

ABI: Where the Word of God Comes First



D. Hanson, OK; S. Slagle, WI; S. Crawley, Canada;
R. Espana, NM



V. Eastman, WI



M. Steward, OK



ABI Now

Rev. Drew Baldrige, SD, lectured ABI students in their Coast to Coast Youth meeting on "Rock Music". His positive presentation encouraged students to consider how far they can stay away from worldly influences.



Rev. & Mrs. D. Baldrige, SD with children, Melissa, Christopher and Andrew



Rev. W. Connell, FL, Board of Directors

Rev. William Connell, FL, taught in the ABI classrooms and preached in the chapel service. He challenged students and staff alike to know the "Good" Shepherd, the "Great" Shepherd and the "Chief" Shepherd.

Rev. Norman Paslay II, OH District Conquerors' President welcomed the Freshmen in a weekend of dynamic preaching. When a problem comes our way this year, we will remember that "We are Tall Enough For the Ride" or we would not have to face these faith builders.



Rev. G. Grant with Rev. N. Paslay II, OH



Michael Hensley, Music Director

MICHAEL HENSLEY, graduate of Denison College, Newark, OH is ABI's new music director. His music training began with Pentecost's well-known teacher, Mrs. Fred Kinzie, Toledo, OH, while a member of the church there. He later became music director for Rev. Ronald Newstrand, Newark, OH. His expertise in Music Theory, Choir Training and Keyboards will be excellent preparation for students pursuing a music ministry. We welcome the Hensleys to ABI!



Rev. & Mrs. J. Burton, SA; Rev. & Mrs. G. Grant



Rev. Dennis Witkus, WI

Rev. and Mrs. James Burton told us of their wonderful days while students at ABI. Their happy message of bringing the Gospel to Venezuela for over 20 years made Missions appealing. Their record of dedication is well known to us. God touched our service with praise and worship.

Rev. Dennis Witkus, WI, shared his exciting Storytelling ministry with the student body. We shall never forget the story of Job. His deep love for the Word of God is evident in all of his teachings.

Rev. Ronald Newstrand, OH District Superintendent, visited all the ABI classes. In teaching and preaching he encouraged students to "Never get more than 24 hours away from prayer."



Rev. R. Newstrand lectures a class

"Who Do You Say I Am?"

Rev. G. F. Grant, President

"Who do men say that I the son of man am?" Matthew 16:13-16

The setting: Jesus had been ministering to the Jews of Galilee and Judah for approximately two years. He had ministered to their material needs in such instances as: water turned to wine at the wedding at Cana, multiplying the five loaves and two fish to feed 5000, multiplying seven loaves to feed 4000 men plus women and children. He also ministered to their personal needs of healing. Blind eyes were opened and deaf ears unstopped. Crippled with withered arms and lame legs were made whole. Jesus even raised the dead daughter of a ruler of the synagogue. He set captives free from Satan's bondage. Two men at Gadara, possessed with enough devils to inhabit a whole herd of swine, received complete deliverance. Jesus cast out a demon which held a man dumb. He ministered to the needs of the soul. In the Sermon on the Mount, He taught His followers how to live to have a right relationship with God and man. By the seaside of Galilee, through parables such as the sower and the soil, the tares and the wheat, the grain of mustard seed and leavened bread, He taught the multitudes many important principles of the Kingdom of God. He also demonstrated that He was the God of creation by walking on the water and calming the storm.

But after all this, in the two chapters preceding our text, we see Him rejected in His own home town, Nazareth. Matthew 14:54-57, "Is not this the carpenter's son?" After two years of dedicated ministry, He was also rejected by the Pharisees and Scribes, the teachers and religious people of that day. Matthew 15:2 - "Why do thy disciples transgress...they wash not

when they eat..." They criticized His ministry. He was also rejected by the Sadducees who controlled the temple worship and represented the aristocracy of the Jews. After all the ministering acts we have just listed, they asked Him for a sign from Heaven, like calling down fire from heaven to prove Himself to them.

The Governor of Galilee, Herod Antipas, even made light of Him and passed Him off as John the Baptist, raised from the dead. As a man, don't you think that Jesus may have been a little frustrated? At least we may be sure that He was highly concerned for the twelve that He had personally chosen to establish His church.

This is why Jesus took these disciples to a town on the northernmost border of Palestine - Caesarea Philippi - at the foot of Mount Hermon to find out if they really knew who He was, and what He had called them for.

He asked - "Who do men say that I the Son of Man am?" They answered: "Some say You are John the Baptist raised from the dead, who has some temporary miraculous powers, but will eventually pass from the scene. Others say Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets or just another teacher or reformer." Then Jesus personalized the question - "But who do YE say that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Messiah, the son of the living God!"

Why, after two years, did only a handful of men, perhaps only twelve, know that Jesus was the promised deliverer of Israel? The whole nation knew Isaiah's prophecy of Isaiah 9:6. They had witnessed the acts of a mighty God and heard the teachings of a counselor and felt the compassion of

a father! Why did they fail to recognize Christ as their Messiah? Because they were too earthly-minded and selfish! They wanted a Messiah who would give them material things, that they personally would not have to sacrifice for. The Jews wanted a political kingdom similar to that of David and Solomon's where others would do all the work and they would be at ease. The Jews did not realize that the Kingdom that God envisioned for them was not that of a superior or chosen race ruling over the rest of the world, but they were to be a nation of priests, ministering or serving the world, so that all men might come to know God, be at peace with God and then there would be peace on earth.

To us, Jesus asks the same question - "Who do you say that I am?" Some of us have known Jesus for about two years, similar to the time of the ministry of Jesus when He asked that question of His disciples. Some of us have known Him much longer. The question is still the same, no matter what length of time we have known Him. Is this Pentecostal way just another religion? Is our association with Christ just for the material blessings - the loaves and fishes? Is our association with Pentecost just for social benefit? Or, is Jesus truly the Messiah and we His subjects freely doing His bidding? If we are really a citizen of His Kingdom, we must hear His next instruction to His disciples - "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16:24. This means a different sacrifice for each of us. But in so doing, we demonstrate our conviction and answer with Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Student Activities



ROW ONE L-R: Andrea Fowler (R) presents ABI wife Wendy Bettey, ME, with a welcome certificate and a rose from the ABI Wives during their annual Mexican Dinner.

The Evangelism Club, under direction of Faculty Donald Wiger (left, back row), is learning how to organize and launch a soul-winning campaign.

Todd, Deanna and Megan White dress up for a party at ABI.



ROW TWO L-R: The ABI Orchestra, directed by Mark Fowler, staff, plays in service and assists the choir. A few of these are: J. Burkhart, IN; M. Steward, OK; L. Westwood, MT; B. Mayhann, FL; A. Werner, MT.

Freshmen D. Wickett, ME; K. Wasmundt, WI; H. Gimpel, IA; L. Hammer, OH; T. Smith, MD pose for a Welcome Day picture.

WABI, 238 on your dial, programmed the ABI Bible Reading Kickoff Rally. Students will read their Bibles through from October through May. Successful completers will take a cruise down the St. Croix River which divides Minnesota and Wisconsin.

ROW THREE L-R: The Annual Leaf Day crowd at Como Park takes a break from the football game. The second year were the champions.

Teresa Driggers, center, IN, organizes a weekly "Kids' Klub". Children learn through exciting teaching methods and Bible stories from God's Word.

Class dinners at ABI are not only great fundraisers, but they're great fun. The Senior "country" dinner was no exception.



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Alumni '90

ALUMNI AT GENERAL CONFERENCE 1990 (Pictured at left)

ROW ONE, Left - Right: Rev. & Mrs. R. Lovins, SD; Rev. R. Whalen, OK & Rev. S. W. Chambers, MO; Rev. C. Mendenhall, IN & Rev. W. Mitchell, IL.

ROW TWO, Left - Right: Rev. & Mrs. J. Starr, OR; Mrs. K. Reed, MO; Revs. J. Pulaski & R. Young, OH; Missionary A. Demos, Germany; Rev. S. Drury, MS

ROW THREE, Left - Right: Rev. & Mrs. R. Stroup, IN; C. & C. Walker & Family, IN; Rev. & Mrs. J. Snyder, MO; Rev. J. H. Rose, OH

ROW FOUR, Left - Right: Rev. N. Paslay II, OH & Mrs. W. Schmidt, IN; Rev. E. Breithaupt, IL and Rev. W. Connell, FL; Mrs. R. Trapani, Mrs. D. Kuhtenia, Mrs. L. Buller, OH



Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Clifford, Little Rock, AR, on their 25th wedding anniversary; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Norris, faculty, and to Rev. and Mrs. Willard Barnett, WI and Rev. and Mrs. Lester Thompson, WI on their 50th wedding anniversary. Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Patrick are travelling as representatives for Tupelo Children's Mansion "New Beginnings" program. Rev. Craig Moorman, Canada, preached in Sri Lanka. Rev. and Mrs. William Chapman pastor in West Helena, AR. Rev. Roger Barcus is starting a new work in St. Paul, MN. Rev. James Warden pastors in Chipley, FL. Rev. and Mrs. Randy Briggs, ME, are going as missionaries to Norway. Rev. and Mrs. James Burton have been appointed Regional Field Supervisors for the South American region. Bill and Glenna Brott run the "Brott's Century Inn" Bed and Breakfast in Ruthven, IA. Ann Grant, faculty, and the Little Lights have released two new tapes, "Bananas For Jesus" and "You Asked For It!" Linda Ducklow, staff, MN, has made a series of video tapes on "Learning Sign Language the Easy Way." George Szozda, WI, has translated the "Search for Truth" Bible studies into Polish. ABI printed this material. Pray for him and his wife as they go into Poland December 20, 1990 with this literature.

PRAY FOR HEALING: Betty Mattox Gruel, IL and Margot Jones, IN.

BIRTHS

Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Martin, OK, a son, Matthew II. Brenda (Dilley) and Gary Carter, IN, a son, Nathaniel. Martha (Knapp) and Paul Brush, OH, a son, Geron. Rebecca (Roach) and Greg Velazquez, IN, a daughter, Natalie. Renee (Brua) and Roger Feiler, a son, Ross. Clint and Camela Walker, IN, a daughter, Whitley. Kim (Poore) and Todd Wieneke, MN, a son, Zachary. Rev. and Mrs. Mike Minniear, IL, a daughter, Megan. Michael and Carla Humphrey, IN, a son, Tyler. Eric and Darla Humphrey, IN, a son, Collin. Andrew and Christene Weisbrod, MN, a daughter, Jessica. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Flemming, MN, a daughter, Lindy. Crystal (Merrick) and Richard White, MN, a daughter, Whitney. Jesse and Nancy Reddock, AR, a daughter, Jessica. Eric and Shelley Hunt, CO, a son, Jordan. Debbie (Buzzard) and Bruce Crozier, IA, a son, Nathan. Eugene and Barb Bishop, Ontario, Canada, a daughter, Tiffany. John and Glenda Nordstrom, IL, a son, Gentry. Mr. and Mrs. JoJo Echavaria, AZ, a son, Philip.

MARRIAGES

Rev. Barrett Church to Beth Dunn, Ontario, Canada. David Myers to Andrea Trapani, OH. Beth Hassebrock to Clarence Holbrook, FL. Gary Luke to Shelley Jennings, OH. Irma Zuniga to Arturo Rodriguez, CA. Debbie Perez to Rodney Pruitt, NM. Jayme Buzzard to Tony Powell, IA. Dan Knapp to Marie Coffey, IN. Tammy Church to Tom Breeden, Ontario, Canada. Lori Ball to Galen DeCosta, CA. Eugene Truhlar to Jennifer Dumont, GA.

SINCERE SYMPATHY to the family of Rev. R. P. Lucas, pastor in Wooster, OH, on his recent death. Sympathy and prayers to Pam (Gleason) Blaszyk, her three children and entire family on the death of Rev. Christopher Blaszyk, a graduate of the Class of 1978. Rev. William Schmidt, pastor, Foreign Missions Board member, prayer warrior, friend, went to be with the Lord November 23. The alumni family around the world is praying for Faith Schmidt and family.

REMEMBER YOUR END OF YEAR GIVING TO ABI

There has been a substantial increase in our enrollment with your help!



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT ABI!
ENROLL NOW FOR JANUARY 1991

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Rev. Robert Norris
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ABI CALENDAR 1991

Second Semester - Registration
January 7, 1991

Mid-Term Break
March 22 - April 1, 1991

Graduation
May 31 - June 2, 1991



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