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EDITORIAL

Follow the Leader

Did you ever play "follow the leader" when you were young? I did, in fact I have very vivid memories of forming a line single file behind someone in our group who volunteered to be the leader and trying my best to do everything, and go everywhere the others did. (We never lacked for volunteers, everyone wanted to be the leader because he got to choose what we did). Do you know we really didn't play follow the leader at all. We played "follow the one in front of you" or "follow the one you're watching." There's a difference you know. The leader invariably chose to do things that he knew most of the rest would have difficulty in doing. So, the second in line did his best to imitate the leader—the third in line tried to do the same thing the second did. The fourth one followed the third, the fifth the fourth and so on down the line till those that were at the end of the line were never aware of the actions of the leader, but were just doing what they saw the other fellow do.

Jesus said, "follow thou me" but very often we that name the name of Christ are playing the game of "follow the ones nearest you" and we're really missing out on the best things in life that Jesus intended for us to enjoy. We're not following Jesus, we're following other Christians. And in frustration we're measuring ourselves by ourselves and comparing ourselves among ourselves and the Bible says this is not wise. Our Leader, our yardstick, our pattern, yes, our all in all, is Jesus. And He's still standing at the head of the line saying, "Follow thou Me—not those other fellows—not the best Christian you know—not the preacher, however superior he is—not any human being—but Me. I am the Leader. Oh, the blessings He could bestow on all of us and the sorrows and pitfalls we could avoid if we could learn to follow Jesus and not those around us. We'll never go wrong following Him. He never asks us to do anything that He knows we can't do but he's patient and longsuffering, He remembers we are dust and He knows our frame. And when He sees our strength is gone He reaches down, picks us up and lovingly soothes our aches, calms our fears and reassures us that He understands and cares.

It seems that we have a great capacity for worrying about what God is doing for and with the other fellow in comparison with our lot. Peter had it. After Jesus had asked him the three times "Lovest thou Me" and told him to feed his lambs and sheep, Peter looked at John, the beloved and asked, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" And Jesus answered, "IF I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou Me." Has the Lord ever jolted you back to reality abruptly with similar words? He has me. He's really saying, that's none of your business—that's between others and me. All I ask of you is to **Follow Me**. It's really so simple, just keep your eyes on Jesus and follow Him. He always goes the way before us and he's been tempted in all points like as we and yet without sin. He'll never leave us nor forsake us. And this road from earth to heaven is very narrow you know—there's only room for two—Jesus and Me. If others have complicated things or gotten between us and Jesus it's because we've let them. It's not in the Lord's game plan for it to be so. He has fixed it so it's just an individual thing between each of us and our Leader, Jesus Christ.

The songwriter puts it like this:

I hear the risen Saviour say, "follow me, follow me, follow me." His voice is calling all the day, "follow me, follow me, follow me. For thee I trod the bitter way, for thee I gave my life away, and drank the gall thy debt to pay, follow me, follow me, follow me."

Are you somewhere in the middle of a line confused at the actions and words of those around you? Have you become discouraged, disappointed and disillusioned with what someone who claims the name of Christ had done or said? If so, your eyes are on the wrong person. You aren't watching the Leader. Train your ears to listen for His voice. Lift your eyes from the horizontal to the heights of the source of our joy and glory, Jesus Christ.

"When in valleys low I look toward the mountain height,
And behold my Saviour there leading in the fight;
With a tender hand outstretched toward the valley low,
Guiding me, I can see as I onward go."

Come on! Let's really, sincerely, wholeheartedly,
FOLLOW OUR LEADER.

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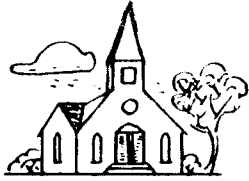
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NEWS

Prescott, Arizona
September 14, 1977

Dear Editor, Naomi Busch:

We have just finished three successful years doing missionary work with the Chinese in the Bay area; what a challenge it was to work with these precious people. We are now back in Arizona ministering to the Yavapai Indians. Seems the Lord always has doors open for us.

Recently we have returned from a trip to Texas and Oklahoma where we visited some of our old friends of the Apostolic Faith Movement. And we wonder if you would want to put some of this account in your Report?

Our first stop was in Amarillo, Texas where we had a lovely visit with Viola (Modrick) Hutson and husband Carl. Of course Viola and my wife, Pauline, had to reminisce of the days they travelled together in the Gospel work. And what a faithful steward Carl has proven to be.

Before continuing this letter we must quote a verse of Scripture from I Corinthians 12:18. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." We can not all be Apostles or Prophets or Workers of Miracles, etc. For even we helpers have a place in the body of Christ. The body is not one but many members.

Our next stop was in Canyon, Texas, where we visited our friends the Adairs. Marcus and Mary are doing a wonderful work in this college town. Even Madalene Murray is not able to stop the teaching of God's Word, for college credit, in these lovely facilities just across from the college campus. The erection of this building complex was made possible because of dear Christian friends like yourselves. How important it is for God's people to find their place in the body of Christ and to be obedient to that calling.

And then what a thrill it was to stop by Lubbock and visit with Homer and Pearl Coberly. How deeply indebted I am to them for allowing me to travel with them in the Gospel work at the time when I was just a new born babe in Christ. Not only me but they have helped many other young people to get started on this highway of Holiness. Homer and Pearl have almost run their race and finished their course but I know they have a crown of Righteousness laid up for them in Heaven.

From Lubbock we went to San Antonio where we visited some dear Christian friends, the Ivan Perkins. Midge and Pauline were close friends who grew up in Beaver County

Oklahoma. They talked about the time when the Full Gospel Message first came to the panhandle. What precious memories of the Coberlys, the Barker Brothers, the Durhams, the Modricks, Gail Schultz and many other important members of the body of Christ who brought the Love of God to this Community.

Now since Styrlle (George) Cook is my cousin and she and Calvin have been pastors in Austin for many years we just had to stop by and say hello to them. Here we found that they had just resigned the church and God has called them to do the work of an Evangelist and also increase their Television Ministry. Certainly we too feel that it will be through the ministry of Television that the Gospel will be preached to every nation before the Lord returns. Praise God for so many good Christian Television programs.

One of the highlights of our trip was to return to Rockdale where in 1932 we assisted the Coberlys in a revival at the Gay Hill Community. We were delighted to stay a couple of days with the Guinn Eilands. They too are some of God's faithful Christians. After a time of prayer and fellowship with Guinn and Lucy, we left to go visit in the home of Millard and Esther Brown, also of Rockdale. What precious memories of the days when Millard and I traveled together in the Gospel work. It was in 1934 that Millard performed the marriage ceremony for Pauline and I in the Full Gospel Church of Perryton, Texas. It had been twenty five years since we had seen the Browns. Millard told us how God was moving in bringing all of God's Children together in Love and Fellowship in these last days. Dear ones we are all parts of the body of Christ and there must not be any schisms in His body when He returns for His own. The tears of joy flowed freely as we took leave of Millard and Esther. Oh how great is the Love of our God!

Another stop was in Sherman, Texas, in the home of R. L. and Sally Coberly. Here we found R. L. teaching piano tuning and repair in the college in that city. How we enjoyed attending church services with them. So many young people coming to church and bringing their Bibles. There was certainly no generation gap in this church. Pauline and I just gave a short testimony of our missionary work, yet the pastor of that church gave us a lovely offering. How God supplies the needs of His Children. Praise Him forever!

It would take too much time and space to tell of the good Pentecostal Conference we attended in Oklahoma City and how the Spirit of God moved in these nightly services.

The next two weeks were spent around Blackwell, Oklahoma, which was my home town. While there we just had to make a trip to Kingman, Kansas, and visit a lovely Christian, Pearl Menke and daughter, Mariolyne. Through all the tests and trials, they have come through victoriously. In reading her book, "Out in the fields with God" one can understand how she can still praise the Lord because she knows the Victor and He has been with her through it all.

Thank God for Christian people everywhere. If you are Born Again then you are my Brother and Sister. It doesn't matter about the name over the door. What does matter is whether your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We can say with Paul "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

Your Christian Friends,
Glenn and Pauline Harris



Spearman, Texas

Bro. Elbert Poole of Des Arc, Arkansas was in a revival at Spearman, Texas Apostolic Faith Church the week of September 12. Bro. Jacob Regier is the pastor.

Perryton, Texas

We will be having a Bible Conference October 30-November 6 with J. D. and Eula Ray of Anchorage, Alaska in a teaching ministry and Norma Jean Doty of Smithville, Texas will be ministering in song. We enjoyed so much our Lay Witness Mission with Jim Jamieson and the good people of the Guymon, Oklahoma, church as they ministered to us September 23-25.

Harrol Waterbury, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

September 23-25 we conducted a lay witness meeting in the Perryton Full Gospel Church with the Harrol Waterburys and their congregation. All of the witnesses were from our church. Bro. Jim Jamieson was the leader of this group. We enjoyed Bill Leach's "Art in Action" at our High School Auditorium Sept. 4-6. It was sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. On September 7 we enjoyed seeing the film "To Russia with Love." Many of the shots were filmed inside Russia and gave testimony to the fact that hunger for the Word of God is very real in that land. It was very moving.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Katy, Texas

Bro. and Sis. Fred Peck are in desperate need physically and do so need our prayers. We received a letter from Valson and Laly Abraham and they ask us to remember them in our prayers. They are living in Pasadena, California, and Valson is attending Fuller Bible Institute. Let's also remember his folks and their work in India. Recently we had a Songfest in the Scott home and enjoyed it so much we are going to have one the second Sunday of each month after the evening service. We had a good Kids Crusade August 22-24 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for ages four years through the 7th grade.

James Fox, Pastor

Stockton, California

We thought the people from the other churches would like to know that we had a West Coast Youth Camp at Camp Tamerack, in the high Sierras near Fresno, California. The elevation was at 7500 feet so it was quite cool. The young people didn't seem to mind though because the Lord blessed them so much and they were kept quite busy.

We wish to thank the Ministers that helped to make the camp a success. Bro. Barry Methvin, was our Youth Evangelist, Bro. Jimmy Long, Bro. Sonny Brown, Bro. Ross Briles, Sis. Sue Allen and Bro. and Sis. Carson Perry were in charge of the kitchen. They had several helpers from each Church. At the close of the camp there were 14 baptized. Praise The Lord!

The Stockton Church has asked Bro. Jimmy and Sis. Linda to remain as our pastors for another year. He is kept very busy ministering at the hospitals. We are asking an interest in your prayers as we launch in a building program. A welcome is always out to anyone that is visiting in California, laymen or ministers. May God richly bless all of you.

Della Priest, Reporter
Jimmy Long, Pastor

Granby, Missouri

To begin the Edwin Waterbury's second year as pastors we had a Fast and Prayer Day on Wednesday, August 24. This fast day was observed on Wednesday for the months of August and September, too. We enjoyed celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries with the Ray Beavers and the Lyford Freemans on September 4. September 18-25 we had a good Youth Revival with Marlon Sparks, Randy and Jane Dalton and Shari Cook. Monday night, September 19, was also Youth Rally night at our church. The Lord blessed abundantly. Fred Arnall is attending AFBC, Greg Patterson is going to college in Springfield, Missouri, and Keith Waterbury is attending WTSU in Canyon, Texas, this semester. We wish them the best and really do miss them.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor

Galena, Kansas

God has been so good to us, and is blessing more every day. There is such a sweet spirit in every service and people seeking more of God in their lives. Surely these are the last days of time and we are nearing the Rapture. Some of the college young people are coming over in nearly every service, and this truly is a blessing to us.

The Wednesday night Bible studies have been on the Church and have been inspiring and helpful to all. In the near future we are expecting a revival, the church is fasting and praying every day, we see a need of a Holy Ghost, spirit filled Revival. The Ladies of the church recently met and started the Ladies Circle, which we are really excited about.

Several ministers have come by recently and we are always glad to have them come. We invite all ministers of the Faith to come by. We ask an interest in your prayers for the Church and also we as ministers that God will always lead us in His Ways.

E. K. Cornell, Pastor

Cave Springs, Arkansas

It has been sometime since I have sent in a report from our church. God has been good to us. We have had a good summer. Our attendance has held up well, and gained a little. We had a good revival in the spring with Bro. O. A. Busch. Our Vacation Bible School under the direction of Sis. Viola Venters was good with an enrollment of 69. We have been blessed with the help of Sis. Dorothy Cook. We appreciate the blessings of God and are looking forward to another good year. We invite our Ministers to come preach for us anytime.

A. W. Ferguson, Pastor

Jachin, Alabama

Bro. O. A. Busch was privileged to hold the Homecoming service and conduct a revival at Christopher's Chapel in Jachin and the Lord really blessed. This revival was held the first part of August.

Taneyville, Missouri

"O, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good." Ps. 136:1. We are so thankful for the Spirit of God that is moving in a precious way in our services and drawing Christians into a closer fellowship with Jesus Christ. We have just begun a Sunday evening Bible Study Class which will undoubtedly help us in Christian growth. We will be studying the gifts of the Spirit after we have learned what the Word says about the fruit of the Spirit. Bro. Winston will be teaching these lessons and we do appreciate the burden he and Sis. Alberta carry for this church and the good work they are doing here.

The Lord blessed as Bro. Earl Blansit of Ozark, Missouri, filled in for our pastor when he was absent one Sunday. Sis. Shari Cook and Sis. Grace Beeler have helped our church in many, many ways. Two young men from our community are in Bible School this term and we know their lives will be enriched as they study God's Word.

Let us all "be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good." Psalms 100:4-5.

Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker, Pastors
Belva Pennington, Reporter

Arnett, Oklahoma

With a great love, we welcome the arrival of Reverend and Mrs. Ollie Kinser as pastors of the church at Arnett. Reverend and Mrs. Kinser are a fine young couple we are proud to have guide the flock. They have two very precious little boys, Delvin and Darrin. Don't tell anyone children cannot help in the worship services. Well, I'll say this much, "Delvin is a fine song leader" and we are much encouraged by his young life. Reverend Kinser has employment at present with the Ellis County Road Crew.

We very much appreciate the way the Lord is dealing with those for whom we have been praying that they will come to the Lord and be made whole.

Teachers and officers have been elected or appointed for the coming year. We are trusting and believing the Lord to do great things for all who will give their hearts to Him.

Shortly after arrival a grocery shower was held for the Kinser family.

We are praying for a revival and trusting the Lord will provide the right person to bring heart stirring messages.

Come by and visit us anytime.

Ollie Kinser, Pastor
Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter

Enid, Oklahoma

We are very pleased and thankful to have David and Sharon McCance coming to pastor our church. They are expected to be here around October 2. In the meantime Bro. Melvin Shepherd has consented to fill in and is doing a great job. We thank God for people willing to do their part for the glory of the Lord.

The kitchen at the parsonage has recently been remodeled, thanks to Bro. Elmer Christenson and several men from the church. It is real nice.

We have been having Tuesday night cottage prayer meetings for about a month. God has met with us and we are looking forward to greater things in the Lord. Praise His Name! for He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Melvin Shepherd, Fill-in pastor

Liberal, Kansas

We have just finished a lovely Baptismal service in a pond outside of town. We have had nearly 50 souls saved since this time last year. Our congregation is all relatively new except about 12 families. We have around 50 children under 10 years old. Sister Kerr has fixed a lovely nursery and has good helpers. We have about six other teachers for those between the ages of three-six, seven-eight, and 10 years old. The children have two-hour classes on Sunday morning also. This makes more room for the adults in our main sanctuary. May God bless you.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

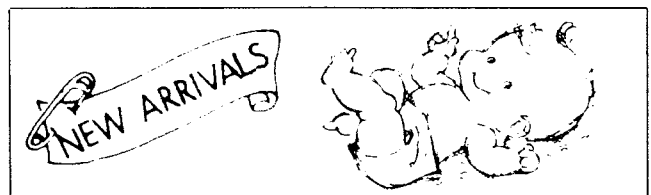
West Purcell Apostolic Faith Church

We were so glad for the good services Bro. and Sis. Paul Clanton had for us just after Camp Meeting. We enjoyed the real truth of the gospel as it went forth from night to night. Souls were blessed and encouraged. We were also happy to have our granddaughter, Paula Buschman, and Rip Yoakum to help in the revival. We appreciated Bro. and Sis. Jackson and Bro. and Sis. Jerome Crowhurst filling in for us while we were gone for about three weeks. Our people enjoyed them very much.

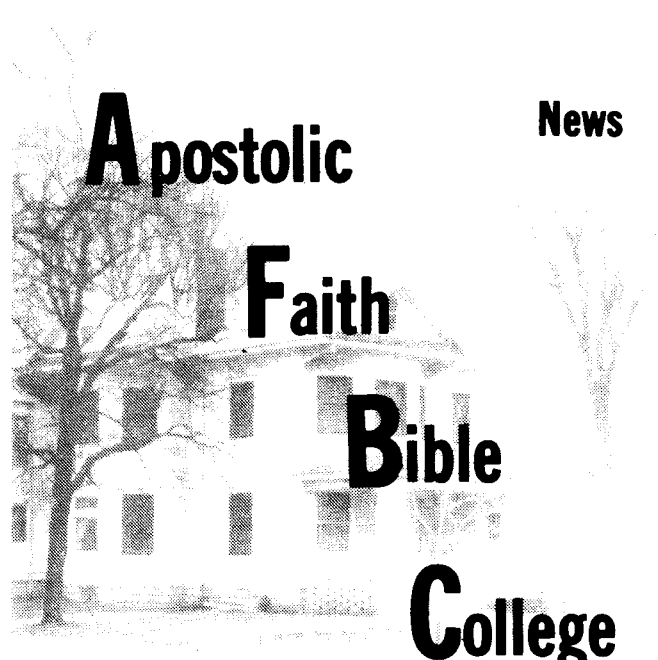
George Hintergardt, Pastor

50th Wedding Anniversaries

The congregation of the Gospel Tabernacle, Granby, Missouri, celebrated two 50th wedding anniversaries on Sunday, September 4, 1977. The Ray Beavers received friends and family at their home in Granby and the Lyford Freemans received their well wishers at the fellowship hall of the church. Both celebrated between the hours of 2-5 p.m. with their children and grandchildren hosting the events.



Marvin and Ann Hays announce the arrival of Tosh Adair on August 24, 1977. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. and was 22 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Reverend and Mrs. Marcus Adair of Canyon, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Okley Hays of Garber, Oklahoma.



Apostolic Faith Bible College

News

Announcements

It has been a thrill to work in Bible School this year. The Lord has given us an outstanding faculty and student body. He has met our needs in every way. We give Him all the glory.

Our new choir robes have arrived. They're a two-tone blue and very attractive. We didn't order these for the choir to be formal but to eliminate all the problems of ordering material and suits to match. Then the making of the dresses. We feel you will be well pleased when you see the choir in these robes.

Plans for choir tour are working out and the choir is working very hard. We wish we could make every church in the movement with the choir but this would be impossible.

Do pray for the school and stand behind us in every way. We need your prayers daily for the work of the Lord. Pray especially that we'll be a blessing in the concerts . . . that the word of God in song will touch hearts.

CONCERT DATES

- October 10 . . Darrrouzett, Texas 7:30 p.m.
- October 11 . . Hardesty, Oklahoma 7:30 p.m.
- October 12 . . Liberal, Kansas 7:30 p.m.
- October 13 . . Pampa, Texas 7:30 p.m.
- October 14 . . Free travel time
- October 15 . . Hempstead, Texas 7:30 p.m.
- October 16 . . . Alvin, Texas 11:00 a.m.
- October 16 . . . Katy, Texas 6:00 p.m.

Come to visit Bible School anytime you can. Visitors are always welcome and we urge you to come and be a part of us for a few days.

In Christian service,
Howard Whiteley,
Superintendent

Several months ago the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas, incorporated under the name of "Apostolic Faith Church Bible College, Inc."

A prime purpose of this move was to secure recognition of exemption from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This confirms that you may deduct contributions to the corporation as provided in Section 170 of the Code, also bequest, legacies, devisees, transfers or gifts to or for the use of the corporation are deductible for Federal Estate and gift tax purposes under sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the code.

If you should wish to make a contribution to a member church or minister and would like to be protected under this ruling of the IRS, you may send it to the Bible College with instructions and we will run it through our books and send it on to the designated recipient.

The Apostolic Bible College has long recognized that our major source of support was denied us as long as there was a question concerning the IRS recognition of gifts. It is now entirely safe to make the Bible College a beneficiary in your will or trust.

Board of Trustees

In December there will be an election for the three positions on our Bible School Board of Trustees. Following the August ballot election the following were nominated and will be placed on the December ballot. Please pray and ask that God direct each of us in our decision that it will be His decision.

Position I: Bill Hollis, Volley Rose
 Position II: Lee Oakes, Gene Hibbs
 Position III: Ward Stanberry, Lowell Long

OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THE RESULTS OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDMENTS IS GOD'S RESPONSIBILITY.

OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

Who would have thought an ax head could swim?
 Well, it couldn't except in obedience to Him!
 And who would have thought that spittle of clay
 Could enable a blind man to see light of day?
 And who would have thought that Jericho marched 'round
 With ram's horn trumpets could make walls fall down?
 Now who would expect a snake from a rod?
 But it happened for Moses when he obeyed God!
 Who could believe that the widow of Nain
 Would welcome her son back to life again?
 But the procession stopped at Jesus' command
 And life was restored at the touch of His hand!
 Our God works His wonders in mysterious ways
 In response to obedience, and faith, and to praise!
 Who knows WHAT would happen if we dared to obey
 The commandments for living our lives GOD'S way!
 Barbara Waterbury

I Samuel 15:22 II Kings 6:5-6 Exodus 4:2-3
 John 9:6-7 Luke 7:11-15 Judges 6:20 Isaiah 55:6-11

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**AFBC DORM
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Paula Buschman

The girls' dorm at the Apostolic Faith Bible College has become "home" for many of us who have lived and loved within her walls. It is here that we learn what Bill Gaither was really saying when he wrote the words to the song, "Getting Used to the Family of God."

It is true that we come to Bible School to study God's Word. We spend a lot of time reading, studying, and praying, but a lot of other things go on too. During our recent revival the students carried on a chain prayer. One of our dedicated young ladies got up from her nice warm bed to take her turn of prayer and went into the bathroom so not to disturb her sleeping roommates. That was at 11:30 p.m. she fell asleep while praying and didn't wake up till 6:30 a.m. Did she get cold? No, it just so happened she had taken her pillow and blanket with her.

Beauty is very important here in the girls' dorm. You may have heard of milk baths, well yours truly may be the first to get a kool-aid shower. One of the girls had taken off the shower head and filled it with powdered kool-aid. That was quite a shock. Another familiar sight is mud packs and a lot of green faces and they tell me they are trying to improve themselves.

The best thing about living in the dorm with sixteen other Christian girls is the fact we share. We share love, pain, joy, tears, laughter, heartbreak, and most of all, God.

The words of that song still tell how it is:

Climbing the mountains, crossing the plains,
Fording the rivers, sharing the pain;
Sometimes the losses, and sometimes the gain
Getting used to the Family of God.

Reaching our hands to a brother that's new,
Learning to say, -that I really love you;
Learning to walk as the Master would do,
Getting used to the Family of God.

Going together, enjoying the trip,
Getting used to the family I'll spend eternity with;
Learning to love you, how easy it is,
Getting used to the Family of God.

So when you pray for us here at Bible School remember us in the girls' dorm as we learn to love and live together.

Yours in His Service,

Paula Buschman
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Chris, Connie and Tom Day

It is hard to believe that four weeks of school are over. The young men have kept busy with lessons and the fun times that are also part of Bible School.

At first it was difficult to awaken them at the appointed time, until alas, there came Savoy Grimmer. One exceptionally difficult morning, he began singing Christmas carols off key, way off! Now when there is little in awaking them, just one threat does the trick. Recently I learned of a strange occurrence in one room. It seems that one of the men just realized that at 3:00 a.m., it is **dark**. Rick Christensen sat up in bed and yelled at Rip Youchum. "It's dark, Rip, it's dark." "Really, Rick!"

My wife, Connie, has kept busy with laundering instruction. One day recently Room 4 was washing a load of jeans. Now these three young fellows occupying this room are not of equal stature. Upon removing the jeans from the dryer Jim Crouch replied, "Oh, my jeans have shrunk." He then realized that they belonged to one of the other guys.

Seriously, God has been moving in a marvelous way since school started. One of our men has claimed Jesus as his Saviour and gone on to Sanctification receiving a great experience in the Lord. Another has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. While the rest of them have received wonderful blessings and made great strides of growth in the Lord.

Our nights of chain prayer and fasting, in partnership with the ladies for the revival were rewarded by the visitation of God's Spirit each evening, which several nights extended into the small hours of morning.

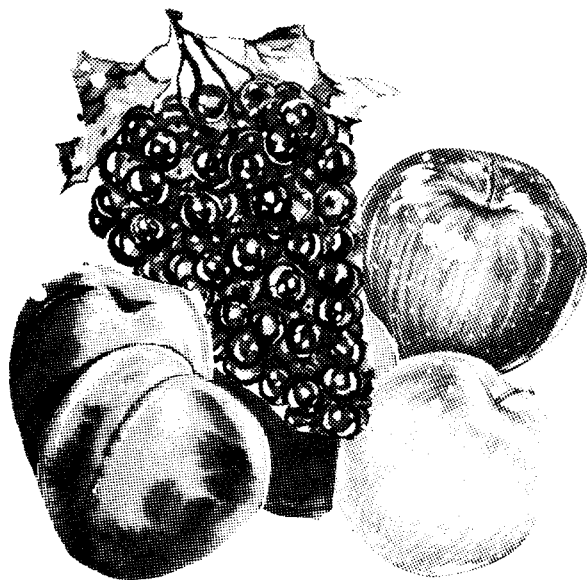
For the most part there is a spirit of union and harmony that is wonderful to see. There is a feeling of trust in each other's prayers that allows them to share burdens and needs with one another. It is not unusual to have someone in the prayer room late at night, or to heart of one or more having prayed until early morning. We are witnessing fruits being reaped from these prayers. Praise God!

We don't want to fail to thank Bro. Whiteley and the school board for allowing us to have the new dorm as our home for these months of school. Also, we invite everyone to come visit the school.

Tom Day

A. F. Report

"The Fruit



Of The Holy Spirit"

By Winston J. Barker

Galatians 5:22-25—But the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are **Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the **Spirit**, let us also walk in the **Spirit**.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the character and nature of Jesus Christ being shown in the life of the believer. If you want the Spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit manifested in your life (I Corinthians 12: 8-10) you must first have the manifestations of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22)

The Spirit is both Christ's presence in your life and your response of Faith to divine grace.

The word "Manifestation" means a showing forth, a making visible, or making known. This word shows the Fruit of the Spirit to be the ministry of Jesus shown through His people today. The words fruit, gifts, and manifestation together, give us a fuller picture of the work of the Holy Spirit. We, the members of the body of Christ, should believe that God will show His love through us as needs present themselves day by day.

"The Fruit of the Spirit is Love." Only as we live in love can we fulfill the will of God in our lives. The believer must become love-inspired, love-mastered, and love-driven.

Paul says in II Corinthians 5:14—For the Love of Christ constraineth us: The word constraineth normally means "to hold together," but here (sunecho) means just a little more "urge on, impel," "controls us seems to be justified in this case. Christ's love will keep any believer in His will.

Without the fruit of the Spirit, we are just a religious noise. I Corinthians 13:1—Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I become

as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love," and it is manifested in joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Joy is love's strength. Peace is love's security. Longsuffering is love's patience. Gentleness is love's conduct. Goodness is love's character. Faith is love's confidence. Meekness is love's humility. Temperance is love's victory. Against such there is no law.

A Holy Spirit-controlled man needs no law to cause him to live a righteous life. The secret of a Spirit-controlled life is found in Romans 12:1-2—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

To live abundantly in the love of God, you must serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who Himself became our example. He served all the way to Calvary, and there He was the obedient servant, obedient unto death even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:7-8.

The word Fruit, being singular, as usual in Paul's writings, tends to emphasize the unity of the life in the Spirit. It is possible also, that the singular may be intended to point to the person of Christ, in whom all these things are seen in their perfection. The Spirit seeks to produce these by reproducing Christ in the believer. Paul says in Galatians 4:19—My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. Paul is saying his pain and concern were like those of a mother in travail. Yet what he agonizingly sought for was not the new birth of his friends, but the full forming of the new life in them. That new life of the Fruit of the Spirit.

In the light of Paul's preference for the singular form of fruit, it is not necessary to resort to the expedient of putting a dash after Love in order to make all the other items depend on this one. **Love is crucial.**

Joy is conferred by Christ upon His own followers and is mediated by the Spirit. **Peace** is the gift of Christ and includes inward repose and harmonious relations with others. **Longsuffering** related to one's attitude toward others and involves a refusal to retaliate or work vengeance for wrong received. It is literally longspiritedness. **Gentleness** is better rendered kindness. It is benevolence in action. A distinctly social virtue. **Goodness** is an uprightness of soul that abhors evil, a clean-cut honesty of motive and conduct. **Faith**, in this setting, means faithfulness. **Meekness** is based on humility and denotes an attitude toward others in keeping with due denial of self. **Temperance** is better rendered self-control (Literally, a holding in with a firm hand), or control of the self life by means of the Spirit. **Against such there is no law.** Law exists for the purpose of restraint, but in the works of the Spirit there is nothing to restrain.

I would like to look at the fruit of the Spirit again in another light.

The word Fruit, though a collective noun, is singular. The life that has been unified, with Christ at the center, produces a harvest of Fruit, which has many expressions.

Love, Christian love (agape), is not dependent upon the feelings, but upon the reason and the will, Hence it can be commanded as a duty. In the New Testament it expresses

the bond of love between God and man, and that between man and man. We sometimes translated "Charity" and sometimes "Love." The best commentary ever made upon this word is I Corinthians 13.

Joy: This is not the joy that comes from having no trouble. Joy (Chara) is a human expression of divine grace.

Peace: Paul's own life—like that of Jesus—is ample evidence that peace, for a Christian is not the absence of tribulation. In the midst of tribulation, Christian peace is confidence in God.

Longsuffering: Though contemporary translators prefer "patience," the literal "longsuffering" expresses the meaning better. The term refers less to patience under adverse circumstances than to suffering the follies and cruelties of one's fellowman. In the New Testament the term frequently refers to God's attitude toward man.

Gentleness, a kindly disposition. It is comparatively easy to be gentle when one is not in pain, physical or moral.

Goodness, a Biblical word, not found in secular Greek. Gentleness is not always practical. Goodness is.

Faith, here emphasizes "faithfulness," rather than "belief." The two cannot be separated from each other or from their cognate "obedience."

Meekness, the most unpopular Christian virtue, possibly because the most misunderstood. It does not imply greasy servility, but willingness to learn, consideration for one's neighbor, acceptance of the divine will of God.

Temperance, Self-control. Mastry over all one's desires. In Paul's thinking, every duty is rooted in Truth, every Truth develops into a duty. The two are not separate.

The chapter ends with a list of noble qualities showing what results when a person "walks in the Spirit."

We live in the Spirit by God's arrangement by means of the gift of the Spirit of conversion, but we walk in the Spirit as a matter of personal volition, taking each step in dependence upon Him. If one is walking thus, he will not be desirous of vain glory.

Walking in the Spirit. Galatians is addressed to people who know the meaning of Christian Faith. The Galatians have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. They had examined their lives, but repented of their sins, and has received baptism.

Walking in the Spirit. Walking is an old familiar, beautiful term from the Bible for daily life. In the opening pages of scripture we read that Enoch walked with God. His faith made glorious the humble life of each day, for he walked with God.

Walking in the Spirit. Who is the Spirit. The Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. That answer, though true, is not very helpful. The Spirit is both Christ's presence in your life and your response of faith to divine grace. It is hard to tell, as you read Galatians, when Paul is talking about the Holy Spirit, "Meaning God's reach for you", and when He is talking about your spirit "meaning your reach for God." The spirit is a fact in Christian experience.

Walking in the Spirit. Live each moment with the knowledge that Christ is present, above you, all around you, within you. This is the meaning of the Holy Spirit, that God whose glory the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, yet lives in the life of His earthly Son. We have that Son living within each of us. Live with God. Walk in the Spirit.

THE WAGES OF SIN

by

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The facts concerning the salvation of the soul of man and living a life true to our creator are often scoffed at by those who wish to follow the way of least resistance and indulge in the kind of living considered popular by the majority of people today. Those of the world say christianity is old fashioned and even many church members of today propose to find a new and better way than that which condemns sin.

The way of sin, however, is older than the formation of Adam and was instigated by satan himself. Though he was only a created angel, the scripture says he was an anointed cherub before the throne of God. He became exalted in himself because of his beauty and aspired to have power equal with God and began to be rebellious. Because of his iniquity he was cast out of heaven and was no longer one of God's angels, Ezekiel 28:11-15; Isaiah 14:12-17.

Satan began his campaign to destroy that which God had made in His own image when he tempted Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were permitted to eat of every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam they were not to eat of it for in the day they did, they would surely die, Genesis 2:16,17. God spoke here of one of His thousand year days, II Peter 3:8, and was also speaking of a physical death. This curse of a physical death has followed man since that day. No descendant of Adam has ever lived out one of God's thousand year days.

The third chapter of Genesis tells us the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field. The Hebrew word which has been translated into English as serpent has been used in other places in the Bible to mean something entirely different from which our English word would denote. What ever animal is called a serpent here, he allowed satan to use him in talking to Eve. Because of the cunning persuasion, Eve ate of the forbidden tree and sin entered into the human race.

Genesis 3:14 says God told the serpent he was cursed above all cattle and beasts of the field then in verse 15 is the first promise given to man of a Savior. God put a curse upon satan as though He were talking to the serpent. In Revelation 12:9,15; 20:2 satan is called the dragon and the serpent so we see satan carrying the serpent's name even to his end. Adam and Eve were made to leave the garden to till the ground from which he had been made. God also placed a curse upon the ground because of Adam's transgression that it should bring forth thorns and thistles. Sin does bring terrible consequences. It has brought sorrow all through the ages and will do so even to the millenium with Christ. Then after the judgment those who have followed satan will be cast into the lake of fire where they will be burned up as stubble, Malachi 4:1.

Even though satan has continued to lead mankind to rebel against God, I Peter 5:8, God kept His promise to send a Savior to make a way for man to return to God. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Wages of Sin (cont.)

God gave us all a right of choice in whether we follow Him or Satan. Joshua 24:15 says, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve," and in I Kings 18:21 we read, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him." Throughout the Bible God gives a clear outline of how we should live, "But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 1:16-20.

There have been many versions given by man which try to allow people to live in sin yet in the end escape the consequences. Jesus came to this earth and gave His life on the cross to make a way whereby man might be saved from a life of sin. There is no other way for the salvation of man's soul, Acts 4:10-12. All other ways of life will bring not only a tragic end to this life but after the judgment, death to the soul in the lake of fire.

Since eternal life comes only through Christ, let us look at some of the words used to describe the final end of the wicked. Romans 6:23 reads, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The wages of sin are death—death means the extinction of anything, destruction, spiritual and eternal ruin. Ezekiel 18:4 says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die". To die is to expire, to lose life, to cease to exist, or to perish. When we consider these two verses together we see God is not speaking here of a physical death; it is the soul that sins and because of unrepented sin it shall die. The physical body, which dies because of the curse placed upon Adam and his descendants, shall return to dust, Genesis 3:19; 1 Corinthians 15:22: but the soul will sleep in the grave until the resurrection, Daniel 12:2. In the resurrection the soul will be called forth in a new body, I Corinthians 15:42-44, to stand before God in the judgment where every deed whether good or bad will be judged, Ecclesiastes 12:14. **Just one unrepented sin—just one untruth, whether great or small—just to refuse to let Jesus be your Savior is enough to cause the soul to be cast into the lake of fire,** I John 3:4. Another word used in connection with the future of the wicked is destroy or destroyed. To destroy means to ruin utterly, consume, dissolve, to put an end to, or to do away with. In Psalms 37:38 we find, "But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off," and in Psalms 145:20, "The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy." Psalm 37:20 uses the words perish and consume to describe the end of the wicked. To perish means to suffer an untimely death, to be destroyed, to pass from existence, or to come to nothing. To consume means to destroy as by burning, to eat or drink up.

Some believe Romans 8:29,30; Ephesians 1:5,11 to mean God has chosen some to be saved and has already decreed others to be lost but John 3:16 says who so ever will may have eternal life. The Greek Lexicon says to foreknow means to hope beforehand or to resolve. To predestinate is to preordain, predetermine, or to give a definite direction. Our scripture reference also says those He has predestinated, He has also called. God's word is a written road map so clearly marked that no one needs to miss the way, Isaiah 35:8. God does not want any to perish but that all should come to repentance, II Peter 3:9, neither will He send anyone to destruction. Anyone who is cast into the lake of fire will have been cast there because of his own choice of the way he lived.

One of the main verses used to teach eternal torment is found in Revelation 14:11 where it reads, "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. "First, let us notice verse 10 ends with a colon which makes our present verse belong to the people of that verse. The latter part of verse 11 also identifies it with the people who have taken the mark of the beast. Verse 11 also says, "The smoke of their torment." The word smoke, in the Greek, is the same here as the one used in Acts 2:19 where the phrase is "vapor of smoke." We again find the same word vapor in James 4:14 where it says life is like a vapor which appears for a little while then vanishes away. The English dictionary says a vapor is, "any light, cloudy substance in the air as smoke or fumes; that which is fleeting and unsubstantial." It also gives as one of its definitions for smoke, "Fume, vapor, dust, etc., resembling smoke. **"This smoke — or vapor of smoke — will ascend up for ever and ever.** The Greek New Testament reads, "Goes up to the ages of the ages." The first word, ages, in the Greek is a strong expression meaning forevermore. The second word ages gives it even a stronger expression meaning forever and ever. This vapor of smoke which appears a little while as it ascends will vanish forever, never to be seen again. Our verse also says, "They have no rest day nor night." Day when used with the word night means from sunrise to sunset. Revelation 22:5 says there will be no night in eternity. Again, let us refer to the Greek New Testament which reads respite instead of rest. Respite means rest but also means refreshment or cessation from labor. The judgments of God upon the ungodly in the end time (just before the millennium) will be one right after the other with no refreshing pause between them. This verse belongs to that end time.

Another scripture often used to teach eternal torment is the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31. This is a parable and the interpretation must correspond with the rest of the Bible. Parables illustrate a truth and are not meant to be used to establish a doctrine. Jesus did not state the spiritual status of either man—He only said one was rich and the other was a beggar. He was bringing the contrast between the Jews (the rich man) and the Gentiles (Lazarus). The rich man died—the Jews ceased to be a nation favored by God when they rejected Jesus as their Messiah and in that fallen state, they plunged into many torments. Lazarus died and went to bosom—not to heaven. The gentiles who die to self and accept the Messiah who was rejected by the Jews are made heirs to all of God's promises made to Abraham and his descendants. The Jews said, "We be Abraham's seed," John 8:33, also in John 8:39 they said, "Abraham is our father." In this parable, the rich man calls to his father Abraham and in verse 25 that relationship is acknowledged with, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime (the Jewish dispensation) receivedst thy good things." Now Lazarus is comforted. The rich man said he had five brethren. Judah had five brethren. The names of Leah's six sons were Ruben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulon. Jesus arose from the dead yet the Jews did not believe in Him any more than they did Moses and the prophets. This parable is a prophecy Jesus gave to the Jews describing the closing of the Jewish dispensation and the ushering in of the times of the gentiles into the promises God gave to His people.

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Now let us look at some of the meanings of the words translated into the English word hell. According to Strongs Concordance, all places in the Old Testament where the English uses the word hell, it is translated from the Hebrew word sheol. Sheol means "hades, the grave or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat)."

There are three words in the New Testament we wish to notice—all translated into the word. hell.

1. Hades—this word seems to carry an added meaning in the Greek to that of the Hebrew. Besides the Hebrew meaning (above paragraph) the Greek says "powers of the unseen world, the invisible world, deep degradation." For Luke 16:23 the Greek designates deep degradation. When Jesus told Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hades (hell) shall not prevail against it," Matthew 16:18, He meant the powers of the unseen world shall not prevail against the truth of Peter's declaration. The word hades is also used where Jesus compared Capernaum with Sodom, Matthew 11:23. All the places in the Book of The Revelation where the word hell is used, it has been translated from the word hades.

2. There is one place in the New Testament where the word hell comes from the word tartarus, II Peter 2:4, where it means deepest abyss. It is speaking of the place where Jesus went to preach to the spirits in prison (the created race from Genesis 1:27) that they might have a chance to believe on Him (I Peter 3:19,20) the same as Adam's race.

3. The third word is gehenna which means valley of Hinnom. The valley later was called Ge-Hinnom and eventually became known as Gehenna. Another name for this same place is Tophet—said to have been derived from the drums used to drown the screams of the children who were made to pass through the fire during their pagan worship. The valley of Hinnom was the boundary line between Judah and Benjamin and at one time was a place of gardens watered by springs which fed the stream flowing in the bed of the ravine. It was on the lower part of the Mount of Olives, called the Mount of Corruption in 1 Kings 23:13, where Solomon erected high places for Molech and other gods to please his foreign wives, 1 Kings 11:7, 8. Later idolatrous kings revived the worship of Molech. Here Ahaz and Manasseh made their children pass through the fire. In the twelfth year of the reign of King Josiah, II Chronicles 34:4, 5, he purged the valley from the worship of Molech by rendering it unclean. To do this he broke down the altars, opened the tombs of Molech's priests, spread their bones over the valley and burned them. This ceremonially unclean valley became the common cesspool of the city and its sewage was carried off by the waters of Kidron. It is said this is the place where the gehenna fire was kept alive to not only burn the offal and filth of Jerusalem but also to consume the bodies of executed criminals and the carcasses of the animals slain for sin offerings (read Hebrews 13:11). Around the outer edges of that which had not yet been pushed into the fire, it was infested with worms. The Greek in this place says a gnawing worm. As long as this fire was continuously fed it continued to burn and the worms continued to feed. Some believe the gehenna fire to be figurative of an eternal torment for the wicked. Let us note—this fire burned as long as it was continuously fed but when the Jews were dispersed and no longer kept the fire going, the fire burned

out and the worms died. While Jesus was on earth He upheld the law given to Moses. He healed the leper in Matthew 8:2-4 and told him to show himself to the priest and offer the gifts required by Moses. When they brought the woman taken in adultery to Him, John 8:3-11, Jesus did not tell them to not stone her. He only said to let those without sin do it. This is also the reason Jesus used the gehenna fire as a subject in talking to the disciples.

Under the law punishment for certain offences was to cut off a hand or a foot and criminals were cast into the gehenna fire. When Jesus gave His life on the cross, He fulfilled the Law given to Moses and brought into effect the Law of Grace. We no longer practice cutting off hands or feet as it is not a part of the new law. Therefore, since that part of the scripture in both Matthew 18:6-10 and Mark 9:42-48 are applied to the age as under the law; we must also apply the part about the gehenna fire to that age.

The lake which God shall prepare for the devil and his angels as well as for the destroying of all the wicked will burn with fire and brimstone. Brimstone is of a sulfuric composition and burns with a blue flame but it is not an eternal flame. Sodom and Gomorrah were burned with brimstone and fire, Genesis 19:24-29, yet they were so completely consumed that the only way their places are located is geographically. Their smoke went up as the smoke of a furnace and is seen no more.

Revelation 20:10 tells us the devil will be cast into the lake of fire then verses 11-15 of the same chapter give us a word picture of the dead of all ages standing before God for judgment. "Whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire", verse 15. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death", (death of the soul and the resurrected body), Revelation 21:8.

Eternal tormentism was not taught by the early church fathers but sprang from sinister sources of the Orient, Egypt and Persia. It reached its climax under Greek Platonism and began to make its way into Christian doctrines about 190 A.D. However it was not dominant in belief until about the sixth century. John Wycliff and his followers taught that in death man is in an unconscious sleep until the resurrection.

Pope Leo X from 1513-1521 upheld the erroneous doctrines of the immortal soul and eternal tormentism. (It is the body which shall possess immortality in the resurrection, not the soul). But the Pope threatened punishment to those who would teach other than that which he upheld.

In 1877 a chain of developments prompted noted speakers to publish articles declaring, The Bible nowhere teaches an inherent immortality; but teaches that it is the object of redemption to provide and impart it. They declared those who will not respond to God's call will perish totally and everlastingly.

Gladstone declared the doctrine of eternal torment crept into the church through the back door, though wholly unknown to the scriptures.

"For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord", Romans 6:23. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not PERISH, but have everlasting life", John 3:16.

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I MUST GO SHOPPING

Author Unknown

I must go shopping. I am completely out of generosity and want to get some. I also want to exchange the self-satisfaction that I picked up the other day for some real humility; they say it wears better.

I want to look for tolerance, which is worn as a wrap this season. I saw some samples of kindness, and I'm a little low on that right now; one can't get too much of it.

I must try to match some patience. I saw it on a friend and it was so becoming. I must remember to get my sense of humor mended, and keep my eyes open for inexpensive goodness.

Yes, I must go shopping today.

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Three thousand for my brand new car,
 Five thousand for a piece of sod,
 Ten thousand I paid to begin a house,
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