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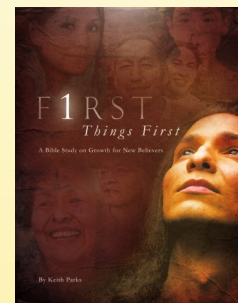
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With spring slowly creeping across the southern parts of our nation and the daylight hours lengthening, many of our thoughts are taken up with what the new season will bring. Here at Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA) we too are looking forward to what God has in store. But before we touch on a few of those upcoming things later in this issue, it might be a good idea to catch us all up to speed with what it is that we here at ABA do.

When considering ABA, there would be the natural tendency to think of us as falling along the same lines as other traditional educational institutions who adhere to a singular education stream of studies. In our early days (a journey that began over 30 years ago) we had a singular focus on offering training to specifically equip students for pastoral ministry. *Now all of us are called to minister, but not all of us are called to be pastors.*

Wanting to address this reality, ABA has been offering multiple streams of discipleship levels since 2005 that cover the spectrum from introductory and intermediate discipleship to full pastoral preparation. With this approach, we've been able to more accurately assist in equipping the believer for what God is specifically calling them towards.

On our introductory end, we utilize a couple of resources. **The Native Book of Hope** (a resource written by First Nations for First Nations) combines the story of the Creator's greatest gift, His Son Jesus, with stories of present day First Nations people who were originally filled with despair but had life changing encounters with Christ. "Soon to be" believers are gently challenged to consider a life lived under the counsel of the Giver of Hope.



First Things First is a 29 lesson Bible study on Christian growth for those individuals who are in need of Christian foundational teaching.

Moving into a slightly more in depth exploration of a new life in Christ brings us to the **21st Century Discipleship** series. This series consists of three studies with 13 lessons each. With all lessons being Bible-based and practical, the material will expose new



Christians to the truth they need to know for spiritual maturity and growth. Every lesson provides key Scripture verses to learn and a helpful self-test so the new Christian can note his or her comprehension of the content. The lessons will excite new Christians about the joy and adventure of discipleship.

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

Counselor, Teacher, and Guide: A Study on the Holy Spirit is an introductory course on attributes of the Holy Spirit and His activities in the world from Creation to the present. He is presented as a personal, powerful, and practical Friend who abides in the Spirit-filled believer and through him reveals Jesus Christ to the world.

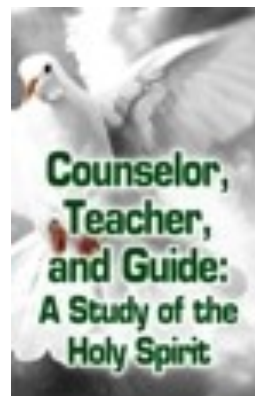
With the pentecostal experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit, the believer is empowered for witness, service, and holy living. The course is a practical guide to the student who desires a Spirit-filled life.

When you finish this course you should be able to:

1. List the divine and personal attributes of the Holy Spirit.
2. Describe the Holy Spirit's involvement in Creation, in communication with man, and in regeneration.
3. Understand the meaning of spiritual worship, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, and the fruit of the Spirit.

4. Recognize the value of a Spirit-filled life and desire that the Holy Spirit will manifest Jesus Christ in your life.

We pray that these lessons will motivate you to become personally involved with your divine Friend, the Holy Spirit, so that you may grow in spiritual maturity from day to day, and so that you may experience the unlimited rewards of the Spirit-filled life!



Study #15 in the Christian Service Series



Joanne Venneker-Louwe
Local Facilitator for
Tyendinaga

What Lays Ahead?

Along with continued networking efforts across the country with our districts, regions, various ministries and Aboriginal communities, we are looking forward to some new initiatives and opportunities to assist in indigenous leadership development.

A more concerted effort will be initiated this spring and early

summer into developing Scripture engagement opportunities within our locale of Tyendinaga, ON and surrounding area.

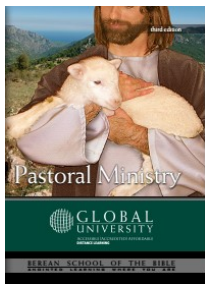
By utilizing some of our more entry and mid-level discipleship resources, we hope to stir up an increased passion for the systematic study of God's Word.

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Continuing along this same vein of discipleship for the newer believer is the **Christian Life** Certificate series. Progressing further and exploring more areas of a journey with Christ, this series is comprised of 18 studies helping to orient the believer in the Christian ways of life.

Launching from Christian Life is the **Christian Service** Diploma series. Also comprised of 18 studies, believers who complete this intermediate discipleship series should have a solid introduction to the knowledge and skill required for serving as lay-leaders and workers in the church.

Courses within the **Bible & Doctrine** Diploma progresses the follower of Christ to a more advanced level of discipleship. This diploma is designed to prepare the believer, not for a ministry career, but for Christian living and continued lay-leadership development. Ideal for the layperson who desires a deeper knowledge of God's Word.



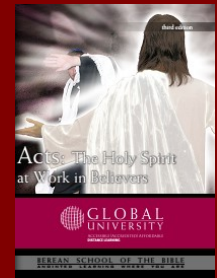
Finally, we have the **Ministerial Studies** Diploma. Also an advanced level of discipleship, but is specifically designed for pastoral ministry preparation. Upon completion of these 26 courses (all three levels of study), the student will have mastered essential Bible content (Old and New Testaments), theological principles, and practical ministry skills for service in a church leadership position.



Christian Life Series Study #1



Christian Service Series Study #1



Bible & Doctrine Course #2

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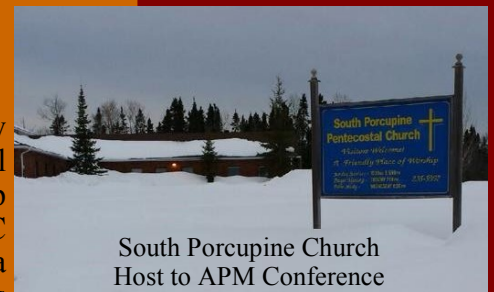
Back in February our director, Dan Collado participated in WOD's Aboriginal Pentecostal Ministries' Pastors Conference. Being held in Timmins, ON, it was the first time in about 18 years that both east and west regions of northern Ontario church leadership had gotten together.

Along with having a table display, opportunity was provided for our director to bring greetings and share briefly about the Academy and the importance of the systematic engagement in the Word of God.

Earlier this month (March) saw the gathering of the Aboriginal Guiding Group. It is a group commissioned by the PAOC through their Mission Canada initiative to address Indigenous interests nation wide.

During those meetings, time was given to discourse on the need of discipleship and training strategies in order to address the unique realities that are specific to the Aboriginal community.

ABA is well positioned to address those needs.



South Porcupine Church Host to APM Conference



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 "New Student Registration 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 3-5 days!

SOME COURSE SYNOPSIS

ACTS: THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN BELIEVERS

- A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul are examined as the background for his epistles.

LOCAL CHURCH IN EVANGELISM

- The local church is the provenance of evangelism for reaching its community and the world. After a foundational, biblical theology of the Great Commission and the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism, this course proposes a comprehensive and integrated approach to evangelism in the local church that avoids over-compartmentalizing evangelism and discipleship .

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT FOR CHURCH LEADERS

- A biblical approach to conflict resolution. This course offers a scriptural way to deal with the inevitable occasions when conflict arises, particularly in a church setting. It offers practical principles for resolving the conflict in a manner that is pleasing to God.