



February 2020

A Letter From Our President:

I would suppose that each of you have by now realized that not only have we started a new year, but we have also started a new decade. This is exciting in some ways, but also very daunting in other ways when we realize that the work that still needs to be done to get the message to everyone on this planet. As I write this, we are already halfway through January. Really how much faster can time go?

We have several nice things planned for this Alumni Homecoming 2020 that I believe you won't want to miss out on. On Friday afternoon, we are planning a train ride for everyone that would wish to take that ride. (See Flyer on page 4) We can look forward to Doug & Wilma (Burton) Bing giving a lot of encouraging thoughts as they talk to us during this weekend. We will be having the now famous cinnamon rolls for you to buy on Saturday night. We can't forget the auction on Saturday night that helps to raise funds for the alumni as well. (See Flyer on page 3) You will need to be involved by bringing something to be auctioned off. I am sure last but not least you would love to see your classmates of long ago especially if this is your honor year.

The weekend is April 10-11, 2020. So now is the time for you to mark your calendars and start planning to see us at alumni this year. You will be amazed at what wonderful memories you will experience when you see friends from your class of years gone by.

Blessings,

Glenda (Watts) Thomas '61

Alumni President '20

Mark Your Calendars: Alumni Homecoming 2020

April 10th and 11th, 2020

Theme: Always Forward, Ever Upward

Honor Classes: 0's and 5's

**'40 ~ '45 ~ '50 ~ '55 ~ '60 ~ '65 ~ '70 ~ '75 ~ '80 ~ '85
~ '90 ~ '95 ~ '00 ~ '05 ~ '10**

Honor Classes: Keep an eye out for the postcard you will be receiving in the mail regarding alumni! * Remember if you are unable to attend alumni this year, you can send a greeting to your class to be read at alumni to the alumni email address or mailing address.



Alumni Weekend Speakers

Wilma (Burton) & Doug Bing '80

Doug Bing was born and raised in Kansas. His family moved to Enterprise to be close to Adventist Education when Doug was in second grade. Doug then completed elementary school in Enterprise Adventist Elementary School and then enrolled at Enterprise Academy. During his freshman year he met Wilma and started a friendship with her that year that would eventually turn to romance. Upon graduation in 1980 Doug and Wilma who were dating at that time enrolled in Union College and continued to date. They were married in 1983 and shortly after went as student missionaries to Indonesia. Upon their return they complete their education at Union where Wilma graduated in 1985 with a degree in education. Doug graduated in 1986 with a Bachelors of Arts in Theology and a Bachelor of Science in Business. They then moved to Andrews University where Wilma completed a Master of Arts in Education and Doug completed a Master of Divinity. Wilma also taught for a year for the Michigan Conference while completing her degree. In 1989 the Kansas Nebraska Conference assigned Doug to the Memorial church in Omaha Nebraska where he served for 9 months. He then returned to Enterprise Academy to serve as pastor, chaplain and Bible teacher. From there they moved to Wichita South Church to serve as pastor. In 2001 they received an offer to serve



as Ministerial director in the Washington Conference located close to Seattle. He has served as ministerial director, and Vice president for Administration and currently serves as the President of the Washington Conference. Wilma has served as an associate pastor for the past 16 years at Auburn Adventist Academy church. They are the proud parents of three children. Eric is a 2nd year medical student. Kaleigh is a 3rd year pharmacy student and Ryan is a senior Theology and Business student.

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

TRAIN RIDE: Boarding at 1 PM, Friday April 10, boarding will be in Abilene, just south of the Eisenhower Center, 200 SE 5th. (See Flyer on page 4)

REGISTRATION: Registration starts at 4:00 PM, Friday going through the day on Sabbath. It will be in the church foyer.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/SUPPER: The annual business meeting and supper will be at 6:00 PM Friday. The meeting will take place in the fellowship hall of the church. (Cost of Meal \$7.50: Baked Penne Pasta, Salad, Dessert, & a Drink)

FRIDAY VESPERS: 7:30 PM, will be held in the Church Sanctuary.

SABBATH SCHOOL: 9:30 AM

CHURCH SERVICE: 10:30 AM, between S.S. and Church there will be a roll call, in which the honor classes will be recognized. (Honor Classes make sure your classmates are in the sanctuary at this time). The worship service will start right after the roll call.

SABBATH LUNCH: Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church. (Haystacks with suggested cost of \$7.50)

SABBATH AFTERNOON: 2:00 PM, Honor classes will have a designated room in which their class will meet and have their honor class pictures taken there as well.

SABBATH AFTERNOON SLIDESHOW: A Slideshow of Honor Classes will be showing in the church sanctuary throughout the afternoon.

SABBATH VESPERS: 6:30 PM, will be held in the Church Sanctuary.

SATURDAY NIGHT 8:30 PM:

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP: There will be food available to purchase in the fellowship hall, along with time for fellowship with friends and family.



ACCOMMODATIONS:

There are several options for individuals to choose from in the Abilene/Enterprise area for lodging. There are also hotels in Salina and Junction City available but will come with a little drive. (Make your Reservations soon, places will be filling up)

HOTELS/MOTELS

- Budget Lodge Inn
101 NW 14th/ Abilene/ 785-263-3600
- Diamond Motel
1407 NW Third/Abilene/ 785-263-2360
<http://diamondmotel.net/>
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
110 E. Lafayette/ Abilene/ 785-263-4049
<https://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/reservation>
- Super 8 Motel
2207 N Buckeye/ Abilene/ 785-263-4545
<http://www.super8.com>

- Engle House
102 Highland Drive/Abilene/ 785-479-3749
<http://www.Englehouse.com>
- Windmill Inn
1787 Rain Road/ Chapman/ 785-263-8755
<http://www.windmillinnbb.com>

CAMPGROUNDS

- 4 Seasons RV Acres
2502 Mink Road/ Abilene/ 800-658-4667
<https://www.4seasonsrv.com>
- Covered Wagon Campground
803 S Buckeye/ Abilene/ 800-864-4053/
785-263-2343
<http://www.coveredwagonrvpark.com>

BED & BREAKFAST

- Abilene's Victoria Inn
820 NW Third/ Abilene/ 785-263-7774
<http://www.abilenesvictorianinn.com/>



Calling All Alumnus!

Donations are needed for our Silent Auction to be held Saturday night of Alumni,
April 11th, 2020.

We are asking for classes and individuals to donate gift baskets or single items for this event.
Auction ideas include:

EA/GPA MEMENTOES ~ BAKE GOODS ~ THEMED BASKETS ~ HOME-MADE ITEMS.

All Silent Auctions proceeds will benefit the
Enterprise/Great Plains Academy Alumni Association.

Please bring your items with you to alumni.



RIDE THE TRAIN

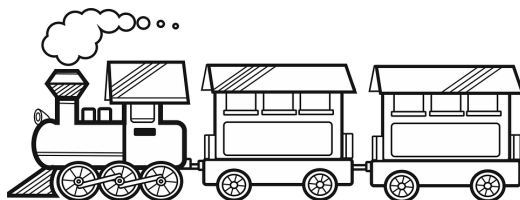
Come and take a trip on the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad with your friends from Enterprise and Great Plains Academy!

Friday, April 10, at 1 PM

Board the Train in Abilene, south of the Eisenhower Center, 200 SE 5th.

It's a unique chance to experience early American travel. You and your friends can enjoy an educational adventure down the rails of history on an excursion train comprised of antique railroad equipment.

The trip will include a stop in Enterprise at the Hoffman Grist Mill. The mill was re-established in 2016 with a new structure built adjacent to the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad.



The excursion will take approximately 2 hours.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. (Snacks will be provided)

RSVP Today, by sending a check to

EA-GPA Alumni C/O Carol Bales-Speer P.O. Box 334 Bison, KS 67520

(Please Put Train Ride on the Memo Line)

ALUMNI CONTACT INFO:

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CURRENT ALUMNI PRESIDENT: Glenda (Watts) Thomas

CURRENT ALUMNI SECRETARY: Carol (Fox) Bales-Speer