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A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
February 2013

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word of God*

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BEHOLD YOUR GOD!

The LABTS Men's Conference was held on Saturday, January 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Citizens of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Compton. The theme for the conference was "Behold Your God." Over 225 men registered.

Plenary speaker Pastor Anthony Kidd began the conference by helping the men to behold the holiness of God. The men were then given the opportunity to attend two of three seminars that focused on the attributes of God. The seminars were led by Pastor Robert Davis ("The Goodness of God"), Dr. Ronald E. Roberts ("The Omniscience of God"), and Dr. Fred Sanders ("The Triunity of God"). The closing plenary speaker was Dr. Erik Thoennes. He proclaimed that godly jealousy needs to be at the heart of every man of God and that God wants

men to only want Him! The conference concluded with Timothy Moore singing and leading the men in the song "How Great is Our God."

The Men's Conference is the beginning of LABTS' return to sponsoring biblical conferences. Pray that God will use this ministry of the school.



Dr. Ronald E. Roberts, Sr. instructing the men on God's omniscience

BOARD OF REFERENCE: DOLPHUS WEARY

LABTS is in the process of establishing a Board of Reference. Thus far, the members are Leo Karlyn (President and CEO, Thru the Bible Radio Network, Pasadena, CA), John MacArthur (Pastor-Teacher, Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA), André Thornton, President and CEO, ASW Global, Mogadore, OH), and Dolphus Weary (President, R.E.A.L Christian Foundation, Richland, MS). Each of these men heartily endorses the ministry of LABTS.

Here is what Dr. Weary wrote in a letter of endorsement for LABTS:

"I am a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist College which is now The Master's College, so I have known about the work of LABTS for many years. I became a Christian outside of the traditional church in Mississippi and learned quickly about the void in trained Christian leaders.

When I learned about LABTS back in the late 1960s, I was impressed with the consistent Biblical preparation of leaders for the church. Now, over forty years later, the school has

more than 300 students and continues to be a place where Christians leaders are being taught the Word of God.

I believe that this is the kind of institution that is essential for the church to carry out the great commission, especially in urban communities. As I travel around the country speaking in various places, I know first-hand how important trained leaders are to having a Christ-centered church in a community.

Please continue to pray for LABTS as well as join in supporting what God is doing there."



Dolphus Weary, President, R.E.A.L Christian Foundation

SPRING 2013 SEMESTER

The Spring 2013 semester began on Monday, January 28. The doors were opened to 394 registered students on the main campus and 25 at the Pomona Valley Extension. For the first time, the Monday night classes are all full with at least 47 students for each of the four classes (Hebrews, Bible Study Methods, Women's Ministries, I Corinthians). Of course, it is a challenge to provide parking for over 190 students as well as making room for them in chapel. But God has been good and He is working out the details regarding adequate space.

The Monday morning classes are well attended. New Testament Survey II has 45 students and Personal Evangelism is at capacity with 55 students. Attendance is very well on Thursday morning also. The Hermeneutics class has 56 students, while 46 people have registered for Doctrine I.

The four Thursday evening classes (Doctrine I, Old Testament Survey II, I Peter, Revelation II) have "normal" attendance. Approximately 147 students are taking classes on that night.

God is good to LABTS!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The history of the Los Angeles Bible Training School: Many believers had prayerfully looked forward to a day when any Christian, who so desired, would have an opportunity to study the Bible systematically in his own community. There was a heartfelt need among many to study the Bible in depth; something they had not been able to do previously.

The late Reverend Jeremiah C. H. Rowe was among those who had great concern. Eventually he was led, we believe, by Divine Providence into personal contact with Dr. J. Vernon McGee, the noted pastor and radio Bible teacher. The meeting resulted in the calling together of about twenty-five Christians from many different communities of Southern California who might be interested in supporting such a ministry.

Out of these initial meetings developed the idea which was soon to become the Los Angeles Bible Training School (LABTS). Initial classes were started early in 1962 on a trial basis to determine if there was enough genuine interest to justify continuing them. The answer was a resounding "yes".

A fully organized evening school began functioning in the Fall of 1962, with a Board of Directors, a president and a gifted teaching staff. Since our start, God has wonderfully blessed and sustained this work to His glory. Praise His Mighty Name!

What a history! Yes, praise His wonderful and mighty Name!

HELPING LOCAL CHURCHES

LABTS exists to come alongside of local churches to help train the people of God in the word of God to do the work of God. Alliance Bible Church, where Rev. Steve Gusto is the Senior Pastor, is one of many churches that is profiting from the systematic teaching of God's word that takes place at LABTS.



Current and Former LABTS Students from Alliance Bible Church
[eight members are missing from the picture]

RECENT NEWS



Dr. Steven Lawson will be the featured speaker at the 50th Anniversary Banquet of LABTS. The previously scheduled speaker, Mr. Ron Brown, is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Dr. Lawson is the Senior Pastor of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, having served as a pastor in Arkansas and Alabama for the past 29 years. He has authored several books and is a powerful expository preacher of God's Word. We are grateful that he has agreed to proclaim the wonderful word of God at the banquet.

President Felix and Assistant to the President Steven Neal

recently met with the leadership of Biola University. The meeting was arranged by Dr. Doretha O'Quinn (Vice Provost of Multi-Ethnic and Cross Cultural Engagement). Also present were Dr. Barry Corey (President), Dr. David Nystrom (Provost), and Dr. Clint Arnold (Dean of Talbot School of Theology).



(l-r) O'Quinn, Nystrom, Arnold, Neal, Felix, Corey



Graduate **William John** (2006) and his wife **Gerri John** (former student) left for Uganda on Nov. 28. They are there for 3 months. Pray God will open many doors for them and that God will give the Pastors whom William teaches ears to hear and a heart to receive His word.

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