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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

You Must Have the Spirit of Christ — By Jeff Nielsen, Norton Christian Church

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him. But you know Him for He lives with you and will be in you." (John 14: 16, 17)

It is the special privilege of the born again Christian to have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He is the third Person of the Trinity and He is to be known, not just talked about or heard of. He is much more than just a name mentioned in a creed, in a hymnal or during a baptism service.

Non-Christians do not know Him and sadly many church attendees only know about Him. That is why the sins of the flesh, the world and the devil so easily overtake them. The Bible says, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Romans 8: 13, 14) Therefore, "Examine

yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you — unless, of course you fail the test?" (2 Corinthians 13: 5)

The litmus test for seeing if you are living a life led of the Holy Spirit is the Word of God. It tells us in Galatians chapter

five of the fruit of the Holy Spirit which will be evident in an obedient Christian's life.

These are:

Love: A genuine self-sacrifice for the good of others.

Joy: Great pleasure and delight in who God is and what He has provided.

Peace: A sense of well-being, rest, tranquillity not dependent on circumstances.

Gentleness: Kindness toward others, reasonableness and flexibility.

Patience: Stability under pressure, self-controlled under provocation from others.

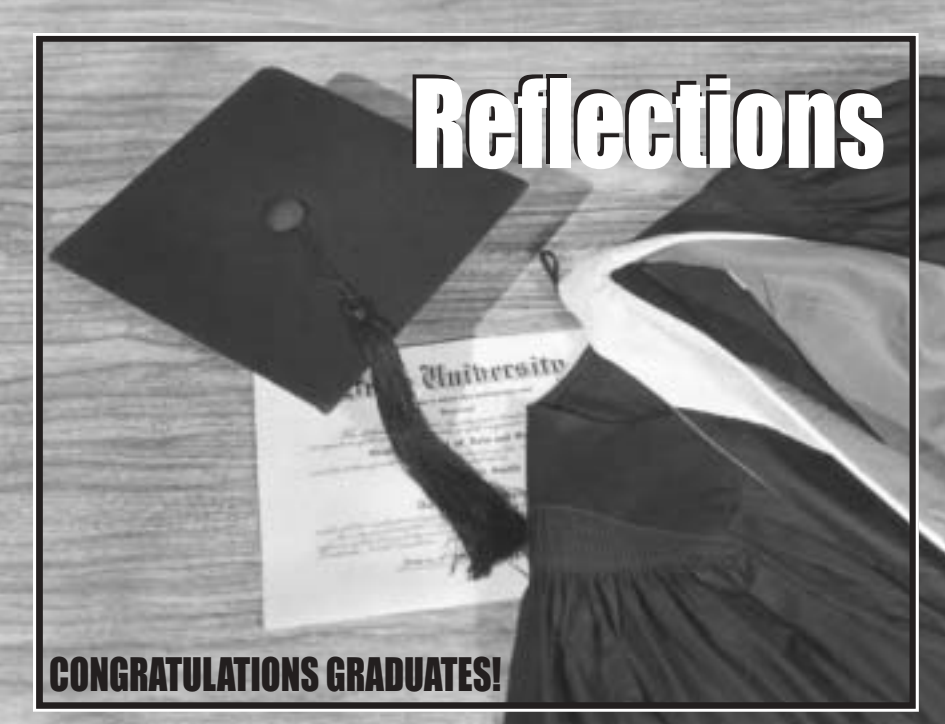
Faithfulness: Reliability and perseverance.

Meekness: Willingness to be governed. A submissive attitude toward authority and circumstances.

Self-control: Especially of one's passions.

True Christians "are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the Holy Spirit. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. (Rom. 8: 9) Friend, if you don't have Christ, you are not saved.

Invite Christ into your heart today! Become obedient to the written Word of God. Be empowered to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil. You can then enjoy the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life, instead of being destroyed by the wages of sin, which is eternal death.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Graduation...is it a beginning, an ending, or possibly, a stop along the way? Graduation is a beginning...of life as a young adult charting an unfamiliar course; a beginning of new friendships and fresh concepts, of higher education or a fulfilling occupation. Certainly, graduation is a beginning.

Graduation may also bring endings...to familiar surroundings and comfortable routines, to old friendships; a setting aside of childlike fears and secondhand ideas. Yes, graduation may signify endings.

Perhaps, graduation is a significant stop along the way...a preparatory pause...a fork in the road. Indeed, the word itself means a gradual transition, a step on life's ladder...a time to remember the past, to ponder the present, and to dream of the future.

Whatever graduation means to you, feel proud of your accomplishment, and praise God for providing you with strength and guidance. Worship Him regularly, so that you may continue to receive His direction during this most meaningful time in your life.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 36	Psalm 136	Hosea 1:1 - 2:1	Hosea 2:2-23	Hosea 3:1-5	Hosea 11:1-11	Hosea 14:1-9

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NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Georgia O'Neil attended Missy BOWENS graduation from high school last Sunday and the reception afterwards.

Memorial weekend visitors of Marie Engelhardt were Jim and Barb Johnson, Aurora, Neb.; Velma Cochran, Syracuse; Vera Schra, McPherson. The ladies are Jim's sisters, and Marie's nieces and Jim a nephew. They put out flowers at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Alma.

Shirley and Jerry Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D.; Frank and Garnetta Brooks, Boulder, Colo.; and Barry and Barbara Brooks spent the weekend with their mother, Maxine Brooks. They visited the cemeteries and Barry gave the address at Norcat. The kids all attended the Alumni Banquet at Norcat. They also attended the Davis family reunion Sunday afternoon.

Friday evening former Nortonites now of Topeka, Flora and Ken Sanders were dinner guests of James and Lena Skrdlant. Flora and Lena are sisters. They arrived Wednesday and are staying with Esther Tweed. They came to see the other sister, Mary Keith, who has been in the hospital and to visit other relatives and friends and to decorate graves.

Rena Garwood's nephew Eddie Temple and wife Fu called on Friday afternoon and took Rena and Mary Vanover out for a meal. Mary Vanover took Rena to Norcat Saturday evening to attend the alumni banquet. Rena graduated 70 years ago. There were only three there out of a class

of 18. Roger Vanover came on Sunday to take Rena to the Norcat Memorial service. They got to visit with her nephew Frank Gallentine of Parker, Colo. Frank was a graduate of Oberlin class of 1935. He was living with Rena at that time.

Doris and Ruth Mizell attended the bridal shower Wednesday evening in Prairie View for Priscilla VanDerWeele. Priscilla and Aaron Mizell's wedding is June 11.

Jason Bowen visited his grandmother, Georgia O'Neil Saturday and put her air conditioner in.

Guests of Lena and James Skrdlant Wednesday were Robert and Dawn Pauley. They ate lunch with the Willing Workers Quilt Club where Lena was quilting. Flora Sanders, a former quilt club member and Esther Tweed were also in attendance.

Marie Kolharst of Syracuse visited her Aunt Marie Engelhardt Sunday evening.

Vera Schra, McPherson and Alberta Geil, Alma visited Marie Monday afternoon.

Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Leon Atwell and baby of Beloit came to visit Mr. and Mrs. James Skrdlant.

This past week Daryl Olson has moved into the Manor on second floor. Arnold Jackson has moved from the second floor to the first.

Roger and Carolyn Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb., arrived to spend some time with Doris Mizell. After visiting the Clayton cemetery and attending church Sunday morning they returned home.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Monday, May 30, family members gathered at the home of Grace Reeves to celebrate the birthdays of David Eckhart and Christy Taylor. Those in attendance were David Eckhart, Overland Park; Aaron and Christy Taylor and children Brett, Hayley and Andrew, Grainfield; Rose Eckhart, Hoxie and Bill Eckhart of Norton. In the afternoon, Gerry and Devonna New and John and Carol New, all of Denver, stopped by.

The New families and Bill Eckhart had all enjoyed the Norcat Alumni Banquet on Saturday and the Sunday Memorial Day service in Norcat.

May 22 visitors of Reva Smith were Dale and Katherine Severns, Judy Tadlock, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fritz, Gloria Egge, Evelyn Zellmer, Marcia Hewett, Beth Heikes and Sue Smith.

Vera Schra of McPherson spent from Friday to Tuesday morning with Alberta Geil during decoration weekend and Vera also had her 50th year high school class reunion. Alberta Geil attended her 50th class reunion at Long Island Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Kenneth and Faith Hays took their granddaughter Susan Mongpo to Denver May 26 as she was leaving early the 27th to return

to her home in Bangkok, Thailand. She came to San Diego May 14 to attend a business meeting for the law firm for which she works. On May 19 she flew to Denver where she spent one day and one night with relatives. On the 22nd Diane Welsh brought her to Alma. While in this area she attended three graduations and receptions for relatives. She was a supper and overnight guest of Gale and Ranelle Hays and family. She called her grandparents at noon May 28 to report she had arrived home safely.

Toni, Angie and Timmy Smith of Mesa, Ariz., were visitors last week of their grandmother Reva Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Russel Smith and granddaughter Katelyn Smith visited Reva Smith last week.

Suton Mongpo and Faith Hays visited Mrs. Robert Winteroth in Norton the morning of May 25.

Richard and Mary Jane Farnsworth of Goodland, and Eileen Gregory of Valley Center, Kan., spent last Friday evening visiting their aunt Rita Bieber of Calvert. John Bieber of Wichita, Sharon Ivy of Park Center and Barbara Wassinger of Ness City spent the weekend with their mother Rita Bieber. They all came especially for their uncle Don Moody's sale held Saturday at the Armory in Norton.

NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jody Lyon, Larry and Jodi Lyon; Chance Harmon; LaVerne Milner, Ron and Renee Harmon; Jamie Wentz, Tad and Rebecca Hartsough, May 30; Francis Hix, June 2; Ron Harmon, Darrel and Marla West; Darrel and Alice Barnett, June 5; Dennis Wood.

Memorial weekend guests of Bill and Bee Nelson were Todd, Denise and Garrett Nelson, Wichita; Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay, Independence, Mo.; Ben, Alixon, Emma and Elijah Cobb and Lynn Jeffries of Los Angeles. All attended the memorial service for Lee Eckhart on Saturday, May 28; the all-school reunion at Norcat High School Saturday evening; and the Memorial Day services at Norcat Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, May 29. Everyone returned home Sunday afternoon or Monday.

Memorial weekend was an enjoyable time for Virgil and Joyce Price as all the members of their family were home. Bob, Lea and Kate Price, LaGrange, Ill., arrived in their motor home May 20; Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque,

N.M., came May 26; and Jason, Kathy, Connor and MacKinze Jurey, Kennard, Neb., and Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla., on May 27. Bob and Linda came especially for the Norcat Alumni reunion.

Other visitors during Memorial week at the home of Virgil and Joyce Price were Doris Klingensmith and Rick and Sue Crockett, Lakewood, Colo.; Nila Murrian, and Melvin and Carlotta Thielber and Pam Messinger, all of McCook; Max Thielbar, Lincoln, Neb.; and Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton and Wawa Reames, Okla. It was great to have all the family together to visit and have family pictures taken.

Visitors at the David Hare home over Memorial weekend were Janice Ebner, Heather, Lori and D.J. Ebner, Keith Baker, Kathy, Kristen and Erika Wilkins from Holdrege, Neb., and Joe, Trudy, Jordyn and Megan Hare from Tribune.

David and Retta Hare recently traveled to Goodland to meet and visit with Don and Louise Barnes from Austin, Minn., as well as John and Judy Bateman and Ruby Phifer.

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