Inside LABTS

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

CALENDAR

- 8/19, 22**
Fall 2013 Registration
- 8/26, 29**
Classes Begin
- 9/2**
Labor Day - No Classes
- 10/17, 21**
Midterm Exams
- 10/25, 26**
Bible Conference
- 11/28**
Thanksgiving Day
No Classes
- 12/9, 12**
Final Exams

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS 2013!



First Row: Roy Ward, Bettie Hookfin, Dorothy Edmonson, Cecelia Jones, Barbara Moreau, Joanne Jordan, Jeremy Loyola, Manuel King
Second Row: Gary Smith, Jerry Taylor, Veada Brown, Benita Williams, Arvenia Moore, Ray Gutierrez, Solombra Ingram, Eunice Hightower, Michael Dotson, Andrea Clarke, Karen Jones, Pauline Cain, Emily Jordan, JaCarri Johnson, Bruce Jones

Set your heart to study the word of God

Facts on the 2013 Graduation Class

- There were 23 graduates (9 men and 14 women)
- The shortest time it took a student to graduate was 3 years and the longest time was 17 years
- The average time for the students to graduate was 7 1/2 years
- All of the graduates have earned a High School diploma and 13 of them have earned a college degree
- The average age of the graduation class was 53.8
- The youngest graduate was 25 and the oldest graduate was 79

BOARD OF REFERENCE: LEO KARLYN



The members of the Los Angeles Bible Training School Board of Reference are Leo Karlyn (President and CEO, Thru the Bible Radio Network), John MacArthur (Pastor-Teacher, Grace Community Church), André Thornton, President and CEO, ASW Global), and Dolphus Weary (President, R.E.A.L Christian Foundation). Mr. Karlyn wrote the following in a letter of endorsement for LABTS:

Thru the Radio Network has been supportive of the Los Angeles Bible Training School from its inception. Our founder, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, co-founded LABTS and contributed four of the men on his staff at the Church of the Open Door to become regular members of the faculty of LABTS. The heart of Thru the Bible is to bring systematic Bible teaching to the world and LABTS is effectively training people to do just that.

Dr. McGee gave unceasing moral support and assistance with raising finances to further the ministry of LABTS. Dr. McGee often visited the campus. In 1975, Dr. McGee made an

exception to his policy of promoting only the Thru the Bible Radio ministry when he informed LABTS that he would make an appeal to the listeners of Thru the Bible to support the LABTS' building project. The result was the construction and dedication in 1977 of an excellent classroom building equal to any in Southern California at the time and the student body doubled in size. Dr. Alonzo E. Levert, the former Chancellor of the Los Angeles Bible Training School, wrote that "The greatest human benefactor and supporter that the Los Angeles Bible Training School had was the late Dr. J. Vernon McGee, one of our co-founders. He was the instrument used of God to help us organize and develop this institution."

Thru the Bible continues to lend its total support to LABTS. In 2011, LABTS was featured in our monthly newsletter, the only outside ministry that we have ever featured. Our General Counsel is on the board of directors of LABTS and I am honored to be a member of the Board of Reference. Without any hesitation, I place my whole-hearted stamp of approval on LABTS and encourage you to prayerfully consider generously supporting the ministry through prayer and finances, whether personally or through your organization, as you feel led of the Lord.

FALL 2013 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

333 Romans
500 Soteriology

MONDAY EVENING

201 NT 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

BIBLE CONFERENCE "Armed for Battle"

Friday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



First Baptist Church of Lakewood

5336 Arbor Road, Long Beach, 90808

Cost: \$20.00 (lunch included)

FROM THE PRESIDENT



President Felix and his 104 year old father-in-law, Dr. Jones

The Board of Directors of LABTS believe it is wise for the school to relocate. Thus, the board is actively pursuing a new meeting location for the school.

It might be asked, "Why are you seeking to relocate the school?" There are several answers to that question.

First, the school needs to relocate to increase its student body. A different location will allow the school to reach more students.

Second, it is wise to relocate so LABTS can host various events it has. Have you noticed that our graduations and conferences do not take place at the school? It's because the size of the chapel is too small to accommodate the people who attend.

Third, there is a need to relocate because of the limitations of the current facility. The parking is inadequate. The chapel can seat about 150 students, but last semester we had 192 students enrolled for Monday night classes. The library which has excellent theological resources is not available to the students since it is not large enough. One of the staff members did not have a permanent office because the school has only two offices.

Fourth, the school needs to relocate so that it can be more visible and accessible. LABTS is "hidden" in a residential neighborhood. No wonder it is one of the best kept secrets in L.A. Also, some potential students are hesitant to attend the school because of its location.

There are other reasons, but suffice it to say, LABTS needs to relocate. Until we do, the school is committed to the task of training God's people in God's word to do God's work. Pray for God's leading regarding the relocation of LABTS!

RECENT NEWS



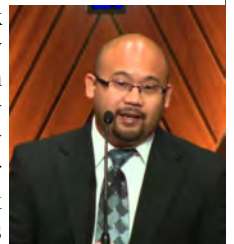
Soc and Grace Alota

Narcissus "Soc" (Servant of Christ) Alota went home to be with the Lord on July 6, 2013. Soc, 75 years old, was a 2004 graduate of LABTS. Upon graduation, he and his wife Grace (2004 graduate), returned to their homeland, the Philippines, to serve God as full-time missionaries. The Alotas had recently returned to the U.S. due to the health of Soc.



Mark Pakingan

Former students **Mark Pakingan** and **Matthew Quilala** graduated from The Master's Seminary on May 12, 2013. They both earned the Master of Divinity degree. Mark is continuing his studies



Matthew Quilala

at TMS pursuing a Th.M., while Matthew serves in his local church. These men gave their testimonies in a TMS chapel. You can find them by searching www.youtube.com using their name and the keyword "TMS."

The **Spring 2014 Banquet** (formerly the Harvest Banquet) will be held on March 8, 2014 at the Proud Bird Restaurant (11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045). Additional information will be provided at a later time. Save the date!

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