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OUTREACH PAYS



ABI NEWS

Rev. Norman Paslay, OH, Welcome Night Speaker

Rev. & Mrs. Tom Weisser and family, CA, guest speakers



Ralph Grant, Canada, computer and accounting expert with his son-in-law, Dan O'Hern, former missionary to Germany



ABI has a new full-time librarian. Alumnus Pam Resong, WI, graduate of the Class of 1988, has joined the ABI staff with the challenging task of re-organizing the Paul Gregory Memorial Library. She has many exciting ideas to aid students with research. Thank you, alumni, who contributed during the ABI breakfast to this project!



Librarian Pam Resong

Outreach pays. The cover photographs show two of the three baptisms conducted at ABI's First United Pentecostal Church of Saint Paul during the past month. Since the fall opening of classes, God has blessed the ABI congregation tremendously. Dynamic services, inspired preaching, and powerful altar services have culminated in three baptisms: two men and one girl. The ABI outreach team is in action under the direction of Reverend Drew Baldrige. We are praying for this revival to continue throughout the school year.

Welcome Weekend launched this school year with services accentuated with conviction and challenge. Rev. Norman Paslay II, OH, encouraged the students to finish the course and the rewards are worth it.

Rev. Thomas Weisser, CA, reminded us of our unique oneness heritage. He and his family were a great blessing through their music and teaching.

Evangelists Darla Burns and Nancy Renner, IL held a two week revival. This precious time marked a spiritual awakening and gave great motivation to develop a closer walk with our Lord.

THE STRENGTH OF GOD

Rev. Gerald Grant, President

The devil does not tempt us with one hundred percent false doctrine. He confronts us with ninety-five percent truth and five percent error. He is sly and has managed to destroy many. How can we overcome temptation? It seems that we are so weak. My message is about tapping into a resource that will protect us from the web of sin. We can transfer the strength of God to ourselves and be honest with God.

Isaiah 27:5 gives an invitation to Israel to take hold of the strength of God. "...let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me." The strength of God.

When I was a young child in Canada, I enjoyed skiing. I remember a time at about age four when I was out trying to ski and became so cold I thought I would freeze to death. As I stood there, a big man came over, picked me up, and carried me home. I remember the strength I felt. Another time, when I was a little older, I was out riding with my friend, Cameron Bishop, in his Model A Ford. We were driving down a country road when one of the tires went flat. There was a problem. We had no jack. I watched my friend literally lift the car while I removed the tire. That is strength.

I tried to become strong. I sent for the "Charles Atlas Gym" and exercised with it, but it did not make me the strong man it promised. However, I did possess mechanical ability. When I came to ABI, I worked on several projects around the Norrises' home and their daughter had a '50 Ford which she didn't know how to fix. "Gram" Norris saw me working on her car and told my wife that she should marry me.

Today, strength is important. The type of strength we need to focus on is mindset and resolve. Sometimes we say we need strength just to make it through the day. It takes a strong mindset to complete an objective, such as college, to stand up to adversity, to let God do the judging, and to give up things that would destroy our walk with God. When you feel discriminated against or hurt, it is easy to retaliate, but it takes strength to leave it to God to recompense. In ourselves, we cannot do it. The God we serve is strong enough to bring us through if we will "take hold of His strength". God is a strong God.

We seek out people who are strong in specific areas. There is a God who has unlimited strength. In Genesis 1, we find that He created the world from nothing. Not only did He create, but He controls creation. We read about how God spoke to Noah about building an ark because He was preparing to destroy the world with a flood. This is the same God who dried the Red Sea so the Children of Israel could flee their enemies. He rained fire on Sodom and Gomorrah and completely destroyed them. It was one thing to make the sun and moon stand still, but He moved the sun dial backwards fifteen degrees. He allowed His servant, Elijah, to make the rain stop. We are so fortunate that we live in the New Testament dispensation. Elijah was moved on by the Holy Ghost, but he could not call up the strength of God just anytime he needed it. We have twenty-four hour a day access to the strength of God.

Some Old Testament men took hold of the strength of God but later failed because they did not have the opportunity of having the Holy Ghost in their lives. Abraham was the chosen

seed of God, but he lied about his wife's identity. Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, but he disobeyed God and smote the rock in anger and was never permitted to enter the Promised Land. Samson was a judge, but made a wrong choice in Delilah. Eli and Samuel were servants of God, but their sons were very worldly. David became involved in adultery and murder. Elijah feared Jezebel. They lacked an everpresent strength necessary for day-by-day living.

In the New Testament, God "was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself". He overcame temptation. When approached by Satan in the wilderness, He used the Word of God and won the battle. He took a stand alone for holiness and cleansed the Temple. At His trial, in spite of unfair treatment by the Sanhedrin and Pilate, Jesus controlled His spirit. He died and rose again. When He ascended into heaven, He made a promise to send His spirit, His strength to all who would receive it.

Today, we have the Holy Ghost. This is the strength of God which we can apply in every situation of life. We know a God of strength in all areas. The weakness of God is stronger than man. His foolishness is wiser than the wisdom of men. In the Old Testament, He said, "Take hold of my strength", but in John 14, He said, "I dwell with you, but I shall be in you." We have access to the strength of God today!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



B. Wallace, IA, signs up prospects
at ABI conference booth



R. Calderon, CA; E. Bartle, AR; S. Boyd, CT
at ABI cookout (T. Smith, MD in background)



ABI Wives gathering: B. Bellew, S. Labunski,
L. Robinson, S. Hensley



T. Hatter, MI and S. Long, PA
teach nursery Sunday school class



Preparation for "Read Your Bible Through" parade

J. MacAneer, D. & L. Miller, S. Ward enjoy fall colors



**Youth choir, directed by H. Baldrige,
asks God to send rain**



Volleyball game



**Happy Halloween birthday,
Sis. Grant**



**J. Corbitt, AR; S. Hutchinson, PA and T. Appleby, MT
prepare Welcome Night refreshments**



Part of the 1991 Freshmen class

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Rev. G. Grant addresses alumni



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THE ABI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ABI is pleased to present its expanded Board of Directors.

At the annual business meeting of the Board of Directors in June 1991, President Gerald Grant nominated Rev. Ronald Newstrand, Rev. Robert Whalen, Rev. James Merrick, and Rev. Wayne Mitchell to serve on the Board. The nominations were seconded and unanimously passed.



Rev.
Gerald
Grant

In his continuing quest to provide solid leadership for ABI's future, Rev. Grant submitted the following resolution to the Board of Directors which was unanimously passed: *"Whereas Rev. Wendell Gleason served on the faculty of the Apostolic Bible Institute for thirty-two years and whereas he is an outstanding Minister of music, Bible teacher, and church administrator whose knowledge of Bible college operation is a valued resource for ABI and whereas he is recognized as an outstanding example for Pentecostal youth, therefore be it resolved that Rev. Wendell Gleason be confirmed in the position of Honorary member of the ABI Board of Directors."*



Mrs. Gerald Grant
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ABI REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The ABI Regional Directors operate under the direction of Alumni Director, Rev. Norman Paslay II, Ohio. Each member of this group represents one of the six regions of the United Pentecostal Church. Their function is to promote the Apostolic Bible Institute in their region. This committee is working on the appointment of district representatives who will promote ABI in their district. We will publish the names of these new district representatives in our next issue of the *Pentecostal Way*.



Rev. Norman Paslay, II, OH



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ALUMNI NEWS



Mr. & Mrs. Brian Welbe, Ontario, Canada



Andrew, son of Alice
and Gary Faulk, CA

MARRIAGES

Kim Free to Travis Smith, MD. *Rev. Brian Starcher* to Brenda Criss-Mayle, OH. *Wendy Ward* to Brian Weibe, Fort Francis, Ontario. *Faith Batman* to Todd Rekowski, MN.

BIRTHS

To *Rev. and Mrs. Ward Jones*, IL, a daughter, Eleyss. To *Rev. and Mrs. John Johnson*, IN, a daughter, Rachel. To *Mr. and Mrs. David Doughty*, MN, a daughter, Jessica. To *Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gold*, MN, a son, Andrew. To *Rev. and Mrs. Paul Urban*, MN, a son, Jeran. To *Mr. & Mrs. George Szozda*, WI, a son, Joseph. To *Mr. and Mrs. Pete Connell*, CA, a daughter, Jennifer.

ATTENTION ALUMNI OF THE CLASS OF 1977

Your class will hold a reunion during the 1992 ABI Graduation Weekend. Further details will be mailed to you. If you have changed addresses and are no longer on ABI mailing list, please drop a line and your new address to ABI.

Congratulations to *Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Newstrand* and saints of Christian Apostolic Church in Newark, Ohio on the church's 75th anniversary. *Rev. JoJo Echavaria* assists *Rev. Michael Rieder* in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They report that nineteen have been baptized since January. *Rev. Robert Trapani* was the guest speaker at the Arkansas Ministers' Retreat. The biography of *Jean Urshan*, General Superintendent's wife, is available through Word Aflame, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, Missouri. *Joyce (Cooper) Porter* and her husband are missionaries in China. She recently wrote: "We ask that you remember us and the millions of souls in China. We know there are hungry hearts here. We want to do our best to reach them." *Rev. and Mrs. Derrald Hilderbrand* are pastoring in Alaska. *Lenna (Axtell) Register* writes that she is married and lives in South Alabama, working in the Urological Association. She has a three year old, Matthew. *Rev. Earl Story*, TX, is conducting a series of Sunday school seminars on "Motivational Techniques for Teaching". *Rev. and Mrs. William Patrick* have arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil for their first term as missionaries. Please pray for them. Congratulations to *Rev. and Mrs. John Kotsanos*, pastor in Steubenville, Ohio, for being the number nine church in giving to Harvestime radio ministry. Our condolences go to the family of *Claude Reed*, Sullivan, IL upon his sudden passing: *Rev. and Mrs. Gary Reed*, *Thad Reed*, and *Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed*. *Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Breithaupt* are pastoring in Bloomington, IL. *Patricia Cunningham* is the Home Bible Study director in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Please continue to pray for *Mrs. James Merrick* and *Bennie Jo DeMerchant's* healing.

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