



Inside LABTS

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

December 2008



CALENDAR

12/15 & 12/18
Final Exams

1/12 & 15
Spring 2007 Registration

1/19 & 22
Classes Begin

4/6 & 9
Easter Recess

4/13, 16, 20, 23
Missions Conference

5/4 & 7
Alumni Week

5/15
Graduation Dinner

5/17
Commencement

*Set your
heart to study the
word of God*

Recent Chapel Messages

- *A Pleas for Mercy* (Psalm 51), Instructor Bobby Scott
- *7 Marks of Christian Maturity* (2 Peter 1:5-11), Instructor Victor Sholar
- *The Lord Will Keep His Own* (Psalm 121), Instructor George Hurtt
- *The Sanctity of Marriage* (Matthew 19:3-8), Instructor Anthony Kidd
- *Lessons Learned* (Psalm 73), Instructor Felix Ballon
- *The Practices of a Bible Student* (selected verses from Psalm 119), President Paul Felix

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

THE PRAYERS OF A BIBLE STUDENT

The 176 verses in Psalm 119 are saturated with prayers that should mark every student of God's word. What follows are 6 petitions the Bible student should regularly pray.

Pray for instruction. A frequent plea of the psalmist is that God would teach him (12, 26, 33, 64, 68, 108, 124, 135). He wants God to be his personal teacher as he assumes the role of a learner and sits at His Master's feet.

Pray for understanding. On several occasions, the author of Psalm 119 asks God to give him understanding (27, 34, 73, 125, 144, 169). He wants more than the accumulation of data. He wants insight and discernment! He wants the skill to utilize biblical knowledge in every day life.

Pray for illumination. The writer wants God to enable him to see the marvelous truths that are in the Scriptures (18). He understands that he is helpless to see these things. God

must perform a divine operation on his eyes that he might see the wonderful and magnificent things that are in the Word of God.

Pray for rejuvenation. A popular request of the psalmist peppered throughout the verses of this psalm is for personal revival. On 9 different occasions, he cries to God "revive me" (25, 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159). He wants God to cause him to live.

Pray for application. The one who penned this marvelous psalm prayed to be a doer of the Word (cf. James 1:22). In verse 35, he asked God to make him walk in the path of His commandments. In verse 133, he prayed, "establish my footsteps in Thy word".

Pray for enablement. This lover of God and His word knew he needed the grace of God in his life. So he petitioned God for His amazing grace (17, 58, 124, 132).

These must be the pleas of a Bible student.

HARVEST BANQUET 2008

An annual highlight for the Los Angeles Bible Training School is the Harvest Banquet. Each year an evening is set aside to worship God and to enjoy the fellowship of God's people. Once again this gala event was held at The Proud Bird in Los Angeles.

On Saturday evening, October 25, President Felix welcomed approximately 475 guests. Instructor George Hurtt, who was recently selected as the new pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, invoked God's blessings upon the entire evening. 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 delicious meal, a PowerPoint presentation was shown that highlighted the blessings of God upon LABTS during the 2007-2008 school year. Current Student Body Vice-President, Randy Davis, then gave

a stirring testimony regarding being a student at LABTS. He exhorted the listeners to take advantage of the biblical training that is provided at the school. This year's Jeremiah C. H. Rowe President's Alumni Award was given posthumously to Mr. Plumer B. Bryant. His widow, Ginger, graciously accepted the award.

Alumnus Majorie McClinton prepared the hearts of God's people for the preaching of God's word by singing *In Christ Alone*. The highlight of the evening was the proclamation of God's word by Dr. Alex Montoya. The speaker for the evening serves as pastor of First Fundamental Bible Church in Monterey Park, Ca., and also as a professor at The Master's Seminary. Pastor Montoya preached on "The Four Qualities of an Effectual Doer" and based his message on James 1:21-25. The Word of God was richly received.

It was a wonderful Harvest Banquet. Please make plans now to join us next year. If God wills, we will be meeting at a new location on Friday, October 30, 2009.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE 2008 HARVEST BANQUET



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul W. Felix

Where does the time go? As I get older, I find myself asking that question more frequently. It is hard to believe that 2008 is rapidly coming to an end. A lot has transpired since the last newsletter. Allow me to note a few highlights.

The Felix family went to Beijing, China and witnessed Allyson win both a gold medal (4x400 relay) and a silver medal (200m) at the 2008 Olympics. Our family greatly appreciates the prayers and support of God's people.

The Fall 2008 semester brought us 312 students. I am encouraged by the rise in attendance on Thursday night. For the first time since I became the president in July 2002, the Thursday night attendance is greater than the Monday night attendance. Also, the extension class in Ontario has more than 20 students!

Our numbers were a little low for the Harvest Banquet, but we still had a marvelous time. We will be working to make the banquet even better next year. Be praying for this special event.

As times rapidly moves on, I wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. God's very best to you!

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 2008 was the late Mr. Plumer B. Bryant. Plumer began attending LABTS in 1987 and graduated in 1993. He contributed to the ministry of LABTS in many ways before his homegoing on December 5, 2007.

The plaque presented to his wife Ginger (alumnus of LABTS) contained the following words:

Plumer B. Bryant

Who was Loyal to the Ministry of
The Los Angeles Bible Training School,

and

Who Sacrificially Gave of His Resources to LABTS,

and

Who Faithfully Served the Students of LABTS,

and

Who Consistently Promoted the Endeavors of LABTS,

and

Who Modeled the Teachings of LABTS.

October 25, 2008



SPRING 2009 SEMESTER



MONDAY MORNING

502 Hermeneutics
521 Epistles of John

MONDAY EVENING

212 Doctrine II
501 Galatians
503 Bible Study Methods
506 Ephesians

REGISTRATION DATES

Monday, Jan. 12, 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:00-8:00 pm

THURSDAY MORNING

202 NT Survey II
518 Biblical Counseling

THURSDAY EVENING

102 OT Survey II
431 First Corinthians
435 Revelation II
541 Expository Preaching II

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per semester
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