

# THE *Pentecostal Way*

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Home Missions Conference presented at ABI by the UPCI. Computer course added. Annual ABI Lock-in. Child Evangelism team travels to Illinois to make presentation. ABI engages in a continuous eighteen hour prayer chain. Old Testament Tabernacle studies are given by Reverend Robert Norris. Graduation dramas are in preparation.

## ABI TRAINS FOR LEADERSHIP

Children's musical will be presented to the public. Ruth Foster speaks on the Principles of Prayer to the Connecticut District ladies. The new ABI catalog is printed and available upon request. Choir prepares for spring presentation. ACE student enrollment reaches all-time high. Reverend Gerald Grant, President, gives a series of studies on Bible Prophecy. ABI faculty enroll in degree programs. Yearbook staff rallies to finish yearbook by early deadline. ABI sponsors steak dinner. Michael Hensley prepares to conduct ABI summer music tour. Foreign Missions Department of UPCI holds seminar at ABI. Graduation Banquet and Breakfast tickets available: see back cover.

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Top photo: L-R - J. Betty, ME; K. Bishop, Canada; C. Soptalean, OH. Bottom photo: J. Carr, ME and Mrs. R. Addington, New Zealand

**WELCOME REVEREND DREW BALDRIDGE** to the ABI team! Rev. Baldrige has much experience in leadership capacity. He was Class President of his ABI Class of 1983, and went on to assist Rev. Ronald Lovins, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for six years. During that time he has been a Sunday School teacher, Youth Leader, Bible Quizzing coach and seminar speaker in many cities around the country. He will be the ABI ACE School Principal, ABI Promotional Director and the men's dormitory supervisor. We are privileged to have

Drew, his wife, Heather, and three children, Melissa, Andrew and Christopher, with us.

**ABI HAS A NEW COOK.** Member of the ABI Class of 1983, **MICHAEL ANDERSON** comes to us with solid culinary experience. His knowledge of food is enhanced with his positive, Christian attitude and organizational ability. He is also ABI Security Director and is a willing worker in any area he is able to assist. We welcome you, Michael, to the ABI staff!

Pictured below: Rev. Kenneth Mendenhall, IN and Rev. Raymond Roach, Canada, in a Home Missions seminar challenged students with Quebec's need for workers.



We enjoyed the rich ministry of Rev. Gary Reed, MO. Each lesson reflected his expertise in biblical studies and pastoral counseling.



Rev. Mervyn Miller, MO and Robert Addington family, New Zealand, gave a dynamic Foreign Missions seminar.

# The Love of God

Rev. Gerald Grant  
President of ABI

It is important for us to understand that God always wants us to return to Him. No matter how far we stray, He waits patiently for us to return. When we see God forgiving others who have done wrong, we need to accept His forgiveness in their lives.

Luke 15:1 states, "Then drew all the publicans and sinners to hear him." The publican of Jesus' day was a Jew who had sold out to the Romans to collect taxes. He was authorized by the Roman government to collect extra for himself. These tax collectors were so hated by their fellow Jews that their charitable donations were not accepted in the temple and their testimony was not permitted in court. Outcast and unloved by their countrymen, they found a friend in Jesus, God in flesh. He ministered to them and accepted them into the Kingdom of God, if they would repent. Both Matthew and Zacchaeus were publicans.

When questioned and criticized by the Pharisees, Jesus answered them by illustrating the love of God with three parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost man. There was a flock of one-hundred sheep, and one was missing. This is the equivalent of having one-hundred pennies and losing one. What would you do? Furthermore, because sheep reproduce, it would not be long before the lost sheep would be replaced and forgotten. After all, it was only a one percent loss!

But the love of God does not view us as a commodity. He loves us

so much that the very hairs of our heads are numbered. When we wander off, His love follows and He calls to us through friends and loved ones. He seeks until He finds us and when He finds us, He does not scold and punish. He will carry us back!

Then there is the story of the lost coin. A lady had ten pieces of silver, and one was lost. This was a ten percent loss. The value was still low. Scholars tell us that that piece of silver was valued at about sixteen cents. Why would this woman go to such extremes to find it? She lit a lamp, swept, and housecleaned the entire house. She had lost more than just a piece of silver. It was one of ten pieces of silver sewn to a piece cloth called a "frontlet" and given to her by her husband at the time of her marriage as it is our custom to give wedding rings. This frontlet was to be worn everytime she appeared in public. To not wear it, or to wear it with a coin missing, was an indication that she was indifferent about her marriage and unfaithful to her wedding vows. It is little wonder that she would clean the entire house to find that piece of silver.

Each of us is precious to God. Even though we may feel we are of little value, He wants us as a part of His tapestry or frontlet. He does His part to find us and restore us.

The parable of the lost man illustrates the role of the lost soul being restored to God. Even though God

will comb the hills and valleys and sweep clean the house in His search, He cannot restore anyone against his will. If one demands and requests his own will and way, God will reluctantly allow that man to go or do as he wishes. In this story, the father did not send his servants to find the young man. To bring him back against his will would only cause the heartache of having him leave again. However, there is the assurance that when one does come to himself and when he is ready to admit that he has done wrong, God is waiting with open arms to receive him back. We are so engraved on His heart and mind, that even though we may be in rags, bent low in fatigue, and starved with malnutrition, He will recognize us the moment we appear on the horizon and come running to receive us. The embrace is not a formality, but one of warm sincerity. As soon as a lost soul repents, He is ready to give a new robe, the authority of a ring, and the freedom to move about with shoes. Then, there is a great celebration!

This is the love of God. Will you accept it? If you have wandered astray from your commitment and feel lost, and though you are still in the house, you are not the shiny piece of silver you should be on His frontlet, hear Him calling today. Like the lost man, you must respond, then He will pick you up like the lost sheep and will sew you back into His frontlet like the coin. He cares that much for you!

# *S* udent Activities





Row 1: ABI Bible Readers' Parade depicting the Major Prophets. L-R: R. Quist, IA; R. Walters, Jordan; L. Zerrouky, Morocco; A. Ehiguese, MN; T. Miller, IL; M. Steward, OK; D. Wiger, MN; T. Franks, IL; K. Coates, KY and S. Mortenson, MN.

The ABI Choir under the direction of Music Director Michael Hensley, sings in the chapel services each Sunday.

R. Espana, NM; B. Mayhann, FL and M. Calderon, CA, enjoy a special dinner in the ABI cafeteria.



Row 2: The ABI Annual Basketball game was the scene of some "tough" competition. Second year emerged victorious.

The ABI Foreign Missions Seminar was a special time of learning about New Zealand and world missions. Joseph and Valarie Wiesner, AZ, inspect souvenirs from New Zealand.

Joe Bettey, ME, enacts Daniel in the story of Daniel refusing to eat king's meat. Leo Cody, FL and Caleb Soptalean, OH, play supporting roles in this Ethics class study of "autonomy", a basic tenet of Humanism.

Row 3: Class Officers "go hunting" during a promotional skit. L-R: B. Wallace, IA; L. Zerrouky, Morocco; K. Webb, IN; L. Robinson, Philippines; T. White, IN.



ABI Spirit Week featured a day with highest "poufs" for ladies and "slicked" hair for men. L-R: M. Calderon, CA; B. Quist, IA; D. Lee, MN and V. Eastman, WI.

Cindy (Wurch) Slagle opens her farewell gift - a microwave oven - while her brother-in-law, Vance, WI, looks on.

# Special Alumni News

Dear Brother Grant and Friends at ABI:

Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This is a letter of thanks and appreciation to all of ABI for your hard work in printing the Search for Truth Home Bible Study in the Polish language.

Just this month I spent several days in Poland with your alumni Brother and Sister George Szozda who had come from the States to present the SFT to the Polish Apostolics. They told me the story of how the Polish edition came into being and had many words of praise for your very important contribution to the finished product.



Mr. & Mrs. George Szozda, WI

I want to add my thanks on behalf of Eastern Ministries and especially the saints in Poland. The younger generation, especially, welcomed this tool into their country. Until now, they had literally nothing to help them reach new people with the Gospel. When the Szozdas explained the beauty of the Home Bible Study, many of them became genuinely excited and their spiritual vision was stimulated. We are believing God that the SFT will be the means of bringing many souls in Poland to salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for the many hours of hard work from all involved. I understand that your time was donated as well as the use of the machinery. In fact, I believe that the cost of the paper was the only cost that was reimbursed to ABI. This certainly represents many sacrifices on behalf of yourself and many other people that are associated with you. I believe that the Lord is pleased with such sacrifices and the Polish people will certainly be the beneficiaries of your selfless love and concern. Thank you ABI! May the Lord continue to pour out His blessings and love in your lives.

Thankfully,  
Rev. Samuel Balca, Eastern Europe Missionary

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# A *lumni News*

Mr. and Mrs. (*Joyce Cooper*) Keith Porter are appointed AIMers to China. They will be working in a city north of Shanghai, across the Yellow Sea from Seoul, Korea. *Barbara (Edwards) Hanson*, MT, was the guest speaker at a sectional conference in Helena, MT. *Rev. and Mrs. William Chapman*, AR, took their Christian school in West Helena, AR to Houston, TX to conduct a bilingual service with alumnus *Rev. Oscar Junkar*. Congratulations to *Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Mitchell*, Silvis, IL, on the completion of their "Million Dollar Mission". The Whole Truth Tabernacle had a great celebration over this victory. *Jon Eckenrod* is teaching in a Christian school in Madison, WI. *Rev. and Mrs. (Janice Wurch) Craig Moorman* and children, Jonathan and Chantiel, are pastoring in Marshfield, WI. *Rev. and Mrs. (Beth DeMerchant) George Sievers*, have been installed as pastor in Hamilton, Alabama. *Rev. Roy Moorman*, Canada, held a prophecy conference in Milwaukee, WI with *Rev. Manuel Rogers*, pastor. *Rev. Charles Combs*, Turlock, CA, hosted a West Coast Prayer Conference. *Rev. and Mrs. Terrence Schmitt* report that they went on a Bible courier mission to deliver

*Bethany Woodruff*, VA, daughter of Bill & Jamie



seventy-two Vietnamese Bibles to Saigon, China Beach, Imperial City and Hanoi. They were able to establish four new contacts in the city of Danang. Remember the Schmitts and their burden for Vietnam. *Shawn Slagle* is youth minister in San Antonio, Texas and *Cindy* is music director for the church. "Echoes from Glory" is a new tape just released by *Rev. Russell Walters*, WI, composer of the ABI School Song, "ABI Is the School We Love". *Rev. and Mrs. David Ferrell* pastor in Hoyt, New Brunswick, Canada. PLEASE PRAY FOR - *Bennie Jo DeMerchant*, son of Missionary *Bennie* and *Theresa DeMerchant*, Brazil, who is receiving cancer treatment in a St. John, New Brunswick hospital. Missionaries *Andy Carpenter* going to Swaziland and *David Ward* to Tanzania. *Betty Gruel*, Trilla, IL, with cancer.

MARRIAGES: *Cindy Wurch* (ABI cook) to *Shawn Slagle*, St. Paul, MN. *Debora Bennett* to *Ed Blair*, Indianapolis, IN.

BIRTHS: *Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Chapman*, IL, a daughter, Anita. *Mr. and Mrs. Don Wiger*, MN, a daughter, Cynthia. *Rev. and Mrs. Jacky Willhoite*, ME, a son, Jacky. *Mr. and Mrs. (Michelle Wasmundi) Ed Ferrell*, OH, a daughter, Courtney. *Rev. and Mrs. Bill Woodruff*, VA, a daughter, Shelley. *Mr. and Mrs. (Becky Mitchell) Dave Cummings*, British Columbia, Canada, a daughter, Rachel.

# G raduation 1991

May 31 - June 2



**REV. ROBERT STROUP**  
Merrillville, Indiana  
Guest Speaker

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

Senior Drama 7:30 pm  
Reception Area following drama

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9:30am - Alumni Breakfast  
2:00pm - Upperclass Drama  
6:30pm - Annual Banquet

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2

2:30pm - Freshmen Drama  
7:30pm - 1991 Graduation

### Music and Puppetry by:

*The Hensleys*  
*The ABI Touring Quartet*  
*Mickey Mangun*  
*ABI Choir*  
*The Little Lights*

### Outstanding Speaking

*Rev. Robert Stroup*  
*Rev. William Connell*  
*Rev. Anthony Mangun*  
*Rev. James Lumpkin*  
*Rev. Arless Glass*  
*Other alumni speakers*

### Special Motel Rates:

DAYS INN, Century Avenue, 612-738-1600 \$38.00/two double beds  
HOLIDAY INN, McKnight Road, 612-731-2220 \$45.00/two double beds  
RAMADA INN, Old Hudson Road, 612-735-2330 \$39.00/two double beds

*(Please indicate you want the ABI rate.)*

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**I PLAN TO ATTEND THE ABI GRADUATION.**

Please reserve the following for me:

Alumni Breakfast Tickets - Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cost is \$8.00 each)

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