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S *tudent Activities*



The J. Wiesner family at the ABI Memorial Day Picnic



1991 ACE Lab School



First ACE graduate, S. Barcus



L. Zerrouky, MN grills hotdogs at picnic



1991 ABI Summer Tour Music Group, M. Hensley, director



1991 ABI Child Evangelism Tour Group, A. Grant, director



PICTURED ON FRONT COVER: 1991 Seniors; M. Fowler, OH, academic honor student; L. Robinson, Philippines, voted honor student & her husband; part of the ABI Graduation audience.

After reading their Bibles through, a group of fifty students cruised down the St. Croix, enjoying a delicious breakfast and many activities.

Jesus is Coming Soon

Rev. Gerald Grant
President of ABI

JESUS IS COMING SOON

Jesus Christ is coming soon. We must keep our hearts right and continue with diligence to do a work for God. The duty of the ministry is to feed, to shepherd, to serve, and to motivate to action. I want to encourage you to remember that Jesus Christ is coming and we must be ready. Matthew 24:44 admonishes us, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." In verse 50 of that same chapter, we read, "The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of." II Peter 3:3-4 states, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

Matthew 24 and II Peter 3 are solemn warnings to all servants of the Christian era. Ezekiel and Jeremiah spent much of their ministry warning Judah about the judgement by Babylon if Judah continued to refuse to repent. They were met with unbelief. We must not fall into this same trap. Matthew 24:44-51 - "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his com-

ing; And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

We have heard so much about a rapture generation and about the end times. We have taught prophecy and about the signs of the times. However, we are still on earth. It is possible to develop a "ho hum" attitude about the second coming of the Lord. It is also possible to live for this life and lose sight of the world to come as the Lord delays His coming.

The Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple after their captivity. They began to build Zerubbabel's Temple. Struggle and opposition of their neighbors caused them to stop working on the temple and they focused in on building personal lavish homes. The Church in our world has come through some difficult times. There is a temptation when this happens to relax, or maybe even to become self-seeking. But we must not forget the text - "In such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh..."

When we speak of the "coming of the Lord", we must remember that He comes for individuals, at the appointed time of death, and He will also come for the Church collectively. We must be ready for both of these "comings of the Lord". This readiness dictates how we should live. Scripture uses two parables to show us how to be ready: the parable of the ten vir-

gins and the parable of the talents. Let's take a brief look at each.

In the parable of the ten virgins, they were all asleep. This indicates that sleeping was not wrong: they were all doing it. This means that they were occupied with the concerns of life. Some of these virgins became so preoccupied with the cares of life that they allowed living to rob them of spiritual life. We need to keep up our personal spiritual lives with our prayer, church attendance, Bible reading, and church worship, so we will not fall into this trap. We need to keep our own hearts.

In the parable of the talents, we learn how to work in God's kingdom. God has given different people different abilities. Regardless of which areas He has blessed us in, we must use those areas for Him: singing in the choir, praying at the altar, praying in the prayer room, witnessing, working with children and youth, working on the church buildings, or playing in the orchestra. Every area of church work is very important. This parable teaches that we are rewarded when we exercise our talents, but punished when we leave them idle.

In our twenty-four hour day, there are ninety-six fifteen minute segments. Can we give just one to God? The temptation is to say that we will do it later. But, in an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. "Blessed is that servant, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find so DOING."

Graduation 1991



ROW ONE:

Senior drama, "The Prodigal Plight": T. Reed, MN; D. Wagner, MN; M. Fowler, OH; S. Wiesner, AZ; L. Robinson, Philippines

Graduation speaker, Rev. R. Stroup, IN and Rev. A. Glass, TX

Freshmen Drama, "A Tabernacle for the Lord of Glory": D. Lemon, LA; R. Walters, Jordan; C. Soptelean, OH; D. White, IN; T. Franks, IL; J. Moss, FL



ROW TWO:

President Rev. G. Grant and Rev. W. Connell, FL

Second Year Drama, "Where the Wind Listeth": J. Corbitt, AR; J. Appleby, MT; K. Willhoite, Canada; M. Baldrige, MN; P. Resong, MN; S. Hatter, OK; B. Wallace, IA; D. Hanson, OK; R. Espana, NM; N. Willhoite, ME; Q. Peterson, MN; T. Ehiguese, MN

The ABI Singers: M. Stewart, OK; D. Lee, MN; J. Corbitt, AR; T. Graham, UT; S. Hensley, MN



ROW THREE:

Revs. R. Whalen, OK and J. Hugh Rose, OH with elected honor student, L. Robinson, Philippines

Rev. J. Lumpkin, AR

Rev. W. Mitchell, MI

Part of the 1991 Drama audience: thank you friends and alumni for supporting the "School that we love"!



A lumni at Graduation 1991



Mrs. R. Stroup, IN, Graduation speaker's wife; Mrs. J. Lumpkin, AR; Mrs. G. Grant



Rev. & Mrs. G. Reed, Jordan



Rev. & Mrs. E. Ball, IN



Rev. & Mrs. R. Eastman, WI



Rev. & Mrs. K. Reed, Indonesia



P. Gaulke, WI



M. Jones, IN



Rev. R. Whalen, OK, Sunday morning speaker; Rev. J. Hugh Rose, OH

A lumni News



Mr. & Mrs. M. Thompson, AR



Rev. & Mrs. R. Reed, WY



Mr. & Mrs. R. Hinkle, MD



Rev. & Mrs. D. Hodges, IA

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Reddock are beginning a new church in Jacksonville, AR. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed have gone to the Philippines on their way to Indonesia as missionaries. JoJo Echavaria is assistant pastor in Rio Rancho, NM, with pastor Rev. Michael Rieder. Rev. Rieder reports that nineteen have been baptized since January. Robert Yanok II is youth pastor in Little Shute, WI. Leslie Hanson is on the AIM program to Swaziland, Africa. She is involved in operation of correspondence courses for Swaziland's ABI, Sunday School, Child Evangelism, and home fellowship meetings. Rev. O.C. Crabtree, FL District Superintendent, is the Kentucky District campmeeting Bible teacher. Rev. Ray Robinson received his Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary. "My burden for the work of the Lord in the military was a constant source of motivation which enabled me to persevere. It has taken me six long years of academic preparation in order to apply for the chaplaincy. Three of those years were spent studying at ABI where I not only received a grounding in biblical and Pentecostal traditions, but also a deeper appreciation for both. This training helped me prepare for the challenges of seminary..." Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Witkus are children's camp evangelists in Minnesota and Kentucky. Rev. Norman Paslay II, OH, is the conqueror's camp speaker in Minnesota.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to Sis. S.G. Norris on her 90th birthday, July 4th, 1991.

BIRTHS

Jess and Ruth Starr, OR, a son, Jared. Bruce and Tarina Hanson, MN, a son, Alexander. Dale and Debbie Hasebrock, a son, Travis. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Yanok II, WI, a daughter, Cierra. Mr. and Mrs. (Vicky Wells) Ernie Grubaugh, IA, a daughter, Kerri.

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