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A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School
July 2008



CALENDAR

8/18, 21

Fall 2008 Registration

8/25, 28

Classes Begin

9/1

Labor Day - No Classes

10/16, 20

Midterm Exams

10/25

Harvest Banquet

11/27

Thanksgiving Day - No Classes

12/15, 18

Final Exams

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 GRADUATES!



Bottom Row: Mary Ferrer, Mary Simmons, Pauline Webster, Ruth Manuel, Gwendolyn Hall
Middle Row: Bernadette Kidd, Geraldine Clemons, Deborah Bradley, Charlotte Clark, Shirley Anderson
Top Row: Sherman Ziegler, Ronald Short, Henry Barnes, Daniel Pouesi, James Anderson, Stephen Shute

Set your heart to study the word of God

2008 Graduation Class Facts

- 16 graduates (6 men, 10 women)
- Shortest time to graduate - 3 years
- Average time to graduate - 6.5 years
- Average age was 60 years with 44 being the youngest and 79 the oldest
- Average GPA - 3.5
- Four students graduated with a 4.0
- Tallest graduate - 6'6"

Please remember to pray for our graduates!

A WHIRLWIND END TO A GOOD SEMESTER



The Johns

The last six weeks of the Spring 2008 semester was busy. It began with the Missions Conference. In four successive chapels, students were challenged to fulfill their role in God's plan to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. William and Geraldine John, recent missionaries in Zambia and Uganda, were the first speakers to answer the question that served as the theme for the conference, "Why Missions?" What a wonderful example and encouragement this couple was to the student body since it was only a few semesters ago they were students at LABTS. Leo Karlyn, President of the Board of Directors for Thru the Bible Radio, exhorted the students to pray for the world. Floyd Johnson, a former missions pastor, and Peter Hilst, the director of Bible Tabernacle in Santa Clarita, also participated in the conference.

Alumni Week was next. Several graduates came back to provide a brief testimony to the work of God in their lives. It is always a bless-

ing to current students and faculty members to hear how God is using the training that the graduates received at LABTS. Other graduates dropped by during this time to say "hello" and renew relationships.

There were lots of exams the last week of school. But there was also lots of food as each class had a potluck or a "pot-blessing" as some prefer to say. Over 85 people attended the graduation dinner. The semester culminated with a full sanctuary witnessing the graduation of 16 students. The commencement message was given by LABTS instructor, Pastor Robert Scott.



Some of the Alumni Week Speakers
Nina Hampton, Harreld Webster, Ruby McDowell, Stanley White

FALL 2008 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

314 Doctrine III
433 Acts

MONDAY EVENING

212 Doctrine I
333 Romans
512 I & II Timothy, Titus
514 Genesis

REGISTRATION DATES

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

THURSDAY MORNING

201 NT Survey I
431 First Corinthians

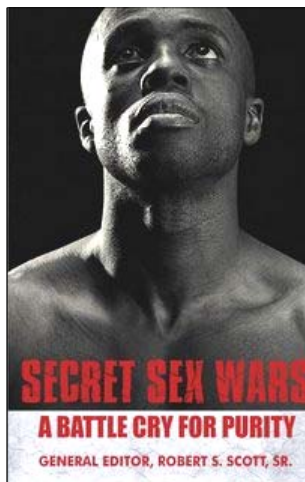
THURSDAY EVENING

101 OT Survey I
434 Revelation I
513 Gospel of Matthew
540 Expository Preaching I

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per semester

LABTS PROFESSORS CONTRIBUTE TO A BOOK ON SEXUAL PURITY



In April of 2006, the theme of a men's conference co-sponsored by LABTS and The Master's Seminary was "Maintaining Purity in an Impure World". Approximately 300 men gathered on a Friday and Saturday to consider this topic. As a result of the conference, it became apparent that the time had come for a book to be written that specifically addressed African American brothers who wanted victory in their personal battles for purity. In April 2008, Moody Press/Lift Every Voice released *Secret Sex Wars: A Battle Cry for*

Purity. Five of the seven authors that contributed chapters to this important book are instructors at LABTS.

Secret Sex Wars is geared toward African American Christian men, yet its principles are applicable to all Christians. Professors Anthony Kidd (*Slaying the Fiery Beast: The Foundation for a Successful Battle Plan*), Carl Hargrove (*Fearing God When No One Else Would Know: A Battle Plan for Secret Temptation*), Paul Felix (*Living According to the Will of God: An Ancient Battle Plan for Purity*), Robert Scott (*Learning from Men Who Have Fallen: A Flawed Battle Plan to Avoid*), Victor Sholar (*Living Free from the Slavery of Sexual Sin: A Battle Plan that Will Set You Free*), and Pastors H. B. Charles (*Putting Sin to Death: A Battle Plan to Win a War Unto Death*) and Brian Kennedy (*Training Our Sons to Overcome Sexual Temptation: A Battle Plan for Discipling Sons to Pursue Purity*) have written a book that will make a real difference in the pursuit of holiness in the area of one's sexuality. For additional information contact LABTS or visit www.secretsexwars.com.

HARVEST BANQUET Saturday, October 25, 2008

LABTS and its Alumni Association will be co-sponsoring the 2008 Harvest Banquet. This wonderful event will be held on Saturday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m., at The Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles. Those who have attended in the past have been blessed with sweet fellowship and great preaching from the likes of Dr. John Perkins, Dr. Eddie Lane, and Dr. William Banks. Tickets for the Harvest Banquet will be available on Sept. 1. Please make plans now to attend. LABTS and its Alumni look forward to a wonderful time of dinner and fellowship, and also a time of enrichment from the Word of God.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT - "TRIALS"



Allyson Felix flashes a smile during her victory lap after winning the 200m in 21.82w at the Olympic Trials

In the last few months, God has brought a couple of "trials" into the Felix family. This is not unusual, since James, the half-brother of the Lord Jesus, informed believers they should expect trials. He said consider it all joy, **when** (not if) you encounter various trials (James 1:2). On September 23, 2007, my wife had a fall that damaged her cervical spine. She was in the hospital 5 days and was not able to work for 10 weeks. It was God's sovereign plan that Marlean have surgery on June 3. Through this ordeal we have been relying upon God's grace as we seek to respond to the trial properly.

Another "trial" came into our life on June 27. It lasted until July 6. During that time our daughter competed in the Olympic Trials in Eugene, OR. God enabled her to make the Olympic team by winning the 200 meters. I must admit I was more excited about the trials that Allyson was involved in rather than the one involving Marlean. Yet, from a spiritual viewpoint, God used Marlean's trial to make my wife and me more like Christ. After all, that is what a trial is all about!



A happy President Felix and Marlean after observing their daughter make her second Olympic Team

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