

The Pentecostal Way

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ABI Alumni Breakfast

The 2006 ABI Alumni Breakfast was held during the UPCI General Conference in Columbus, Ohio. We had a fantastic turnout with almost 300 people! There were representatives of every decade present. Tak Kwan played the violin and Rev. Tom Andrews played the trumpet with Scott Hackler as the accompanist.

The wonderful fellowship among the alumni showed the high spirit of anticipation of the future of "the school that we love."



Sis. Jean Urshan



David Ward



Matthew and Kala Martin



Jeff and Tulla Priessler



Alan and Valerie Demos



Don Bailey



Jerry and Beth Burns



Dale and Dorothy Hodges

Ann Gerel Hackler

Extraordinary teacher, patient counselor, lover of people and loved by all who knew her. Her beautiful smile, infectious laugh, and reassuring voice will be missed every day. The joy she gave to our lives was constant and boundless. Our grief in her absence is inexpressible. She lived what she taught: "Let your light so shine before men." Born June 6, 1959, St. Paul; answered her Master's call on January 24, 2006. Preceded in death by grandparents, Rev. S.G. and Jessie Norris. Survived by devoted husband, Scott; sons, Grant Thomas and Sheldon Stuart; parents, Rev. Gerald and Eleanor (Norris) Grant.



The Lumbard Sisters

Where are the Levites?



Gerald Grant, President

In 460 B.C., Ezra was commissioned by Artaxerxes, King of Persia, to lead a company of Jews from Babylon to reform the religious practices of the Jews in Jerusalem.

Approximately 45 years earlier, a new temple had been built and dedicated by Zerubbabel, but now the Jews were in need of revival. They were offering sacrifices and they had the books of the Law, but it is evident from a study of Malachi and Nehemiah that the people were in need of teaching on what God requires of His people. When Ezra became aware of this need for reform, he dedicated himself to study the Law, put it to practice in his own life, then went to the King for permission to go to Jerusalem.

In order to succeed in his mission, Ezra would need the help of many Levites. Usually we associate the Levites with the physical work of moving the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and maintaining it. After the establishing of the Tabernacle of David in Jerusalem and subsequently the Temple, however, much of this work was no longer necessary. After that time, the main function of the Levites was to prepare the Shewbread (type of the Word of God) and lead in "Praise to the Lord" (1 Chron. 23:26-32). In 2 Chron. 19:8-11 we see the Levites instructing the people so that they would not trespass against the Lord and in 2 Chron. 35:3-15 we read that the Levites taught all Israel. Also, David evidently recognized the importance of young men making an early commitment to the Levitical ministry by lowering the age to begin service from age thirty to age twenty (1 Chron. 23:27).

Ezra sent a call throughout Babylon for the people of Israel, Priests and LEVITES to join his pilgrimage. Many responded and they met at the river Ahavah to fast and pray for a safe journey. But when Ezra took a census of those who came, he "found none there of the sons of Levi"!! (Ezra

8:15) When Ezra made this discovery, he sent messengers with an urgent appeal to the elders of Israel. This resulted in 258 from the ranks of the Levites leaving the comforts of Babylon to join the ranks of Ezra's pilgrimage.

In our Apostolic Pentecostal churches today, we talk about world-wide revival, but WHERE ARE THE LEVITES? A recent statistic from UPCI records lists only an alarming few licensed ministers under the age of 30. Fewer and fewer of our high school graduates are enrolling in our Bible colleges to prepare for the ministry. Approximately twenty years ago, the total on-campus enrollment of UPCI endorsed Bible Colleges was over 2000 students. This year the on-campus enrollment is less than 750! WHERE ARE THE LEVITES?

For seventy years ABI has been faithful to the task of training men and women for the ministry. We have a team of over thirty resident and adjunct faculty/staff teaching the foundational truths of the Word that are vital for end-time world-wide revival.

Pastors and parents, elders of the Apostolic Pentecostal churches, WHERE ARE THE LEVITES? Like Ezra of old, may I appeal to you to encourage your young men and women to leave the Babylon of secular careers, enroll in Bible college and commit themselves to the ministry of the Gospel for end-time world-wide revival!



ABI students work with Children's Church

Student Activities



Jack Leaman with ABI students during Foreign Missions class



ABI Freshmen Welcome Night



Grandfather Reece's Circuit Rider's Sleigh



Skit



Classroom

Welcome Night

What's New At ABI?



A kaleidoscope of color filled the ABI gym on Welcome Night. There was an air of excitement and camaraderie throughout the room. Rev. Melvin Thacker, MN District Superintendent, preached the Welcome message. He used the amusing analogy between turkeys and eagles! We were encouraged to rise above our storm as the eagle and soar with the strength given only by God. Hearts were touched with God's awesome spirit and anointing. Rev. Gerald Grant invited the saints and guests to show their support for these new students by praying for them. Each new student introduced themselves and where they were from.

The upperclassmen decorated the gymnasium with colorful and creative decorations. They also entertained everyone with a slideshow that included a picture of each freshman student and their favorite verse. The food included Sis. Sanders' delicious banana bread! This was a great way to welcome the freshmen to ABI! May God richly bless them during their time here and in their future ministries!

These are exciting times at ABI. There have been upgrades made in the computer lab, new Compaq Presario SR2020NX running windows XP and 1 gigabyte of RAM. The students will be able to learn graphic arts software as well as office and other skills. The music lab will be able to have



computers at the digital pianos to learn how to make music with the help of the computers. ABI is constantly upgrading as the budget will allow to keep pace with this fast-paced world in which we live.



Christmas Concert



Scott Hackler, ABI music director, with some choir members



ABI Choir sang at the Mall of America





ENTER NOW FOR SPRING SEMESTER

January 8, 2007!

COLLEGE DAYS

Apply now to visit ABI March 29 - April 1, 2007
Attend Prayer Powerhouse, cafeteria meals, and classes.
Experience dorm life, recreation, and special services.

ABI GRADUATION

Mark your calendars to attend the 70th ABI graduation weekend celebration June 1 - 3, 2007!!



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Alumni News

ANNIVERSARIES Rev. & Mrs. Robert '66 and Susan (Bierschenk) '66 Fuller celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2006.
Rev. & Mrs. Manuel '56 and Mary Fern (Newstrand) 9/54-6/55 Rogers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 6, 2006.
Rev. & Mrs. Le Roy '56 and Evelyn (Johnson) 9/55-6/56 Buller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 24, 2006.
Rev. & Mrs. Tracy '46 and Lillian (Colegrove) 10/44-2/46 Hammond celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May 2006.

BIRTHS Bradley '92 and Ruth (Hodges) '89 Wallace, a son, Nathanael John, December 3, 2006.
Timothy '99 and Latrisha (Richardson) 9/98-6/2000 Barnett, a son, Aaron Paul, October 25, 2006.
Scott 8/2002-6/2005 and Amanda (Watson) 9/2004-6/2005 Mascher, a son, Logan Ryan, October 19, 2006.
Andrew and Margaret (Megan Greifenhagen) 8/97-6/99 McNeal, Maple Grove, Minnesota, a daughter, Jordana Erin, October 9, 2006.
Rev. Daniel '97 and Amanda Flemming, Ames, Iowa, a son, Bowen James, September 28, 2006.
Todd and Rhonda (Hinkle) '97 Streckert, Albert Lea, Minnesota, a son, Eric Robert, July 25, 2006.

DEGREES Anita Corbitt '90, receives her Master of Theological Studies May 12, 2006 at Urshan Graduate School of Theology, Hazelwood, Missouri.

IN MEMORIAM Mr. John Barcus, St. Paul, Minnesota, father of Rev. Roger Barcus '68, Bruce Barcus 9/66-6/77, Daniel Barcus 9/68-6/69, Rev. Charles Barcus '78, and Mrs. Jeff '81 (Kristina Tulla '79) Priessler passed away September 1, 2006.
Mr. John Lester Ward '44, Bloomington, Minnesota, passed away August 11, 2006, father of John H. Ward '78, Becker, Mississippi, and Heidi Ward '86, Bloomington, Minnesota.
Rev. Ronald King '82, Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away August 2, 2006.
Rev. James Abshire '53, Maryville, Tennessee, passed away June 19, 2006.
Mr. Stanley Bender 9/70-12/72, 2/73-6/73, St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away May 6, 2006.
Rev. Fred Scott, '41, Grisham, Oregon, passed away in April 2006 after a life of service as a missionary and pastor from which he was retired.
Mrs. Ann (Grant) Hackler '80, St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away January 24, 2006, wife of Scott Hackler, '85, mother of Grant and Sheldon, daughter of Rev. Gerald Grant '57 and Mrs. Eleanor (Norris) Grant '50.
Rev. Raymond Roach 9/60-3/63, Brockville, Ontario, Canada, went to be with the Lord December 6, 2005, father of Steven Roach 9/77-10/78, Jody Genn 9/85-5/87, Rene Buchanan 9/90-6/91, Rev. Jason Roach 9/95-6/97, and Rev. Joël Roach '2003.

MINISTRY Minnesota Family Camp 2006 Homecoming featured several speakers including: Rev. Randy Sholund '82, Rev. James Booker '79, Rev. Stan Gleason '78, Rev. David Norris '75, and

Rev. Stuart Churchill '66
Rev. Michael Clem II '2005, Bloomington, Illinois, received his General License July 2006.
Rev. Donald Bailey, Jr. '75, Geneseo, Illinois, was appointed the director for the United Pentecostal Church International Boy Scouts of America in June 2006.
Sis. Barbara (Denning) Willoughby '82, wife of Steve '82, missionaries to Singapore, speaker at the Minnesota Ladies' Retreat in April 2006.
Sis. Diane (Miller) Reed 9/80-5/81, Cincinnati, Ohio, speaker, at the Ohio minister's wives' meeting in March 2006.
Rev. Stephen '77 and Candace (Stebbins) 9/75-5/76 Piercy have been appointed as missionaries to the Philippines.
Rev. Robert Fuller '66, new editor-in-chief of the Pentecostal Herald, UPCI official magazine.
Rev. Norman Paslay II '78 emcee for Multi-Media Ministries/HOPE FOR TODAY (formerly Harvestime.)

RETIREMENT Rev. Terence Lawrence, '63, Gallipolis, Ohio, is retiring after 21 years of pastoral ministry in April 2006.

WEDDINGS Hadassah Schulz 9/1998-6/2000 to Donni Ugalde, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 23, 2006.
Amber Coleman 8/2003-present to Mark Suarez '2006, Houston, Texas, July 8, 2006.
Rachel Olson 8/2002-6/2004 to Brandon Schettler, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 10, 2006.
LaDonna Wedge 9/98-6/2000 to Christopher Allen, Springdale, Arkansas, March 25, 2006.