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MAY 29, 30, 31

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*Rev. S. S. Norris*

FRIDAY, MAY 29 8:00 P.M. Third Year DRAMA

SATURDAY, MAY 30 9:30 A.M. ALUMNI BREAKFAST  
(no charge)

2:00 P.M. Second Year DRAMA  
6:30 P.M. BANQUET, Hotel Radisson  
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SUNDAY, MAY 31 10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service  
2:30 P.M. First Year DRAMA  
8:00 P.M. GRADUATION EXERCISES



Rev James M. Larson  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Calvary Tabernacle, Pastor  
Guest Speaker

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**Rev. J. Lumpkin, Speaker**

*"If you remember God's blessings and have confidence in God's hope, then discouragement will flee."*



**Mr. J. Molberg, Faculty**

*"Scripture records many blessings and promises for parents who assume the responsibility of discipline in the home."*



**Rev. D. Martin, Faculty**

*"To get the best possible sound from a choir, use full vocal range of every individual."*



**Rev. B. Gillespie, Faculty**

*"Our hearts should refuse to yield to current trends inspired only by secular thinking, but our music and worship should be monuments to God's glory."*



**Rev. R. Sabin, Faculty**

*"The Bible teaches that the inspiration of God involved the very words spoken and written in Scripture."*



**Rev. G. Grant, Faculty**

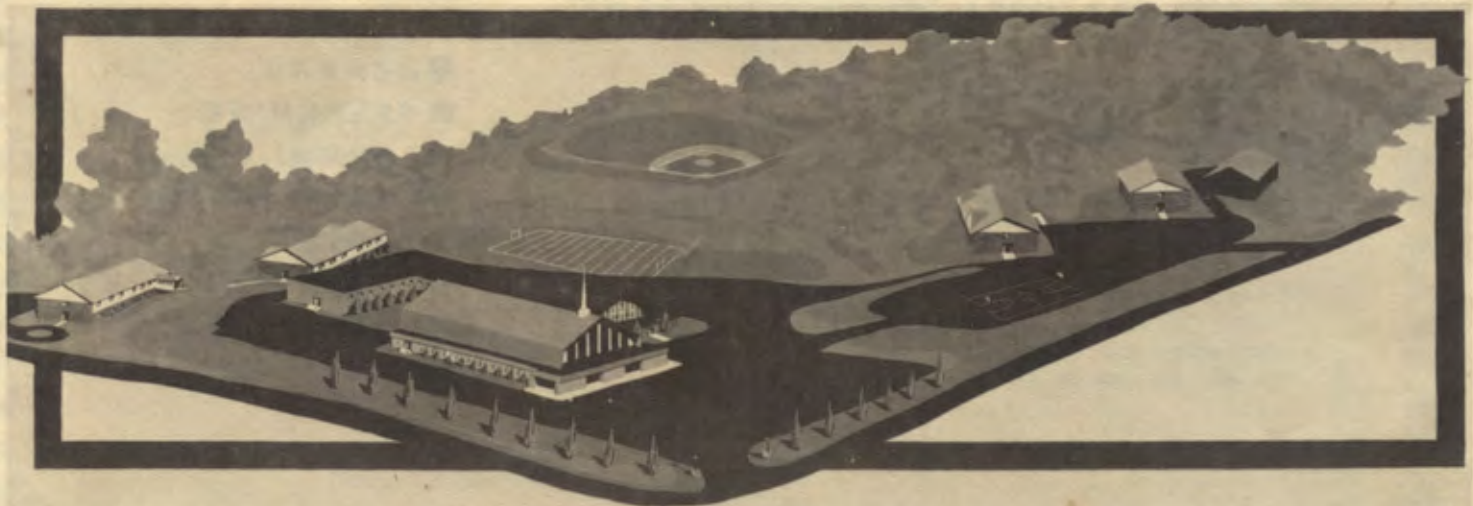
*"It is reassuring to know the Bible teaches that Russia and China will not unite to form a formidable world power."*

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**Rev. W. Connell, Alumni President**  
*See Page Six for his sermon.*



# GUARDS OF THE FAITH

Rev William Connell

There is usually a reason for our loving one another. It is because of what we stand for. Anything that is of any value in this world has guards around to protect it. Some things do not need to be guarded but things of value do.

We have the faith; we have the truth. We have the hope of eternal life. But unless we set some guards out there to protect ourselves, we can lose what we have. Find some biblical guards and set them on sentry duty for what you believe.

We have seen some of the finest saints, some of the finest ministers go off into the most ungodly, unbelievable delusions. But it is important to remember that it is not what we had a year ago, but what we have now that counts and that will count when Jesus comes. We are seeing faith perverted today to mean anything under God's green earth. Everything is in transition but God helps us to know what the faith is and to keep the faith.

Faith is the most tangible thing we will ever find. The whole eleventh chapter of Hebrews is here to identify faith so that we will know where it is. The first three words - NOW FAITH IS - is the subject of the entire chapter. The Lord wants you and me to know what faith is but the devil does not. He wants us to think it is some mysterious something because he knows if we find out what it really is, we will be strengthened. It will help us make the Rapture. The Bible says in the same chapter that if we do not have it, we cannot please God.

Faith is a substance and is the evidence of things not seen. We have never seen heaven. We may not know what it is all about, but we can have faith that it is there because it is in the Bible - the Word of God.

This eleventh chapter of Hebrews gives us examples of what faith is. The third verse is the key to all faith - the first thing involved in faith. Faith is understanding. When I had faith in repentance, I understood I had to repent. I had faith God would forgive me. My understanding that I needed the blood of Jesus and could get it only through baptism came when I heard the Word of God telling me I needed to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. I had faith in the Word of God. My sins were remitted by the blood of Jesus Christ. I heard that I needed the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues. I had faith in what I heard and the Holy Ghost became a reality because I understood what I was going to get and how I was going to get it. So the first thing any faith is is understanding. God used the most difficult thing in the world for us to under-

stand it by. *"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God."* I do not have to believe in evolution. Man can take all of his chemistry and archeological study, but I have an understanding greater than his. From the Word of God I can see that the worlds were framed. The reason I can understand this is because Genesis 1 reads, *"In the beginning God...God said, let there be...and there was..."* The only way I can understand that is through faith in the Word of God. You ask me to prove it - I cannot, except, here it is in the Bible. *"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* I can understand it if God said it. That is faith. Faith is simply understanding the Word of God.

Verse four tells us what will happen when we understand. When we understand what God wants, we will sacrifice and do what God wants. I do not believe that Abel understood what God wanted and Cain did not. Both of them knew what the Lord required of them. Abel, by faith, offered to God what God required. He understood the commandment. Cain understood it, but he did not obey. He did as he pleased. If the only understanding here that we have is who we are, where we are going and who is getting us there, that is enough. If we can understand creation from the Word of God, then we can understand being a new creation from the Word of God - how to be born again and become a new creation in Christ. We need the mind in us that is in Christ. When we sacrifice, pay the price and walk God's way, that is real faith.

When we understand what God requires of us and we sacrifice, we will see that we will walk to please God - verse five. That is faith. Verse seven shows that we will move with fear - not throw caution to the wind. Faith is getting out there and doing it the way God wants us to.

In verse eight, we read that faith is obeying the Lord. *"To obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams."* Faith.

The aspect of faith that we like is found in verse eleven - faith for the impossible. Sarah received strength and conceived a child when she was past the age. We are all going to face the impossible situations down the road; but if we have the faith of understanding and we have sacrificed and we have walked to please the Lord and we have walked in fear and we want to obey Him, then it will be easy to face God in those trying hours of the impossibility. If we have been faithful to God, He will be faithful to us.

There is a faith that is worth protecting so that we can make the Rapture. What kind of guards are we going to set out there to protect it? This school has been standing on the Word of God almost forty-four years. The most important thing is the Word of God. We receive understanding and faith by the Word of God. The best guard then is to keep the Word of God in our hearts.

We have too many trying to live on music and singing. All of their faith is wrapped up in a chorus or a little music. I want to tell you, that will not get you to heaven. If your faith is coming from a song, you are on dangerous ground. I am not against music and singing. I believe it is important to worship God in music and singing. But let me tell you something, my friends, about a musician and a songwriter. His name was David. He said, *"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."* Music is not going to keep you from sin. It did not get you out of sin.

How long has it been since the Word of God made your heart leap for joy as some song or music has? How long has it been since the Word of God thrilled you? We had better keep the Word of God where it belongs to guard our faith. We need to know what we believe. What guarded David's soul from sinning was not music, but, the Word of God. If that chief musician could say the Word would keep him from sin, we need to say it.

The Lord Jesus Christ used the Word of God to defend the Spirit of God and His humanity. He did not use any great mysterious powers or an escape button; but every time the devil tempted Him, He used the Word of God. What did the devil use on Him? IF. Someone said that word means "I fail." In the book of Matthew, while He was suspended between heaven and earth, they were still shouting "if's" at Jesus. The devil does not have the answers but only the questions. The Lord gives answers. When God tells us something is wrong, He will tell us how to make it right.

When confronted by an "if" we need to turn to the Word of God. If there is no answer, then that "if" is from the devil. Fellowship - what does it have to do with walking with God? If we do not keep the right fellowship, we might ruin our walk with God. We cannot fellowship just anything. Jesus died for the world, but He did not fellowship everything. Right and wrong will not mix. *"What fellowship hath light with darkness?"* The

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## FAREWELL TO REV W.C. GLEASON



This letter, given to me by one of the classes here at A.B.I., best expresses my sentiments upon my departure from 35 years of service here at A.B.I., "the school I love."

Dear Bro. Gleason,

We would like to express to you our appreciation for your fine Christian service. On such an occasion, mere words of gratitude seem so small in comparison to the diligent work you have performed.

In looking back to our first year we recall the different lessons you taught us. First, it was Speech with the four parts of a message. Then it was those vocal exercises every Friday - ho, ho, ho, ho. How we laughed at those funny sounds, created to teach us proper use of our diaphragm. By the end of the semester many students finally found where their diaphragm is located. In another class you understood our upcoming responsibilities when you gave us the Ten Commandments of Songleading. What a big help to our future ministries!

This year, Bro. Gleason, your classes have led us much deeper into the Word of God. In Life of Christ, we explored the paths that Jesus traveled, finding that inner circle communication with Him. A class of much insight and blessings was Minor Prophets. Here we related our lives to those lonely men who dared to speak out God's righteous judgements. In visualizing these stories and others, you have promoted Bible Reading and increased our appreciation for the sacred Word. Another course of which we have grown to share your burden in this year is Choir Conducting. We more fully understand how the standard of Beautiful Music of ABI has been obtained and held - not through a weak leadership or a slothful teaching environment, but rather

through a confident and persistent director. Bro. Gleason, you have made our hearts to sing, and to more fully enjoy the beauty of music.

Though we are saddened by your departure, you will always remain a part of our lives. For you see, we all have been touched by your songs and every heartfelt thought you uttered to cheer each heart. Such thoughts as, "Never be afraid to give up that which you cannot keep, to gain that which you cannot lose." "Trials are God's vote of confidence in you." "You may tremble, but the rock you stand on never does." Nahum 1:7 - "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in Him." "We can laugh our way through troubles, and sing our way to victory." These memories we will have to cherish for a lifetime.

One author wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." We believe the greatest way to express our thanks to you Bro. Gleason, is to share with someone else what we have been so privileged to learn from your classes and your leadership as a whole.

God bless your future endeavors for the kingdom of God. You will always remain in our thoughts and prayers. We love and appreciate you.

Yours in Jesus' Name  
The Class of 1982



charismatic idea of the mixed multitude will destroy the church! This does not mean we look down our holy noses at someone. We should be friendly with everyone, saint and sinner alike. But, there is a difference between friendship and fellowship.

In I Corinthians 1:21, we find, "For as to that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God yet it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." If you had all nine spiritual gifts, you would still need a preacher to watch for your soul. God ordained the preacher to be the guard of your soul - to keep you from a false doctrine.

We ought to thank God for the guards we have. If we have these all together, it is a good sign that we will keep the faith delivered to the saints.

One last guard is holiness. We are not talking about standards, but about a spirit - a spirit like Christ. Colossians 3:8 explains it - put on His holy and beloved, kindness, meekness, forgiveness, charity, and let the peace of God rule in the heart. After this, we are ready for the songs...the music.

*\*This is an excerpt of the Founder's Week Sunday morning message preached by Rev William Connell. Rev Connell is the Florida UPC District Superintendent.*



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