



Inside LABTS

A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
September 2011



CALENDAR

8/29 & 9/1
Classes Begin

10/20 & 24
Midterms

10/28
Harvest Banquet

12/12 & 15
Final Exams

*Set your heart
to study
the Word of God*

Chapel Schedule

August 29
Professor Anthony Kidd

September 1
Pastor Carl Hargrove
Fairview Heights Baptist
Church

September 19
Child Evangelism Fellowship

September 22
Christian Released Time
Education

September 26 & 29
President Paul Felix

October 6
Professor Stephen Ward

October 10
Professor Fred Sanders

October 13
Professor Brad Pixley

October 17
Professor Willio Destin

October 31
Professor Anthony Tetrow

November 3
Professor Robert Scott

All Chapel messages are recorded. For a complete list and further information contact the office.

CO-FOUNDER DR. J. VERNON McGEE



The late Dr. J. Vernon McGee
A painting by Bruce Levert of this picture hangs in the office of the President of LABTS

President Felix prepared the following article for the newsletter of Thru the Bible Radio. A form of it will appear in their November edition.

The chancellor of the Los Angeles Bible Training School, Dr. Alonzo Levert, commented: "The greatest human benefactor and supporter that LABTS 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."

LABTS was organized in 1962 with the purpose of bringing systematic Bible teaching to south Los Angeles. In 1975, Dr. McGee appealed to his listeners to support a building project on behalf of LABTS. God's people responded to the appeal and subsequently an excellent classroom building was constructed and dedicated in the summer of 1977.

Dr. McGee's confidence and investment in LABTS were not in vain. Over the last five years, the student body has averaged in the neighborhood of 300. Each student goes "through the Bible" and is also taught the major doctrines of the Bible. LABTS alumni

are strengthening local churches in the greater L. A. area and even in other states. Some have gone to the mission fields of Africa, Philippines, Dominican Republic, Nova Scotia, etc. Others are involved in significant ministries like Child Evangelism Fellowship, Christian Released Time Education, and the Union Rescue Mission. God continues to honor the goal of preparing the people of God for the work of God in the world of God by teaching them the word of God.

In the early days of the school, staff members of the Church of the Open Door, where Dr. McGee was the pastor, served as regular members of the faculty. The heritage of excellent Bible teachers continues today. Current faculty members are also teaching at Azusa Pacific University, Biola University, The Master's College, and The Master's Seminary. In addition, the professors are actively involved in the local church and some serve as pastor-teachers.

In 2012, LABTS will celebrate 50 years of ministry! Pray that God will continue to build upon the rich foundation laid by Dr. J. Vernon McGee and other faithful men of God. Visit www.labts.org to learn more about this institution that God has favored throughout the years.

Did You Know?

- Dr. McGee and his wife were honorary members of the Los Angeles Bible Church, which met at LABTS. Floyd Johnson, current Chairman of the LABTS Board, was their "pastor."
- More than \$300,000.00 was raised in the mid-seventies as a result of the appeal to the Thru the Bible Radio (TTBR) audience to build classrooms for LABTS. This was the only time an appeal for gifts was made for a ministry besides TTBR on its broadcast.
- Church of the Open Door was known for supporting missions worldwide. Its pastor, Dr. McGee, believed it was hypocritical to neglect the mission field in its own backyard.

HARVEST BANQUET 2011

LABTS and its Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the 2011 Harvest Banquet. This marvelous event will be held on Friday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m., at the Carson Center (801 E. Carson St., Carson, 90745). The banquet is always an amazing time of sweet fellowship for students, graduates, friends, and guests of LABTS. The highlight of the evening is the proclamation of the word of God!

The speaker this year is Dr. Dolphus Weary, the president of Rural Education and Leadership (R.E.A.L.) Christian Foundation in Richland, Mississippi. He was born and raised in Mississippi. At the age of 17 he committed his life to Christ at a tent revival meeting sponsored by John Perkins, the founder of Voice of Calvary Ministries. Upon his graduation from High School, he attended Piney Woods Junior College and then attended Los Angeles Baptist College (currently known as The Master's College) on a basketball scholarship. He and another African American student were the first African Americans to attend Los Angeles Baptist College in 1967.

Dr. Weary earned a Masters of Religious Education from Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary, a Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Doctor of Ministry from Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS).

The speaker and his wife Rosie are the parents of three children: Danita, who lives in Natchez, MS; Ryan, who is a student at Belhaven College; and Reggie, who went home to be with the Lord in June 2004.



Dolphus and Rosie Weary

In 1990, Weary authored "I Ain't Comin' Back," which chronicles his life story. His intention on leaving Mississippi was to never come back. Yet, God had

other plans for him. His wife has also penned an autobiography entitled "Stepping Out from the Shadows."

Make plans now to attend this great time of dinner, fellowship, and the proclamation of the living word of God. Tickets are available for \$40.00 each. For more information, please call the office at 323-588-3711.

GOD'S BEST TO YOU! GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011



First Row

Ida Hall, Aletha Henderson, Dora Neal, Patricia Williams, Opal Allen

Second Row

Mildred Hunter, Karl Hermann, Clifford Green, Robert Rodgers, Jr., Anita Tobias, Anthony Wycoff, William Bolden, Charles Johnson

LABTS held its 47th commencement exercise on May 22, 2011 at Central Baptist Church in Carson. Dr. Scott Ardavanis, pastor of Placerita Baptist Church in Santa Clarita, blessed the graduates and those in attendance with an exposition of First Thessalonians 5:14-15. The addition of 13 graduates puts the total number of LABTS graduates at almost 450. Please pray that God will use the graduates for his glory.

FALL 2011 SEMESTER

MONDAY A.M. [96 students]

101 Old Testament Survey I (52)

431 I Corinthians (42)

MONDAY P.M. [133]

105 Bible & World Missions (28)

211 Doctrine I (48)

433 Acts (37)

501 Galatians (20)

THURSDAY A.M. [74]

512 I & II Timothy, Titus (30)

517 Discipleship (44)

THURSDAY P.M. [137]

103 Personal Evangelism (40)

201 New Testament Survey I (49)

506 Ephesians (35)

509 Daniel (13)

Pray
that our 316
students (68
new students)
will be
transformed by
the study of
God's word!

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I did a lot of traveling this Summer! It began with Marlean and I flying to Fiji. I had the privilege of speaking seven times at a Pastor's Conference sponsored by Fiji College of Theology and Evangelism. I also preached at a church in Suva and another in Lautoka. After a few days at home, my wife and I watched our daughter Allyson win the 400m at the U. S. Track and Field Championships in Eugene, OR. She became the first woman to win championships in the 100, 200, and 400. Our travel was not finished. We had the privilege to attend a track meet in Monaco and also to vacation for a few days in Rome. It was great to visit the city that Romans was addressed to. There was more travel. We vacationed in Orlando for 10 days. Before we went on our last trip, I was notified of a building that would be ideal for LABTS to relocate to (more information forthcoming). Our travels ended with a trip to South Korea to watch Allyson earn four medals at the World Championships. It was a busy, but good Summer. I am glad to be home!

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