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A look at the ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
December 2004



Harvest Banquet - God is Able!

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Set your
heart to study the
word of God

Recent Chapel Messages (Fall 2004 Semester)

- *Are You Spiritually Handcuffed?* Eccl. 4:9-12 (Clive Craigen, Church Planter)
- *Reaching the Goal*, Philippians 3:13-16 (Carl Hargrove, Instructor)
- *The Testing of Jesus*, Matthew 4:1-11 (Anthony Tetrow, Instructor)
- *Being a Good Soldier of Jesus Christ*, 2 Timothy 2:1-4 (Pastor Winston Thompson)
- *Reasons Not to be Ashamed of the Gospel*, Romans 1:13-17 (Pastor Anthony Kidd)
- *The Discippler's Handbook*, 1 Thessalonians 1 & 2 (Pastor Brian Kennedy)

All Chapel messages are recorded. For a complete list contact the school.

Yes, God is able! That was the simple, yet, profound message delivered by this year's speaker. Dr. Eddie B. Lane, Pastor of Bibleway Bible Church in Dallas, and Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary, preached Daniel 3 in a fresh way that challenged the listeners to consider anew the greatness of God. Pastor Lane is also the author of six books: *The Single African American Christian*; *The African American Christian Family (Building Lasting Family Relationships)*; *The African American Christian Parent (Parenting in the Context of a Spiritual Deficit)*; *The African American Christian Man*; *The African American Christian Woman*; *The Cattle on a Thousand Hills (Learning to Pray Effectively)*. The audience of approximately 525 people was truly blessed by this man of God!



The evening began with a welcome by President Felix and prayer by Instructor Dr. Paul Thorsell. Those in attendance joined their hearts in singing two favorite hymns, "To God be the Glory" and "Blessed Assurance," under the direction of 2003-2004 Student Body President, Michael Spencer. Before dinner was served, the instructors, Board members, stu-

dents, and graduates were acknowledged. After a good meal, Art Morgan, Assistant to the President, presented the highlights of the past year. Then, Mr. Tommie Harris, a 2004 graduate who is still taking classes, and Ms. Yolonda Carroll, a current student and the Student Body Secretary, shared the impact that LABTS has had upon their lives as students. A generous offering was raised after Dr. Alonzo Levert, former President of LABTS and current board member, challenged the people to support the school. The hearts of God's people were prepared for the message by both instrumental and gospel music. Ner de Leon, a former student, blessed those in attendance with his saxophone rendition of *Via Dolorosa*. Dr. Lane was introduced by long-time friend, Dr. Ronald E. Roberts, pastor of Baldwin Hills Baptist Church. After the message, graduate Ruth Davis and her group, the Mountain Climbers, sang about the glories of heaven in a song entitled, "Heaven". The Jeremiah C. H. Rowe award was presented to graduate and Alumni President, Ivory Williams, for his committed service to LABTS. One of the first graduates of LABTS, Pastor Floyd Johnson, who is also a board member, ended the wonderful evening of fellowship with the benediction.

LABTS Announces Spring 2005 Semester

Twelve classes have been announced for the Spring 2005 semester. The Monday morning classes will be **Doctrine II** (Carl Hargrove) and **Jeremiah** (Bennie Ross). The classes being presented on Monday night are **Old Testament Survey II** (Glen Sykes), **Christian Marriage and Family** (Anthony Kidd), **Acts** (Anthony Tetrow), and **Expository Preaching II** (George Moore). The Thursday day classes will be **New Testament Survey II** (Calvin Sills) and **Ecclesiology [Doctrine of the Church]** (Frederick Stanfield). The Thursday evening classes are **Doctrine III** (Victor Sholar), **Bible Study Methods** (Bobby Scott), **Epistles of John** (Cory Rogers), and **Hebrews** (Paul Felix). Day classes meet from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and evening classes from 7:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

The dates for registration are January 17 and 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The semester begins on Monday, January 24 and ends on Thursday, May 19. No tuition is charged for the classes. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 that will allow a student to take a maximum of four classes per semester. There is also an additional cost for textbooks. The LABTS campus is located at 2008 E. 87th Street. For additional information call 323-588-3711 or visit www.labts.org.

ERNEST DANIELS - "At Home With the Lord"



Beloved instructor, Ernest Daniels, went home to be with the Lord on August 20, 2004. "Dan," as he was affectionately known by his friends, was a real blessing to LABTS. His association with the school began as a student and continued as an instructor. He introduced a new course entitled "Convalescent Ministry" which reflected his heart to minister to the elderly in convalescent homes. In addition to his love of teaching the Bible at LABTS, he worked behind the scenes making sure the

facilities were in tip-top shape. Brother Daniels coordinated the effort to beautify the sanctuary with new pews, as well as upgrading the flooring with new carpet and tiles. Dan served as an elder at Los Angeles Community Bible Church and was a Chaplain for the Convalescent Ministry of the Western Baptist State Convention. He is survived by his wife Eloyce and will truly be missed by the staff and students at LABTS.

ONTARIO EXTENSION CLASS

LABTS is pleased to announce that it will be offering an extension course in Ontario at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where Rev. Brian E. Kennedy is the pastor. The church is located at 224 W. California Ave. (phone: 909-983-2411). Doctrine II, which is designed to provide an understanding of what the Bible teaches about man, sin, salvation, the Holy Spirit, and angels, will be offered on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00. The first day of class is January 22 and the semester will end May 14. Registration will take place at the first class meeting. The registration fee is \$30.00. The student should also be prepared to purchase a textbook and notes. For additional information contact LABTS.



Faculty Focus: Robert "Bobby" Scott

Birthday: January 31, 1964

Place of birth: Newport News, VA

Wife: Naomi (married 10 years; anniversary March 5)

Children: Carissa (9), Bobby Jr. (7), Eliana (5), Micaiah (3), William (1)

Education: B.S., UCLA; M.Div., Th.M. (2005), The Master's Seminary

Hobbies/Interests: Weight-lifting and watching sports

Courses taught at LABTS: Daniel, Gospel of John, I Corinthians, Philippians, Bible Study Methods, Discipleship, Expository Preaching I

Years taught at LABTS: 1993 to present

Favorite passage: Proverbs 2:1-11

Ministry involvement: Teaching, Shepherding, Leadership development, Prayer

Current church: Los Angeles Community Bible Church (pastor)

Favorite Bible personality: Moses (if I had to name one) because of his intense desire to know God, his awareness of his own weaknesses and limitations, his courage and commitment to lead the people to the Promised Land.

Words of encouragement for LABTS students: The Bible is a treasure whose riches must be mined. Those who labor hard and long in it will gain measureless spiritual riches from God. Also, I thank God for all of you. Your sacrificial commitment to learn the things of God is a great encouragement to me, and your faithful prayers have upheld and strengthened me.



A Word from the President

Paul W. Felix



Felix Family at 2004 Harvest Banquet

At the end of the summer, I had the privilege to attend the Olympics with my wife (Marlean), son (Wes), sister (Susan), and her daughter (Lisa). The five of us sat in the stands and watched my daughter, Allyson, win the silver medal in the 200m. Obviously, that was a thrilling time. It was also very exciting to do some sightseeing while in Athens and to visit the place where the apostle Paul proclaimed to the Athenians "the unknown God" (Acts 17:22-34). A week after our return from Athens, I laid in a hospital bed and my wife and I were told that I had experienced a heart attack. A few days later a "stent" was put in my right artery, once it was diagnosed as being 90 percent blocked. As I write these words, I've lost a few pounds, given up some of my favorite foods, and am extremely grateful to God for his goodness.

The Fall 2004 semester concluded with students taking their Final Exams and with each class having "Pot-blessings" (once known as "Potluck"). Due to a decrease in students, it was necessary to cancel two classes. Yet, we are thankful for the 285 students that God sent to LABTS. It has been a good semester and both staff and students have been spiritually enriched by the chapel speakers. I appreciate the men that work with me, Art Morgan and Ivory Williams. While I recuperated, they did an excellent job in managing the school. The Spring 2005 semester will begin after a 5 week break.

In closing, I want to wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New year. Hallelujah, for unto us was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).

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