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Rev. S.G. Norris, President



Many times we stumble over faith. Matthew 18:3 tells us we must become as a little child. A child has simple faith, but yet so great.

Moses was a man of faith, but let us not think of the many magnificent things at this time such as turning the water into blood, etc. All of this was an aftermath.

Exodus Chapter Two: Moses was a goodly child. In Acts 7:20 we see he was *exceeding fair*. Hebrews 11:23 we read he was a *proper, or comely* child.

Moses' parents had no vision or inspiration that he would be a leader or a great character. God is trying to show us how simple faith is.

Pharoah had sent forth an edict to have all male children killed. These parents looked into the face of Moses and decided he should live; and they took their own lives into their hands in doing so. There was no handwriting on the wall; no mysterious happening that he would be a great leader. They simply looked into the face of this child.

The devil sometimes tries to make us think that some great happening must take place before we can have faith.

Heroes in the Bible started out with little simple faith. Daniel said, "We will not eat the king's meat."

It took faith to put the child in the bulrushes. The mother got to nurse the child and also instill faith in his heart.

Two

Moses had to make a decision. He was living a double life, so to speak. We also, in a manner, live double lives. The world is bidding for us and we know we should walk with God. It was a difficult decision for Moses to cast his lot with the people of God. Even then Moses had not learned faith. He went out and saw the taskmaster fighting. He defended the Hebrew thinking they would then understand he was to be their leader.

Many times our faith is shattered because we think others should understand. Moses thought they would understand.

Later we find Jethro invited him in. That was a long way from the children of Israel. Just as many times as we feel we are a long way from our goal.

Moses continued on. He saw the burning bush. He came back admiring the little simple burning bush. (Sometimes we are prone to want to see some spectacular thing.)

There wasn't much to the burning bush, but there is a great God behind it all!

God spoke and told Moses to go deliver the children of Israel. Right there before the simple burning bush --- in the simplicity of the desert --- was born in the heart of Moses FAITH that a great nation would be born. It was born on the desert sands of

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Deep appreciation and thankfulness swells within every heart in A.B.I. for Mrs. S.G. Norris. This feeling may not have been expressed in the past, but now it blooms in rich warmth and sincerity because through her absence her dedicated work and efforts have been recognized.

One lesson which this able instructor has taught every Second Year class has been the "Value of Life." God breathes His spirit of life into every man. Acts 17:25 "...seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." From then on man moves, thinks, works and lives, choosing his own pattern of life. Some men are satisfied by doing little; others climb to a great success. Besides the spirit of life, God gives even a more abundant life, the gift of the Holy Ghost within the mortal vessel who seeks for Him. With this gift, life becomes more than daily eating, working, sleeping. The vessel contains a motivation for accomplishing something worthwhile for God, because God's purpose for giving His abundant life is that men will become His servants. Nevertheless, the individual chooses his life pattern, either to be successful and useful for God or to be of no value.

Sister Norris has not only taught this wonderful lesson, but she has practiced it. Her work has been constant and her life purposeful. "Slow," and "Stop," were omitted from the schedule. Early and late hours, day after day, week after week, her whole heart has been wrapped up in God's work. However, though active, all work plans ceased when a student or saint in the church asked for advice or needed help. Time was given to listen and to assist. There was a personal interest, prayers and fasting for individuals. As a result, many lives have changed in character and have been channelled to high, worthwhile goals.

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Interwoven through her busy day has always been the Word of God, regularly at midnight and in the morning; and the secret place: a place to be alone with God. Secured here have been the inner calmness and strength to meet every deadline and the spiritual oasis to pass on to others.

The steady work of this fine servant was slowed down two months ago. Rest was desperately needed to overcome the fatigue and exhaustion of her body. Now Sis. Norris is back from a rest in Florida, and is resting in a quiet cottage. The Lord, who never overlooks His servants, has touched her and she is beginning to regain her strength.

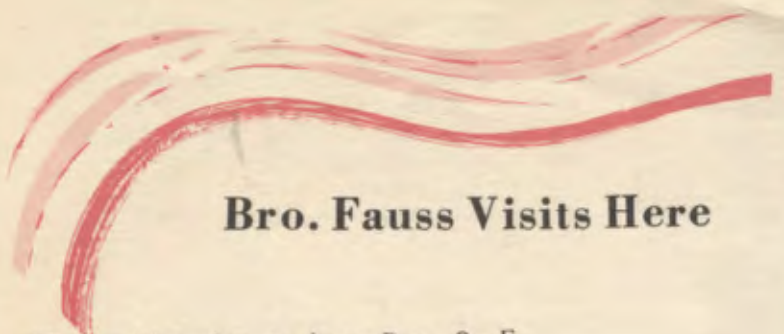
Sister Norris' vacancy in A.B.I. is greatly felt by each student and faculty member. They are praying for her complete recovery. We also want to thank the many, many saints all over the nation who are faithfully praying with us for Sis. Norris.

Elgene Eaton



God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. Psalms 73: 25, 26

Picture taken at 1960 A.B.I. Banquet



Bro. Fauss Visits Here

What a blessing to have Rev. O. F. Fauss, Asst. General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church, with us recently. He spoke to us on several occasions and each sermon was outstanding. Here are excerpts from one which touched our hearts.

Isaiah 59:16 "And he saw there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor."

Ezekiel 22:30 "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me...but I found none."

In the first reference, we gather from this expression that God would have certainly paid particular attention if there had been an intercessor. For in the first verse of the same chapter he says, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." This gives us the assurance of the possibility of God to save and reach the lowest sinner's prayer. If God had found an intercessor, He would have recognized it and answered.

Not all my children are saved and not all my grandchildren are saved, but God saved my son. My wife and I have prayed and sought the Lord for our children. One night on the way to church I just spoke my thoughts out loud and said, "Ma" we've asked God to save our children, but it seems some of them are going to Hell."

She said, "While there's life, there is still hope. God said if we would believe, he would save us and our household."

Four



I have a granddaughter who had known the Lord, but had set her mind on the world. I thought she had gone beyond reach and there was no use to pray for Darlene. The same night I spoke to my wife, Darlene had gone with her brother to church. The next morning my son came to our house and told me Darlene went to the altar and got an experience with God.

I said, "That's hard to believe," but my son said he was there and saw her. I "bawled and squalled" and said, "God you still answer prayer."

On Sunday night Darlene stood in the choir with her hands raised toward heaven and tears streaming down her cheeks. I said, "God, you still hear an intercessor's prayer."

Job was a man of prayer. He prayed for his family and children. Some day you young folks might have a family. Start out right, start out praying. Job continually offered sacrifice and praise unto the Lord peradventure they had done something against God. Job interceded for his children.

My mother prayed for fifteen years to get me out of Jesus' Name Pentecost and I prayed for fifteen years to get her in. I finally baptized her in Jesus' Name. God honored my intercessory prayer. Out of the 56 years of her being saved, I have been her pastor 32 years.

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"HE IS"



Bennie DeMerchant
Second Year Student
Perth, N.B., Canada

HEBREWS 11:6... "for he that cometh to God must believe that HE IS and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

"HE IS." Christ IS. He exists NOW! Only a select few have this view of the Christ--that He lives NOW!

Beneath many fathoms of water at various locations on the ocean floor, slowly rusting hulks of once proud vessels lie buried. Long ago disaster struck these ships and they went down laden with precious cargoes of gold, silver and much treasure. Today they lie still and motionless in the bed of the deep. Although they are loaded with treasure they will never rise to the surface again and will sleep the sleep of slow disintegration.

Many think of Christ, too, as a glorious figure of the past now swallowed up in the history of the earth. They think, too, that He has no part or lot with our present-day crises or busy lives. But Christ IS. "Is" is not past tense, but present! He is!

Do these people prefer to see only a shadow of a great Being and forget that although the grave held Him, He rose mighty, victorious, A L I V E! Do they forget that He never tasted death again! Then He is still ALIVE! Some simple unknowing souls take embellishments of so-called logic, deck them with eloquence to suit their own starved minds and try to deny that Jesus Christ I S!

We must leave the bounds of human thinking, hide ourselves in prayer, humble ourselves in service to Him before we can realize this idea--this idea of the "ever-presence" of Jesus Christ. The Scripture says, "He Is" and every day, every hour, HE IS!

Ask the astronomer if every star moves in its celestial orbit with precision. When you finish talking with him you will say that although our great Creator finished His "star-making" and said "It is good!" the stars give evidence of His present-day care of them by the way they follow their God-ordained courses.

Perhaps we may not care to designate our God, even Jesus, as a Master Physicist, but we do know that formulas, equations, and scientific laws are fixed. They were fixed by Him in the beginning of the world, and scientists are just working according to them. He IS and ever shall be.

Wonder of wonders--He dwells in the heart of His people and "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." How humble we should be!



Smiles of approval were on all the faces of those who attended the A.B.I. Wives' Mexican Dinner. Left to right are Theresa Shomberg, Wanda Ward, Derold Doughty, Dwight Roberts, Robert Hook, and Leon Stevens.



Good Mexican food is not complete without good Mexican singing. Mike McGee sang "Jesus le amo, si yo hago" ("Jesus I Love You, Yes I Do") while the guests were enjoying their hot tortillas and enchiladas.

"Come one, come all" was the invitation given to faculty, students, and friends of A.B.I. Eating by candlelight are Dorothy Dungan, Uldean Brown, Sis. Wasco, Bro. and Sis. Gleason, Martha Well and Willie Haskins.





A beautiful new piano for the devotion room has been given to A.B.I. by the first year class. This musical instrument is a gem from the A^b to G of it. Shown here are Sharon Urshan, school pianist, Bro. Norris, and the first year class officers, Twila Marshall, Jim Barentine, and Terry Litz.



Twila Marshall, (center) first year student at A.B.I., spends enjoyable Saturdays teaching the three year old children at Midway Tabernacle Hobby Club. Bro. and Sis. McElhaney, directors, look on with approval.

"Buenas dias - Como esta' (Good day - How are you?) This friendly welcome given by Senoras Simmons and Deck set a pleasant mood for the rest of the evening.



The attractive song books used daily in the A.B.I. devotions are a part of the First Year Class project. The class officers are presenting them to Brother Norris for the school.

The Daughters of the King toured Aaron's Temple, a Jewish synagogue in St. Paul. This A.B.I. and Midway Tabernacle girls' auxiliary scheduled their trip for the Jewish Sabbath: Leaders of the group are Shirley Ramsey and Twila Marshall.



Alumni News



THE PARDUES

How nice to see Bro. and Sis. Pardue again. These fine missionaries have just returned from Indonesia. They are pictured here with their daughters, second year students, Shelba, left, and Sibil.

This edition of the school paper was edited by the First Year Journalism class with Dorothy Dungan and Nancy Jordan, Editors

A BOY! Corpus Christi, Texas, informed when John Allan arrived at the home of Beverly (Newstrand) and Allan Hicks May 13th. After three girls he is very welcome!

Brenda Denise Morann picked Ingrid and Elmer for parents. She was born in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Thanks to the prayers of the saints, Bro. Kyle Minniear of St. Paul Park, Minn., is almost in perfect health again.

Congratulations to Delores and Jim Slater of Champaign, Illinois, who have a new daughter, Pamela Lynn. Delores and Jim are both A.B.I. graduates.

Betty and Willis Harrod who are pastoring in Edinburg, Texas, have added another to their Sunday School roll--John Alan.

Charles Cooper recently held a revival for Rev. Willis Harrod in Edinburg, Texas.

A. D. URSHAN

Rev. Andrew D. Urshan from Long Beach, California was with us at Midway Tabernacle and A.B.I. recently. His messages gave us a deep appreciation for those who have blazed the trail ahead of us.

Bro. Urshan is now on his way to Tehran, Iran (Persia) where he plans to help Bro. and Sis. Benjamin Urshan win Assyrians, Armenians, and Moslems to Christ Jesus our Lord.



CORRIDOR COMMENTS

The students have found a new way to increase their vocabulary and spelling. The only book that can be used is the dictionary. This is by playing the game, "Scrabble." Many hours after classes are spent discovering new words. Ivor Reuter is the champ!

Terry Litz

Welcome home, Sister Norris! The students and saints are glad to know that Sis. Norris is home and feeling some better. Keep praying for her.

Dorothy Dungan

A bright new star has arisen in the field of choir directing. Dale Hodges and Ron Simmons have been directing in the A.B.I. Glee Club practices under the direction of Bro. Gleason. They also led the choir in church.

Sharon Urshan

Do you have conquering confidence? This was the theme used by Catherine Tucker when she spoke in our school devotion. We all felt like we wanted to be like Daniel and Paul.

Nancy Jordan

The Third Year Epistles class is studying the Nine Spiritual Gifts and how they are used in the church for administration. We appreciate this teaching from Bro. Norris and know it will soon be useful as we go to our fields of labor.

Wyllis Haskins

Many of the students spend their recess period each day in the Prayer Room. Our studies and every day life have a deeper meaning when based upon prayer.

Leon Stevens

Girls! Have you heard there is going to be a new girls' lounge in Room 12? Equipment has already arrived. The new bicycle (which is stationary to the floor) is a special feature. To pedal it thirty miles an hour is our goal! The girls Auxiliary group purchased a Hi-Fi record player for it also!

Shelba Pardue

"It's a girl!" came the cry from Tom Lewis, second year student. Tom just became the father of Lori JoAnn born May 1st. Mother, JoAnn (Jordan) is an A.B.I. graduate.

Sally Pickering

Did you hear Don Deck bragging on the new piano the First Year purchased? Want to go fishing? Look up Robert LaFleur. He's got lots of new equipment... Thanks to Benny DeMerchant and his radio, the Second Year class heard the launching of America's first space man.

Derold Doughty

"Oh's and ah's" were heard as the girls entered the newly re-decorated dormitory. Sandalwood beige walls, contrasting with the rose-pink tile of the floor adds a new warmth to dorm life. The work was done by Elton Sermon, Raymond Roach and Jim Barentine.

Velma Plant

Fasting Thursday night suppers is a real blessing to the A.B.I. students. Everyone prays from 7:00 - 8:00 and then we have a service at Midway Tabernacle. God's wondrous blessings are felt by this sacrifice.

Dorothy Dungan

Plan to attend: **1961 A.B.I. Graduation**

Dramas

Friday, June 2 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 3 2:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 4 2:00 P.M.

Alumni

Free breakfast for all alumni
and graduating seniors.
Saturday June 3 9:00 A.M.
Business Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Banquet

Saturday, June 3, 6:30 P.M.
Central Y.M.C.A.
Newly redecorated and
air conditioned--
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Send for reservations now--

Music

A.B.I. Chorale
Solos Quartets
Instrumentals

Speaker

Rev. E.F. Cannon
Arkansas District Superintendent
Sunday June 4 7:30 P.M.

Welcome

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Hague and Victoria Streets
St. Paul, Minnesota
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Rev. S.G. Norris, President



BROTHER FAUSS

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When I was a little boy, my parents were professional dancers and card players. This was their life. Our home was built for a dance house. God took our baby boy and mother prayed, "Let me die! Let me die!" But God said she wasn't fit to die. She prayed that God would let her see a vision of hell. She saw a bottomless pit, and she saw hell in all its fury. She prayed that if God would let her live she would take her children to church.

We loaded the old wagon in Western Oklahoma and went to a strange building. I thought maybe we were at another dance, but the dances were at night, and this was morning. When we walked in, I thought, "No dances here, too many seats."

It was a Methodist church and the Mourners' Bench was up in front. The preacher called the sinners to come and get right with God. Ma went up and she raised her hands and began to shout. I was in the third seat back and just woke up. I looked over the bench and I never saw Ma in such a sight.

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Midian. Probably no one had thought that God would be in a nation. Where did all that start? His parents looked into Moses' baby face.

Moses said, "I can't speak well." He realized then that it took something more than a strong right arm. Forty years before he was ready, but now he realized that it took more than his own might.

A miracle had not taken place for 400 years, but there in the desert God told him to take his rod--it turned into a serpent. His hand--leprous and then a miracle.

All this took place, not before thousands, but in the desert place.

We went home and Ma started a fire in the old range. She lifted the lid, and stood there, and began to shuffle those cards; it was the last shuffle. Then she left the room and came back with a load of books. Dad use to sit up at night and read and Mom held the lamp. Ma began to throw them in the fire. After that we began to have prayer every day.

After we children left home, those old folks would still call our name in prayer. Even when Dad got so crippled that he couldn't kneel down they would read the Bible and pray for us kids. When he got to where he couldn't read, they put their hands on that Bible and they would call our names in prayer. That is the reason I am here preaching tonight. God honors the power and position of someone that can pray and intercede. You don't have to have a special calling to be an intercessor. God may never call you to be a preacher, a superintendent of a Sunday School or a deacon of a church, but there is a position that you can qualify for. This is the position of one that is faithful to church and one that can fill the position of an intercessor. This is the greatest position in the church.

Maybe you feel like it has been a long time since any miracles took place in your life, but God is instilling faith in your heart as he did Moses.

It is true, he turned the water into blood; it is true he brought the Law, Tabernacle and Priesthood to the people. But all of this is an aftermath of little simple faith!

In this hour that we live, the newspapers make us feel that God is not needed. They make us think they can solve everything in Washington. If we listen to the voice of the world instead of the voice of God (as Moses could have listened to the voices of Egypt) our faith will be crushed.

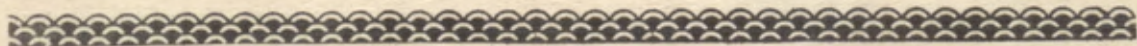
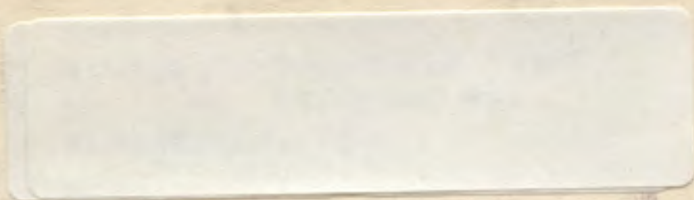
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