

One in Christ

by Karen McGee

I am not a "charismatic". However, I have been in many situations with people whom I considered charismatics. I have witnessed the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the speaking of tongues, prophecy, and healing. At first these experiences were quite frightening. Yet after several exposures to revivals and other services and most importantly, study in the Bible, I've begun to realize that God gives different gifts to different people in order to serve the people without the gifts. I Corinthians 12:4-7 says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all." (Today's English Version)

Verses 12-31 speaks of the body of Christ and his church and tells of how each person performs a specific part for that body. Yet when I attend Quiet Waters Presbyterian Church, no one speaks in tongues or performs miracles. Nearby though, at the Holy Ghost's Evangelical Temple of the Pentecost, miracles are performed and things are prophesied by every member.

If we are to be one body in Christ and function as individual parts, we must worship together and benefit from all of the gifts and talents the Lord gives to each one of us. The only way for this to happen is through love for your fellow Christian. "Love one another warmly as Christian brothers, and be eager to show respect for one another." Romans 12:10.



Seeds Planted in Belgium

by Nancy Corbin

One of Montreat's own saints had a very attractive summer. Ted Clark, a sophomore from Wilmington, NC, went to Belgium this summer with others involved in Operation Mobilization, a missionary society that trains missionaries. Ted spent one month with a "blitz team" in Luyen, Belgium (located 10 km from Brussels). Ted's squad was one of about 100 squads located throughout the entire country of Belgium. Each squad covered a little part of the country.

Ted was involved in street witnessing, open air ministering in shopping centers or in town squares—he talked to people in pubs, but the majority of his work consisted of door to door ministry. He passed out books about the Christian life and Bibles in the languages French and Dutch. Over one million tracks were given out. These people are hungry for the Lord. Ted explained that Belgium has less Christians than

India does. Immigrants are packing into Europe. For about 1½ years Ted has been working toward missionary work, but this is the first opportunity he has had. This opportunity to work on the mission field in Belgium has convinced Ted more than ever that missions is where the Lord wants him.

He learned the importance of prayer and fellowship with the team members. He said that they needed to pray for each other or fights would break out. He learned to rely not only on the Lord for daily strength, but on the others. Sometimes they would have all night prayer meetings for missionaries striving to get the Gospel into communist countries, and other definite needs—not just nonsensical utterances. Ted's team lived in tents, sleeping wherever they could find a place. They slept mostly in farmer's fields. The food they ate was what they got by faith. In other words, they didn't go to Belgium on

ELECTION 1980 - The Evangelical Influence

The presidential election of 1980 is presenting itself as an inevitable crossroad in American future direction. The choices are stark and contrasting with each candidate presenting his version of progress to the American people. Each one believing that only the ideology which he stands for can put America back on the road of prosperity again.

Reagan is the herald champion of free enterprise and small government; Carter leads the faction of our nation which believe that government programs and administration are the answer to our nation's ills and Anderson is sometimes cited as the prince of moral liberalism.

Roscoe Drummond, syndicated columnist, stated "there is evidence—too much evidence—that we are about to be plunged into one of the bitterest, most devious, epithet-laden presidential campaigns we have experienced for a long time."

But the question this article concerns itself with is what kind of effect will the evangelicals have on this year's presidential election.

In the past few years there has been a growing number of Christian political forces developing across our nation. This year an increasing number of evangelicals have become involved in the electoral process. This is evident in the numerous Christian views scattered throughout the Republican platform this year.

An evangelical is described as someone who has had "a born-again conversion, accepts the Bible literally for all doctrine, and feels an urgent duty to spread their faith." It is estimated that 40-50 million Americans are evangelicals.

The potential for influence by the evangelicals is enormous. 1,300 radio stations are owned by evangelicals—that is, 1 out of every 7 in the United States. One third of all commercial publishing is evangelically owned and a world wide complex of T.V. and radio outlets is also controlled by evangelical organizations.

Last election, Carter enjoyed wide-spread evangelical support. But this year, many Christian

Carter supporters are disillusioned by the record of his preceding term. It seems now that Reagan is "singing their tune" with a little more clarity than Carter ever did. After the "Washington for Jesus" demonstration, in which 2,000 Christians marched on Washington calling the nation back to God, a member of the Carter campaign contacted the organizers of the event asking their opinion on which way the evangelical vote would go this year. With all three candidates claiming a born-again religion coupled with conservative politics and conservative economics, Reagan might take a large portion of the evangelical vote. The question will probably not be decided until the preachers decide whether or not to offer endorsement of political candidates or only to suggest them.

It is certainly becoming more evident that whoever does win this election will have the opportunity to be herald as a great savior of the American nation or remembered as the captain who went down with his ship.

A Campus Full of Unity

As the previous article talked about unity of Christians, I would like to emphasize campus unity for the 80-81 school year. As Christians, we are commissioned to "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matt. 28:19). I believe that our immediate concern should be our own campus-Montreat. The reason for this belief is because until our own lives are right with the Lord we can not expect someone else to follow us or pattern themselves after our lives. Unity is being one in the Spirit, one in love of one another and one in actions. The Lord says that the greatest love we can have

is the love for a friend (John 15:13), and to willingly lay down our lives for them. II Cor. 12:15 also emphasizes love for people: "I will give all I have and myself as well in order to help you. Will you love me less because I love you so much?" (GNV)

Unity, a love for each other and ourselves, being there when we are needed, making someones day with a smile, sharing, caring, and giving. Let's practice unity this year and the rest of our lives.

If you, as a student, have any comments please submit them to the Aletheia. The box is in the front office.

The Editor

- SURVEY -
Of Montreat - Anderson
Students

REAGON

Reagon	Carter	Anderson
48 percent	22 percent	7 percent

Undecided
23 percent
(leaning to)

Reagon	Carter	Anderson
6 percent	3 percent	1 percent

No One
13 percent

THANK GOD!

by Nancy Corbin

Needless to say God is unceasingly worthy of our praise. Yet many times man overlooks life's simple pleasures which are actually some of God's great miracles.

About two weeks ago Montreat experienced a severe water shortage. Did anyone notice that the day after the shortage was announced in convocation rain came? SLOWLY AT FIRST, THEN HARDER AND HARDER. It rained every day for seven consecutive days. God answered prayer. Someone or a lot of someones had enough faith to ask God for rain. God was faithful. Rain might have made the ground muddy and slippery or maybe rain made getting to and from class just a little bit awkward, but rain was essential. And in this case rain was a blessing. Thank You Father!

