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APPALACHIAN BIBLE COLLEGE

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## Our Core Values

The 5 foundational principles we want every friend of ABC to know.

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# Our Core Values

In today's world of ministry the term *Core Values* has become a standard way to define the essentials of a ministry. Core Values truly express the foundational elements representing the non-negotiable beliefs which have been established to guard the mission and to govern the activities for that ministry.



I consider it a very important privilege to share our Core Values with you. We want you to sense the intentional significance of our eternal task of equipping servants. The following five Core Values define us:

## Primacy of the Bible

We value a biblical curriculum that grounds our students in accurate biblical doctrine through academic quality that will give relevance in their world, in Christian service ministry and in daily living.

## Passion for Servanthood

We value servanthood that learns to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, His church, and the world with excellence and a humble, submissive at-

titude so that leadership in ministry clearly recognizes the worth of each individual before God.

## Priority of the Church

We value serving through the fundamental church community and thus acknowledge that the church is God's instrument in reaching the world, both locally and globally, with the Gospel of Christ.

## Pursuit of a Biblical Worldview

We value serving with a biblical worldview that recognizes the absolute authority of the Bible as the source of truth to govern believers in living as light in a dark world.

## Practice of Integrity

We value serving with integrity to foster a climate of righteousness and accountability in all relationships.

These Core Values outline perimeters and priorities which help to shape our commitment to educate and equip servants for His Church around the world. Likewise, these Values provide for you, our partnering friends, the assurance that Appalachian is maintaining its historic beliefs and practices. With humble

hearts dependent upon God's guidance, we pledge ourselves to this exciting, eternal task of preparing the next generation of servants.

As you learn more about how God is at work here at ABC, I trust that you will be encouraged and rejoice with us. These are great days to serve the Lord! I'd love to have you join us for one of our summer ministries. Why not take the opportunity to deepen your love for the Lord and His Word through one of our programs of study!

God bless you. Please pray the Lord of Harvest to send forth servants who will diligently display our Core Values...because life is for service.

His Servant,

Daniel L. Anderson, Th.D., *President*  
—Psalm 84:11, 12

## 2010 COURSE OFFERINGS

for ABC's MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

SUMMER MODULE

**Biblical  
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Dr. Newcomer • June 7–11, 2010

FALL MODULE

**The Local Church  
& Its World Mission**

Dr. Alderman • Oct. 4–8, 2010

Register now at **www.abc.edu**  
and receive special discounts.

## The President's Itinerary

April 23–24, 2010	IMPACT, Appalachian Bible College
May 5–24, 2010	Jubilate Spring Tour
June 5–6, 2010	Colonial Baptist Church, Blue Ridge, VA
June 12–13, 2010	Emmanuel Baptist Church Egg Harbor, NJ
July 5–9, 2010	Alpine's Family Camp
August 5–7, 2010	Student Prayer Advance Appalachian Bible College
August 11, 2010	WVVCU President's Council Philippi, WV

ABC's Thriving Community for Married Students

# Appalachian Village by Lisa Nagel, Student Wife

Does your family consider triple coupon day the highlight of the week? Does your toddler know the definition of the word 'budget'? Amid the economic downturn, how can you consider uprooting your family to attend Bible College? Ask yourself this: is God still God? Psalm 90:2 says "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from

Another benefit of The Village is the location. Since the townhouses are on campus, students can easily walk to class and chapel allowing families to conserve gasoline.

The greatest benefit of living in The Village is the community of like-minded believers thriving here, eager to grow together and get involved, while keeping family at the forefront. Families of all backgrounds will discover a



opportunities for encouragement and spiritual growth by attending the Ada Spangler Seminar and the June Ladies Conference, or by becoming a part of ABC's Student Wives Fellowship.

Twenty-eight two-story townhomes provide married students an affordable place to live while training for ministry.

Altogether, The Appalachian Village is a community where each family member is nurtured so the whole family can grow toward Christ-likeness and a greater dependence on our everlasting God.



Appalachian Village residents Matt and Amy White with their children, Christian, Allison, and Sidney. Matt and Amy call their time at ABC "the best years of their family's life."

everlasting to everlasting You are God." God is unchanging, completely trustworthy. When God wants you at a specific place, He also provides a way.

God makes provision for many married students through the availability of ABC's married student housing, Appalachian Village. The twenty-eight townhouses allow a large portion of married students to live affordably while receiving Bible training. Each 1,300 square foot home comes with kitchen appliances, one and a half baths, three bedrooms, a desk, and space for a stackable washer and dryer.

network of couples that will encourage, pray for, and otherwise support one another during their college years and beyond. Opportunities abound for involvement. Neighborhood-get-togethers, a Village-wide yard sale, and helping families move in or out are a few ways to encourage others and develop life-long friendships. Each Christmas, enjoy the harmonious voices of the staff as they carol from door to door, distributing gifts to families. In the warmer months, children have a safe place to congregate on either of the Village's playgrounds. Wives have many

## Recruiting Hearts for God

*Report from Admissions*

What an exciting year—by June we will have hosted about 60 visits bringing over 350 guests to campus. Statistics reveal that campus visits are the #1 influencing factor when students make their college choice. Visitors to ABC's campus have been impressed by the warm, family atmosphere and how students and staff together live our motto, "Because Life is for Service."

We would love to have you visit campus and experience for yourself what makes ABC unique. Call 1.800.678.9ABC or go to [www.abc.edu](http://www.abc.edu) and schedule a campus visit today.

# The Primacy of the Bible by Jonathan Rinker

*What Really Matters at Appalachian Bible College*

**W**e are in a war. Not in another country, not even against a foe we can see. The attack is real. The wounds can kill and the consequences have eternal significance. Our opponent? Satan. His strategy? Deception.

Consider the focus of the very first and fatal deception: “Has God indeed said . . .” (Gen. 3:1)? Satan’s attack in the world today remains the same deception he first practiced - twisting God’s words. Jesus himself called Satan “a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).

Contrary to Satan’s perversion, the last recorded words of Jesus, Peter, and Paul call for an enduring fidelity



to what God has said in the face of the Evil One’s attack. Jesus’ prayer in John 17 and the apostles’ final exhortations, 2 Peter and 2 Timothy, all focus upon the primacy of God’s authoritative revelation.

## What Does Inspiration Mean?

In the midst of Paul’s final letter, we find a significant description of the *nature* of God’s written word. 2 Timothy 3:16 declares “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (lit., is

God-breathed) and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” What does “inspiration” or “God-breathed” mean? The word here is a metaphor describing Scripture as God’s *spoken* words in *written* form.

Daniel’s prayer in Daniel 9 illustrates this view of Scripture. In 9:2, Daniel writes that he “understood **by the books** the number of years specified by **the word of the Lord** through Jeremiah the prophet.” Daniel views the *written text* (“books”) as God’s *spoken word* through His human agent.

The *spoken word* and the *written text* are also interwoven in 9:10-11. Daniel writes, “We have not obeyed the **voice** of the Lord our God, to walk in His **laws**, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your **law**, and has departed so as not to obey Your **voice**.” The connection is clear: The spoken and the written are fused into one so that disobedience to the voice of God is objectively measured by transgression of the written text (“law”). The text is God-breathed and carries His *authority*.

Based on Daniel’s view, we can only conclude that our love for God is directly measured by our love for His written word. Our obedience to the unseen God is directly measured by our obedience to His revealed word.

## Are Copies and Translations also Inspired?

Put another way, this question is asking “Can copies and translations be rightly considered God’s authoritative Word?” God Himself answers “Yes” in the record of Scripture.

In Deuteronomy 17, God commands that a future king of Israel “shall write for himself a copy of this

law in a book” (17:18). As the king daily reads from his personal copy of the law, he will learn to fear the Lord, and obey all the words of the law (17:19-20). In short, reading from the copy affects the same benefit for the king as if he were reading from the original. God’s authority is not diminished in the copy. It is still viewed as God-breathed – his spoken words in written form.

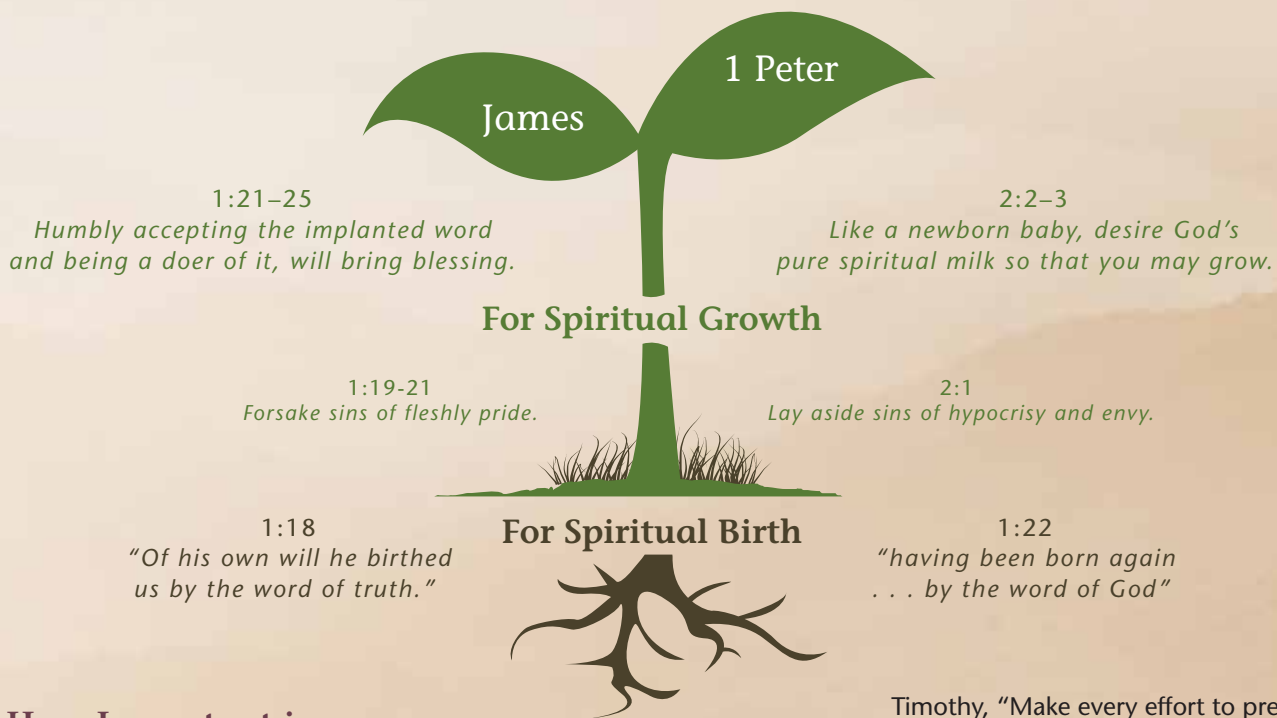
The king made his copy in the same language as the original text, but what about **translations** that carry God’s Word to a different language? The Bible for Jesus and the apostles was a translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek. This Greek translation of the OT, known as the Septuagint, was often quoted by Jesus and the apostles when they cited OT Scripture. They quoted from this translation and considered it God’s Word with all his authority.

2 Peter 1:19-21 affirms divine guidance of the human authors in the process of inscripturation. Thus, the written Scriptures are an even more reliable testimony than an eyewitness report because God superintended the writing process. However, these verses do not promise the same divine control over all copying and translation work. Nevertheless, in the above examples, God testifies that His authority is present in copies and translations so that they can rightly be viewed as His Word.

Of course, the proper goal of any copy or translation is to accurately reflect the original text. Discerning this original text involves studies of canonicity and textual criticism. Canonicity asks the macro question, “What books are God-breathed?” (in contrast to apocryphal books), while textual criticism asks the micro question, “What words are God-breathed?” In both cases, the desire is to know what God has written.

# The Absolute Necessity & Sufficiency of God's Word

A COMPARISON OF JAMES 1:18-25 AND 1 PETER 1:22-2:3



## How Important is God's Word?

Not only does God's Word carry His authority, but His Word is also *necessary* and *sufficient* for all of life and ministry. The symmetry between James and 1 Peter illustrates this truth in the specific, yet vital, categories of spiritual birth and growth.

The significance of this theology—the authority, necessity, and sufficiency of God's Word—for every believer, cannot be overstated. Two examples, parenting and preaching, demonstrate the practical application of this theology.

*First*, as a parent, how do you approach rearing your children? Do you love and obey God's Word, or does your own life betray the hypocrisy of the admonition to your children? Obviously, devotion to God clearly demonstrated by devotion to His Word must start with you. If you believe that God's Word is absolutely necessary and sufficient for spiritual birth and growth, then you must not only live it, but carefully and consistently integrate the Bible into your children's lives.

*Second*, what is the significance of this theology for a pastor? Consider which of the following unspoken

questions is present every time he prepares to preach or teach. He asks either, "What can I say about this text?" or "What does this text say?" Which question is in focus can reveal the depth of his conviction about where the authority resides—in his word or God's Word. Further, for the preacher who is convinced that his focus must be on the primary question "What does this text say?" a secondary question follows, "How does this text say what it says?" The preacher asking this seeks to clearly understand what the text says in the manner in which it says it. His goal is for God's outline and emphasis in any particular passage to become his own outline and emphasis when he teaches and preaches that passage. This is *expositional preaching*—*clearly communicating the text*, not our own ideas about the text (a drift from the primary question), or our own snappy reconfiguration of textual thoughts (a drift from the secondary question).

An expositional ministry of God's Word, based on a settled conviction of its authority, necessity, and sufficiency, has great implications for the pastor's preparation. He takes very seriously Paul's command to

Timothy, "Make every effort to present yourself before God as a proven worker who does not need to be ashamed, teaching the message of truth accurately" (2 Tim 2:15, New English Translation).

At Appalachian Bible College, the primacy of God's authoritative, written Word permeates all of campus life and curriculum. Educating and equipping servants for the church of tomorrow is a task that necessarily focuses us on equipping servants in the written Word of God. Why? Because the Bible is both God-breathed and *profitable* so that servants trained in it will be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:17). As a result, they are not merely trained how to make a living, but how to live and serve ... because life is for service.



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## An Honor to Serve

“Without a sense of duty in ministry, people quit... but, duty is not all sacrifice. It is an honor to serve Christ,” concluded Dr. Alex Montoya, speaker for the annual Daniel L. Anderson Leadership Symposium. Faithfully serving as a senior pastor in California for 35 years, Dr. Montoya drew upon his ministry experience as well as the leadership example of Nehemiah to exhort the men to be godly leaders, learning to delegate and nurturing a heart of obedience to God.

At the Ada Spangler Women’s Seminar, his wife, Favy Montoya, examined the lives of biblical women who fulfilled their duty. She encouraged the ladies to realize that God has a plan for their lives and is preparing them now for what He knows will come. The ladies were challenged to become women of prayer.

In a final joint session, Dr. and Mrs. Montoya shared transparently about the joys and griefs faced in fulfilling “Our Christian Duty.” As a campus family we were reminded of the importance of this year’s campus theme, “Our Duty to Serve.”



The state-of-the-art 70,000 square foot Creation Museum brings the pages of the Bible to life.

## Field Trips in College?!?

A Bible college education has never been more fun! In the 2010 fall semester, ABC freshmen are going to be treated to a trip “back to the beginning.” The two day visit to The Creation Museum near Cincinnati, OH, will enhance ABC’s core value, the Pursuit of a Biblical Worldview, as students journey through space in the Planetarium, see what Noah’s ark might have looked like, and celebrate the wonder of God’s literal 7-day Creation Week.

The idea for the trip was conceived in part due to the overwhelmingly positive response of students and guests alike to museum founder, Ken Ham’s ministry during the 2010 Pinter Lecture Series. Over 500 guests visited campus to hear Mr. Ham provide biblical answers to some of the most frequently asked questions like “How do I talk to an evolutionist when they don’t believe in the Bible?”

See more at [www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)



## New Ministry Majors

Throughout the years God has orchestrated vital changes in the structure and offerings of Appalachian Bible College to allow us to meet the needs of the church of today while preparing the leaders of the church of tomorrow. Some milestones in our history include the move from Whitesville to Bradley in 1956, the launch of Alpine Ministries in 1960, and the transition from Appalachian Bible Institute to Appalachian Bible College in 1978. In 1983, God directed in the presidential transition from Dr. Pipkin to Dr. Anderson along with the introduction of multiple new programs.

God continues to shape ABC. Through the leadership of Dr. Charles Bethel, our Vice-President for Academics, ABC is announcing a change to our curriculum structure. While our curriculum will continue to reinforce our commitment to God’s Word, the local church, and quality trained servants, all Bachelor of Arts degree students will now be credited with two majors as they are awarded their B.A. degree. The first major, required for all B.A. students, remains Bible & Theology; the second major will be a Ministry Major of their choice: Pastoral Ministries, Missions, Youth & Family Ministries, Music, Camping Ministry, Elementary Education, or Interdisciplinary Ministries.

A graduate’s transcript will record both a Major in Bible & Theology and a second Ministry Major. Along with facilitating students’ desire for further education, “we believe this change,” Dr. Bethel shared, “will practically equip our students for leadership positions in church ministries.”

## Events

<b>April 12–16</b>	Expository Preaching Week
<b>April 23–24</b>	IMPACT, Youth Conference Speaker: Dr. Daniel Anderson
<b>April 26</b>	Spring Board Meeting
<b>April 30</b>	Work Day/All School Picnic
<b>May 6–7</b>	Spring Bible Conference Speakers: Dr. Mark Johnson and Dr. Van Heukelum
<b>May 8</b>	Commencement

## Alumni News

We want to continue making strides to strengthen our relationship with our Alumni. One of these steps is our newly designed website, with a special section specifically for Alumni. As Alumni, you can now update your contact info, inform and be informed of births, marriages, deaths, and keep up to date with on-campus events.

## Ladies Conference

Join us June 16–17 or 18–19 as our speaker Reba Bowman from Dare for More Ministries explores what the Bible has to say about bearing spiritual fruit. Enjoy practical workshops on care-giving for aging loved ones, photography, and making food fun. For more information or to register visit [www.abc.edu](http://www.abc.edu).

## Appalachian Bible Fellowship News

### NEW SUPPORT

A couple from Goldsboro, NC—\$50 a month to Anderson support  
 A couple from Tampa, FL—\$100 a quarter to Bethel support  
 An individual from Elyria, OH—\$25 a month to Burrer support  
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 A couple from Oberlin, OH—\$100 a month to Burrer support  
 A couple from Canterbury, CT—\$50 a month to Sharp support  
 Christian Fellowship Church, Scotland, CT—\$200 a month to Sharp support

### INCREASES IN SUPPORT

An individual from Freeport, IL—  
 \$25 a month increase to General Fund & Rinker support  
 A couple from Kapolei, HI—  
 \$10 a month increase to Diane Malanick support

### ONE-TIME GIFTS

A couple from Lincolnton, NC for Golden support  
 A couple from Beaver, WV to Joel Pinter support  
 An individual from Crossville, TN to Joel Pinter support  
 A couple from Nappanee, IN to Joel Pinter support  
 A couple from Mount Hope, WV to Joel Pinter and Chesley support  
 A couple from Bradley, WV to Joel Pinter & Ruth Knicely support  
 A couple from Delphos, OH to Sharp support  
 A couple from Scotland, CT to Sharp support

### MEMORIALS

In memory of Jack Davis (from Abingdon Bible Church, Abingdon, VA)  
 In memory of Helen Shepard (from Wanda Davey)  
 In memory of Gerri Mercer (from Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Graybeal)



**Alpine Bible Camp**

# GET A CLUE!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR BIBLE CAMP TO DISCOVER  
 "what you are doing here."

Date	Program	Ages	Date	Program	Ages
June 7–11	Day Camp I	5–8	July 5–10	Family Camp	N/A
June 14–19	Teen Camp I	7th Grade–10 Grads	July 5–9	Day Camp II	5–8
June 14–19	High Adventure Camp BASE	12–14	July 12–17	Teen Camp IV	7th Grade–10 Grads
June 21–26	Teen Camp II	7th Grade–10 Grads	July 19–24	Junior Camp I	8–12
June 28– July 3	Teen Camp III	7th Grade–10 Grads	July 26–31	Junior Camp II	8–12
June 28– July 3	High Adventure Camp TREK	14–17	August 2–7	Junior Camp III	8–12

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