

A large graphic of a cross with a feather and stones. The cross is dark red. A feather with orange and yellow tips is positioned behind the cross. Several smooth, dark grey stones are stacked vertically to the left of the cross.

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NEWSLETTER

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As spring seems to be quickly giving way to summer across much of Canada we here at ABA encourage you to remember us in your prayers. Although the summer season for many may bring with it a much needed time of rest and relaxation, the need for ministry to continue into the Aboriginal community does not take a holiday. The necessity to provide Christian growth resources remains acute and nothing illustrates this more clearly than a letter that our office received a little while ago from a RCMP constable and his wife in northern Saskatchewan. What follows are a couple of snippets from that letter:

“...our eyes have definitely been open to life on a reserve. There is a great deal of alcohol abuse and many see the only direction in life is living until the next welfare cheque and then the cycle continues. We have however, met some great people who serve God and it is so refreshing to talk to them and see their desire for change. The people here know the talk of Christianity, as we have been told that it was once very evangelized, but unfortunately most have fallen away.”

“...we now, more than ever, see the great need to minister in the reservations.”

Sadly, this one “snippet” can be repeated for countless communities across our nation, but we are encouraged with how God has strategically positioned ABA to help address this reality. Through providing various levels of discipleship development resources, we can help put an end to the current cycle of substance abuse, spiritual indifference and the “yo-yo Christian” phenomenon.

However, it takes a certain measure of commitment (“buy in”) at various levels for optimal results. Ultimately, it begins with the individual desiring to grow in Christ, but it doesn’t stop there. What really helps to promote healthy Christian growth is for the individual to find themselves in an environment that promotes discipleship. That environment is best achieved when the local church leadership have a similar measure of “buy in” which helps to create an atmosphere of accountability and growth. This learning atmosphere is then further perpetuated when that same measure of commitment exists at the regional, district and national levels of leadership. All of this “buy in” at various levels of leadership assists in the reinforcement of the individual’s initial desire to grow in Christ.

Now that may appear to be a lot of moving parts but essentially it’s really just the Body of Christ (the Church) in action moving together towards Jesus. As the familiar proverb states, *“It takes a village to raise a child”*, it takes the Church to raise a Christian. We are better together because we are created by God to grow together in community. Aboriginal Bible Academy exists to help facilitate the working together of the different parts of the Body to encourage effectual discipleship within the believer.

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What's Been Happening

When Jesus first called Peter he told him that he would make him a *fisher of men*.



Near the end of April (just after our last newsletter went out) our Director, Dan Collado was back up in North West River, Labrador, for a week long teaching intensive with Pastor's Andy & Patsy McAuley.

While there, the opportunity presented itself for a little ice fishing and it was during that outing that he couldn't help but think upon that first

calling of Christ.

It was a great Saturday afternoon but the previous week nights were even better as many received much from the Lord as ample time was given to the Word and prayer.

Although the McAuley's will be moving on to another community come July, the seed that has been planted is bearing fruit. Interest in further studies has been expressed by a few individuals with some already having begun their journey.

Please pray for northern Labrador and these new and soon-to-be students.



**PLEASE
CONTINUE
TO PRAY**



Being Social to Serve

With the progress of technology and the pervasiveness of various social media, we are doing our best to keep up and make our communications, as well as our resources, as convenient and accessible as possible.

We have a website (see the back page at the bottom for address), as well as a facebook page (who doesn't now these days).

Further to that, if you use email, you have the option to receive our newsletter electronically instead of the printed copy if you prefer. Just go to our website and click on

the "Subscribe" button.

In regard to some of our various discipleship resources, many of them are available for free in pdf format and so we encourage you and your church to check them out.

If you have any questions, just contact our office and we'll be pleased to assist you in whatever your need might be.

ABA exists to help educate, equip & establish the believer to become an effective minister of the Gospel.

How can we serve you?

**Join us on
Facebook**



Check This Out! (Contact our office for more information)

People, Tasks, and Goals

Most learning comes to us in two ways: from patterns and from principles. In this course you will study leadership in both ways. You will examine the patterns, or examples, provided by several of God's chosen leaders. You will be guided in an analysis of the principles which made their leadership effective.

You will have opportunities for Bible study, using a fresh perspective - the theme of leadership. Also, you will learn the most advanced theories of human development and leadership and see how to apply these theories in harmony with Christian faith and practice.

When you finish this course you

should be able to:

1. Explain the biblical concept of leadership, along with examples.
2. Explain the people, tasks, and goals model of Christian leadership.
3. Recognize and evaluate leadership gifts and capacities in yourself and others.
4. Demonstrate specific leadership skills, competencies, and attitudes, and help develop these in others.



**CHECK
OUT EVEN
MORE
RESOURCES
ON OUR
WEBSITE!**



Conferences & Camps!

Back in late April Dan attended the General Conference of the PAOC in Saskatoon, SK. Along with having a presence as an exhibitor the conference provided an opportune time to reconnect with pastors and other ministries as well as some brief moments with members of the Aboriginal Guiding Group (see photo top right).



As summer approaches so does camp season. On July 6 we'll be part of OVPC's missions emphases and then just 3 weeks later (July 27) we'll be at LPC for their Missions Sunday. Come stop by our table if you happen to be in attendance on those days!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLICAL STUDIES?

Here's How ABA can Help:

- Simply contact our office via phone, email or through our website. (Anyone is eligible to take the courses we offer)
- A "Student Application" form will need to be filled out and returned to our office (by mail or fax)
- Included with the submitted forms needs to be a cheque for all appropriate academic fees made out to Aboriginal Bible Academy
- Once all forms and payment have been received by our office the process takes about 10 days by which time you can have your curriculum and study materials in your hand! If you choose to take your course online.....you can be well into your studies in 2-3 days!

SOME COURSE SYNOPSIS

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

- A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

- A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church.

ESCHATOLOGY: A STUDY OF THINGS TO COME

- A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

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