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**“Come unto me all ye that Labour and are heavy Laden,
and I Will give you rest.”**

Matthew 11:28

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

Mrs. Earl Malone

The gifts of the Spirit are the outward evidence of the indwelling Spirit in those who are baptized in the Holy Spirit. There is no element of the natural in them at all. They are all beyond and independent of any knowledge of ability man has or can have without them. They are gifts for power; and cannot be compared to anything earthly. (1)

1. THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

by Harold Horton

Paul tells of these Gifts in his letter to the Corinthians. They had a fine, long-established, and far-famed Church, yet until Paul came to them they were not generally baptized in the Holy Ghost. Therefore, they were not generally endowed with the Gifts of the Spirit. Paul longed to see them that he might impart to them some spiritual gift. He wrote to them (I Corinthians 12:1, 4-14):

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of Spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will,

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many."

These gifts are within the reach of all Holy-Ghost filled Christians. There are many different gifts, but they are from the same God and work together for the good of the Church. "There is not greater variety of colors and qualities in plants and flowers, with which the earth . . . is variegated . . . than there is of gifts natural and spiritual, in the minds of men to render themselves useful to one another . . ." 2

(2) Second by Gurnall. **GRAY AND ADAMS BIBLE COMMENTARY, P. 148**

When Spiritual Gifts are manifest in a Christian life, the individual is blessed and is in turn a blessing to other people.

The manifestations of the Spirit may be classified into three groups. This classification does not follow the order of listing in the Bible, but groups them together naturally.

(1) GIFTS OF REVELATION

- (a) The Word of Wisdom
- (b) The Word of Knowledge
- (c) Discerning of Spirits

(2) GIFTS OF POWER

- (a) Faith
- (b) The working of miracles
- (c) The gifts of healings

(3) GIFTS OF UTTERANCE

(Vocal Gifts)

- (a) The gift of Prophecy
- (b) Divers kinds of tongues
- (c) Interpretation of Tongues

First, let us examine the gifts of revelation. Knowledge is what we know or have learned. The Word of knowledge, however, comes as an inspiration when divine knowledge is needed. A good example of the manifestation of the gift is found in Acts 5:3; when the sin of Ananias and Sapphira was revealed to Peter. Without inspiration from God, Peter could not have known what they did. Surely, this is enough to prove the wondrous power of God.

At any time, even under the most adverse conditions, the word of knowledge can be imparted to be-

lievers. This is a special knowledge—not that which is thought of as earthly learning through study.

Wisdom may be simply defined as the practical application of knowledge; enlightenment, or good judgment. More than knowledge it penetrates the length, the breadth, and the depth and height. (Bengel) God holds all wisdom—"In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:3)

Often we need wisdom, to witness for Christ and to stand up for His Word. God will ". . . give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." (Luke 21:15) "For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." (Luke 12:12) He will give the words of wisdom for the need of the hour.

Third in the Gifts of Revelation is the discerning or recognizing of spirits. In I John 4:1, we have the admonition, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Today, we must remember that false prophets are come to deceive even the very elect. God, and only God has the power to discern the difference between false and goodly spirits. It is only through Him that we can discern the difference. He will be our guide, and can—through the Holy Spirit—make manifest in our lives the Gift of the Discerning of Spirits.

God is all powerful—through Him are manifest the Gifts of Power. Through these Spiritual Gifts, visible works are performed. In answer to prayer, sick people are healed. Miracles are wrought through prayer and faith in God. There are times, however, when the Holy Spirit gives a Gift of Healing. Such would be a healing in the name of Christ; for example, the healing of the man (lame) at the gates of the temple. (Acts 3).

All believers have faith; this may be saving faith or faith for answered prayer. But there is a special faith given by the Holy Spirit for special needs. This is a faith of divine origin faith—that can move mountains. Without faith it is im-

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In Zechariah 13:9 we find a very interesting Scripture: "And I will bring a third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say it is my people; and they shall say, the Lord is my God." What encouragement we find in the word of God for our day.

The Lord said He would have a tried people, tried as though by fire. Job. 23:10, Psalms 66:10, Isaiah 48:10, Malachi 3:3, I Peter 4:12, I Peter 1:7.

You may be going through a great trial and the devil may be oppressing you very severely. Remember the words of the Lord God, "There shall be a third part go through the fire but He said if they will call on me I will hear. He said, "They are my people."

How many of us have gone through a trial such as Job. He lost his family and his earthly goods. Even his wife told him to curse God and die. Then on top of all this his health was gone. Job 1:1 tells us "There was a man in the land of UZ whose name was Job and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." This tells us what confidence

God had in Job. Can we measure up to him in our lives?

In Job 1:22 we find these words, "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly". What faith! What courage!

I have heard people make this statment, "God is not just." Friends, I am glad we are serving one who knows all things. He knows our lives and He knows the tomorrows. He is a just God. May we say as Job said in Job 13:15, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him; but I will maintain mine ways before Him".

We are living in a time when men are loosing Faith and loosing out with the Lord. We have come too far to back up now. Let us take new courage and look up for God is our strength.

We need your continued prayer and support for the Report. During the past two years we have received enough through the summer to carry the main burden of the financial load through December. However, this year we did not receive this and so it must come in monthly. We can only publish the Report as you, the readers, stand behind it with your support.

Afterall, it is your paper and all the money sent in is placed in the paper fund unless directly marked for the editor. If everyone taking the paper could send in \$2 or \$3 a year, the paper could carry itself without putting the burden on a few faithful people. You pray and respond as God directs you. Your response will be an indication to us as to the interest you have in the Report and your desire for it to come into your homes monthly.

We do appreciate those of you who are faithful to the Report. But more of us need to feel our responsibility to this work of the Lord.

Pens



of the
Editors

Thank you and may God bless each of you as we all labor together to see the work of the Lord go forth to Glorify His name.

Howard Whiteley

Associate Editor

Dear Readers of the Apostolic Faith Report:

Greetings:

I looked for a word from the Scripture for you and I found this one by one opening of the Bible. Psa. 130:3-4. "If thou Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared".

I know that we cannot stand in our own righteousness, we do not surmount the obstacle because it is us, but because of His great love and strength for us. He has such a wave of grace that we can be sure of deliverance.

There are a few foundation stones that we surely will do well by taking heed to. Do you know that it is most important that we believe. John 8:31-32. Furthermore we must realize that He has chosen us, and that we were not this wise in our own selves. John 15:16. Then after we know Jesus we must follow Him all the way. To take up our cross is expedient. Matt. 16:24. Many times we would question the Lord as to the actions of others, but regardless we must do the bidding of Him that called us. John 20:22.

Besides all of this may we be chartered by faith, so that the world may be overcome. Mark 11:22 and I John 5:4. Love divine must overshadow our lives. Almost endless are the Scriptures here but let us study Duet. 6:5, John 13:34-35, and

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BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

Lines From The Superintendent's Desk

Paul A. Clanton

Ps. 16:11 — Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right there are pleasures for evermore.

We here at Bible School feel we can say with men of old, we have beheld his glory: we have felt his presence.

When we see 47 students from eight different states in one body, for one purpose, blending together in one spirit, we feel we are seeing Him.

I can not thank God enough for the things he has done in just three short weeks of school: healing for the body, reviving of the spirit, sanctifying and revealing Himself to us.

We are praying for a Revival in the school that will spread to others, until, we all are conscious of the need of lost souls.

Fall is in the air. Harvest time is near in this part of the country, but we know that God's harvest is also ripe.

Pray with us as we try to prepare men for God's harvest.

Remember us and the school in your prayers. He has done great things for which we are thankful. The God of all ages be praised.

Not Ashamed

"We should be very glad that we belong to Jesus—not ashamed of it when called upon to do something which will let others know we are Christians. When students of music or of art spend a time with some great composer or master in Europe they are very proud when they come home to announce themselves as his pupils. They put it on their advertisements and announcements and on their professional cards. What a high honor we should consider it then, when we are followers of the King of kings and Lord of Lords."

—John Three Sixteen

MESDEMOISELLES' HOUSE NOTES

—Judy Wooster

Here we are at Bible School again. This year there are 23 beautiful, talented girls in our humble little dorm. The leader of the bunch is Sis. Nancy Cates, our Dean. Oh, yes! there are two more girls that are included with us even though they don't live in our dorm. One is the piano teacher, Wilma Glidden, and the other, the well known "Granny" Bard, secretary.

It seems that the morning bell is at least an hour earlier this year, but Sis. Nancy insists that it isn't. But just the same it is awfully hard to get up, just ask Carolyn Quensenbury.

The rooms are immaculate; our maids, all 23, keep real good care of everything. To top it off they all take a hand in kitchen detail also.

Most of our dorm time is spent in study, except when we sleep. The girls have been very diligent with the books. After our study period

we sometimes have a short Hoobany. We sing with a ukulele, and I must say Dorothy and Marge Kinser sing the loudest.

Our cooks are wonderful. Due to their cooking we girls have gained at least 3,425 pounds altogether. Every night just before lights are out we all do our exercises. We really all have good intentions but at meal time all is lost. If anybody has an extra case of metrical, please send it to Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

For the serious side of things, the spiritual atmosphere has been outstanding. All the girls have received great blessings. At night we have devotions and give every girl an opportunity to leave her requests, and then in prayer we agree for each other's problems.

So far, Bible School has been very rewarding. We hope it will continue along the same line. God has been very good to us.

MESSIEURS REPORT:

Carl H. Jelsovsky

This Bible School concentrates much of its efforts and emphasis upon direct study of the Word of God and prayer, prayer, prayer. But do not let it scare you. Prayer times are the backbone of our faith and the thrill of many a heart and life.

In the first place, practically everything is done by schedule; but the fun of it all comes in the fact that the Holy Spirit simply does not move within the confines of any man's schedule. Therefore, as we have already discovered here this year, anything may happen at any time (and it usually does). But we do have certain periods of the week that the boys gather together for private devotions and prayer. This really brings us closer together because here we can share deeper problems and ideas that may not come out during mixed devotions. We find that as we bear each

other burdens to the Throne of God that our own dedication and consecration is increased. The victories that we achieve together and the testimonies of answered prayers right here in our midst all work together to deepen the true realism and meaning of Bible School to our individual lives.

But individual prayer is not to be overlooked either. We have an altar service every morning before classes and during these times, an individual can often find himself walking alone with God. The Chapel is always open to anyone and several times this year a few have prayed through to victories by themselves or in the company of one close friend. And at night, bedtime prayers among roommates can also be a time of individually walking with God.

Although it may look as if a great deal of our time is spent in

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Teacher's Notebook

The Kind Of Teacher Teen-agers Need

Teen-agers are in a period of transition—no longer children, and not yet adults. Growing, developing, and constantly seeking—often not knowing what they really want. They almost always feel misunderstood.

BASIC CHARACTERISTICS FOR A TEEN-AGE WORKER

1. **A TEACHER WHO LOVES GOD.** —Teen-agers will forget most of what the teacher says, but they will never forget the kind of person the teacher is.
2. **A TEACHER WHO RECOGNIZES THE TEEN-AGERS MATURITY.** —Teen-agers have their own definite ideas. Encourage them to use their thoughts in planning and in service. When a teacher is thoughtful enough of his teen-agers to ask their opinions, and listen with keen interest to what they say, he lets them know that he is interested in them. He also discovers their needs.
3. **A TEACHER WHOM TEEN-AGERS CAN RESPECT.** —Have a keen sense of humor and a good supply of wholesome experiences to liven up the lagging spirits of the crowd. Yet, always be discreet in what you say and do.
4. **A TEACHER WHO ENCOURAGES CLASS PARTICIPATION.** —When you plan your teaching include discussion, interchange of ideas, and the opportunity to ask questions. As teacher of teen-agers you should continually evaluate your teaching methods.

5. **A TEACHER WHO HELPS TEEN-AGERS ESTABLISH LIMITS.** —Teen-agers stand in need of adult wisdom that is able to say a definite "NO" at the right time. Teach teen-agers that God in His love has set clear-cut boundaries to guide every life. A wise youth worker can use these God-given boundaries to help young people set Christ-honoring standards for their daily lives.

6. **A TEACHER WHO IS APPROACHABLE.** —In the midst of strong desires for independence, teen-agers often find themselves wanting the counsel and guidance of adults. They need the counsel, and understanding the suggestions, and guidance that can only come through comfortable communications. How can you establish sound lines of communication?

Establish simple contacts. Talk about everyday happenings: his car, her hobby, their school.

Listen carefully when young people talk to you.

Try to understand the teen-ager's viewpoint.

Don't discourage communication with shocked disapproval. Rather, draw him out and encourage him to tell you how he feels.

Never betray a confidence. This is essential.

CAN TEEN-AGERS TALK TO YOU?

Teen-agers have many problems. Some are complicated. Some are trivial. But all are important, for they affect the major decisions the teen-ager is making. A worker of Young people is in a vitally impor-

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How Others Do It

Try the Jig-Saw Puzzle idea for teaching the lesson. Mount the picture on construction paper, and cut it in a dozen pieces of varied shapes. While you are telling the lesson, put the pieces together to form the picture on the flannelgraph background. These pieces will have to be backed with flannel to use on a flannelboard or you can fix a frame of some sort to use without flannel.

Christmas Caroling? Make your Christmas caroling an outreach ministry this year! Two or three weeks before your caroling date, contact the managers or owners of apartment houses, retirement homes, etc. in your community for permission to carol on their premises.

Several days before the outing, have a "Christmas Cookie Party" —entrance fee: 2 doz. home-baked decorated Christmas cookies (a larger quantity if your group is small). During the party, package the cookies in dozen or half-dozen packages (attractive tin boxes are available at low cost at the dime store) Also, rehearse four or five carols thoroughly, so the group has a limited repertoire that they sing well.

On the night you go caroling, have 2 or 3 individuals leave the gaily wrapped cookie packages (with a mimeo'ed invitation to your church) at each door as the rest of the group sings. Or in some cases, students could knock at the door and give the cookies with a personal invitation.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

CANYON, TEXAS—

Classes have convened again here at West Texas State University. Over 5,000 young people have converged on the campus to gain a higher education. As student Director of Faith Chapel Student Center, I would greatly appreciate an interest in your prayers concerning these young people. Thousands of them do not know the joy that comes by serving God.

We have a wonderful group of Christian young people here at the Student Center. Several new ones are attending the Student Center for the first time, these as well as the ones who have returned, need your prayers.

Our group plans to continue the publishing of our "Campus Witness" again this year. If there is anyone whom you would like to have receive this monthly paper, please write and we would add his name to our mailing list.

Thank you for your concern and prayers. May God bless you in all your ways.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rene A. Heil

Student Director, Faith Chapel
Marcus Adair, pastor

DONIPHAN, MISSOURI—

The church here is doing very well, and we are reaching new families; God has answered prayer on the behalf of some who have been sick. We enjoy receiving the paper and reading the news and messages that the paper contains; we do hope it continues to come monthly. We desire an interest in your prayers that we may always do the Will of the Lord.

Robert and Dora Beydler

ALVIN, TEXAS—

With school back in progress our Sunday School attendance was back to normal the past week. We were thankful for this and for the two souls saved in the Sunday morning Church Service.

Several from our church attended Youth Camps and Camp Meetings throughout the summer and many blessings were received. We have some of our congregation in the Bible School and sincerely hope that they grow in their experience and knowledge in the Lord. We pray that all teachers, workers, and students receive much from their labors.

We feel we have a good report to give of the work in Alvin. We have seen many souls saved the past years and several of these have made wonderful workers in our church. We are much in need of more Sunday School class rooms and pray the Lord will lead us to do His Will in a building program.

Roberta Methvin, reporter
G. K. Kerr, pastor

PAMPA, TEXAS—

The Spirit of God has been moving here in the Pampa Chapel, and although we would like to see more consistency of attendance in all our services, we are encouraged in many ways. Good crowds were in attendance at both our services this past Sunday, and we have been very happy to see three new families visit our services. These have indicated that they intend to continue coming, and we are praying that they will be truly reached for the Lord. We are hoping to reach out to some others also.

Sister Violet has had a burden to see a Children's Hour begun in conjunction with our Wednesday evening services, and has taken this responsibility. Our first such children's services was on Wednesday night, September 7, and nineteen children attended. We feel that this is a great responsibility which can prove a real blessing to our church as well as to the children.

We are very grateful to Brother and Sister Harris for their efforts and their burden, and continue to pray that God will inspire us all with a new vision to work harder for Him.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

We are thankful for the moving of the spirit of God in our midst. Recently we have seen souls saved and others have been blessed at the hand of God. Last Thursday our ladies prayer group had a day of fasting and prayer for the needs of our church and for the healing of one of our ladies. We know as the Scripture tells us that God hears and answers prayer. Two from our church are enrolled in Bible School this year and we know they will receive help which in turn will be a help to the church.

We want to thank Rev. Ted Jackson who has been so faithful to fill in for us while we have had to be gone with those families of people ill and in the hospital.

Pray with us that soon God will send us another REAL Revival, with the evangelist that He has prepared for us.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

Copy Deadline 20th of Each Month

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA—

Rev. and Mrs. Austin Morgan conducted a "Kids Crusade" for us August 22-26. We had a total enrollment of 65, with an average nightly attendance of 46.6. Twenty-eight boys and girls made decisions for Christ.

We returned our preliminary church plans to the architect a week ago for final plans to be completed. He will probably return them to us in about 60 days or the first part of November. Your prayers are always appreciated. We need a good Revival—pray with us concerning this.

Ross Briles, pastor

**MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH,
LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—**

We are very glad to have had some visiting ministers of late to visit our services and preach for us. They have been Bros. Dewey Flock, Ronnie Martin, Lowell Long, and Roland Haney. We do appreciate these ministers lives and the sermons they preach.

Two of our young men from our church, Delvin Wiles and Dewey Flock, are attending Bible School at Baxter Springs, this year. We know there are blessings for all those that attend.

Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, reporter

Doyle Wiles, pastor

NETTLESBORO, ALABAMA—

We have accepted the pastoral work here again for another year. The Lord is still blessing our labors for him. Our crowds are growing and interest is good. We were privileged to have Bro. Earl Morgan from Granby to be with us on Sunday, August 21, for services while he was in a Revival at Pine Hill.

Plans are being made to build a new church. We have already purchased the land and the Lord willing we will start construction on the church in the next few weeks. We desire your prayers that we can see the Lord's Work go forth, not that we might gain honor but that the Lord might be glorified.

Leon Smith, pastor

Be thoughtful in dealing with others.

Items of Interest

**CHURCH WINS FLOYD
AVENUE ZONING NOD**

(Taken from Modesto Bee in the August 26, 1966 edition.)

The Modesto Apostolic Faith Church gained permission from the Modesto Board of Zoning Adjustment yesterday for a new Church on the northeast corner of Edward and Floyd Avenue, in a residential zone.

The Rev. Ross Briles told the board he hopes to have the new 154-seat building constructed by early spring, but financing difficulties make scheduling uncertain.

He said the present "tight money" market has restricted funds for all Churches in Modesto, and he has gone as far as San Diego for assistance.

The congregation now is using a temporary building on the 1.2-acre property. When the new Church is opened, the temporary building is to be torn down.

The zoning board stipulated also that the Church must maintain the property free of weeds, trash and other debris. Board Chairman Gerald Underwood said the Church has done an excellent job of property maintenance in the past year.

For the past two years (until July of this year) we have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and the good fellowship as pastor at the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church. We thank our God for the souls He saved and the good work that was done. We pray that the Church will continue to grow in the things of God and that lots of good work will be done.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Grady

Dear fellow laborers in Christ:

We would like to notify you of the blessing of the Lord as we have closed out a year of labouring for the Lord at the Fair-Oaks Chapel in Spring Valley and very soon will begin a new year with the church at Westminster, Colorado. Bro. and Sis. Bill Allen have arrived at the chapel and are doing an outstanding job working with the people.

We desire the sincere prayers

of the movement as we step out on a great adventure of faith in this new field of labour. The Lord willing we will leave the West Coast on October 3rd for the Midwest. We are asking God to make our lives a blessing in reaching souls with the glorious Gospel of Christ. We extend a cordial invitation to all ministers and gospel workers to visit the chapel in Westminster at any time. All laymembers are urged, when in the vicinity to stop by for a visit.

The community church of Westminster has a nice three bedroom parsonage on a nice large corner lot. The large 2 and ½ car garage on the rear of the lot facing the side street is being converted into a chapel. These premises will be used until such time the Lord provides a new chapel building. God is opening up ways that seemed impossible for the work and we are trusting God to give a harvest of souls.

Bob and Hazel Taylor

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TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK—

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tant position. Your understanding counsel may be the influence which will make it possible for a confused teen-ager to become a confident Christian man or woman. Here are some basic guides that will help you counsel young people.

1. To help teen-agers you must gain their confidence.
2. Realize there is a problem to be solved; not a sermon to be preached.
3. Since teen-agers want to be recognized as young adults, follow this cue and respect their maturity.
4. Never overlook the importance of the group to teenagers.
5. View teen-age interests and physical development as normally related to their adolescent growth.

The Christian counselor should make every effort through individual counseling to lead young people to a saving knowledge of Christ.



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: Please, discuss fasting?

FASTING signifies deprivation of food, normally as deliberately undertaken for a religious purpose. In some cases no water is taken either. Fasting denotes a time of mourning, sorrow and affliction. Also a time of great need or desire from the Lord promotes a fast. There are times when fasting is used as a means to gain an end, like prisoners fasting against rules or the conduct of guards, or a political fast to impress men or nations. With these facts we will only mention and write about that holy fast before the Lord that must be devout and sincere, with an eye single to the glory of the Lord and divine will and guidance.

There are instances of fasting mentioned both in the Old and New Testaments, but none are used for examples, because they are unto the Lord, not for man to see or praise. This fast could be the act of one man or a city. By proclamation the entire city of Ninevah fasted, a fast that was richly rewarded and a sinful city in repentance was spared.

There are several references made by proclamation by leaders of men and nations. I Kings 21:9, II Chron. 20:3, and Ezra 8:21. Cornelius was engaged in fasting when he was told to send for Peter. Acts 10:30. What a result, what a harvest of good things!

Matt. 9:14-15 gave the words of Jesus that while He was with His

disciples they would not fast, but after His departure they would. Strictly He commanded them to fast before God and not man. Matt. 6:16-18.

Fasting may be done by a child on through every age. Wisdom should be used in fasting as to length, and I am sure if the will of the Lord is consulted no damage will come to the body.

As to the length of time I think depends upon the severity of the case and the knowledge of when your prayers are answered, and when the burden for fasting has lifted. Some fast only six hours, the time that Jesus was on the Cross. Others all day, that is no eating for three meals, others may extend that fast for three days or even seven days or ten days. Seven is a complete number in the Bible and ten is over much. We have the record of forty days fasting by Moses in the Old Testament and the same number of days by Jesus. Matt. 4:2.

Fasting must be simple, not for display. Fasting must be for a purpose as before the Lord, if it is done, other wise there can be no spiritual benefits derived.

Fasting should be accomplished by prayer, Bible reading, meditation and waiting on the Lord fully, at least as much as it is possible for you to do so. The subject of fasting should be encouraged, by ministers in sermon and practice. Some of the Camp Meetings of our movement in its early years were started by several days of fasting. God honors

the person who waits solely on Him. Fasting does much to sober a person so that the pleasures normally enjoyed are laid aside. Business interests and pursuits lose their power in the few days set aside to wait on the Lord.

Have you, as a young person, ever fasted? When the need seems great in your life some time, seek this avenue of deliverance.

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of course I Cor. the 13th chapter. The abiding will of God gives peace and assurance as nothing else will. Heb. 10:7 and Matt. 19:21.

"Thus as we are led of the Lord, Rom. 8:14, there will come a mighty zeal for Him, which must be according to knowledge. Rom. 10:1 and 2. I wish you would read the great zeal of Jehu. Read all of II Kings 10th chapter. Note verse 16. To all of this let us add sound doctrine. Titus 1:9, Titus 2:1. Now in this great wonderful glorious faith of faith, let us hold fast and occupy till He comes. Luke 19:13, Rev. 2:25, Rev. 3:11 and II Thess. 5:14-22.

We are enjoying the Bible School in a wonderful manner. Come see us if you can, and above all remember us in prayer. The Word is going forth and I am sure a rich harvest awaits.

Gail W. Schultz
As Always

Children's Hour . . .

- Kathryn Cornell



Cannibal Mask

By Nancy Newton

Eddy got the wim-whams trying to sit all day at his desk. The Halloween party at school was only two days away. At noon he guzzled his milk from the thermos and ran out to the playground, a sandwich in each hand.

He stopped to talk to Marybelle. She had hair the color of orange-ade and a pointy nose. Eddy used to tell evrybody she sharpened it in the pencil sharpener. "Hi Marybelle," he said. "What are you wearing to the party?"

Marybelle tossed her orangie hair. "I'm not telling Smarty. What are you wearing?"

"Wouldn't you love to know? I'll have the funniest mask in the whole school." He rocked back and forth on his heels. Actually, he hadn't the dimmest idea of what he would wear. But he had money and he'd get the best outfit!

"There's a new boy coming this afternoon," Marybelle said importantly. "His name is Frederick March, and he will sit right in front of you, on account of his last name beginning with M."

A new boy? Eddy chewed on his sandwich and began to make plans. What fun! He'd grab him for his own friend before anybody else did. He wanted a pal more than anything. None of the fellows wanted to pal with him. Probably because he had asked them to Good News Club and they didn't want to come. Or maybe they were jealous be-

cause he could say such clever things.

"So long, Miss Woodpecker." Eddy dashed back into his room, anxious to see the new boy. Mrs. Crosby was sitting up front, her scissors going tris-tras, tris-tras through sheets of craft paper.

The other kids drifted in, two and three at a time. Finally the teacher looked up and beckoned someone in from the doorway. "This is Frederick March," she said. "We all hope he likes our class."

There was a startled silence as the class looked up. Eddy craned his neck to look around. Some girls giggled.

Mrs. Crosby rapped sternly on the desk. "Class has begun," she reminded them. "I hope some of you boys stay after three and show Frederick around."

For a brief moment Frederick faced the class, his white, white teeth flashing a big smile. Then he took his seat.

Eddy stared at the back of his coffee-colored neck and neat blue shirt. Frederick's black hair was short and kinky. Seeing Frederick was like a shock of cold water. Eddy changed his mind about wanting him for a friend.

At three o'clock the girls melted out of sight like popsicles in a heat wave. The boys looked uncertain. Some of them grinned, but all of them had excuses to get home early.

"I'm not going to be the only one to stay," Eddy muttered, turning his back on Frederick and walking out.

The next morning Eddy ran up to a circle of boys in the schoolyard. Frederick March was in the center. The other boys were laughing, but Frederick was standing there like a statue, that is, all except his eyes. His eyes roved from face to face. He looked like he was hunting a friend. The bell rang and the circle broke up.

Marybelle stopped Eddy on the steps. "Just because he has a different color skin, nobody is friendly," she said scornfully. "I like him. And what about you? You're supposed to be Christian, but I suppose you'll find something to call him, too."

Eddy hardly heard her. He suddenly had an idea for a Halloween costume. "Frederick's ancestors were probably cannibals," he laughed aloud. Marybelle looked shocked as she glanced past Eddy. Too late Eddy saw that Frederick had overheard.

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OCTOBER Birthday Calendar

- 1 THRESA HODGES
- 2 GREG MORGAN
- 2 PAMELA MOREHEAD
- 4 BELINDA REYNOLDS
- 6 ERIC WATERBURY
- 7 SHERRI WATERBURY
- 12 KIMMIE KARBBER
- 20 JACQUELINE CORNELL
- 26 LORET RANGLES
- 29 BRAD FORBES

Cannibal Mask—

After school Eddy went straight to the Halloween counter at the dime store. Ah! it was still there. The ugliest, scariest cannibal mask he'd ever seen.

As Eddy paid for the mask and started to leave, he had a funny feeling that someone had been watching him. Slowly he turned his head. Oh, No! Not Frederick again! Eddy smiled weakly.

Frederick mumbled "Hello Eddy," then turned away quickly.

Eddy shrugged. If he wore the mask he would be the sensation of the whole school. Everybody would have to admit how clever he was. He'd have lots of friends then—or would he?

That evening while Eddy was piecing together a costume out of black cloth, his mother came into his room. She showed him an old snapshot. "I found this in the bottom of my bureau drawer. Remember, I told you Daddy and I flew to Mexico on our wedding trip?"

Eddy nodded. He looked at the picture and saw his mother in a market place surrounded by dark-skinned people.

"I was so afraid," she said.

"Afraid?" Eddy breathed. "Why Mom?"

"I was the one who was different. I was a foreigner to them."

"W—What happened?"

"Oh, the people were wonderful to me, after that first moment of staring to each other. Later some of the people we met welcomed Daddy and me into their homes. They gave us souvenirs and gifts. I made some real friends that year." Mother took the snapshot up tenderly. "I don't want to lose this."

Eddy watched her leave the room. Why did she have to bring up that story now? Then he held up the cannibal mask. Somehow it didn't seem funny anymore.

The next morning Eddy was up at the usual time, even though there was no school until ten, when the party would begin.

"The stores open at nine-thirty!" he shouted to his started mother. He stuffed the mask in a bag, wolfed down his breakfast, and raced into town. He could return

Personal Testimony

Why that particular time? I had sought the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for many years—not earnestly enough probably—but many years nonetheless. I did not ask this question the night I received the Baptism—I only rejoiced in it.

I once told my grandmother Wooster that God would give me the Baptism when I needed it, and I felt like a spoiled child asking for more candy—God had already been so good to me. I was very close to my grandma—we talked of many things.

Then one Friday night I received the glorious blessing of the Baptism. Why this particular time? In just a few days my grandma was dead—and I knew "why". The Glorious Comforter—God knew how badly I would need him to endure

the mask and make it to school by ten—if he ran all the way. . . .

Eddy slid to a halt before his classroom door and crept into a back seat. Everybody stared at him. He was the only one without a costume.

"So that's your super costume," Marybelle smirked. "Sure is funny." Everybody laughed. Mrs. Crosby smiled as she rapped on the desk.

"To begin our party, Frederick March is going to play his banjo and sing some American folk songs. You know, Frederick's grandfather taught music in school—"

Eddy waved his hand in the air. Mrs. Crosby looked at him with a question in her eyes. "Yes, Eddy?"

Eddy stood up. It was now or not at all. "I—I didn't wear my costume," he said slowly. "I didn't come as a clown, or an animal, or a cowboy. I just came as a boy who is ashamed—and—sorry he's always saying and doing mean things—making fun of people—" He smiled hard at Frederick and sat down.

Frederick grinned back and his eyes said "Thank you" as he started to sing. Eddy relaxed happily and fingered the Good News Club party invitation he had stuffed into his pocket for Frederick. He saw several fellows look at him with friendly grins. Say! What was he doing with only one invitation? He should have brought about thirty.

my grief.

Oh! how wrong I was—thinking for all those years I didn't especially need the Baptism! Since receiving this marvelous gift, my whole life has been illuminated with the light of his presence—the Spirit that abides—constantly teaching, comforting, leading, praying. When the burden of prayer is so great and my words are inadequate, He speaks the words that gain the victory. He knows just how to pray when my words of praise seem insufficient, He speaks and glorifies the Father. When my songs of praise would somehow fail, He sings awhile.

But most important of all—the power to witness! Where once I knew not what to say in answer to people's questions, I now am able to speak with authority. We ARE able to stand on the promise found in Luke 21:15, "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom. . . ."

And the Holy Spirit as a teacher. In this age of violence we must instill in our children a belief in God so strong that even the gates of Hell (and the theory of evolution) shall not prevail against it.

How thankful I am for that deep abiding faith with which we are able to know that God will supply grace sufficient for each hour of need!

Martha Etta Flora
Alvin, Texas

A Chinese saw the effect of a scratch on the back of a mirror, in keeping the mirror from reflecting properly. He said, "This is like sin. It scratches the mirror of our lives and keeps us from reflecting Jesus."

Love and hard work make an unbeatable team.

GEM OF TRUTH

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him." Psa. 91:15.

MESSIEURS REPORT—

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prayer (and it is because Satan is really working overtime here at Bible School), we do engage in other activities. For example there are classes. Yes, that is why it is called a Bible School. But these classes, like everything else are subject to the leading of the Holy Ghost. Our teachers are all Spirit filled individuals. And all those things that you have heard about Gail Schultz and his impossible prophecy classes are true. But our teachers really do make learning a pleasure. They present the Word of God in such interesting ways that they can really stir our hungering for more of the beautiful stories on our Bible.

What happens to the time outside of classes and prayer sessions? That is impossible to say outside of a book. Classes end at 3:30 and supper is not until 5:30 and anyone can accomplish a lot in two hours. Most of the time, groups get together and go to the big city (Joplin). Sometimes we have football games during this time. Others sleep or study. But it is our free time and we are permitted to use it as we please (within the confines of the rules of Bible School).

And last, but not least, comes the activity of dating. This subject is a real blast in the boy's dorm. The boys will spend hours talking about "who is going to take out whom". After this is settled, comes the problem of which couple will go with the other. (There is a small rule that says only double dating is allowed). Believe it or not, these two monumental problems (?) are the sources of literally hours of laughs. Just imagine ten boys talking about twenty-five girls and you're getting close. Then feature twenty-five girls talking about ten boys from a dating standpoint and you should begin to imagine that all is not as serious and dry as the word Bible School would denote.

Want proof that we can have fun?

A few days after school started the practical jokes started. Alarms get set for three in the morning, and traps are always being laid for the other fellow. But the best one so far has been the smoke bomb. A basement full of smoke bomb in the

middle of the night is good for a million laughs, if you've got any sense of humor at all.

I'd like to say in closing that this Bible School has been a thrill and an inspiration beyond description. No soul-winning, dedicated Christian should even try to go out into life without the spiritual benefit and growth that this Bible

School can provide. I've learned things here already that I would have given practically anything to have had in my heart and life while at college. The fellowship with wonderful Christian people, the daily walks and talks with Jesus, and the victories in prayer are enough to convince anybody that **GOD CANNOT BE DEAD!!!**

Regier-Watson Vows

Miss Belva Joye Regier became the bride of William Franklin Watson in double ring vows read Saturday, September 3rd, by the bride's father, Rev. Jacob C. Regier, in the Apostolic Faith Church, Dumas, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ruby Watson of Amarillo, formerly of Sunray, Texas, and the late Mr. Fred Watson.

Mrs. Glennis McAlister accompanied Mrs. Ruth Dearing as she sang, "Twelfth of Never", and God Gave Me You". During the ceremony, the bride and her sister, Miss Kaye Regier, sang, "Joy in the Morning". The song included one verse written by the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Dale C. Regier of Kansas City, Missouri, and wore a gown designed and made by her mother. Miss Kaye Regier served as maid of honor and Fred Watson served his brother as best man. Candlelighters and ushers were Ted McKissick of Skellytown and Charles Ramsey of Amarillo.

A reception in fellowship hall of the church followed the ceremony with Miss Marva Sue Delk of Spear-

man and Glenda Wishon of Dumas serving.

The couple is at home at 2103 Second Ave. in Canyon where Mr. Watson is a junior student at West Texas State University. He is also employed with Texas A & M College at the agriculture research center in Bushland.

Prayer List

Mrs. Anna Bishop, Ralls, Texas.
Mrs. Jeanelle Williams, Galena, Ks.
Mrs. Ramona Phares, Enid, Okla.
Rev. C. O. Bard, Joplin, Missouri.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

The best reformers the world has ever had are those who have commenced upon themselves

—H. W. Shaw

One may go wrong in many different directions, but right in only one.

—Aristotle

If you are in step with the Lord, you will be out of step with the world and VICE VERSA.



Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arnall, Pineville, Alabama announce the arrival of Shauna ReNea, born September

4, 1966, weighing 8 lbs. 5½ ozs.

She has two brothers to keep her company.

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT—

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possible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6). Let us ever work for the Lord and remain true to His service. With our whole lives committed to Him, He can supply the faith of the special faith we need.

Miracles are performed through the Holy Spirit. The day of miracles is not past. God still works miracles through believers, for He is ever the same. What a need there is for the manifestation of the Gifts of power today. God truly is able—if we are but willing to yield to Him.

The third group of gifts are classified as Gifts of Utterance of Vocal Gifts. It includes the Gift of Prophecy, Divers Kinds of Tongues, and the Interpretation of Tongues.

Prophecy is manifest when, in His own language, the Spirit-filled Christian gives voice to the message the Holy Ghost directs. When the individual is completely yielded to the Holy Spirit, God's message for the people can be given.

"Prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." (I Corinthians 14:22). The message of prophecy is for believers—for the gifts of utterance are unto men for "edification, and exhortation, and comfort." (I Corinthians 14:3) All gifts are given for the glorification of God.

The gift of Prophecy is not always the foretelling of future events. Prophets are ministers for God, bearers of the truth, and servants unto the people to whom they minister.

"Tongues" is used interchangeably in reference to languages. Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

This, however, is not the Gift of Tongues for it does not of necessity dwell in a person when the Holy Spirit baptizes. Speaking in tongues is a sign to the unbelievers. "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not. . ." (I Corinthians 14:22). The Holy Spirit will not guide us in a way that would be harmful to unbelievers, but knows what their individual needs are. He wants to work through us to fulfill these needs.

When divers tongues are given, there is a need for interpretation. The gift of interpretation is given as the Holy Spirit directs. Thus, the interpretation of the unknown message, given under divine direction, is made known.

We are to pray that we may interpret, if the Holy Spirit does not give the interpretation of the message to another person. "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongues pray that he may interpret." (I Corinthians 14:13) For understanding is unfruitful without the interpretation.

To some people, anything to do with speaking in unknown tongues is confusing and not in the will of God. It is the will of God that we speak in tongues. Again, may it be known that God will not misdirect our lives when we are surrendered to Him completely. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace . . ." (I Corinthians 14:33)

Let us desire the Gifts of the Spirit. "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts. . ." (verse 1) "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." (I Corinthians 12:31)

The free operation of spiritual gifts is necessary to equip the church for a ministry similar to

that of Christ. It is said that the Gifts of the Spirit are optional and we can live without them. Agreed; for there are Christians who do. But in the natural sense, we too can live without eyes, ears, and speech. How much better, though and how much fuller our lives are with them! In the same sense, we can be holy without the Gifts of the Spirit; but without them we cannot be mighty in God.

All of the Spiritual Gifts are to be desired. However, one gift is not esteemed above another, for they are equally good when manifest at the proper time and place. It seems that sometimes the Holy Spirit wills that that a gift should be more freely manifest in some individual than some of the other gifts.

Although the Gifts are diverse—the Giver is One. He is the Source of all good and perfect things. The variety of Spirits brings not a division, but a spirit of unity in the church. Let us earnestly strive to do the will of God in all things and be in subjection to Him. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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