



Inside LABTS

A look at the ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
July 2005



Reaching Out to the Neglected and Rejected

Calendar

8/22 & 8/25
Fall 2005 Registration

8/29 & 9/1
Fall 2005 Semester Begins

10/20 & 10/24
Midterm Exams

10/28
Harvest Banquet

12/12 & 12/15
Semester Ends

*Set your
heart to study the
word of God*

Recent Chapel Messages (Spring 2005 Semester)

- *Paul, Teach Us to Pray*, Colossians 1:9-12 (Paul Felix, President)
- *Six Bad Habits of the Heart*, Ephesians 4:31-32 (Dr. Frederick Stanfield, Instructor)
- *Living Life on the Highest Level*, 1 Samuel 25 (Pastor LaMonte King)
- *Reaching God's Goal for Your Life*, Philippians 3:12-14 (Pastor H. B. Charles)
- *Be a Lover of God's Word*, Psalm 119 (Pastor Ronald E. Roberts, Sr.)
- *Nature of Faith*, Various Scriptures (Dr. Rolland G. Coburn)

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

Each Spring semester, the students at LABTS are challenged to consider the missionary work of God both at home and abroad. Four consecutive extended chapels are devoted to help students become "missions-minded." The 2005 Missions Conference took place on April 18, 21, 25, and 28. The theme was "Reaching Out to the Neglected and Rejected." It was the Lord Jesus Christ who proclaimed, "He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord" (cf. Luke 4:16-20). Those who live in the greater Los Angeles area are very aware that they are surrounded by the poor, the captives, the blind, and the downtrodden. The conference this year was designed to encourage students to go beyond the four-walls of the church and to reach the neglected and rejected with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The speakers this year were Mr. William Currie, President of Union Rescue Mission, Rev. Peter Hilst of The Bible Tabernacle in Santa Clarita, CA, and Rev. Yahya Bayyan of Prison Fellowship. On the last night of the

conference, five students shared their personal testimony of being involved in the lives of those who are often ignored and bypassed. It was a delight to hear how God was using these individuals to reach those in convalescent homes, prisons, hospitals, and recovery homes.

The conference was indeed a blessing! It is hoped that the students will not be like the priest or the Levite who passed by on the other side, but rather like the good Samaritan who had compassion and showed mercy to the person in need (cf. Luke 10:25-37).



Student Speakers
Dayton Wafer, Pat Gibson, Ruddle Bruner,
Xocia Armstrong, Marvin Watkins

Forty-First Commencement Exercise

For forty-one years students have been graduating from the Los Angeles Bible Training School. Although the size of the graduating class is never large, it is a great delight to witness students finishing their course of study. On Sunday, May 22, twelve students graduated with a Bible Diploma. The chapel of LABTS was filled with family, friends, and the faculty. The commencement speaker, Pastor Floyd Johnson, was a part of the first LABTS graduating class in 1965. Even though he earned an M.A. in Ministry from Talbot Theological Seminary, he felt his most valuable education was obtained at LABTS. Pastor Johnson has been in the ministry for over 47 years and currently serves as the chairman of the Board of Directors at the school. His message to the graduates was "Three Pillars of Biblical Ministry" (a concept of who God is; a concept of who I am; a concept of what God can do with a changed life) taken from Isaiah 6.



We give thanks to God for the following graduates: Raymond J. Blanton; Henry M. Bonner, III; Rodel V. DeCastro; Beatrice S. Dupass; Patricia Gibson; Bessie V. Jackson; Patricia M. Johnson; Kevin L. Palmer; Melanie R. Pierson; Joe Rogers, Jr.; David T. Tolliver; Prudence D. Wright. Please pray that God will use each of these graduates for His glory and honor, and that they will practice the three pillars of a biblical ministry.

LOS ANGELES MEN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Los Angeles Men's Bible Conference was held on April 29-30 at Christ Temple. This annual event is designed for men who want to grow deeper in their faith and be more effective in ministry. The Master's Seminary and the Los Angeles Bible Training School are co-sponsors of the conference. The topic this year was "Critical Issues Facing the Church" (Matthew 5:13-16). The conference coordinator, Carl Hargrove, pastor of Westside Bible Church, did an excellent job in overseeing the conference and in selecting speakers to address this important subject. Dr. John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church, president of The Master's College and The Master's Seminary, and radio Bible Teacher for Grace to You, kicked off the conference by expounding Revelation 1:9-20. Critical issues addressed on Saturday were "The Need for Biblical Families" (Ronald E. Roberts, Pastor, Baldwin Hills Baptist Church), "The Need for Qualified Leaders" (Robert Scott, Pastor, Los Angeles Community Bible Church), "The Need for a Biblical View of God" (Hargrove), "The Need for Biblical Worship" (Ken Jones, Pastor, Greater Union Baptist Church), and "The Need for Passionate Expositional Preaching" (Alex Montoya, Pastor of First Fundamental Bible Church and Professor of Pastoral Ministries at The Master's Seminary). The conference provided a time of rich instruction in God's word and also sweet fellowship for the men in attendance.



Faculty Focus: Glen Sykes

Birthday: May 7, 1964

Place of birth: Chester, PA

Wife: Cora (married 13 years; anniversary August 17)

Education: B.S., Messiah College; M.Div.; Th.M. (in progress), The Master's Seminary

Hobbies/Interests: Playing the piano

Courses taught at LABTS: Doctrine I; Old Testament Survey I; Old Testament Survey II

Years taught at LABTS: 2004 to present

Favorite passage: Romans 1:16 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (NASB)

Ministry involvement: Sunday School Superintendent; Personal Evangelism Trainer; Adult Sunday School Substitute Teacher

Current church: Grace Brethren Church (John McIntosh, Pastor)

Favorite Bible personality: Daniel. The reason is due to his strength and courage to honor YHWH in the face of intense societal pressure.

Words of encouragement for LABTS students: It is a joy to serve each and everyone of you — May we all continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



A Word from the President

Paul W. Felix

Another semester has come and gone (and so has Summer School). I am grateful to God for what He accomplished during the Spring 2005 semester. God provided a good student body of approximately 315 students who set their hearts to study the word of God. The enthusiasm of the students was equally matched by the commitment and hard work of the faculty. Two faculty members, Glen Sykes and Robert Scott, graduated in May from The Master's Seminary with the M.Div. and Th.M. degree, respectively. It was a pleasure to teach alongside of the faculty and also to labor with the faithful staff of Art Morgan and Ivory Williams.

There were several highlights during the semester (some are mentioned in the newsletter). The Men's and Missions conference had a spiritual impact upon many of the students. It was also a joy to have several graduates return to the campus during Alumni Week and share what God is doing in their lives. The climax of the semester is always graduation. The commencement exercise was preceded by a Graduation Dinner the night before. This time of celebration was attended by the graduates and their families, as well as the faculty and staff and their spouses. It was a blessed time that included the personal testimonies of the graduates concerning what LABTS has meant to them.

I covet your prayers during the summer break. Please pray that God will continue to use LABTS for His glory and honor.

FALL 2005 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

314 Doctrine III
506 Ephesians

MONDAY EVENING

105 Bible and World Missions
201 New Testament Survey I
501 Galatians
512 I & II Timothy, Titus

THURSDAY MORNING

431 I Corinthians
509 Daniel

THURSDAY EVENING

132 Gospel of John
211 Doctrine I
514 Genesis
517 Discipleship

Morning Classes (10:00-12:00); Evening Classes (7:00-9:30)

The semester begins August 29 and ends December 15

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Aug. 22, 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 25, 6:00-8:00 pm

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per semester

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