



# Inside LABTS

A Look at the Ministry of the Los Angeles Bible Training School  
April 2006

## Calendar

**4/10 & 4/13**

Easter Recess

**4/17, 20, 24, 27**

Missions Conference

**4/21-22**

L.A. Men's Bible Conference

**5/8, 11**

Alumni Week

**5/15, 18**

Final Exams and Classes End

**5/19**

Student Body Fundraiser

**5/20**

Graduation Dinner

**5/21**

Commencement

*Set your  
heart to study the  
word of God*

## Recent Chapel Messages (Spring 2006 Semester)

- *Tongue Control*, James 3:1-12 (President Paul Felix)
- *A True Test of Christian Discipleship*, John 6:66-71 (Instructor George Hurtt)
- *The Centrality of the Local Church*, Ephesians 4:11-16 (Dr. Jerry Smith)
- *Paul's Passion*, Colossians 1:28-29 (Pastor Myrue Spivey)
- *A Warning for Today*, Psalm 2 (Rev. Dennis Swanson)
- *A Burden for My People*, Romans 9:1-5 (Pastor Tony Mosley)

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

## Why You Should Be A Student Of God's Word

It is imperative that each believer be a student of God's Word. This truth is taught in both the OT and NT. In the apostle Paul's final words to his spiritual son Timothy in II Timothy 3:14-17, he stresses the importance of the word of God in the believer's life.

The apostle informs his spiritual son that dangerous times are coming, in fact, they were already present (3:1-9). In light of these dangerous times, Timothy is to follow the example of Paul (3:10-13) and also must make sure that Scripture plays a vital role in his life (3:14-17). This emphasis upon the word of God in Timothy's life instructs the believer that he or she should be a Bible student.

You should be a Bible student that you may resist the times (3:14-15). In order to stand against the dangerous times, the believer must, like Timothy, remain loyal to God's word. Timothy is commanded to "continue in the things" he has learned and become convinced of

(3:14a). Not only did God's word inform Timothy, but it also convinced Timothy and gave him convictions based upon what "Thus saith the Lord". The motivation for Timothy remaining loyal to God's word comes from Timothy remembering who taught him (3:14b) and also his training in Scripture that began as a child (3:15).

You should also be a Bible student that you may be ready for the times (3:16-17). The believer is to be different and is also to make a difference. The one who is ready for the times is convinced of the origin of the Bible (3:16a). He knows the Bible comes directly from God's mouth. He is also convinced about the profitability of the Bible (3:16b). The God-breathed word is beneficial for teaching, reproof, correction, and training. The ultimate goal of the God-breathed profitable word is that the believer be "equipped for every good work" (3:17). In other words, he or she is ready to make a difference.

May God help us to be Bible students!

## The Los Angeles Men's Bible Conference

The Los Angeles Men's Bible Conference will be held on April 21-22 at Fairview Heights Baptist Church in Inglewood. 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 LABTS are co-sponsors of the conference. The topic for this year is "Maintaining Purity in an Impure World".

The conference coordinator, Carl Hargrove, pastor of Westside Bible Church, has announced the following speakers: Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. ("The Holiness of God: The Motivation and Benchmark for Purity"), Pastor Bobby Scott ("David's Failure and Recovery"), Pastor Victor Sholar ("Young Men and Personal Purity"), Pastor Carl Hargrove ("How Joseph Kept His Purity"), Pastor H. B. Charles ("How to Kill Sin"), Pastor Anthony Kidd ("Doctrinal Compromise and Purity"), Dr. Ron Roberts, Sr. ("How to Raise Children of Purity"), Pastor Alex Montoya ("What Impurity Does to Your Church"), and Professor Paul Felix ("A Strategy for Fighting Sexual Sin"). For further information contact LABTS at 323-588-3711.

## Missions Conference

Missions is a priority at LABTS. From its inception the school has placed an emphasis on giving students a vision for taking the gospel to the whole world. The yearly missions conference has been designed to help students capture this vision for declaring God's glory among the nations. Pastor John MacArthur recently described one of his associates as a man who has a passion for the world. LABTS has adopted this statement and the theme for the Missions Conference is "A Passion for the World" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Four extended chapels (7:40 p.m.—8:30 p.m.) have been set aside on April 17, 20, 24, and 27 to encourage those in attendance to seriously consider God's mandate that His people be witnesses to the uttermost parts of the world. Speakers from both the L.A. area and abroad will be addressing this important theme.

It is the prayer of the administration and the faculty of LABTS that each person who studies the word of God at our institution will have a passion for the world.

*"make disciples of all the nations"*

## ALUMNI FOCUS: NARCISSUS "SOC" AND GRACE ALOTA

God expects His people to serve Him. Our service to God is not simply something that we do, but it is to be a way of life. Each student at LABTS is expected to render service to our great God. God



calls some of the students at LABTS to serve Him on a full-time basis. Alumnus Narcissus (2004, Bible Diploma) and Grace (2004, Bible Certificate) Alota have been called to their homeland, the Philippines, to serve as full-time missionaries. They have been sent out by their home church, Christian Faith Bible Church (La Puente), where Rey Lazo serves as pastor.

Pastor Lazo writes the following about the ministry of the Alotas. "Camp Bantayan is a camp ministry of Christian Faith Bible Church with the purpose of winning the lost for Christ and building up the Christians in the neighboring areas through camping. The Alota's donated their own 7 hectares of land for this ministry and right now they are working on the first phase project of building a multi-purpose hall wherein there is a basketball court and some other sports facilities. The second phase of the project is to build separate dormitories for male and female campers. They are networking with different local churches in the southern Philippines to make this camp ministry known and accessible. We covet your prayers in this awesome task of ministry. To God be the glory!"

The study of God's word should lead to effective Christian service. We are thankful to God that He has called the Alotas to be used by Him to reach people in the Philippines with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please keep them in your prayers and ask God to do a mighty work in their lives and in the lives of those that they minister to in their camp ministry.

## A Word from the President

Paul W. Felix

This newsletter is long overdue. Much has transpired since the last one. The Fall semester has come and gone. On the last Saturday in October almost 600 people attended the annual Harvest Banquet co-sponsored by LABTS and the Alumni Association. We were treated to a wonderful message, "God's Word: Prescription for Prosperity" (Psalm 1), by Dr. Larry Mercer, the new president at Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary. We celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and ushered in a new year.

After a five week break a new semester was begun. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to LABTS and the new mercies that we see each and every day. Thanks also to you who pray and support the school. We are indeed dependent upon your prayers and your giving. It is great to know that we have a God who does exceeding abundantly beyond what we ask or think!

## 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 recipients for 2005 were Rev. Bennie Ross and his wife Hazel. The couple has been married for over 50 years and has served in various capacities in local churches in the greater Los Angeles area. Rev. Ross has taught a number years at LABTS and is currently teaching First Peter on Monday mornings.

The plaque that was presented contained the following words:

### Bennie and Hazel Ross

For Your Continual Love and Devotion to the Ministry of  
the Los Angeles Bible Training School,

and

For Your Faithfulness and Diligence in  
Ministering to the Body of Christ,

and

For Your Heart of Compassion and Kindness to People,

and

For Your Significant and Humble Service as Bible Teachers,

and

For Your Exemplary Lives as Husband and Wife  
in the Service of the Lord Jesus.

October 28, 2005

## PRAY FOR THE SPRING 2006 SEMESTER

Please pray for the Faculty and Student Body as the Spring 2006 semester comes to an end. God brought us 282 students who attend 12 different classes.

- I Peter** (18 students, Bennie Ross, Monday morning)
- Bible Study Methods** (48, James Borrer, Monday morning)
- N. T. Survey II** (49, Anthony Tetrow, Monday evening)
- I & II Thessalonians** (25, Paul Felix, Monday evening)
- Soteriology** (29, Anthony Kidd, Monday evening)
- Gospel of Matthew** (21, George Hurtt, Monday evening)
- Gospel of John** (40, Calvin Sills, Thursday morning)
- Parables of Jesus** (30, Frederick Stanfield, Thursday morning)
- Doctrine II** (43, Paul Thorsell, Thursday evening)
- Genesis** (21, Robert Scott, Thursday evening)
- Ephesians** (26, Victor Sholar, Thursday evening)
- Ephesians** (9, Emory Davis, Saturday morning, Ontario Extension)

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