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

December 2009



CALENDAR

- 1/18 & 21**
Spring 2010 Registration
- 1/25 & 28**
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- 4/12, 15, 19, 22**
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- 5/3 & 6**
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- 5/10 & 5/13**
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- 5/14**
Graduation Dinner
- 5/16**
Commencement

Set your heart to study the word of God

Recent Chapel Messages

- *Living a Life of Desiring God's Word* (1 Peter 2:1-3), President Paul Felix
- *A Young Jewish Man's Journey to the Messiah* (various Scriptures), Mark Ellick, Chosen People Ministries
- *God's Answer to Financial Certainty* (Luke 12:16-21), Instructor George Hurtt
- *Celebrating the Sovereignty of God* (Romans 8:28), Instructor Anthony Kidd
- *The Wise Prayer of a Weak Man* (Proverbs 30:7-9), Pastor H. B. Charles
- *On Bended Knees* (Psalm 19), Instructor Willio Destin

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

LIVING A LIFE OF DESIRING GOD'S WORD

The familiar words of the apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:1-3 are a call to live a life of desiring God's Word. We are not to have a momentary or sporadic desire for the Word, but rather a lifelong hunger for it. Peter provides us with five observations that will enable us to be men and women who continually crave the Word.

The basis for desiring God's Word is the strategic role it has played in our salvation (2:1a). The Word of God has purified our souls (1:22a), has caused us to be born again (1:23a), lives (1:23b), abides forever (1:25a), and was preached to us. (1:25b). "Therefore," we are to desire it!

The prerequisite for desiring God's Word is putting away sin (2:1b). Sin in general will kill our appetite for the Bible. Yet, there are particular sins, "**all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander**" that will also spoil our hunger for the Word.

The command to desire God's Word is expressed by the words "**long for**" (2:2a). The believer is to have an intense yearning for the "**pure milk of the word.**" A hunger for God's Word is at the root of hearing, reading, studying, meditating, and memorizing it. The Word is to be craved like a newborn baby craves his mother's milk.

The purpose in desiring God's Word is spiritual growth (2:2b). God uses His Word to grow us in respect to salvation.

The motivation for desiring God's Word is "**if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord**" (2:3). Peter quotes Psalms 34:8: "O taste and see that the Lord is good!" He wants to know if we have tasted the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we have, then we should desire God's Word.

May God help us from this day forth to live a life of desiring His wonderful Word!

HARVEST BANQUET 2009

The Harvest Banquet was at a different venue (Carson Center) on a different night (Friday) and at a different time (7:00 p.m.). Despite these changes, God blessed this annual event sponsored by the Los Angeles Bible Training School and its Alumni Association. It was a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and eating!

The evening began with President Felix welcoming 650 guests (the attendance last years was 475). Instructor Anthony Kidd, the Senior Pastor of Westside Bible Church, invoked God's blessings upon the entire night. Alumnus and current student Donald Graves led the attendees in singing "To God be the Glory." The song was an affirmation that God would be glorified through all that would take place. After this, dinner was served. The guests were treated to beef brisket, instead of the traditional chicken.

After the meal, President Felix introduced the students, graduates, instructors, and board members. Herb Scott gave his testimony about the blessings of being a current student.

The Jeremiah C. H. Rowe President's Alumni Award was given to 1991 graduate Rev. Earl W. Williams. After the presentation, God's people gave a very generous offering to support the ministry of LABTS.

The speaker for the banquet was former Major League Baseball player André Thornton. Mr. Thornton is currently the CEO of ASW Global, Inc. Before he challenged the audience with the Word of God, his wife Gail blessed them with a musical selection. Gail, along with two of her sisters, once sang as part of the Jones Trio. She is the daughter of the first black evangelist with the Billy Graham Association, Howard Jones. With prepared hearts, the attendees were challenged from Colossians 1:9-14. After the message, Gail ministered in music again.

The evening concluded with the benediction by the chairman of the LABTS Board, Floyd Johnson. It was a wonderful evening.

Please make plans now to join us on Friday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carson Center for next year's Harvest Banquet.

**SCENES FROM THE HARVEST BANQUET
A WONDERFUL EVENING!**



Speaker, André Thornton

Soloist, Gail Thornton



Herb Scott

Donald Graves



André Thornton and President Felix

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul W. Felix

“Brethren, pray for us!” Paul wrote these words at the end of First Thessalonians (5:25). He was dependent upon the prayers of the saints. The last chapel of the Fall 2009 semester was a prayer chapel. The students took time to pray for LABTS because the school is dependent upon the prayers of the saints.

Will you pray for us? Here are a few prayer requests:

- Pray that the lives of the students will be transformed by their study of God’s word
- Pray the instructors will be holy men who love God, His word, and His ways
- Pray that the Board of LABTS will seek God’s heart regarding the future of LABTS
- Ask God to raise up more churches and individuals to support LABTS

May I add a personal prayer request? Pray that I will finish my dissertation and graduate with my Th.D. in May 2010.

I wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

**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 2009 was Rev. Earl W. Williams. Pastor Williams began attending LABTS in 1963 and graduated in 1991. There was a period of 22 years that he was not a student. His love for LABTS manifested itself in many significant ways (prayer, financial support, presence at LABTS functions, etc.).



The following words were on the plaque that was presented to the recipient of this year’s Alumni Award:

Earl W. Williams

For Your Continual Loyalty to the Ministry of
the Los Angeles Bible Training School,

and

For Your Faithful Study of the Word of God,

and

For Your Passion to Preach and Teach God's Word,

and

For Your Godly Life as a Husband, a Father,
and a Christian.

October 30, 2009

SPRING 2010 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

333 Romans
506 Ephesians

MONDAY EVENING

202 New Testament Survey II
504 Ecclesiology
517 Discipleship
526 Parables of Jesus

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Jan. 18, 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 21, 6:00-8:00 pm

THURSDAY MORNING

211 Doctrine I
509 Daniel

THURSDAY EVENING

132 Gospel of John
211 Doctrine I
516 Cults & Religions
522 First Peter

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