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"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

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THE FIRST AND SECOND COMMANDMENT

[A tiny speck or a very little particle in the eye can cause us discomfort. Do you realize how a little bit of jealousy or a little bit of ill feeling against somebody can cause distress in our inner man? If we try to remove it ourselves, the little bit is still there. Only as Jesus, our good physician, grants His power can it be removed. Brother Philip Gutwein Jr. of our Francesville church tells us about love and how you and I may increase it.]

"Thou shalt LOVE THE LORD THY GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

"This is the FIRST and great commandment.

"And the SECOND is like unto it, Thou shalt LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.

"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:36-40)

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should DO TO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM: for this is the law and the prophets." (Matt. 7:12)

It was a lawyer's question which brought forth the above statement by the Lord Jesus concerning the FIRST and SECOND commandment. The two are really ONE commandment, for the second is like unto the first and sets forth the basic and all inclusive GREAT COMMANDMENT OF LOVE.

LOVE is to be the ESSENCE of man's RELATIONSHIP and underlying MOTIVE for his ACTIONS, first toward GOD, and also toward his

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The Most Important Thing In Life

[We look back to the days of childhood as long ago for many of us. The last century is far off days. To go back a thousand years is still longer. But how small are they when compared to eternity! If one lived a million years, it would take many years of living. But eternity would start with the next million, and as far as you could look would be a limit expanse of timeless years. So confronted with so unimaginable an equation as this, we should think in far different terms. Dear friend, listen now to the pleadings of those who love you dearly.]

Very often I have to think, if only more people, or better still, all people

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth . . ."

that have come to the age of accountability could realize what the important thing in life is. This thing is that each human being has a living soul within themselves that will live in all eternity, which means forever. For the welfare of our soul, we find all instructions in the good book, the Bible. There we find that God has created this wonderful world and everything

therein, and has dominion over the whole universe. Everything was perfect in the beginning when God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful place with many beautiful fruits which they were allowed to enjoy. They could eat of any of the fruit except from one tree in the midst of the garden. The first sin was committed when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and partook of the forbidden fruit. From that time on sin increased in the world. Sin is like the weeds we find everywhere. No one can avoid it, but from innocent childhood we grow up into sin.

God made everything wonderful on earth for mankind and has also prepared Heaven, an unspeakably beautiful place with streets of gold, a place more beautiful than any place found in this wide world. This place God has prepared only for pure and righteous souls. Since all have sinned God found a way for all sinners, great or small, to be born again in heart and mind. He sent His beloved Son, Jesus, into this world to live as a perfect example of how God wishes mankind to be. He preached the will of God everywhere He went and many hungry and humble hearts repented and followed Him. Many were not interested in our Lord and His message of salvation for their undying souls. So

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Your Joy May Become Full

[We become skillful and mature in our labors for the Master by attaining the know-how of His will. Sometimes a brother or sister can point out something, giving us a helping hand on the road to a first rate performance. Will you listen to Henry Souder, Jr. of our Leo Church?]

In tones marvellous and sweet, we find a loving command for all who have commenced the journey to Zion. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." Behind the traveller we see all the dazzling display of the worldly Egypt. How fictitious and shallow they have proven to be! Ahead of him lies the rapturous beauty of God's eternity. There is where his heart is firmly anchored. But around him are the high and walled cities of the Canaanites. How faithful will he be in carrying out God's command to utterly annihilate all of them?

As the pilgrim approaches, he sees the high and walled cities of uncontrolled thought. Can he scale those awesome walls? Should this citadel be vanquished? The answer comes on God's wireless, the Bible: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Renewed confidence comes as the Lord whispers, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." So, dear one, take the Club of His will in your hand of faith, and strike at these enemies, giving them no chance to answer back!

It is true that comparing fleshly

strength with enemy strength he is outnumbered. How foreboding do those chariots of iron look! Left to himself the pilgrim would find himself so twisted by the arm of passion as to force him to defeat. But we have a mighty Liberator who has promised unconditional victory by following orders. Looking to himself, the traveller cries, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" And then looking to Jesus, he confidently replies, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" . . . "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Anger, jealousy, and gossip have arrayed their awesome armies in full dress. Shall we retreat? The command is radioed back in unmistakable tones, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Fellow soldier, the conflict is fierce and hot, but these enemies must be engaged in hand to hand combat and thrown! They annoy and cause discomfort and keep us from beholding all the beauty of the Master. Is not our greatest joy in beholding our matchless One who sustained all the cruelty the enemy could muster in order to save us from those hard taskmasters of worldly Egypt? Listen as He speaks to us, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

The inhabitants of the cities of pride confront the traveller. Is there any possibility we can detour and leave these behind? "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit it before a fall." "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but

whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." How firmly this pride would cling to us, but how easily it is for our God to remove it!

A hindrance in the pilgrim's pathway in the way to full perfection is selfishness. The very degree to which this high and walled city is made a rubbish heap is also the very degree of our success in this business of Christian life. If it once sits as king of our life, we also shall find ourselves bankrupt. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

The Gibeonites were conniving and subtle and came to the children of Israel as if from a long journey and a far country. Thus the traveller is often approached by thoughts in false dress. God's command is to be sober-minded or level-headed. We should not let "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient" weight us down. How hollow and tinny they prove to be!

If you are not perfect, dear brother, now is the time to declare all-out war against our Enemy. Our weapons are spiritual, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Have you equipped yourself with God's weapons, which have withstood the most rigorous test, and carry the stamp of unconditional victory if used? Have you poured all the forces available into hammering the enemy lines?

First of all, we have those astounding secret weapons of trust and prayer. Faith builds a wall of fire around the advancing infantry man, making him impervious to all the fiery bullets of the enemy. Faith places him

at his objective and asks God's Spirit to clean out the trapped enemy. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

When the situation becomes desperate, he again turns his heart to God in prayer. When his flesh would cry out for something, he immediately breathes a prayer to his source of supply, Thy will be done! As the swords clash and the heat and smoke of the battle well up, he keeps repeating his battle cry! He is instant and constant in prayer, and never gives up.

This GI is perfectly fitted in dress. "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace . . . And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Finally, the pilgrim should concentrate all his efforts on the field of "Right now." To spread his forces on to the adjoining fields of "Worry about Yesterday" and "Fret about Tomorrow" makes him weaker. His Commander has told him, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

To learn the secret of applying these mighty words into action is to take a long step in enabling our Saviour to fill your joy to the full. We don't have to worry about the moment following this, its worries, its hardships, its temptations, etc. We can for this moment ask for grace to be perfect, to have a clear line of vision of faith to the Master. We can for this one moment and for the day ask his glorious Spirit to refreshingly cleanse our heart from the day's dust. How marvelous is this moment by moment leading of God!" "And out of his infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again." "Sing aloud His praises!"

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but **this** one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press

toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you."

This is the test of true devotion
To keep and hold fast to the Lord;
And evermore without omission
In all things to obey His word.
In small and unimportant matters
To be careful and sincere,
Not knowingly to faults consenting,
However small they may appear.

Could we be satisfied with a half-done task? Or do we really want to please Jesus with our efforts? "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you . . . ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

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NEIGHBOUR and FELLOW MAN. Scripture reveals the Truth, that only as Man loveth GOD FIRST, will he also love his fellow Man; and only as he loveth his fellow Man, "whom he hath seen," can he truly claim to love God, "whom he hath not seen." "And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." (1 John 4:20-21)

This great commandment of Love was first reduced to writing and given to Israel under the Mosaic Law, but it did not here originate. Neither are the Lawbooks of any age or people the depository for this great commandment. For God in the very beginning and the creation of Man made LOVE a part of his very constitution, for God is Love, and without Love, Man could not have been in the "image of God." To be sure, when Man fell in Eden, the character or manner of his Love likewise fell from the "divine" to the human level. On this level, he "LOVETH HIMSELF," has a love or "natural affection" for his own, and may love them which love him. But what is his reward? "do not even the publicans the

same?" (Matt. 5:46)

But even though such LOVE OF SELF, of our own and our friends, etc., is but a small remnant and dim reflection of the divine "LOVE OF GOD," it is still God implanted in every normal human being, and lawful in itself. For there is **no Law against love** (Gal. 5:22-23). Not even against LOVE OF SELF within certain limits, as it is written: "For no man ever yet hated his OWN FLESH; but nourisheth and cherisheth it." Acts to protect and preserve, to sustain and benefit one's OWN LIFE and LIMB are motivated by Love of Self and by a "natural affection" or a **human love** for others.

Speaking of conditions characterizing the end of this age, the Lord Jesus, no doubt referred to a general breakdown of this **human love** in human relationships, when He said: "And because iniquity (lawlessness) shall abound, the LOVE of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12). Man is to **Love his neighbour as himself**, but with all love for himself and no love for his neighbour, he becomes "hateful, and hating one another" (Tit. 3:3), and little wonder that "in the last days perilous times shall come." (2 Tim. 3:1)

LOVE OF SELF is lawful in **nourishing and cherishing "SELF,"** as long as it "worketh no ill to his neighbour" (Rom. 13:10). Beyond that, it becomes selfishness and sin and the root of many evils.

Now in this LOVE OF SELF which Man finds in his own heart, the wisdom and the justice of God ANCHORS His great SECOND COMMANDMENT to Man: "Thou shalt LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF," and makes it like unto the FIRST.

Let us observe here that God did not impose upon Man this basic and great commandment of LOVE from WITHOUT, a commandment which is foreign and contrary to his own human nature and judgment, so far away, angelic, or obscure. Not at all. It is as near and as clear to his heart and mind as his LOVE OF SELF is and he consents unto the Law that it's good, and the commandment to

be holy, and just, and good, so that he is "without excuse." But how to perform that which is good, he finds not, and the good which he would, he doeth not. According to the standard and RIGHTEOUSNESS in the Law and the Prophets, and the just and holy demand of its great command of LOVE: "there is none righteous, no, not one: . . . there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Rom. 3 and 7).

The great commandment of LOVE, being the summary of "all the law and the prophets," is primarily given to the "natural" or unconverted Man in his fallen state and Adamic relationship. It was not given, however, in the expectation that if he only would, he can muster WITHIN HIMSELF the strength and ability to fulfil the LAW OF LOVE, and do it without the enabling GRACE OF GOD. The very character of LAW ever demands and commands TO DO, and TO KEEP, and TO OBEY, and directs Man to HIS OWN resources to accomplish it. As we read: Thou shalt love with ALL THY heart, ALL THY soul, ALL THY mind, and thy neighbour as THYSELF. There is nothing in this commandment to direct and induce Man to look for help "to perform" outside of HIMSELF, and ABOVE HIMSELF. Should Man succeed and keep the Law under these circumstances, he would be RIGHTEOUS in HIS OWN RIGHT, and JUSTIFIED by his OWN WORKS OF THE LAW. As it is written: "And it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, if we observe TO DO all these commandments . . ." (Deut. 6:25). And again, in answering the Lawyer, who would "inherit eternal life" and who referred to the commandment of Love, the Lord Jesus said: "THIS DO, and THOU SHALT LIVE." If Man could DO THIS and LOVE thus, he would indeed fulfil all the Law in one word and LIVE IN HIS OWN RIGHT.

Yet, by the Law is only the knowledge of sin, and "sin is the transgression of the law." And the Law is our schoolmaster to bring us unto CHRIST, that we might be JUSTIFIED BY FAITH (Gal. 3:24) and

saved by GRACE, and not by WORKS, lest any Man boast.

While it is thus true, that the great commandment of LOVE as the summary of all the Law and the Prophets, is primarily given for the "natural man," yet the doctrine of LOVE toward God and neighbour is confirmed in the NEW TESTAMENT with greatest emphasis, for Christ did not come "To destroy the law, or the prophets . . . but to fulfil." "For what the LAW could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh," God by GRACE would do in the spiritual Man, that the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW might be fulfilled in him, who walketh not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Rom. 8:3-4). The fulfilment of the commandment of Love in the spiritual Man, however, is not the "fruit" of human self-effort on a human level and by human love, but it is the "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT" on a divine level, and by the divine "LOVE OF GOD," which is "shed abroad in our hearts by the HOLY GHOST which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5).

It is ALL of God, the Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, who "is able TO DO exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the POWER that WORKETH IN US" (Eph. 3:20).

To this end we need to be strengthened with might according to the inner Man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by Faith; that we be rooted and grounded in LOVE . . . to comprehend with all Saints . . . and to know the LOVE OF CHRIST, which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with ALL THE FULNESS OF GOD. (Eph. 3 and 4).

Where "all the fulness of God" is, there is also the FULNESS OF LOVE, for God is Love. It is "the end of the commandment" (1 Tim. 1:5) and "the bond of perfectness." (Col. 3:14). It never faileth and abideth forever.

While it is true that the Christian UNDER GRACE is again and again reminded of the great commandment of LOVE as given under the LAW and the Prophets, and the need to FULFIL IT (Rom. 13:8-11, Gal. 5:13-14, Jas. 2:8), yet is he not led back

UNDER THE LAW, to fulfil it in obedience to the Law and the Prophets and LIVE, and do it depending on his OWN resources and strength and the Love he finds in his OWN heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, all of which is on a human level, which cannot fulfil the Law of God. He fulfills with the SPIRIT, and the LOVE and the LAW OF CHRIST IN HIS HEART, and him a CHANNEL made fit by HIS GRACE.

The NEW COMMANDMENT OF LOVE given later by Christ lifts LOVE from the human level of LOVE OF SELF as the standard or measure of LOVE, to the divine level of the LOVE OF CHRIST, as the NEW standard of LOVE. As we read: "A NEW COMMANDMENT I give unto you, That ye LOVE one another; AS I HAVE LOVED YOU . . ." (John 13:34). Christ LOVED US and gave himself for us, and "we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:16, Gal. 2:20). The LOVE OF GOD and of CHRIST, in Men as well as in God and in Christ, will love the brethren and the neighbour and even the enemy, and do good, even when hated according to the divine pattern: "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

If the commandment of LOVE is the greatest commandment, and the fulfilment of all the Law and the Prophets, then NOT TO LOVE is by the same token, at once the GREATEST SIN, and in a nutshell the sum total of an innumerable variety of offences and sins of commission and omission against God and men.

The GREATEST problem which faces Man until this day still is how to get along peacefully with his neighbour, and nation with nation. The ONE GREAT commandment of LOVE would solve this age-old problem over night.

To regulate in the ABSENCE OF LOVE, to control and restrain Man's aggressive actions toward his fellow Man, was ever the purpose and objective of LAW. A look in a Lawyer's Office at the scores upon scores of Law Books which line the walls will indicate how intricate and complicated the process of administering

JUSTICE can become, when Man's dead letter must take the place of the Spirit and the Love of God in Man's heart. The Laws, and Statutes, and Judgments in Man's Lawbooks are endless. And the more Laws, the more transgressions and the less excuse in God's righteous Judgment in His day. To Israel, God reduced the number of basic commandments to 10; still too many for them to keep: "did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law?" And Peter calls it a "yoke upon the neck . . . which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." (Acts 15:10).

So Christ again reduced the number of commandments to the irreducible minimum of ONE, and limited it to his disciples, if happily they will keep it. For if his disciples as **green branches** bear no fruit, how will the **dry branches** of the world at large do it? The disciples themselves had to wait for the promise of the Father, and receive POWER, after that the HOLY GHOST is come upon them (Acts 1:8) and endue them with POWER FROM ON HIGH. (Luke 24:49). Only then could they fully LOVE on a divine level and with the "LOVE OF CHRIST" which "Passeth knowledge."

Without this LOVE, or CHARITY, which is LOVE IN ACTION, Paul says: "I AM NOTHING." "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, IT PROFITETH ME NOTHING." (1 Cor. 13:2-3).

"FAITH which WORKETH BY LOVE" or "CHARITY" alone avail-eth. (Gal. 5:6). It must ever be the MOTIVE for the giving of ALL or of "a cup of cold water,"—for the suffering of the evil word spoken against us, or the burning of our body at the stake. For "labour of love" expressing itself in the smallest deeds or those of the greatest sacrifices, are well pleasing in the sight of God and shall in no wise lose their REWARD.

"Now the end of the COMMANDMENT is CHARITY out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned" (1 Tim. 1:5).

Reasons for Rejoicing

And we can rejoice in Him when a soul, who has been dead in sin, is brought back to life through God's resurrection power. God's Word says, "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found." So let us rejoice in the Lord over the good news that His work is going forward according to His plan!

Alabama

Ruby and Olin Pace were baptized into the body of Christ on October 8 by Henry Kilgus of Forrest, Illinois. The Lord's supper was also served that same day. Eight of the ten members from Athens were present with us at the Hillsboro baptismal and communion services.

Bremen

On September 24, Brothers Sam Aeschliman and Eli Dotterer were in Bremen and held baptismal services. Those who gave their testimonies and were baptized in the name of our Lord and Saviour were David and Jeannette Johnson, Richard and Phyllis Billman, and Helen Klopfenstein. We pray that God may bless them and grant unto them his all-sufficient grace for their new life.

Roanoke: On August 20, Paul Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leman and John Klaus, son of Mrs. Arthur Klaus, were announced as having peace with their Maker. On September 3, they were baptized into the Fold. We wish them the Lord's richest blessing.

Burlington: On September 10, our elder brothers, Noah Shrock, David Mangold, and Joseph Wittmer visited our congregation. Three souls were added to our congregation on that day, namely, Hulda Prather and son, Jack Prather, and John Somerhalder.

Croghan and Naumberg: Timothy Farney, who has been ill for some time in the Lewis County General Hospital, was baptized and accepted into the membership, September 18. On Sunday, October 1, the friends, Seth and Olivia Schultz, gave testimony of the Lord's work in their

hearts and were baptized.

Lamont: Two dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Emch, were announced September 17, to have peace with God. We wish them the Lord's nearness and blessings.

Sunday, August 20, Sister Joyce Gleichman and Brother Chris Sauder gave their testimony of Christ and were added to His fold. Brother Noah Shrock conducted baptismal services. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Col. 2:12. Visiting brethren were from Oakville, Iowa, Harper, Kansas, Burlington, Oklahoma and Fort Scott, Kansas.

Milford: Three more souls who have sought and found the Lord and were announced to be proven and baptized are Ann Haab, Esther Rapp, and Rose Mary Stieglitz.

Bluffton: On October 1 we again had many visitors from various congregations in our midst, among whom were David Mangold and wife from Roanoke, Illinois; Eli Dotterer and wife from Junction, Ohio; and Ben Heiniger from Morton, Illinois. A blessed day was spent with baptismal services being conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Speheger. Supper was again served in the church dining room.

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it is today. Our Saviour suffered so much while here on this earth, but He never complained, as He knew it was His Father's will that He should become a ransom for all by dying on the cross and shedding His precious blood. He suffered agony unspeakable, all for the deep love that was in His heart for each soul. Jesus has prepared the way for every human being in this world to become a new creature by being born again in heart and mind through repentance and a sincere desire to live a life

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Sunshine for Shut-ins

and OTHER PILGRIMS

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." When we walk with the Lord, our soul soars upward into the wide blue of God's perfect will. Golden beams of sunshine illuminate the face of His child. Far above the storm clouds that roll over the land below, the soul is free from the hampering restrictions of sin. Joy and peace and love bathe him forever and ever.

Do you know the secret of a happy day? It is the sweet, fresh innocency of childhood that the Lord gives to anyone who will become submissive to His will. It is "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." It is a freedom from flattering one's self, a weight which so easily can keep our eyes partially away from His full joy. It is accepting every thing as it comes, big or small, with no inward complaining. It is realizing at all times the full meaning of His promise; ". . . lo, I am with you always, **even** unto the end of the world." It is toiling and rejoicing in His work, forgetting all about ourself and finding Him our All in All. This is joy supreme.

"He loveth us, that is enough
To fill our hearts with gladness;
He loveth us, that is enough
To banish ev'ry sadness.
Lord grant that we Love also Thee
With love true and unceasing,
Yea, ev'ry day increasing!

Here is news of our shut-ins. Perhaps you will remember some of them with a friendly visit through the mail . . . or a personal heart to heart call . . .

Princeville: Mrs. Silas Leuthold is at home again after receiving treatments in a hospital in Peoria. Her condition is somewhat improved, for which we are all thankful. Mr. C. C. Martin is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, having undergone two operations and must submit to one more in a few days. He is getting along as well as can be expected,

and we all wish him a speedy recovery and better health.

Fairbury and Forrest: Emil Bahler, who was laid up with a heart condition for several weeks, is again able to assemble with us at church. Mrs. Lena Aupperle is very ill at the Fairbury hospital with a heart condition and blood clot.

Morris and Hancock: We are glad Clara Miller is able to be with us, after being a shut-in. Still on the shut-in list are Mrs. Henry Nohl, Sr., who has been in the Graceville hospital since September 19. We trust she can be home shortly. William Feuchtenberger seems somewhat improved and is able to be up now. He has been sick since the 3rd of Sept.

Burlington: Mrs. Sam Ott was admitted to Hardtner hospital for medical care recently. She has improved at this writing. Mrs. Raymond Roth is at home, after spending some time in the hospital at Ponca City, Oklahoma. A group of young folks visited Lydia Hunziker of Morton, Illinois, who is convalescing at the home of her sister in Cunningham, Kansas.

Wolcott: Mrs. Andrew Farney, who has been a hospital patient, is improving at her home.

Dear one, are you toiling for the Master? If you are a shut-in, the Lord has work for you. Have you prayed for others? Have you asked Him to send labourers into His harvest? God hears and answers prayer.

How about visiting somebody through the mail? Have you trod in this way over the miles to some soul who needs a cheering word? Perhaps someone who is dead in trespasses and sins would be touched by a friendly letter from you.

Do you scatter beams of sunshine? Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Smile through the clouds. Let the cheerfulness of His hope be a Silver Lining for heart-sick strugglers who may come your way!

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pleasing to God and our dear Jesus, without Jesus and that without coming to Him whole-heartedly in prayer, confessing our sins and praying for His mercy and forgiveness, we cannot hope to spend eternity in the Heavenly mansions. Sad to say, rejecting Him means to spend eternity in misery.

Oh, if only people would wake up and think seriously of the condition of their souls! Jesus loves all sinners, but does not love sin. If only everyone would come to Him and be washed clean, fit to become His child and have his name written in the book of life, and then to remain faithful to the end. Let no confession of sin or sins stop you from coming unto Jesus, for God knows all and everyone will know on the judgment day. Jesus has promised that if our sin be blood red, they shall be made white as snow, and shall be remembered no more. To have that wonderful peace in our hearts with God and all mankind is worth more than the whole world. Then to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, as Jesus commanded will give the angels in heaven reasons to rejoice.

Many hearts feel the need of Jesus, but keep telling themselves they will turn to the Lord some more convenient day. We have no guarantee of life even tomorrow. Often the end of life is unexpected. We may be well in the morning, and our work going good, and before the day is over we may be swept into eternity. Oh how sad if our soul is not ready to meet God, for when the death angel calls it is then too late to make any changes. Men are so concerned in keeping up the payments on insurance of earthly possessions, for they feel that if it is neglected something will surely happen and all will be lost. This would only be an earthly loss, but if our soul is lost, it is lost for eternity. Our earthly life is so very short; even if we live to a ripe old age, it is a very short span in comparison with eternity which will either be full of

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Through the Valley of Sorrow

Are you leaning on Jesus? Weary soul, there is comfort for you. The loneliness in your heart . . . the vacancy no longer filled by that dear one . . . the little things that bring fond memories to you . . . go and tell Him. O wounded heart, turn your eyes upward to Him. "I will give you rest." There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no, not one. "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys."

No one ever cared like Jesus. Go into the secret of His presence and look into his kind, loving face. He will comfort you. "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away," . . . He will take you by the hand through sorrow's dark valley, and lead you gently home. Don't try to understand how He helps, but just rest in the fact that He does, and most wonderfully!

When burdened with care,
When thou would'st despair,
Then call on thy loving Redeemer.
He'll lighten the load,
And level the road,
And bear thee on hands of compassion.

"For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty!"

Bluffton

The entire community was saddened by the tragic disappearance and death of Ralph Fiechter, twenty-year-old son of Mrs. Fred Fiechter. The lad mysteriously disappeared from his home on Monday evening, October 9, and the body was recovered on Thursday morning, October 12. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon, October 14, Sam Aeschliman in charge. Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Mary (Aeschliman) Fiechter; two sisters, Mrs. Ervin Moser and Mrs. Nova Steffen; and four brothers, Walter, Lloyd, Glen and Richard.

Croghan: Jonas Farney, 79, of Lowville, New York, passed away in Wattertown Hospital, October 2. His funeral was held in Croghan church, October 4.

Sister Flora Rohr passed away, September 14, and her funeral was held in Naumburg, September 16. Burial was in the Croghan Cemetery.

Peoria: Mrs. Katie Hugh, who has made her residence at the Apostolic Christian Home in Peoria for the past several years, passed away. Funeral services were held by Michael Weyeneth on September 28.

Fairbury and Forrest: We have had two funerals in Fairbury this month, that of Bartel Steidinger and Mrs. John Wenger.

Mansfield: Brother Martin Arehart, Sr. passed away September 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Dapper, in Maywood, California, at the age of 83 years. He lived in Mansfield many years, but went to live with his daughter three years ago, after the death of his wife. The body was brought back here for burial. Funeral services were conducted September 22 by Brother Rudolph Graf. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

Tremont: Robert Greiner passed away on October 1. Burial was on October 3. His mother and two sisters survive him.

Remington: Funeral services were held September 1 for Mrs. Henry Frey by Brother Herman Heuni. Sister Frey passed away Tuesday evening on August 29 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana. Though the parting here on earth brings sorrow, we know we shall meet in that better land, where she is now resting at peace with her Lord, where there is bliss and happiness evermore.

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it . . ." So when your daily life seems so out of order . . . when the billows of sorrow break at the door step of your heart . . . take the hand of your heavenly Lover and let Him whisper His comfort to you . . . "His mouth is most sweet; yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend . . ."

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE

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joy and bliss or torment. We don't like to say this word, but we must face facts. We can't change the word of God to suit ourselves. Everything will be as the good book tells us.

There is so much wickedness and sin in the world today, one wonders how long God will have patience yet to look down on so many ungodly people. From everything that is taking place, it seems like the world is getting ripe fast, and then Jesus will return to gather His true and faithful children together with Him, first those that are asleep in the graves, and then those yet living. It will all happen as the twinkling of an eye. What a sad and terrible time for those that will be left behind to go through the tribulation before the judgment day.

Why, why do men choose to serve Satan rather than Jesus! To be a child of God is to be happy here on earth, showered with His many blessings, and also to look forward to spending eternity in those beautiful streets of gold with our dear Lord. No one is forced to accept Him, each soul has the power to choose. Jesus wants willing hearts, but if we choose to go our own way and not come unto Him, then we know our reward.

Many will say—"I try to do the right thing as I go along in life, and that's all that is necessary." How mistaken they will be, when on that great day Jesus will say, "I know you not."

If we are a happy child of God and can feel that He is pleased with us and that we are living for Him and doing all we can to help others seek and find Him, then we have nothing to fear, come what may. The Lord has promised to be with us always, to make everything bearable, and our cross is never greater than His Grace. So let's wake up, and seek Him, and He will be so glad to supply our every need.

Today, Today, when you hear His tender and loving voice, harden not your heart. TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE!

NEWS

Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Defoe and their family walked nine miles to attend the first meeting at Athens. Surely this shows that there are still some who hunger after the Word of God.

Willis Ehnle was called into the service of the Army and left Decatur, Alabama on October 17. He was to spend a little time at his home in Princeville, before going on to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Brethren from Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan visited over Sunday, October 22. They were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus of Remington, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stephen from Fairbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wackerle, Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, and Mr. and Mrs. William Lambert of the Bay City, Michigan, church. Church services were held at the Hillsboro church at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and at the Athens assembly place at 3:00 p.m.

Bluffton

Norma Steffen, daughter of Mrs. Lydia Steffen, and Lee Eisemann from Cissna Park, Illinois, were united in marriage on Sunday, July 30, Sam Aeschliman officiating. Many from Peoria, Cissna Park, and Princeville attended the ceremony.

Our church edifice was completed for us to have our first church services on Sunday, July 2. Open house was held for the public on two Sundays, July 16 and 23, with afternoon services open to the public, after which tours through the building were conducted from 2:30 until 5:00.

The dedication of the new edifice was held on Sunday, August 6, Noah Schrock from Oakville, Iowa, in charge of the services. We had ministers, elders, and visitors from practically every congregation, the church being filled to capacity in the afternoon. Supper was served to the visitors in the church dining room starting at 3:00, and evening services were again held at 8:00.

Wedding vows were exchanged on Sunday, August 13, by Lucille Gerber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli

Gerber, and Sherman Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steffen, Sam Aeschliman officiating.

The engagement of Margaret Gerber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber, to Frederick Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gerber, was announced Sunday, September 3.

Joseph Gerber and Bertha Reimschisel exchanged marriage vows on Sunday, September 3, Sam Aeschliman officiating.

William and Emma Stettner from Elgin, Illinois, visited us Sunday, September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Fiechter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilliom, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Reineck, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drayer visited the congregation in Alto, Michigan, over the week-end of August 27.

Two cars of young folks from Morton, Illinois, visited us Sunday, August 27, and were guests Sunday evening of Alice Troxel.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gerber's daughter, Rebecca; Mr. and Mrs. Alphie Reinhard's son, Clemen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neuenschwander's daughter, Cynthia Lou; and Mr. and Mrs. John Neuenschwander's son, Randolph John.

Marriage vows were exchanged on Sunday, October 15, by Margaret Gerber and Frederick Gerber, Sam Aeschliman officiating. Several from Forrest, Illinois, and Latty, Ohio, attended the wedding.

The engagement of Nina Krummen, daughter of Mrs. Fred Krummen, to Herman Aeschliman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aeschliman, and also the engagement of Marjorie Getz from Peoria, Illinois, to Truman Baumgartner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner, were announced Sunday, October 15.

Phyllis Gerber, daughter of Mrs. Sophia Gerber, and Paul Dotterer, son of Henry and Mary Dotterer, exchanged marriage vows on Sunday, October 22.

The engagement of Evelyn Stoller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Stoller, to Robert Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber, was announced recently, and they plan an early fall wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerber, Katie, Edna and Josephine Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Maller, Lorene Geisel, Dina Fae and Violet Steffen and Alice Baumgartner, Truman Gerber, Ralph Steffen, Herman Aeschliman, and Howard Habegger spent Sunday, September 10 at Remington. They were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Habegger.

Bremen

On Sunday, September 10, we enjoyed having Stanley Gudeman of Francesville, Vernon Klopfenstein of Fort Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Knochel of Milford.

Those who spent the Sunday of September 17 in our congregation were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schini of Remington, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gudeman of Francesville. Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmer of Mansfield spent the week end with James' parents and Sunday in our midst.

Robert and Herbert Hueni have gone to Evanston, Illinois, where they are attending Northwestern University. Bill Zimmer has also left this month, and he is attending college at Hanover.

Burlington

Upon the visit of our three elder brothers, Noah Schrock, David Mangold, and Joseph Wittmer, Roy Farny of this congregation was ordained as our elder.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greiner of Wichita, Kansas, Rudy Bahr, Roy Bahr, and Jim Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, visited our congregation on September 3.

Mrs. Katie Schurter has returned to her home after an extensive visit in Illinois and Indiana.

Mrs. Anna Miller and daughter, Sylvia, were recent visitors in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfa Aberle and family of Sabetha, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevig and David of Gridley, Illinois, visited us recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel, Dan and Dorothy Knochel of Bay City, Michigan, visited our community on

September 29 and 30.

A daughter, Judy Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Jr., August 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi and son, Timmy, left for their home in Morton, Illinois, on September 11, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder.

Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gutwein of Francesville spent Sunday, September 3, with us.

On Sunday, September 10, Mr. and Mrs. George Haas and family of Elgin were in our midst.

Our visitors on Sunday, September 17, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haas and family of Elgin and Minerva and Mary Weutrich of Francesville. Mary Weutrich spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Houk.

On Sunday, September 24, a group of young folks from Roanoke and Goodfield visited us. Mary Bahler of Rensselaer, Indiana, spent the week-end with her son, Dean Bahler, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kercher of Elgin spent Sunday, October 1, with us.

We are happy to have an addition to our group of young folks. Gene Getz and Natalie Gudeman of Francesville, Bob Hueni and Herb Hueni of Bremen, and Dick Hohulin of Peoria are all attending schools in and near Chicago. Everett Heinz of Rockville, Connecticut, is in training at Great Lakes at the present time.

Croghan and Naumberg

Our visitors over Sunday, September 17, were Brother and Sister Joseph Hodel, Brother and Sister Joseph Rocke of Roanoke, Illinois, Brother and Sister Jesse Gerber of Latty, Ohio, and Brother Adolph Lanz, son Carl and daughters, Ruth, Edna, Olga and Marie Moser of Rockville, Connecticut. Brothers Hodel and Rocke held services which were greatly appreciated in both churches.

Detroit

The holiday week-end of September 3, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belsley of Morton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin of Cissna Park, Illinois; Mrs. Sarah Schupbach of Elgin, Iowa; Misses Tillie and Eula Maibach, Mr.

and Mrs. Will Wieland and daughter, Helen, all of Bay City, Michigan, visited with us.

Our guests on September 10 were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Maibach, Elizabeth Rufner, and Margaret Hartzler of Rittman, Ohio.

Henry Lanz, who has been with us through the summer, has returned to school.

The Misses Deislinger of Girard, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Northrup, and Miss Maxine Freidinger of Bay City, Michigan, were with us the week-end of September 17.

On Monday, September 18, for dinner and evening services, we had many visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein and son, Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. George Gramm and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ringer and daughters, Viola and Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ringger and son, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlipf, all of Gridley, Illinois. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter, Mrs. John Kaehr, Mrs. Emma Frautschi and daughter, Emily, Miss Ida Liebig, Miss Minnie Zeltwanger, Miss Katherine Rager, and Mr. Willis Eisenmann from Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wackerle, Mrs. Will Wieland, Mrs. Rose Lambert, and Mrs. Edward Freidinger of Bay City, Michigan.

September 24, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wingeier, Mrs. Maria Wingeier, Miss Margaret Wingeier, Mr. and Mrs. David Wingeier and children of Alto, Michigan, spent the day with us. Also here were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gruesy of Goodfield, Illinois, Ervin and Edwin and Margaret Gutwein of Francesville, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Banwart of West Bend, Iowa.

Fairbury and Forrest

Miss Eldora Koehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Koehl, and Wilbur Hoerr, of Chicago, were married on Sunday, September 3. We were happy to have Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, visit us that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wingeyer of Alto, Michigan, visited the Fairbury congregation on Thursday evening, September 14, at which time Bro. Wingeyer conducted the services.

Francesville

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labour-

ers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

Again the harvest time is here when the farmer gathers the grain which he has planted, and how well he is pleased when he can harvest a good crop.

Are we also ready to go in the harvest field for Jesus and labour for Him? The field is the world and through our daily lives we can testify of the joy and peace that only Jesus can give.

Sunday evening, October 1, we gathered together for our Young People's Program. The theme was "His Presence." In Isaiah 41:10 we read "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

We also enjoyed the blessed fellowship from a group of young folks from Morton, Illinois. They also took part in our program in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Huber are the happy parents of a baby daughter, born September 19. They named her Glenda Ruth.

Lamont

Visiting brethren Sunday, September 10, were Mr. and Mrs. Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. William Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunsicker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sauder, all of Peoria, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Leman of Metamora, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Aeschliman of Morton, Illinois. They attended the Sauder Reunion while here.

Sister Ann Musselman of Morton, Illinois, visited relatives here for a few weeks.

Brother and Sister Gus Sinn and family of Fort Scott, Kansas, visited the Lamont and Gridley congregation, Sunday, September 17. It is indeed a precious privilege to hear the Word proclaimed in all truth and sincerity by the Lord's servants. Sister Arlene Knapp of Wichita also visited with us September 17.

We welcome Sister Dorothy Schwab back into our community. She has been working in Wichita.

A number of brethren and friends

from our congregation journeyed to Fort Scott, Sunday evening, September 24, to hear the word proclaimed through Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa. They were Sam Anliker, Roy Wernli, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Emch, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luthi and Glen, Mrs. Hulda Jacobs, Eva Emch, Joe, Leah, and Dena Fechter, Mrs. Sam Schwab, Dorothy and Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Young and children. Holy Communion was held after the evening services.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we **being** many are one bread, **and** one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread." (I Cor. 10:16, 17).

Brother and Sister Pete Fankhauser visited the Lamar, Missouri congregation September 24.

Latty

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hodel and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rocke visited with us for evening services on Wednesday, September 13. They were to begin a trip east the following day with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber of Latty. Wayne, Helen, and Lois Ann Huber, and Melvin Gutwein of Francesville, also visited with us that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerber of Bluffton visited with us September 17. A farewell singing was held in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoller for their son, Verlin, who left for the Army on Monday, September 18. A number of young folks from Bluffton were with us for the evening. Verlin is, as the present time, stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Kenneth Stoller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stoller, and Harlan Riggenschach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Riggenschach, left for the Army on Friday, September 8. They are also stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The annual reunion of the former soldiers who were stationed in London, England, during the last war was held in New Haven on September 24. The soldiers, their wives, and families attended church in Latty

that day. Included in the group were 21 soldiers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Iowa.

Miss Marjorie Stoller honored Miss Carol Stoller with a miscellaneous bridal shower at the home of Marjorie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stoller, September 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hodel, and Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher, all of Roanoke, were with us for evening services, Friday, September 29, while en route to West Virginia.

Ben Heiniger of Morton, and Philip Mogler of Lester, Iowa, held evening services in Latty on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Miss Louise Sinn and Mrs. George Stoller honored Miss Carol Stoller with a linen shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoller in Fort Wayne, October 5.

On Sunday, October 1, a reception was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stoller, at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stoller. The bride was the former Edith Fisher of Roanoke, Illinois.

Several of the young married couples from here spent Sunday, October 6, visiting with the members of the Bluffton congregation.

Lester

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shubbach and children spent a week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wiegand of Illinois spent the weekend of September 10 visiting.

A large number from Lester attended the Kellenberger-Messner wedding at Winthrop, Minnesota, on September 17.

On Sunday, the 24th of September, we enjoyed Ben Wiegand, wife, and son.

Church services were held by John Dapper of California. Traveling with him were his wife and son, Dale, also Lavina, Viola, and Gertie Moser of Fairbury, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wyss spent ten days visiting relatives and friends at Lester.

Wilbur and Ezra Knobloch and Raymond Feucht visited relatives and friends in Illinois.

Vivian Leuthold of Princeville is spending several weeks at the Art Leuthold home.

Mansfield

On Monday, September 26, Brother Ben Maibach, Jr., of Detroit, Michigan, and Brother Joseph Ramsier of Rittman, Ohio, conducted evening services with us, which we appreciated very much. Many from Rittman were also present.

Sunday, October 1, we were blessed with a visit from Brother and Sister Menno Steiner of Sabetha, Kansas, Brother John Mangold, Brother and Sister Chris Hodel and a number of others from Roanoke, Illinois, and Brother and Sister Otto Beer of Milford, Indiana. Brother Menno conducted services. Also visiting were Brother and Sister Ed Steiner of Sabetha.

Monday, October 2, Brother Henry Mogler of Lester, Iowa, and Brother Joseph Zimmerman of Roanoke, Illinois, conducted evening services for us which we all enjoyed very much. A number of others were here with them. We invite all to visit us again.

Joseph Schneider and family and Gus Knochel of Remington, Indiana, visited relatives and friends a few days.

Anna Miller of Belle, California, is spending a few weeks with relatives and friends.

Milford

Arthur Moser, Philip Beer, and Lowell Rassi of Milford and Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen returned September 3 after spending two weeks vacation in the eastern states.

Lois Beer and Elizabeth Stieglitz visited in Alabama the latter part of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, visited in Milford Sept. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr, Mr. and Mrs. John Moser and daughter, Ruby, and Alice Troxel of Bluffton were in Milford, Sunday, September 10, and were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beer and family were in Morton, Illinois, September 17.

Arthur Moser and Lowell Rassi attended the wedding of Lois Zimmerman and Marvin Getz at Roanoke, Illinois, September 10.

Morris and Hancock

Quite a number of friends and relatives from our community attended the marriage of Sarah Massner to Henry Kellenberger in Winthrop, Sunday, September 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Messner and Cedric visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meier, in Peoria, Illinois, a week, having returned the 15th of September.

Sunday, September 10, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nohl and Orville were at Morton, Illinois.

Mrs. Kellenberger of Lester, Iowa, came September 18 to visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger, and family a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Koehl and Gloria of Eureka, Illinois, were with us Sunday, October 1. They will be with us a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feuchtenberger's baby daughter was born September 5. She has been named Marilyn.

Dale is the name of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger's baby, born September 4.

Sunday, September 24, Mr. and Mrs. George Messner and boys, and Mrs. Carrie Messner of Winthrop visited our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eurick of Aurora, Illinois, and James Roger of Elgin, Illinois, visited friends and relatives Sunday, September 24. They were here a week or two.

Mrs. Adolph Massner, Virgil, Eric, Dolfus of Mediapolis, and Mrs. Esther Peterson of Burlington, Iowa, are visiting friends and relatives in our community the past week. They will return to their home October 4.

Peoria

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyneth, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buettner, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Oberlander, Mr. and Mrs. Will Maibach, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heinsman spent Sunday, September 24, in Taylor, Missouri.

James Weiland of Bay City, Michigan, spent Sunday, September 17, with us.

A group of friends and relatives from Peoria attended the wedding ceremony and reception of Evalyn Baurer and Noah Herrmann on Sun-

day, October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heinsman and Mr. and Mrs. Will Maibach spent October 1 in Gridley, where they met the Matt Wieland family from Bay City, Michigan.

A group of young people spent Sunday, September 10, in Princeville and were the dinner guests of Harold Locher.

Portland

Although our congregation is small (only 42), the spirit and love of God is as great as in larger ones.

Last week, Elizabeth Feltman, Faye Ringger, Emma Bernhardt, and Minnie Bowman left for California after spending the summer months in Portland. We were sorry to have them leave us, for we spent many blessed hours together. The joy and fellowship we experienced with them will long be remembered.

We rejoiced to have Mr. and Mrs. Knochel and their family with us from Michigan. We praised God for His spirit and love which dwelled among us, and the fellowship we could have with them. They were entertained Sunday evening, September 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. D. Conrad.

Last Sunday, September 24, we could certainly feel the showers of blessings God has promised to us, when our beloved Brother Dirwachter was able to preach again after months of illness. We hope and pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen him and bless him, until he is called upon to enter eternity's door.

Proverbs 3:6 "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Princeville

Mrs. Martha Kieser and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. David Kieser and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seidel, Mrs. Edith Martin, Miss Ruth Feucht, and Miss Marie Musselmann spent September 22 to 24 in Bluffton and Bay City.

Miss Evelyn Baurer and Mr. Noah Herrmann were united in marriage Sunday, October 1, with Silas Leuthold performing the ceremony. Their attendants were Mrs. Harry Hoffmann, sister of the bride, and Eugene Herrmann, brother of the groom.

After a short wedding trip, the young couple will be at home on a farm near Williamsfield, Illinois.

Remington

On September 10, a group of young people from Bluffton, Indiana, visited our congregation. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bahler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Ida Nussbaum, Peter Ernst of Chicago, and Wilmer Kaufman of Cissna Park have returned safely from a two-weeks trip through the Eastern States.

Miss Evelyn Frey of Chicago is spending a three-weeks vacation with her parents and family here in Remington.

We were glad to have John Yergler of Bluffton with us for services Sunday, September 24; also several other visitors from Bluffton who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger.

Several cars of Fairbury young people and married couples were visitors Sunday, October 1. They were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kilgus for dinner and evening singing.

Roanoke

Sam Anliker and family of Kansas visited our congregation on Wednesday evening, August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leman announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to William Klaus, son of Mrs. Arthur Klaus, all of Eureka, on August 20. The couple are planning a late October wedding.

On August 26, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sauder of Roanoke. He has been named Robert Louis.

On August 27, the engagement of Dorothy Hodel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hodel of Roanoke and Marvin Schmidgall, son of Mrs. Lydia Schmidgall of Morton, was announced. They are planning to be married this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Anliker of Eureka are the parents of a daughter, born on August 28. She has been named Dorothy.

On September 10, the marriage of Lois Zimmerman of Roanoke and Marvin Getz of Morton was solemnized by Joseph A. Getz of Morton. The couple is now living in Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leman of Roanoke are the parents of a daughter, born on September 11. They have named her Ruth Anne.

On September 17, Edith Fisher of Eureka became the bride of Glenn Stoller of Latty, Ohio, David Mangold officiating. The couple plan to make their home in Latty.

Mr. and Mrs. Alph Leman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolee of Roanoke, to Melvin Unsicker of Peoria. They have made no definite wedding plans.

Toledo

A number of Toledo folks attended the wedding of Rose Rager and Albert Zeltwanger at Latty, Ohio on September 3.

Both Mother Kaehr and Mother Meyers of Bluffton, Indiana are visiting their daughters here in Toledo. Mother Fernyak of Mansfield, Ohio is also visiting her daughter.

A number of Toledo folks visited in Detroit the evening of September 18th when Bros. Klopfenstein and Gramm from Gridley, Illinois were there.

Misses Leah, Rose, Adele and Laura Conrad of Ft. Wayne, Indiana visited in Toledo the weekend of September 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and family of Goshen, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel and family of Bluffton, Indiana, visited their family and friends in Toledo recently.

Tremont

Sophie and Ann Sauder are spending several weeks in Phoenix, Arizona.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bolliger on September 9. They gave her the name, Patricia Sue.

On September 17, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plattner, John Schmidt and daughters, and Hanna and Violet Koch visited with relatives and friends in Elgin, Illinois.

Mrs. Christ Schweigert and children and Mary and Katharine Winzler spent Sunday, October 1, with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rassi at Walnut, Ill.

Henry Grimm and wife and Will Roecker and wife were with us for church services on Sunday, Sept. 24.

West Bend

Many from our congregation attended the wedding of Sarah Messner and Henry Kellenberger at Winthrop, Minnesota, September 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wuthrich, Russell and Mary Elizabeth Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eisenmann and Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Messner and Leona Eberhaart of Oakville, Iowa, were recent visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bruellman spent a few days visiting relatives at Gridley, Illinois.

We had several visitors September 24. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Metzger, and Carol, Ronnie and Sheryl, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metzger, and Martha Steiner of Sabetha, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kellenberger and Viola, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger and Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knobloch, Larry and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moser, Mr. and Mrs. August Knobloch, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knobloch, and Philip Mogler, all of Lester, Iowa.

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Edwin Banwart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart, of West Bend and Ada Schrock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Schrock, of Oakville, Iowa, was made October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weigand and son of Goodfield, Illinois, assembled with us Sunday, October 1. They left in the afternoon for Elgin, Iowa, for a visit with relatives there.

Donald Bruellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, spent Sunday, October 1, with his parents.

Victor Banwart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Banwart, is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, having been called back to service.

Wilmer Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Banwart spent the weekend of October 1 at Morris, Minnesota.

Wichita

Brother George and Sister Anna Griener and son, Phillip, spent Labor Day week-end in Oklahoma visiting her sister, Sister Dorothy Brown, husband and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Farney and family visited in Kiowa, Kansas, over the Labor Day holidays.

Visitors to our congregation September 3 were Sister Marie Schwab and son, Vernon Schwab, from Madison, Kansas.

Those from this congregation who visited Burlington on September 10 were Brother Roy and Sister Ruth Yackley and family and Arlene Knapp.

Brother Howard and Sister Anna Marie Warner and family have moved to Newton, Kansas, and will attend services with us.

Brother Sam and Sister Esther Kraft, from Gridley, Kansas, visited our congregation Sunday, Sept. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodieman, Elton Reidel, and Sister Marie Reidel took a week's trip to Rock-Away Beach and other points of interest in the Ozarks.

Brother M. A. Kisling and his wife, and Brother Fred and Sister Elizabeth Otti from Burlington, Oklahoma, spent Sunday, September 24 with us. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Visitors here from Oakville, Iowa, September 24 were Mr. and Mrs. Lou Griener. They were visiting their son and family, Brother George and Anna Greiner, and son, Phillip.

Wolcott

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stoller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Will Furrer and family were Bremen visitors on September 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughters spent the weekend of September 17 with relatives and friends at Bloomington and Fairbury, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Detweiler visited the Leo congregation on October 1. They also visited Mrs. Luella Robathan, who has been in poor health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kyburz are the parents of a son, Ronald Eugene, born August 24.

Carolyn Reel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reel, has entered nurses training at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

John Trachsel and daughter, Clara, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kropf of Elgin, Illinois, are visiting relatives at Bay City, Michigan.