



Inside LABTS

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

December 2006



CALENDAR

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5/20
Commencement

HARVEST BANQUET 2006

It was a new day and a new time, but it was still a sweet time of fellowship as LABTS held its annual Harvest Banquet. President Felix welcomed approximately 500 guests. Instructor Anthony Kidd, who was recently installed as the new pastor of Westside Bible Church, offered prayer. Alumnus Michael Spencer led the attendees in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "O, How I Love Jesus". What an encouragement these songs were to those present. Before dinner was served, graduates, students (current and past), instructors, and Board members were acknowledged and introduced.

After the meal, graduate and current student, Ahmed Ali, shared his testimony on how God has used the school in his life. He encouraged the audience to "just take

one class" to realize the benefits of being a student at LABTS. His testimony was reinforced by the comments of this year's recipient of the Jeremiah C. H. Rowe Alumni Award, Eleanor Williams. She also testified on the value of attending LABTS.

Current student, Yolanda Hill, sang a stirring rendition of the song "Alabaster Box". It prepared the hearts of God's people for the message by Rev. Robert Crummie, president of Carver Bible College in Atlanta. Those in attendance were challenged with an exposition of Nehemiah 8:1-18 to keep the main thing (God's Word) the main thing.



It was a wonderful evening. Please plan to join us next year on Saturday, October 27, 2007.

Set your
heart to study the
word of God

FALL 2006 SEMESTER

Recent Chapel Messages

- *Living a Word Saturated Life* (Psalm 119:1-8), President Paul Felix
- *Living a Clean Life* (Psalm 119:9-16), President Felix
- *The Way to True Greatness* (Mark 10:32-45), Instructor Anthony Kidd
- *Where is Your Love?* (1 John 2:15-17), Instructor George Hurtt
- *Regaining Your First Love* (Rev. 2:1-7), Instructor Carl Hargrove
- *Oh Lord My God, How Great Thou Art!* (Psalm 23, two messages), Chancellor Alonzo Levert

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

The Fall 2006 semester is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a good semester. Once again LABTS has experienced the faithfulness and goodness of God. The faculty was entrusted with almost 300 students — 293 to be exact. Eleven classes were offered on the main campus and one class at the extension site in Ontario. The class in Ontario met for the first time on Thursday night rather than Saturday morning.

The following are the particulars regarding the classes for the Fall semester: **Discipleship** (Instructor James Borrer, 41 students, Monday morning); **2 Peter, Jude** (Instructor Bennie Ross, 18 students, Monday morning); **Old Testament Survey I** (Instructor Victor Sholar, 51 students; Monday night); **Romans** (Instructor Anthony Tetrow, 46 students, Monday night); **Ecclesiology** (Instructor Anthony Kidd, 29 students, Monday night); **Biblical Counseling** (Instructor Carl Hargrove, 35 students, Monday night); **Revelation I** (Instructor Frederick Stanfield, 32 students, Thursday morning); **Galatians** (Instructor Calvin Sills, 29 students, Thursday morning); **Old Testament Survey I** (Instructor Emory Davis, 12 students, Thursday

night - Ontario); **Doctrine III** (Instructor Paul Thorsell, 32 students, Thursday night); **Hermeneutics** (Instructor Paul Felix, 50 students, Thursday night); **Philippians** (Instructor George Hurtt, 17 students, Thursday night).

God continues to use the Chapel time in the lives of those attending LABTS. The messages have primarily been delivered by the faculty. The students have also been exposed to the ministries of Christian Released Time Education, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Biblical Ministries Worldwide (missions) Partnership Bible Outreach International (convalescent), Have Christ Will Travel (missions), and the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

The Student Body is involved in a number of ministries. The majority of students faithfully serve in their local church as leaders, teachers, etc. A number of them are also involved in ministries outside of the "four walls" of the church. Each student is encouraged to render at least one hour per week in Christian service. One of the students, Deanna Curls, recently authored 2 books on Christian living.

Please continue to pray for LABTS!

CLASSROOM FOCUS: Biblical Counseling - Carl Hargrove, Teacher



Description: The course is designed to help Christians grow in their God-given ability (Rom 15:14) to support others in the body with a biblical perspective on life's challenges and decisions. It involves encouraging counsel in view of sin and its im-

pending consequences; discerning thinking and behavior that God wants to change, and using God's Word authoritatively and confidently to change thinking and behavior. The course investigates the unbiblical alternatives that the world offers, and contrasts them with a thoroughly biblical approach. It will teach students to gather data, discover the underlining issues behind behavior, how to relate to people in need, provide hope, and assign effective homework.

Textbook: *Competent to Counsel*, Jay Adams. It provides an excellent foundation for those who want to learn the key elements of biblical counseling. It is readable and application oriented.

Goals: Encourage students to be more involved with those in the body of Christ. Rid the students of any suspicion that one has to be a professional to counsel.

Why take this class: We all know someone who is in need of counseling. We need to counsel ourselves at times (Psa 42/43). This course will help you fulfill the "one anothers" of Scripture better; especially the call to bear burdens, encourage, and admonish.

Why you enjoy teaching this class: I enjoy teaching people how to help others. The course is extremely practical—it deals with everyday life issues. It is a "rubber meets the road" type of course. I also enjoy teaching how theology is fleshed out in the life of the church.

JEREMIAH C. H. ROWE PRESIDENT'S ALUMNI AWARD

One of the highlights of the annual Harvest Banquet is the awarding of the Jeremiah C. H. Rowe President's Alumni Award. The selection is made on the basis of outstanding achievement in the recipient's field of service in the Lord's work and for particular contributions to the ministry at LABTS. The



recipient for 2006 was Mrs. Eleanor M. Williams. Bunnye, as she is affectionately known, began attending LABTS in 1972 and graduated in 1979. She returned to LABTS for the Fall 2005 semester and continues to take classes. Her primary ministry in the local church has been teaching. She currently serves as the Women's Sunday School teacher at Baldwin Hills Baptist Church.

The plaque that was presented contained the following words:

Eleanor M. Williams

For Your Continual Love and Devotion to the Ministry of
the Los Angeles Bible Training School,

and

For Your Consistent Example as a Student of the Bible,

and

For Your Diligence to Teach God's Word
to Both Women and Children,

and

For Your Model as a Godly Wife and Mother,

and

For Your Commitment to Live a Physically Challenged Life
to the Glory of God.

October 21, 2006

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul W. Felix

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! A reoccurring theme that constantly comes to my mind as I contemplate what to write in this brief column is "Great is Thy Faithfulness". From the depths of my soul, I can proclaim that God has been faithful to this relatively unknown school that is hidden in an obscure community in South Central Los Angeles. I stand in awe of our great and magnificent God, when I consider His "new mercies" to LABTS.

Another Thanksgiving Day has come and gone. Yet, I want to encourage you to take time to thank our great God for His character (who He is) and His conduct (what He has done) in relation to LABTS. Thank Him for our faculty, students, and friends. Thank Him for how He has used the school in the lives of the students. Thank Him for meeting the needs of LABTS. Yes, I want to encourage you to thank Him and Him alone for the great things He has done!

As we approach another Christmas season, let us not forget to also thank God for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

SPRING 2007 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

500 Soteriology
527 I & II Thessalonians

MONDAY EVENING

102 Old Testament Survey II
103 Personal Evangelism
431 I Corinthians
526 Parables of Jesus

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Jan. 15, 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:00-8:00 pm

THURSDAY MORNING

105 Bible & World Missions
435 Revelation II

THURSDAY EVENING

102 OT Survey II (Ontario)
211 Doctrine I
436 James
503 Bible Study Methods

REGISTRATION FEE

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