

# THE PENTECOSTAL WAY

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"My experience at ABI has been rewarding and enlightening. This school has taken my unfulfilled life and has given it a positive direction. I have received a call here and ABI has nurtured that call. Undoubtedly, enrolling in this school has been the most important thing I have done since my conversion experience!"

*Steve Vossen, CT  
Third Year Student*

"My choice of ABI is one I will never regret. While here I have been drawn closer to God and to others. I have been made aware of just how important prayer is to my life. Being on my own at school has helped me to turn to the Lord in prayer - He is always there. I have come to know my Lord in many new areas I have never before experienced."

*Benita Moody, TN  
Second Year Student*

"ABI has instilled a deep love for the Word of God in my heart. It has so firmly grounded my life in the Truth that not even the most boisterous winds of heresy could move me from the foundation of this One God message!"

*Kenny Bellew, OK  
Third Year Student*

"Since I have been at ABI, I have grown to realize the effectiveness of prayer. So many needs are met as I make it a daily part of my life.

*Kay Schroeder, CA  
Second Year Student*

## STUDENTS

## FIND BIBLE ANSWERS

## AT ABI



"I'm thankful for ABI. It has given me a foundation in God. Before Bible School I knew what I believed and what I stood for, but now I know why. Studying the Bible in depth has given me a true love for God's Word."

*Renee Brua, SD  
Third Year Student*

"I appreciate the expansion and exploration of God's Word I have received at ABI. Through consistent and positive examples of solid Christian principles in daily living, I have discovered wonderful new areas of Christian experience! Being rooted and grounded by individuals with such an in-depth perception of the Bible has been a hallmark of my educational and spiritual experience. ABI has been a tool of growth in God's hands for my life!"

*Greg Davis, IL  
Third Year Student*

"ABI is great! I found friends, fellowship and dedicated teachers here. I also have the chance to learn the Word of God in a unique atmosphere. All of the classes are offered with challenge and inspired me.

*Michael Crump, TX  
Third Year Student*

# The School That We Love



# 1984 MUSIC TOURS

## ABI THOROUGHLY DEFENDS THE TRUTH YOU LOVE!



Beautiful, godly music rings through our halls!  
1984 Chorale with Rev. Donald Martin, director

### 1984 CHORALE ITINERARY

April 12 -	Knoxville, IA	District Conference
April 13 -	Wichita, KS	Pastor G. Becton
April 14 -	Oklahoma City, OK	Pastor R. Whalen
April 15 -	Fort Smith, AR	Pastor J. Lumpkin
April 16 -	Lonoke, AR	Pastor D. Sjostrand
April 17 -	Kennett, MO	Pastor C. McGruder
April 18 -	St. Louis, MO	Pastor G. Roam
April 19 -	Ottawa, IL	Pastor J. Nordstrom
April 20 -	Oak Creek, WI	Pastor F. Tamel
April 21 -	Eau Claire, WI	Pastor C. Trapani
April 22 -	Duluth, MN	Pastor J. Merrick

THE ABI ORCHESTRA, Rev. R. Sabin, director, WILL BE TOURING THROUGH WISCONSIN  
ILLINOIS, INDIANA AND OHIO



# Heaven's Economics



Rev. S. G. Norris, President

"The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me."

Righteousness and cleanness are "legal tender" at Heaven's National Bank. Legal tender, as you know, is money which may be offered legally in satisfaction of a money debt and that must be accepted by a creditor. Righteousness and cleanness are like good stocks and bonds in Heaven's bank. God rewards and compensates for these sacrifices. He considers as assets these godly possessions.

Heaven's economics is measured on a different basis from earth's arithmetic. For example: two plus two equals four. God's scale is different. One shall put to flight a thousand and two ten thousand (Matt. 14:20). Five loaves and two fishes should have fed probably twenty-five people by earth's economics. However, by Heaven's standard, a great multitude of hungry people were satisfied with twelve full baskets left over. This wonderful promise in II Samuel 22:21 is not to be ignored for our day. It has been in the Book for centuries.

## GOD'S WILL HAS BEEN OPENED

The Will of God was opened when Jesus died on the cross. This Will has two parts. One is for heavenly help and blessings and the other for the great rewards of Heaven. The will was opened on earth.

## THE BIBLE IS A WILL

Jesus did not die in heaven. He died here on earth. We all, of course, know that. The power of this truth is that the Lord has a will that not only offers heavenly blessings and rewards but also earthly rewards. For example, John 14 verse one is an earthly part of the will - "Let not your heart be troubled". Verse two gives the heavenly promise - "In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you..."

## THE WILL HAS BEEN OPENED JESUS DIED ON EARTH, NOT IN HEAVEN

Hebrews 9:16-17 - "For where a testament (will) is there must also be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise

it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." Satan does not want us to know this truth. He emphasizes that all the rewards for the Christian are reserved after we leave this earth. Heaven is a part of God's economics but the Lord has made many provisions for blessings while we are still on this earth. For instance, please read Hebrews 1:14. Angels were created not only to spend all their time in Heaven, but also to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation! "...even angels will help us"! That is part of the wonderful WILL (testament) that He opened for us on Calvary.

The Bible is the Will of God. Read it every day - there is something there to encourage you. Heaven's economics are offered to every one of us. Sometimes we live beneath our privileges. The Great God Almighty - Jesus Christ - died and rose again. He knows the struggles of earth.

## HEAVEN'S EARTHLY REWARDS

Our sacrifices to obtain righteousness and cleanness are not goals for any personal praise. We strive for this goal for our own soul's sake, the good of our family, the church's blessing and whatever influence we have on others. Nevertheless, we all know there are some of God's people that have a constant struggle to keep saved. This article is to encourage whoever reads it that God does not overlook the least effort to follow the path Samuel urged us to follow.

Acts 2:38 is absolutely essential for the Rapture. However, that heavenly experience does not exhaust Heaven's storehouse. If the good Lord would bestow on us an experience where we would speak in a heavenly tongue and let us know the Jerusalem which is above is the mother of us all, how much more does He understand our earthly needs? Don't be fooled into trading Heaven's love and care for our body and souls for the sins and curses of this world. God's promises are dependable.

## JERICHO!

By earth's military standards, it would have taken perhaps a million soldiers to overthrow that great fortified city. But

when righteousness and cleanness were their banners, no swords and spears were needed. They marched around the city thirteen times, praising the Lord! Do you have a Jericho that seems impossible? Why not try thirteen good personal prayer meetings which include praising the Lord and then see what happens. God still knows how to push over walls. Heaven's economics have never been rescinded. This wonderful Christ we serve is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jerichos become "paper forts" when Heaven steps into the problem.

## HEAVEN KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT Judges 5:20

"THEY FOUGHT FROM HEAVEN."  
What a scripture! Do you get angry? Do you "blow up" at various problems? Do you sink into despondency over difficult situations? We are all tried by Satan to fall into these traps, but there is a better way. Righteousness and cleanness open the door of praise instead of the above negative avenues. Heaven knows how to fight for us as well as to bless.

Please read Judges 4 and 5. Israel was at the mercy of Sisera's armies. In this case, God chose a righteous woman, Deborah, to lead the victory. Trials and tests often seem hopeless but when you walk with God and pray, there is a Spirit of confidence that pushes defeat to the side and turns tears into joy.

How did Heaven fight this battle? Sisera was a mighty general. He had a powerful army with nine hundred chariots of iron. Evidently, Israel had none. The battle looked like certain defeat. Don't ever forget this. Heaven still controls this earth. The economics from above caused the wheels of those iron chariots to refuse to function. Sisera's army was defeated even to the last man. This general fled on foot to save his life. He took shelter in the tent of a woman, who he thought, was a friend of his army. She killed this powerful, sinful man and Israel had peace for another forty years. The God that saved Israel many years ago is your friend. His rules are still the same. Righteousness and cleanness will lead the way. Everything else will fall into its proper place with the help of Heaven's economics. Please read II Samuel 22:21 once more. Then smile. Maybe this godly prophet wrote that just for you!



# The School Where



Artist, Bruce Peterson, Manitoba, Canada



Extracurricular stitching class offered at ABI. Dorm Supervisor, Mrs. B. Becker with Jan Boney, OK and Shirley Hackler, IN



Skits - Paul Cook, MO and Tim Duffy, IN



Student David Myers, FL quizzes with church team



ABI student, Jim Claunch, IL, assists in Teacher Training Seminar. Looking on - student Anna Kirkman, IL and ABI wife, Tanya Nordstrom



Melea Murphy, TX class



Preparation for Bible Breakfast. Judy Roberts, WI and Robin Stoner, SC



Joy Milhoan, WI and Anna Kirkman, IL enact Proverbs



Table Game Night at ABI. Kim Trout, IL and Mark Cooper, IN



Karin Davis, IN sho



Faculty and Staff enjoy skits. L-R: Mrs. D. Martin; Mr. & Mrs. B. Becker; Rev. & Mrs. G. Grant



Music at half time on ABI Film Night. L-R - Greg Schroeder, WI; Tom Andrews, IN; Mike Haubrich, WI and Mark Cooper, IN



Checker players Danny Whitley, AR and Doug Houston, OH



Great fun Johnson, Jennifer



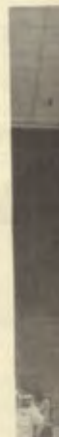
ABI Annual Volleyball Tournament



Mike Skinner, IN and Herschel Foster, MN



ABI Basketball Tournament 1984



Freshman the AB



# Life is Exciting



Mrs. G. Grant, faculty, gives Toddler Teacher Training Seminar



Rev. R. Sabin addresses Senior Prayer Breakfast



Teachers in Primary Sunday School



Jim Clark, MN quotes scripture in Spanish at the Bible Breakfast



A Second Year English class at ABI



Enjoying Prayer Breakfast, Seniors Paul and Diana Urban, WI



Toddler how to use finger puppets



Sandy Echols, OH and Karla Roehli, WI go to ABI party



ABI Quartet - Melody Hammond, IN; Ed Ferrell, OH; Greg Godwin, OK; Paul Cook, MO



ABI Wives' Annual Hawaiian Luau. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wenzel, WI with Diana Erickson, MN



ABI all school party. L-R: Gina Kim Vinson, AZ; Ann Grant, MN; [unclear], OH; Jodi McDonald, MI



[unclear] in Whitley, AR, shoots a basket at Annual Basketball Game

**YES!** I am interested in the school where *education is a joy*



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# Vow and Pay

Rev. R. Sabin, Faculty

I would like to speak of the quality and depth of our commitment to God. In these days of faithlessness, the divorce rate is high and many prefer intimacy without responsibility. We are caught somewhat unaware by the immorality of our day and it is not always easy to perceive where people are coming from or what kind of indoctrination they have had by our society. But, I really believe that it is God's perfect plan for a virgin man to marry a virgin woman and for them to be faithful to each other for life. Adam and Eve were the model. Jesus referred back to the model in Matthew 19:4-8. Jesus said, "...in the beginning it was not so...". But these are the days of trucebreakers. Paul said that men would be trucebreakers or covenant breakers (II Timothy 3). There would be no fidelity or commitment. Men would not be faithful to a covenant. In our day of 1984, many young people do not make vows. This is the day of no ties, no commitments, no responsibilities...just more fun.

In Ecclesiastes 5:4-5, we have a warning from the Lord concerning a vow: "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than thou shouldst vow and not pay." The undisciplined mind would immediately say, "Then, I will not vow". His logic is so poor that he does not realize that when he says, "I will not vow" that he has already vowed not to vow. But his logic is not as bad as his morality. For his morality is like the man with the talents who decided he would not make a commitment at all. He determined not to enter into any kind of binding arrangement. He simply took the talent and buried it. He thought when the Master came he would return what he had been given and would not be harmed in any way. The Psalmist said, "Vow and Pay". Escaping a vow is taking out of life all of the symmetry...all that counts...everything that gives life its strength and its meaning.

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We depend upon a God that makes vows. As we read through the Bible we see that God is constantly putting His reputation on the line to make a covenant with mankind. We read of the Adamic covenant in Genesis 3:15 wherein the Lord said that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the seed of the serpent and the seed of the serpent would bruise the heel of the seed of the woman. In this promise, God was involving Himself in a covenant with mankind! He was the seed of the woman. He was to be the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Later, the Bible gives details: wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All through the Old Testament. He kept adding unto Himself the obligations of the vow that He made to mankind.

God made a vow in the days of Noah: "I will never again destroy the earth with a flood." He put a rainbow in the clouds as a sign that He has obligated Himself, and His honor is at stake. Of course, the earth has never again been destroyed by water.

God made an Abrahamic Covenant. Genesis 12:2,3 records the beginning of God's covenant with Abraham: "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God sacredly involved Himself in the affairs of mankind. He told Abraham to look at the stars... "as the stars of the heavens so shall thy seed be". He told him to look at the sand... "as the sand of the seashore, so shall thy seed be". He added to it after Abraham gave Lot the choice of whether he wanted the well-watered plains of Jordan or the hill country of Judea. God told Abraham to look to the north, east, south, and west, because "every place that you put your foot down, I will give to you and your seed...from the River of Egypt to the River Euphrates all will be yours". God made a covenant of circumcision with Abraham, etc. God was not reluctant, nor did He draw back from binding Himself in various covenants with mankind. Even at the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus said, "He that believeth on me even as

the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of water. This spake He of the spirit which they that believe on Him should receive."

He told His disciples to go and tarry in Jerusalem and they would be endued with power from on high to be witnesses in Judea, Samaria, Jerusalem, and unto the utter most part of the earth. How wonderful today that we have a covenant-making and a covenant-keeping God!

I am not trying to be earthy, but you cannot shack up with God! You cannot just come around to enjoy the loaves and the fishes. You cannot come around just because you love the music or because there is something about the fellowship that strengthens you. God is interested in marriage! We are supposed to be in the virgin bride of Christ. The Bible says God will present His bride unto Himself -- holy, without spot or blemish! God is not interested in shackling up. He is interested in those who will meet Him at an altar or at the cross and vow!

I am not encouraging you to make a rash vow. The Bible tells us about the rash vow of Jephthah. But there are some areas in which God would be so pleased for us to make a vow. If we do not make a commitment with Him, then we have no relationship with Him whatsoever. How do we feel about His Word? How do we feel about Him? How do we feel about His Church? How do we feel about His sacrifice? How do we feel about our relationship with Him? There are places where there is something that needs to be done in my heart and something done in your heart that laces us together in covenant with God!

Do not be afraid to make a vow. In Numbers 30 it carefully sets forth the circumstances of a vow for everybody. There has to be some deep-rooted commitment between God and man. We must say: "God, I want my children to follow after you. God, I want to walk with you myself. God, I want to be faithful to this message. God, I do not want to desert you. God, I do not want intimacy without responsibility. God

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## VOW AND PAY, cont.

I want to talk with you the way you want me to talk". There has to be some commitment!

Saul of Tarsus was a man committed to the destruction of Christians. He went out of his way to persecute them. He got letters from the High Priest. He got together an entourage and set out for Damascus. He was so involved in this that the Bible says he was breathing out threatenings. But, there had to be something else in his heart. Maybe it was a spark that came in at the stoning of Stephen, but I think there had to be some openness to God. The Lord smote him with a light brighter than the noonday sun and flat on his back he said, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest". Saul asked Him what He would have him to do. He did not spend his whole life trying to find out what to do. The Lord said, "You just go to Damascus". Then the Lord told Ananias that Saul was a chosen vessel to bear His name before the Gentiles. Ananias was a little afraid of Saul, but he told Saul that God had sent him so that Saul might receive his sight and also, the gift of the Holy Ghost. That was the beginning. But following Saul's life, we see that he became famous. He started small. He spent three years in Arabia. Then he went to Jerusalem to find if he had the right idea about things. He went up into Antioch and ministered unto the Lord in the church. He appeared before kings. It was not a grand performance. They dragged him out in shackles. He told them, "I persecuted Christians, but had a vision on the road to Damascus. Oh...I was not disobedient to that heavenly vision. It got me into your jail here..." There was commitment in this man. When you met him you knew you met somebody. Agrippa said, "Almost thou has persuaded me to become a Christian." Paul said, "I would not that you were almost persuaded but altogether such as I am except for these bonds".

Whether we are something or not depends upon our personal commitment to God. Our substance as a person will depend totally on our commitment, not on who we know or how many opportunities we get or how good we preach, but on commitment. Do we really want to be somebody for God? Someone people can lean on? Then we must vow and pay! Vow what? I do not know what it may be but search your life. It is important that we come to church. It is good to tell the Lord that His House is high on our list...His Word is important in our life. It must mean more than the sports page. The things of God really do count. Who gets saved is so important. If we defeat the devil, that means a lot! Vow and pay!

# Alumni

Rev. Ronald Brown, Knoxville, Iowa, preached Youth Week services in Eau Claire, WI. Evangelist and Mrs. Mick Friend, Racine, WI, preached Youth Week services at the First Apostolic Church, Toledo, OH. Rev. and Mrs. Loy Baird pastor in Ashland, WI. Rev. Jack Waters, Decatur, IL, has purchased property and plans to soon erect a church building. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Arlo Moehlenpah, Bridgeton, MO, on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Tupelo Children's Mansion was the site of the dedication of a new girls' residence, Wolff Hall. John Ward, MN, Projects Manager, designed this beautiful building. Rev. Steve Drury is the Superintendent and Rev. David Hale, Assistant. Speakers at the 1984 Apostolic Council on Church Growth, Rev. Wayne Mitchell, IL and Rev. Jack Yonts, MO. Rev. Jon Milam is youth pastor in Orange, TX.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. (Linda Norris) Tony Ducklow, St. Paul, MN, a son, Marcus John. Rev. and Mrs. (Pat Norris) Bill Roos, Worthington, MN, a son, Joseph Allan. Mr. and Mrs. (Della Ridgeway) David Polling, Canton, Oh, a son, Jerad.

## MARRIAGES

Pat Johnson to Rickey Guidry, Orange, TX.

# Visitors



Rev. W. Blackshear, Alaska Dist. Supt. preached



Steve Richardson, IN gives inspiring music presentation



Rev. R. Kloepper, WI, teaches in ABI Doctrine class



Mrs. C. Gustafson, IL taught Religious Ed class



REV. J. DAVIS, IL SPOKE IN SUNDAY SERVICES



REV. & MRS. STEVE BINION WITH SONS.



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MRS. A. HICKS, TX, BLESSED US WITH HER MUSIC



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