



Inside LABTS

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

CALENDAR

12/10, 13
Final Exams and
Spring 2013 Pre-registration

1/14, 17
Spring 2013 Registration

1/28, 31
Spring 2013 Classes Begin

3/9
50th Anniversary Banquet

3/18, 21
Midterm Exams

3/25, 28
Easter Recess
No Classes

*Set your
heart to study the
word of God*

Recent Chapel Messages

- *God's Answer to the Atheist* (Psalm 14), Instructor Stephen Ward
 - *Wholeheartedness* (selected verses from Psalm 119), President Paul Felix
 - *Forgiveness* (Colossians 2:13-14), Instructor James Borrer
 - *Marveling at the Wonder of the Gospel* (Colossians 1:21-23), Instructor Anthony Kidd
 - *Tell Somebody that Jesus has Set You Free* (Luke 8:26-39), Chaplain Jacob Matchak
 - *The Good Shepherd* (John 10:11-13), Assistant to the President, Steven Neal
- All Chapel messages are recorded. For a complete list and further information contact the office at 323-588-3711

FALL 2012 CLASSES PRODUCE RECORD NUMBERS

The blessings of God continue to be poured out upon LABTS! The latest evidence is the record number of students who enrolled for the Fall 2012 semester. By the time registration was closed, over 370 students had set their heart to study the word of God. This is the largest student body in the history of the school. An additional blessing was the presence of 73 new students.

Monday classes during the morning and evening exceeded the typical class size. During the day, 56 students registered for New Testament Survey I and another 54 students enrolled in the Jeremiah class.

The Monday night student population was the largest ever among the four times that classes are held. Over 190 students registered to take Doctrine III, Romans, Hermeneutics, and Parables of Jesus. The large number of students attending on Monday night has created a parking space nightmare. Unfortunately, the current parking lot cannot accommodate this

many students. Additional parking in the neighbor is inadequate. Despite these problems, the attendance has been very good and the students have been understanding of the shortage of parking.

With these blessings come the awesome task of being faithful in the teaching of God's word. Please continue to pray for the instructors and the students that the word of God might bear much fruit in the lives of those who have committed to study the Bible!



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF GOD'S GOODNESS!

It happened in 1962. What happened? God in His wonderful goodness led Dr. J. Vernon McGee and Rev. Jeremiah C. H. Rowe to start the Los Angeles Bible Training School. Classes officially began in the Fall of 1962.

Fifty years later, a gala event will take place to celebrate the continual faithfulness of God to LABTS. The 50th anniversary banquet will happen on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel Los Angeles. This will be a God-honoring night filled with the preached Word, music, testimonies, good food, fellowship, etc.



Guest Speaker, Ron Brown

The speaker for the occasion is Ron Brown. He is currently an assistant coach of football at the University of Nebraska, where he is in his 22nd season overall. Coach Brown was a running back at Brown University from 1975 to 1978

and received his bachelor's degree from this institution in 1979. He also earned his master's degree in public health from Columbia University in 1982.

Mr. Brown is a committed Christian. He is the co-founder and co-director of a Christian ministry called Mission Nebraska. The speaker has authored several books on Christian character and growth, hosts a weekly cable TV show called "Truth Vision," along with daily radio spots. You can read about his inspiring story in the book *I Can 2* by Art Lindsay.

Coach Brown is married to Molvina Carter. They wedded in 1984 and have two daughters, Sojourner Elaine and Bronwyn Pearl.

A special CD by LABTS student Ner de Leon will be released at the celebration banquet. The excellent saxophonist has put together a number of hymns ("Great is Thy Faithfulness," "It is Well with My Soul," etc.) in honor of God's faithfulness to the school. All proceeds from the sale of this CD go to LABTS.

This is an event not to be missed! Tickets are \$55.00 and will be available in December. Please contact the school for more information.

SPRING 2013 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

103 Personal Evangelism
202 NT Survey II

MONDAY EVENING

431 I Corinthians
442 Women's Ministries
503 Bible Study Methods
508 Hebrews

THURSDAY MORNING

211 Doctrine I
502 Hermeneutics

THURSDAY EVENING

102 OT Survey II
211 Doctrine I
435 Revelation II
522 I Peter

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Jan. 14, 6:00-8:00 pm; Thursday, Jan 17, 6:00-8:00 pm
Classes begin Monday, January 28

NEW CLASS 442 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

A newly designed class for women only will be offered the Spring 2013 semester. The offering of this class will be historic for LABTS since it has not had a female teacher during its 50 years of existence. LABTS still maintains that 1 Corinthians 11:3 and 1 Timothy 2:11-15 provide foundational insight into the role of women in the church. The nature of the class and its audience of only women dictate that its instructor be a female who is skilled at teaching and communicating the Bible.

The class description for the Women's Ministries course is:

This class for women only examines the biblical teaching on the role of women in the church and home and addresses important subjects as establishing women's ministries, women discipling women, and being a woman of God.

Mrs. Marlean Felix will be the instructor. She has extensive experience as an Elementary School teacher. Also, she has served as a Sunday School and Children's Church teacher, an Awana worker, a women's conference speaker, and a discipler of women.

The class promises to be a blessing to all women who enroll.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Maybe I am getting old, but it seems like time is flying by. It is hard to believe the end of 2012 is rapidly approaching. Where has the time gone? It seems like it was just yesterday that I became the third president of LABTS. Yet, I completed 10 years on June 1st of this year. I am grateful to God for the privilege He has given me to serve the school that made such an impact on me beginning at the age of 21 in 1974.

I marvel at God's grace to LABTS! But isn't that why the grace of God is called amazing, marvelous, and magnificent? So many blessings have come to the school in the form of students, instructors, staff, Board members, friends, gifts, prayers, and the list goes on. God is to be praised for the great things He has done! I cannot wait until March 9, 2013 when we celebrate what God has done for 50 years.

The times are exciting at LABTS. A giving campaign has been initiated for the first time in the history of the school. It has begun with challenging the students to give to the institution that they benefit so much from as they are taught God's word. Over 100 students have responded in a marvelous way. Most of them have pledged to support the school on a monthly basis. Others have given a one-time gift for 2012. All students were asked to pray for the school. I am grateful for the enthusiastic support of the students.

The giving campaign will soon be directed to our graduates and also to local churches. It is our desire that at least 100 churches will support LABTS with an amount of at least \$100.00 per month. Please pray for Board member Paul Berry who will oversee the giving campaign.

What is the purpose of the giving campaign? The Board of Directors believe it is time for LABTS to relocate so that we can do a greater work for the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that each and every step that is taken in this endeavor will be in obedience to the leading of the Spirit of God.

RECENT NEWS



Allyson Felix, the daughter of President Felix, won three gold medals in Track and Field at the 2012 Olympics in London. Her first gold medal was in the 200 meters, the event she calls "her baby." The winning time was 21.88. Allyson's second gold medal was in the 4x100 meters relay. She and her teammates set a new World Record of 40.82. The old World Record had existed for 27 years. Allyson's final gold medal was in the 4x400 meter relay. She ran the fastest relay split (48.2) of all of the runners for all of the teams. Allyson also took 5th in the 100 meters running a personal best of 10.89. To God be the glory!

A significant worker in the development of the Alonzo E. Levert Library has been **Agnes Holt**. Miss Holt went home to be with her Lord on October 8, 2012 at the age of 81. This dear sister in Christ was a professional librarian for Los Angeles Baptist College/The Master's College. After her retirement, she donated her skills as a librarian to LABTS. In the latter part of her life, Agnes received excellent love and care from LABTS graduate, Shirley Anderson.



Dr. Frederick Stanfield taught at LABTS from Spring 1989 to Spring 2002 and Spring 2004 to Spring 2008. He is credited with teaching approximately 39 classes. Professor Stanfield frequently taught the Doctrine I, II, and III classes. He was also an instructor for the following courses: Jeremiah, Daniel First Corinthians, the Pastoral Epistles (First and Second Timothy, Titus), Hebrews, James, Revelation I and II, Ecclesiology, Christian Marriage and the Family, Parables of Jesus, and Spiritual Life. Pastor Stanfield was clearly a theologian and an expositor. The beloved former professor went home to be with his Lord on October 27, 2012 at the age of 78.

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