

REFLECTIONS

Lead Me to the Rock that is Higher than I

Caleb Hofheins

"There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives—the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognize it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them." —Mother Teresa.

I'm burning up, straining eyebrows to a triangle, swimming through a mind which is too in tune with the contours of scenery. The transit from Asheville to the Florida flatlands is a heavy contrast. Life's perspectives transition from immediately detailed business strung up in the

canopy of this mountain cove to a large scale broad picture where all of life is in plain view—spreading over marshes and an excess of palm trees. Oh God, that the perspectives would coexist.

The future is a mass of questions, and the past wonders if I have what it takes. The questions steam off my car in the Florida sun, and it quakes and rattles, idle at each red light. The hunger pangs begin, and the winter's longings return to leave my stomach churning. Is God truly good? Can He be trusted? I say yes, but I'm worrying

my way into more worry.

There are days when God asks, "Who do you say I am?" And all we can say is "I believe, help my unbelief." But I am reminded that when we see life as a crisis, we are impoverished. We lose our eyes when we stare down at a gaping hole in our chest, and forget the world. We forget to know the abundance, the expansive living we have within Christ. All the while God holds out His hands and offers that we lay all down. Every crisis fits small and easy. Every crisis loses its urgency, its fear, its identity. I sent you

to reap that for which you did not labor (John 4:38). He knows our needs, and his timing is perfect. His hands are sturdy, and he is bigger than our every worry. He knows the desires of our hearts—His mind wrought them. May we learn to avert our weary eyes off of the things of this earth, look to the mountains, and say with a twitch and even hesitation "THY kingdom come; THY will be done," until the words have become the desire of our hearts, overshadowing everything.

Some days we must smile at the rain. I know that it

pours, and presents clouds in our minds just as it does over our heads, but rain is from God. He does see when we do not.

Throw your window blinds open with a subtle fervor, welcome in the day. Tell It your name, Tell It you are glad to share in its wonder. The colors are here—the leaves golden glint in the sunshine; the hot breath rising out of secret corridors—enjoy them today. Become like children, knowing that a good Dad takes care of the things we cannot.

Newt Gingrich at Montreat

Travis Wilson

Anderson Auditorium was alive on Saturday, October 17th as the former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, arrived at Montreat College. He was here to launch the college's "Faith in..." series which will continue with a presentation entitled "Faith in Science". Gingrich's presentation was entitled "Faith and the Founding of America," and focused mainly on the Founding Fathers and compared their original intent with the present status in American faith in politics.

He drew a fairly large and diverse audience of people who attended for reasons ranging from interest in his recently written book, to respect for his

past achievements and his potential presidential campaign in 2012. Local conservative politicians such as former congressman Charles Taylor, County Commissioner Nathan Ramsey, and former state house candidate Paul Purdue were all in attendance. It may be a sign of Mr. Gingrich's divisive character that in a county controlled by Democrats, most of the prominent local figures who attended were members of the Republican Party.

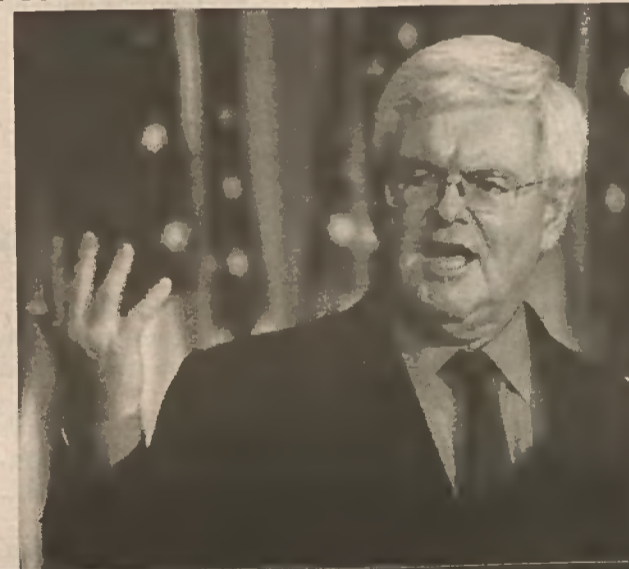
Many people tend not to realize that Newt Gingrich holds a doctorate in History, and is an avid historian. It seems that the audience had at best a nominal interest in Dr. Gingrich's

qualifications in the subject of history—despite the title of the presentation and the historical nature of his speech, not a single question from the audience was related to America's past. The nature of the questions was slightly disappointing, not merely because the stated purpose of the gathering was a look into American history, but also because his newly released book that the audience lined up to have signed, was based in a historical context. The book entitled "To Try Men's Souls" was co-authored with Montreat professor Dr. Bill Forstchen. It deals with the American victory in the Battle of Trenton and George Washington's famous cross-

ing of the Delaware River. Although the victory was not of particular logistic importance, it was seen as a major moral booster and Dr. Gingrich referred to it as a miracle and proof of God's involvement in

the creation of the United States of America.

The school was glad to have Gingrich present on campus and hopefully it has served to raise awareness of the college.



Upcoming Events

Poetry reading *October 27th* Manor House ~ Montreat College Blood Drive *October 27th* 10:00-3:00pm

Montreat Mission Fellowship *October 28th* 7:00pm Gaither Fellowship Hall ~ Sheet Maze *October 30th* (Halloween Edition)

Student Film Contest *November 1-12th* ~ Montreat Mission Fellowship *November 4th* 7:00pm Gaither Fellowship Hall

Angel Snow Concert *November 5th* Gaither Hall ~ Winter Ball *November 20th*