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THANKSGIVING

Bro. Fred Grimm

Thanksgiving is the grace of God operating in the soul of a believer. The word of God is the place to look, how we can best pour out thankful hearts to Him.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift", precious, beyond telling. Gratitude connects every good gift, every perfect gift with the gift of Christ. Thanksgiving redounds to God for all things; "in every thing give thanks". The rejoicing we have in the Lord and the everlasting consolation make every possible variety of dispensation a token of good. The Christian privilege is to find reason for gratitude in all things, "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you".

One of the precious things given is that our government has given our sons the privilege of doing non-combatant duties. How good this is, they can without interference obey the command of God to "Do violence to no man". When called on to carry stretchers, they can without great fear go out into the battlefields to pick up the wounded and bring them back to safety.

Being thankful to God began in the early days of God's true people. Read the "Song of Moses", sung to God after the passage of the Red Sea. They were thankful for all things the Lord had done. Read about Deborah's praise to the Lord, and of Hannah. "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD..." Samuel was born in answer to prayer. This was such a great joy, but Hannah knew what to thank the Lord for first. It was for her salvation.

I Chronicles 16: "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. . . . And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD."

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God;

and the prisoners heard them." This encourages us to thank God day and night, under any circumstances. It can be a great influence, even as to the jailer.

Ephesians 5, "... Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord". I Peter 2: "... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people", which means a special people, "that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light".

Let us count our blessings. Those who were born in this great country too often take for granted the freedom we have. All we need to hear to make us partly realize what religious freedom is, is to listen to displaced persons tell of the whippings and other mistreatments received.

We can be assured of God's will concerning thanksgiving, "For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God." How many can from experience say that great sorrow has befallen, which we could hardly take at the time? Afterwards we can thank God. We learned to be humble. It brought us close to the Lord. We received more faith in prayer. It is good that we could see how well our Lord meant it.

II Corinthians, "... Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causes through us thanksgiving to God." Paul was teaching about the value of giving. A precious promise given is, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give;

not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." May not such a one be sure that he shall be a gainer? Are not the love and favor of God better than all other things, better than life itself? He can cause us to have sufficiency. The honor is lasting, the reward eternal. Works of charity make us truly rich. If we think them to be saints of the household of faith whose wants are great, how ready should we be to do them good.

True Christianity is yielding ourselves to the commanding influence of truth. Sincerity is shown by works. This will be for the credit of our profession, to the praise and glory of God.

In Philippians, the Apostle tells, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything. In everything, by definite requests with thanksgiving, continue to make your needs known to God. . . . Not only stated times, pray upon every particular emergency. "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving".

Let us read Rev. 7:12: "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

These scriptures prove that prayer is not complete if thanksgiving is omitted. May the Holy Scripture, which is God's will, help us to make our prayers pleasing to the Lord, always including our GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING.

Joy It Is to Serve a Holy God

"... Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE; FOR OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE

Bro. David Lantz

The word heart is used in Scripture as the seat of life. It means mind, soul, spirit. It is the center or inner part.

The Scripture speaks of man's heart, as early as Genesis 6: 5, "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

The next verse tells us that it grieved the Lord at His heart that He made man.

Jeremiah 17:9: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jesus spoke of the things that defile man, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders

Many Scriptures speak of the evil of the unconverted heart. This paints a very black picture of man in his natural state. Our first parents disobeyed God, so sin entered into the heart. These Scriptures describe man's heart after the fall.

We have a choice, either to accept the salvation God offers through His Son, or reject His Call.

God searches and tries the heart. "Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart." Psalm 44-21. We always tried to justify ourselves for the deed we did, and God also knew this. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts." Proverbs 21:2.

KEEP . . . to continue sweet, fresh, or unspoiled. Sweet, not sour.

Fresh (this would indicate pure, clean). Not my will, but Thy will be done. Unselfish How is your heart?

THY HEART . . . That part of you that shall survive the grave. This heart is your soul that will take part in one of two resurrections. Ask yourself. Where will I stand at that time, before the great white throne?

WITH ALL DILIGENCE. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Because of this purpose in

his heart, God brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. God always honors and rewards our sincere actions for His cause, although we do not always recognize this.

We must always remember that every blessing we have and enjoy are gifts from God's bountiful hands. He gave His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of each soul, whosoever will come to Him in true and upright repentance, follow Him into the watery grave of baptism, and arise to a new life, to walk with Him. We should always praise, honor and give thanks to God for these wonderful blessings, as Malachi says, "lay it to heart."

Barnabas came to Antioch, when he "had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." Purpose: settled intentions. Cleave: adhere to, be faithful. Barnabas told them that it should be the settled intentions of the heart that they should be faithful to the Lord.

Jesus told the great multitudes the cost of discipleship. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." The purpose of the heart should be to turn your life over to the Lord to fulfill His Will.

FOR OUT OF IT: How can we keep evil thoughts from entering? God gave us a watch dog for the heart, our mind. First, we desire those things in thoughts that do not belong to a Christian. The sense of sight is a great offender. Genesis 3:6: "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took . . ." II Samuel 11:2: tells that David saw—"was very beautiful to look upon." This caused David to commit his great sin, which cost him many hours of sorrow and repentance. These could have been used to labor

for the Lord.

Watch and pray, the tempter may be near us Keep the heart with jealous care. Lest the door a moment left unguarded, evil thoughts may enter there!

ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE. Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood . . ." The heart keeps the blood flowing through our bodies for growth, for upkeep, cleansing, healing. Every hour your heart puts forth enough energy to carry a 150-pound man from the street to the roof of a three-story building. It beats approximately 4200 times each hour.

In order to have spiritual life, we must have a clean heart. This can not be done by our own righteousness, by doing good deeds, by keeping the commandments. It must be cleansed by the shed blood of Jesus. Then, we must keep the commandments and endeavor to keep the fruit of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Only then we will have the true issues of Life, not only for this life, but also for the hereafter, eternal life.

Let us all try to cultivate the fact that we have an ever present God, who knows all about us and knows us better than we know ourselves. Our prayer should be, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

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HERITAGE OF RICHES

A certain doctor's wife came into our place, here in Grabill. She stated she heard we didn't have music in our church. She wanted to know why. Bro. Ed said we have four-part harmony. He brought out how so many join in singing. It is beautiful. The doctor's wife said that was absolutely right. She loves to sing, but around her, where she goes, nobody is singing.

A certain man also came in another time. He is, or shall be, a radio executive. He said, I know your church. Keep it just like it is. His uncle has written many books, understands Greek very well. One place in a book he brought out what is essential for repentance. Our heritage is the true repentance wrote about.

Study of the kiss occupies a chap-

ter in another book. He writes about Greek words. The chapter ends, "In the light of the foregoing facts, the subject of the kiss merits careful and prayerful thinking." Another chapter states, "... there is no immunity from falling, even from the highest peak."

Heritage is a haven of purity, free from the slavish yokes that rob all freedoms of the heart.

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Louise Akel

Many people, I'm sure, wonder how large a congregation we have. There are our two ministers, Bros. Harry Sutter and Wendell Gerber. Then there are Bolligers, Hubers, Ed Gerbers, Ken Troxels, Bob Yerglers, Klopfensteins. Two families come from La Belle (quite a distance), Victor Beers and Dale Frauigers. Some friends come from Homestead and Miami. We have many children (our future hope).

Sept. 25, a church picnic was held.

Oct. 23, we were very happy to have Bro. Harry Bucher in our midst. The sermon was about the ridicule and terrible treatment given Jesus as He hung upon the cross.

Complaining or Confiding

It is a wonderful thing if we can confide in a sister or brother in faith and know it will be confidential. A blessing is given the one who receives it gracefully. Often confidence is confused with complaining. To complain is to murmur and wish your problems were removed; or if one thinks they should not have received the cross they are asked to bear and rebels. When it is impossible to share the burden, the Lord usually provides a friend.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME, EUREKA

August Mueller

Oct. 9 . . . Yesterday was my last day in Union City. We had visitors, from Girard Bro. Jess Emch and his wife. Bro. Jess served us with the living word of God. It was very hard to say farewell, especially when they sang hymn 114 for my parting. When I arrived here I was repaid for my sorrow. It is a very nice

place. The members are all filled with love. I had one visitor tonight, Sis. Emma Klaus. Her mother is here. I will see her tomorrow.

I want to thank the members and friends in Union City, especially Bro. John Diggelman for taking me to church and bringing me home, and Bro. Ed, for being instrumental so I could come to this home. God bless and keep you.

I had a very pleasant trip. I was well taken care of in Newark. They put me in a chair and pushed me out to the plane, and in Chicago the same thing. Bro. and Sis. Hodel and Sis. Sauder were there waiting for me. We arrived at the home at 5 pm, where Sis. Fisher, the administrator, welcomed me in a very friendly manner. I know I am well taken care of in every respect.

Tonight, Oct. 12 I went to church in Goodfield. Bro. Tanner, the nurse's father was kind enough to take me along and bring me home. I met Bros. Frank Woertz, Le Roy Huber, Ed Hohulin, and many other brothers and sisters.

Another brother came to live here this afternoon; his name is George Rechhemmer. I had a surprise visitor tonight. Bro. Jack Knobloch and his wife, Sis. Nancy drove in from Princeville. I appreciate that very much. Not many would do that; it took them an hour.

One week is ended in this my new home. Everything went along nice and smooth. I just opened the Zion's Harp to hymn 164: "O Saviour might I thus as thee, likeminded pure and humble be. With thee O Lord I walk aright, A child and servant in thy light."

Oct. 16. I was in church in Eureka when I was here 10 years ago. I never expected to see this church again, but one never knows what the Lord has in store.

I just came up from the base-

ment. There was a minister here from Detroit. We had a short service for Sis. Klaus. When we said farewell, I asked the minister whether he knew Bro. Ben Maibach. What a surprise I had when he told me, I am Ben Maibach. He is going to Japan. I was so glad to meet him. We are not able to count all the blessings which are showered upon us from our heavenly Father.

We, the members of the Home here in Eureka, express our deepest sympathy for the family of Eli Leiman, who in a moment's time was taken into eternity.

Oct. 20, a group of young members from Eureka came to sing for the people here in the home. They spent about an hour. I asked them to sing my favorite hymn, and they did. I only remember where it says, **And where there is no setting sun.** They sang beautiful. They sang a few extra hymns for Sis. Klaus; she is 90 years old. I enjoyed this evening very much, and I know the Lord loves good singing. The poet tells us, Come children join in singing.

Jesus spake, when He was here on earth, how all those that refused Him as their ruler will be cast into the fire, never to come out again. Faith is a precious gift. We heard today what Joshua accomplished by faith. When Jesus was here in this world, He could not help anybody that had no faith. It is impossible to please God without faith.

I had a pleasant surprise this evening. One of my grandsons from Pennsylvania, Walter Maurer, with one of his cousins and a friend stopped in to see me. They had supper with me, which they enjoyed. After supper they started for home. They admired this home very much.

I received a phone call from my son this afternoon, telling me that one of my grandsons in Pennsylvan-

ia died. He had muscular dystrophy. He was buried Oct. 31.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay J. Bertsch — Noah Herman

"... if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." After nineteen hundred years of wind and rain have passed over the unknown grave of our beloved Apostle Paul, the fruits of his pen still stirs our thoughts. The world churches have placed the spotlight on this beautiful writing as it reads on the surface.

We of the Apostolic faith have been richly blest with men who were willing to study prayerfully the precious contents of the Bible, to whom God has given light and revelation, revealing to them the whole counsel of God. As our Lord told the unlearned Peter, flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto you, but my Father which is in heaven. These godly men of old, guided by the Holy Spirit, are pointing to a far deeper and revealing concept of this precious passage. We remember Philip, the evangelist, who began in Isaiah to preach Jesus Christ to the first negro convert. What a sermon that must have been. To believe in the Lord Jesus we must accept him as supreme, pure, and righteous, including the virgin birth, His sermon on the mount. His parables, His discourse with Nicodemus, repentance and confession of sins and the cleansing power of the blood of the cross. A cleansed and purified membership of the church is fit to be a part of His body. We must believe in His divine authority to choose his Apostles, including Paul to the Gentiles. We are compelled to believe in the sealing of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost, by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery; and, if we believe in Christ, we cannot shun the customs and church manners given in the letters to the early followers of Christ, Wherever they serve to purify, strengthen, and unite us in the glorious love, liberty, and harmony of the body of Christ. **DO YOU BELIEVE IN CHRIST?**

We are happy that our friend, Mrs. Ezra Sutter has been dismissed from the hospital and is recovering.

We again extend a hearty welcome to anyone who is traveling through our part of the country to come and assemble with us.

ALABAMA

Lynn Klopfenstein

Bro and Sis. William Haggemaker are parents of a daughter, born November 1 at Decatur General Hospital. This is the fourth girl born to William and Dolly.

Following the morning service, October 30, ground breaking ceremonies were held at the Landersville church. Bro. Chester Simmons turned the first shovel of ground. First labors of construction began the following day. We are thankful to many who have assisted in making final plans toward the new building.

Elders Bauman and Kilgus, Bros. Orin Rufener, Herman Norr, Joe Ramsier and wives (except Sis. Ramsier) were here the week end of October 29, to assist in the final arrangements for the new building.

On October 2, morning services were begun at the Landersville church. There has been a good response to this added service. The local folks appreciate the opportunity to worship the Lord on Sunday morning. The Sunday night service has been continued. We have had many blessings in this service.

On November 2, a surprise five-inch snow blanketed the northern part of Alabama. Local reports are that this is very unusual.

Ronnie Ray Naylor, son of Bro. Carl and Mavis Naylor, submitted to a tonsillectomy at the Moulton Hospital. Ronnie Ray is recuperating very well.

Mrs. Delano Harville, daughter-in-law of Ed and Marlene Harville, was admitted to the Moulton Hospital for treatment of acute infection.

The Athens Youth meeting was held at two local Rest Homes, where the young folks held a singspiration. At the same time, the youth distributed Thanksgiving favors, which were much appreciated by the old folks.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

We feel grateful for this season, when we—as our forefathers—may set a day aside for Thanksgiving for the "BLESSINGS" of the earth. Let us not only thank God for the material things, but remember Him for the gift of eternal life. May we pray to Him for continued grace for the sustenance of our soul, and salvation. We have had a beautiful fall and a bountiful harvest. We suffered a dry spell during the growing

season, but we received showers in due time . . . so we have lots for which to be thankful, and feel we were blessed.

Bro. Edwin Knobloch underwent major surgery at Rochester, and is showing remarkable progress. Carl Leuthold had an appendectomy and is recuperating at home. We extend our prayers for the ill that the Lord will bless and strengthen them, that they may be returned to good health.

Birth: To Bro. and Sister Eugene Nester, a daughter, Marie Lydia—October 20.

Bro. and Sister Henry Sabo visited here in the past month. Bro. Noah Gerber shared with us the words and meditation of the gospel.

Word was received of the passing of Sis. Lena Rumbold of Princeville. She has two daughters living here, Sis. Marie (Mrs. Ezra Knobloch) and Sis. Joyce (Mrs. Kenneth Knobloch). May God be their staff and comfort during their lonely hours. Sis. Rumbold will be missed here, as she visited many times, and bore her handicap willingly.

Charles Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Metzger, left for the National Guard. Richard Feucht, son of Mr and Mrs. Paul Feucht, has returned from his tour of duty in Germany and has been discharged.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

While visiting with others in Morris, Elizabeth Traub had the misfortune of falling and fracturing both bones by the ankle. After being in a Morris hospital for a time, she is now at the Virgil Sauder home. Their address is: Virgil Sauder, R. R., Hancock, Minn. 56267.

After being in the hospital at Algona for some time, Bro. Levi Banwart was moved to Iowa City for kidney surgery. He is now progressing quite well. Raymond Wilson is recuperating at home, after being in the hospital several times last month, having surgery the last time. Sis. Evie Bruellman took their son Brian to Iowa City for a check-up. Bro. Wm. Metzger has been in bed with a virus.

Several members from our congregation have entered rest homes the past month. Sis. Mary Traub, a wheel chair patient, was taken to Hayward Rest Home at Emmetsburgh, Ia. Sis. Elizabeth Traub had been caring for her at home. Bro. and Sis. John and Emma Gerber and Sis. Elfrieda Schafer have en-

tered the Good Samaritan Rest Home at Algona, Ia.

The engagement of Sis. Hazel Anliker, daughter of Bro. Noah Anliker, to Bro. Joe Moser Jr., son of Bro. and Sis. Joe and Rose Moser of Morris, has been announced.

A baby girl, Beth Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Metzger on October 21. She has two little brothers to welcome her home.

Again our number of converts has been enlarged, by seven more souls yielding to the call of their Lord and Saviour: Dennis, Melvin, and Kathy, children of Sis. Nima Fehr; Beverly, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler; Leland, son of Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger; Shirley, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber; and Becky, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Albert and Betty Banwart. We are so grateful for each one; we are taught even the angels in heaven rejoice with us over each sinner that repenteth.

We would like to thank Bro. Wayne Gerber for the helpful and inspiring messages he brought to us on a recent visit from Lester.

John Keller, son of the late Bro. and Sis. Albert and Bertha Keller, passed away after a lingering illness at the Veteran's Hospital at Des Moines.

Friends and relatives enjoyed an evening of singing with Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, in observance of their silver wedding anniversary.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Normal, Illinois Susan Rapp

"No book we study can hold more learning than the Bible," said Bro. Perry Zimmerman from Forrest, who spoke with us on October 6. Bro. Joe Kaisner came with him, and Bro. Frederick Knapp conducted the program. Bro. Albert Aberle, Tremont, spoke on Ecclesiastes 12 and told us that, even though we are exposed to a different environment here at school, God will grant us grace if we ask humbly.

On October 16 Sis. Janice Fraut-schi, a graduate assistant at ISU, and Bro. Steven Kaiser, now serving in the Army, announced their engagement. We met Steve the following evening, and wish them a happy life together. That evening Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka, spoke to us on St. Luke 11. He said that we spend much time working on our earthly home, such as painting,

trimming the lawn, and things like that, but he wondered if we are spending enough time laying up treasures in our heavenly home.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth told us on October 28 that God buried our sins in the sea of forgetfulness and will remember them no more. God doesn't want us to dig them up to remember and practice them either. In speaking of the apostle Paul, Bro. Mike said that God can use an intellectual man to His benefit, but that man must be humble. Bro. Jim Hoerr came with him from Peoria. A couple from Canada who had been visiting with Schrocks attended our services that evening.

Two students from our group lost one of their parents this month. We were saddened to hear of the death of Sis. Lena Rumbold of Princeville, the mother of Marlene—who attends practical nurses training in Bloomington. Mary Ann Schmied from Peoria lost her father, Jesse. We pray that they were comforted during this time.

We enjoyed the many visitors, and wish to extend a welcome to anyone who would like to worship with us, on Thursday evenings at eight p.m. in the third floor lounge of the University Union.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Our thanks to Bro. Nathan Steffen, of Elgin, for visiting us.

We were happy to hear the testimony of Charlene Dietz, who is now our sister-in-faith. Bro. Silas Leuthold was with us for this event. Also sharing with us the many blessings were Bro. Walter Rehklaue of Toledo, Bros. Dave Kieser and Joe Stoller of Princeville.

Bro. Henry Beer was with us for evening services, one Sunday, after he had spent the day with the Princeville brethren.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Verla Hausmann are parents of a new baby son. Steven Jonas was welcomed home by a brother, Freddie and a sister, Heidi.

Bro. Ed Guingrich is improving slowly after his surgery. He, however, must return to the hospital each day for treatment. One day, a host of neighbors and brothers-in-faith gathered at his farm and harvested 280 acres of corn. Bro. Ed and his wife, Sis. Doris, wish to thank everyone who so kindly remembered them. For the many cards, visits, and notes of cheer, he is deeply grateful.

Sis. Lucille (Sam) Kieser spent several days in the hospital for treatment.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Lena Rumbold. Even tho' she had been in a wheel chair for several years, her death was quite sudden. Her son, Bro. Elwin and his wife, Sis. Loretta and their family; her sister, Sis. Emma Knobloch and her family attend church here.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli

Carol Ann Messner

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester, accompanied by their wives. Bro. Sabo expressed his deep concern for our youth of today.

Steven, son of Bro. and Sis. Roy Howk, entered into the service and is receiving his basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt, following a lengthy stay at the hospital, is now convalescing at home. The Bro. Eugene Schmidt family of Fairmont, Minnesota was involved in a car accident.

Sis. Ida Miller is now residing at the Good Samaritan Home in Lafayette, Minnesota. She will be observing her 93rd birthday on Nov. 18. We pray that God will comfort her in the sunset days of life.

It is the season to be thankful for our many blessings. Let us remember to be thankful for spiritual as well as material things every day of the year.

Thankful

Thankful for health,
Thankful for life,
Thankful for guidance
In sorrow and strife.

Thankful for brethren,
Whose help does impart
Strength for the journey,
Cheer for the heart.

Thankful to hear
The still, small voice,
Making our heart
In life's sorrow rejoice.

Change of college address: Joyce Schmidgall, 814 8th St., SE, Minneapolis, Minn. 55414. Winthrop

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA
Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein
Tiny bundles, warm and soft,

knocked at the heart's doors of Bro. Andre and Sis. Lois Neihouser, also Wayne and Paulette Putt. They received new babies; God knows they will do their best to bring each up so that in the future it can have another home—the Heavenly Home.

Bro. John Bollier, in his Sunday visit here, told us that there is such a short word, but it covers so much; the key to our everyday living is "love". Our children enjoy to have Uncle Jack come to visit, just like they did Grandpa Norr. God's love is always shown.

Bro. Henry Beer spent an afternoon, and then had evening services here. He showed us his material which has Heavenly teachings in them. In his book "Garden of Verse", he has the dedication of the church here at Francesville, which is as dear to us as it was years ago, when he said that if we strive in one accord, the world will see that we belong to Christ.

Last month we saw in print many dear college students' names, and now this month will be the service boys. We all want to tell you that we love you, everyone of you—never feel that you are alone, God is always with you or near—and we think you are fine, fine, fine.

Closing — a Thanks-giving Is - a - Thanks-living.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein Salome Walters

The visiting ministers that have been with us are Bros. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; John Bahler, Rockville; John Widrich, New York. May the blessings of God follow those who have visited us.

Engagement: Sis. Edith Tanner and Bro. Lloyd Massner from Burlington, Iowa. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul and Sara Tanner.

We welcome the Tanners to our church. They formerly attended Goodfield.

Among the sick: Sis. Emma Wuetrich has been in Eureka Hospital. She fell, broke a small bone in her heel, and now has a cast. Sis. Minnie Bittner, wife of Bro. Ed., is a patient in the Carle Clinic Hospital, after having surgery. Walter Sauder is a patient in Eureka Hospital.

Paul Wiegand, an aged brother of Bro. Dan Wiegand who has been staying at the Maple Lawn Home, has repented and wants to be baptized in the near future. Even in old age the Lord still awakens souls so

they turn to Him in repentance.

Friend Eli Fisher is repenting.

We now have 27 people living in our old folks' home. The following are living in the resident area: Sisters Sallie Strietmatter, Julia Frey, Mary Meister, Edna Stoller, Eunice Steffen; Bros. Fred Knapp, August Mueller, George Rechkemmer; Friends, Ella Eisenman, Ina Unzicker, Frances Shoff, Louise Jenkins; In the infirmary—Sisters Elizabeth Bradle, Pauline Miller, Tillie Fehr, Mary Roche, Wilhelmina Klaus; Bro. and Sis. John and Mary Roche; Bros. Henry and Louis Funk; Friends Martin and Elizabeth Smith, Frances Sullivan, Nelle Melick, Catherine Schrieber, Grace Brown. Any of these folks would appreciate mail. The address is 610 W. Cruger St., Eureka, Ill. 61530.

Our friends, Donna Blunier and Eddie Kupferschmid were given the opportunity, Saturday evening Nov. 5, to give their testimony before the congregation. Bro. George Gramm assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in this work. They were baptized the next day. May God bless them in their new life. It was a blessed day for all of us. Donna's parents are Bro. and Sis. Roy and Edna Blunier; Eddie's parents are Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid. May God call many a soul out of darkness unto His marvelous light before it is too late.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

In Acts 2:38 we read the words, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins". We are so thankful that two of our friends heeded this message. Oct. 8, Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin came to assist in proving Roma Runbold and Norman Stahl. Many relatives and friends were present to hear their testimonies, and were also present for the baptisms the following day. We are indeed thankful to God for sending his Son for payment of our salvation, and thankful that some friends still take advantage of the wonderful invitation. We thank Bro. Herman for coming and lending himself in the Lord's work.

Sis. Evelyn Herrmann is recovering from recent major surgery, for which we are all thankful. Sis. Vera Martin submitted to minor surgery and is also recovering nicely. Bro. Chris Elsasser received treatments at Mayo's Clinic and is glad to be at home again.

We have lost one of our dear sisters in faith, Lena Elsasser Rumbold, who was called from this world of suffering early on the morning of Oct. 25. Although she wasn't in the best of health the past several years, she enjoyed doing her work from a wheel chair, and always wore a friendly smile. Whenever you asked how she was, she always replied she was all right and could always feel others were so much worse off than she. She truly carried her cross with a smile, and although she will be greatly missed, we can be comforted with the words found in I Thess. 4:13, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." Our local ministers conducted services October 28. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery near her parents, Bro. Will and Sis. Marie Elsasser. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Bro. Ezra; one son, Bro. Elwin, and four daughters, Sisters Marie Knobloch and Joyce Knobloch of Lester, Sister Jeanette Graham and Marlene; twelve grandchildren; five brothers, Ernest, Chris, William, Phillip and John; three sisters, Anna Streitmatter, Emma Knobloch and Marie Seidel. The family wishes to thank everyone for all acts of kindness.

A son, Kurt Alan, was born to Bro. Verle and Sis. LaVonne Kieser. Oct. 23. A little brother, Wesley, spent a few days with his grandparents, Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser.

We were thankful for the visit of Bro. Henry Beer and his wife the latter part of the month, and hope they found a blessing.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Soon we will be observing Thanksgiving Day. How much we have for which to be thankful. Here in our land of peace and plenty we are enjoying another bountiful harvest. How many more blessings we have than the children of Israel. We are so thankful for our places of worship and the faithful brothers who proclaim the word, reminding us of the wonderful plan of salvation freely given to all who will receive. How wonderful we know that God sent his only Son, who died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the remission of our sins. We are truly thankful that this word has been reserved for us and

can be handed down from generation to generation. It wouldn't be right if we forgot to be thankful for the dear brothers and friends who serve in the armed forces. May we appreciate these gifts and strive daily to do our best, so that we may go to a better land, one that God has prepared for His elect.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Sis. Anna Stortz had a severe attack of acute bursitis, but was able to go back to her work at a fraternity in Evanton, Ill. Bro. Sam Kilgus is recuperating, after a fall at work; he broke 3 ribs. Bro. Gus and Sis. Eunice Knochels' grandson (Fern's son) was killed in Viet Nam. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all concerned. The Sunday School picnic and program was held at the church, due to a rainy day.

Sis. Marie Schini is slowly improving after surgery.

Christine Kay, 4 wks. old, came Sept. 30 to make her home with Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther (Kilgus) Bahler. Scott, two, welcomes her. We trust God will bless them for this noble deed.

Promotion Day was held, with a number of parents attending. May each child make an effort to learn more of the Bible and our loving Saviour. Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Bahler have been up in Wisconsin for several weeks, where Sis. Anna is taking treatments.

Sis. Marie Schieler is at Bloomington for treatment for several weeks.

We were very happy to have Eldon Getz, son of Phil and Eliza, taken into the fold Nov. 6. We trust many more will heed the Saviour's call. His brother had the misfortune to have 2 fingers severely injured in an accident. He was in the hospital several days. When he was able to come home, his father was admitted for treatment. May God give all that is needed to bear their lot.

Bro. Andy Nussbaum has been in the hatchery business for 50 years. He still helps, although his 3 sons have taken over, enlarged the business, and serve a wide territory.

My sisters and brother went to Florida to convention concerning our business, went through Brown County and the Smoky Mts., which were beautiful. One really must marvel at the handiwork of God. We were in Ft. Lauderdale on Sunday, where we enjoyed the fellowship of

the small congregation. One always appreciates going to church when one is so far away. A stop was made at Sis. Clara Heiniger's in Alabama. Always enjoyable is helping her with her many duties.

The Bible class of Remington, entertained the Bible class of Tremont and their chaperones, at the home of Joyce and Jayne Schieler.

Addresses:

Wayne R. Steffen	Remin
East Residence Hall Rm 10	
Vincennes University	
Vincennes Ind	
Elaine K Steffen	Remin
N E Meredith Hall Rm 103	
Purdue University	
West Lafayette Ind	
Kathy Schneider	Remin
E Earhart Hall Bx 330	
West Lafayette Ind	

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Church services will be held this winter, starting the first Sunday in January at the Women's Club Bldg., located at the corner of Palm Ave. and Park Ct., 1 o'clock p.m. Remember that it's 1 p.m. There's another denomination using the building in the forenoon, with almost the same name as our church.

We are happy to announce that Ray and Emma Stoller were united with Christ and baptized by Bro. George Sinn on Sunday, Nov. 6. Their many friends in Sarasota will be happy to greet them as Bro. Ray and Sis. Emma this winter.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf Thanksgiving

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices.
All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Holy Ghost,
Who dwell in highest heaven.

Richard and Evelyn Baumgartner announce the arrival of a daughter, Cheryl Lyn, on Oct. 16. Dick, Larry, Jeffrey and Gregory are happy to welcome a little sister into their family circle. Bro. Ned and Sis. Mary Baumgartner of Akron and Bro. John and Sis. Ida Winkler of Rittman are the happy grandparents.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Esther Morrison and Roland Humphrey, who were

married recently. The Humphreys are living at 646 Polk Avenue, Akron.

Bro. Robert Beer of Mansfield was our visiting minister on Oct. 16. Love—as written of in I Corinthians, chapter 13—is surely an important part of every Christian's life. "Lacking love, I truly know That I'd be a tinkling cymbal Or a wretched sounding brass."

Elmer Greenbank spent some time at home. His loved ones have since received word that he has arrived safely in Korea, where he is serving in the army. We wish Elmer the Lord's protection in this strange and foreign land.

Paul Ritzman is now stationed at Ft Benning, Georgia. He had previously been at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

The editors regret an incorrect listing in the servicemen's addresses last month. Bob Wells' correct address can be found in the current list of service addresses. I hope many of our readers will remember one or several of our young men who are away from home. A card or letter during the approaching holidays would no doubt be appreciated.

"Rise, O soul, and break the
bondage
Of the vanities of life!
Journey onward to the kingdom;
Leave the turmoil and the strife!"

Yet another soul has answered the call of the Lord and has joined us in the journey to Zion. Kathy Graf, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Alice Graf, was proved and baptized on Oct. 23. Kathy has given her heart to the Lord while young in years—how happy the angels in heaven must be to see such youth enter the Lord's vineyard! We wish Kathy much grace and wisdom from the Lord to live her life for Him.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Elizabeth Kraus and Donna Palmer upon the death of a dear one, John Kocsis, eighteen years. John is the grandson of the Casper Schweigerts of Copley.

For Akron people: The time has come again to renew subscriptions to the Silver Lining. New subscriptions are also welcomed at this time. Your contributions may be mailed to your reporter at 568 Washington Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203, or I will accept them in person. It is desirable that we Akron subscribers have our contributions collected and forwarded by the first of the year.

The usual yearly contribution is \$2.00 per subscription.

Address:

Philip Webber Jr, 104½ E Union St, Liberty Ind 47353

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

Engagements: On Oct. 16, two engagements were announced, Sis. Deliah Aschliman to Bro. Stanley Biberstein, and Bro. John Isch to Sis. Mary Jane Rager from Latty. Parents of the couples are: Bro. and Sis. Roy Aschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Biberstein; Bro. and Sis. Harry Isch and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Rager.

God bless your love and make of it
A life of perfect harmony,
A blessing to each other's hope,
A joy of peace and unity.

Weddings: On Nov. 6, Friends Etta Schwartz and John Steffen were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ed Schwartz and Sis. Emma (Harvey) Steffen. On Oct. 9, Friends Sue Ann Moser and Nick Lynn Chaney were united in marriage by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Russell Moser and Mr. and Mrs. James Chaney. May God bless you richly as you travel life's pathway together.

Births: Oct. 13, a daughter Sandi Kay to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Fairchild. Oct. 5, a son, Ryan Neal to Bro. and Sis. Rudy Frauhiger.

Shut-Ins: Sisters, Mary (Sylvan) Gerber, Ida (Joel) Maller and Bros. Jacob Schweitzer, Joel Gerber.

Bro. Gary Schladenhauffen was home on furlough for a couple weeks, after entering the service the latter part of August.

Matthew 3:2 "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Friends Kathy Isch, Jill Isch and William Kaehr, who heeded these words, were proved and baptized on Oct. 22 and 23. Assisting Bro. Sam Aeschliman was Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City.

On October 23, it was the lot of Bro. Robert Meyer to be chosen as the new minister for the Bluffton congregation. May God grant you an abundance of grace and strength in this new undertaking.

Funeral services were held Oct. 29 for Sis. Elizabeth Poe, age 56. Death was due to a heart attack. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Sylvan Gerber of Bluffton, a half sister,

Mrs. Roy (Nina) Mayer of Ft. Wayne, and two half brothers, Homer and Ervin Melching.

Two college addresses: Debbie Baumgartner, 500 N Calvert, Muncie Ind 47303; Pat Krummen, Woody Box 52, Muncie Ind 47306.

College address: L. Arthur Ringger, Owen Hall Bx 240, West Lafayette Ind. 47906.

Thanksgiving

We thank you, God,
For sun and rain
And golden grain
That trembles in the breeze;
For wind and snow
And seeds that grow
To high and mighty trees.

We thank you, God,
For those we love,
For You above,
And ever so much more . . .

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

We welcome into our church circle Sis. Eileen Yackley from Phoenix and Sis. Diane Preiss from Altadena, who will make their home here.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Perry Zimmerman of Forrest. May God bless them for their efforts in His service.

Sis. Emma Gudeman is still hospitalized. We wish her God's help and patience to continue to bear her lot, also for her loved ones who so tenderly are helping care for her.

Hospitalized and back home again are John Koch, Mrs. Henry (Elsie) Schock, Bro. Albert Scheitlin Sr., and Sis. Dorothy, wife of Bro. Adrian Kellenberger. We are glad they can again be at home with their loved ones.

Sis. Nettie Leuthold is back in our assemblies again, after an absence on account of illness.

Bibles were presented to our ninth grade Sunday School class. Bro. Nathan Steffen told them that the Bible should be read and not be put upon a shelf to collect dust, because within its pages can be found the way to God through His Son, Jesus Christ, who died upon the cross that we might live in eternity.

Bro. Tom Schifferer spent a couple of weeks among us, and has returned to his base at Ft. Benning, Ga. It was good to have him here, but the time of parting comes soon, and especially because it looks as

though he may have to go overseas.

Fear—The uncertainties, the complexities over which we have no power?

No—But, Trust in Him whose word is sure for every single hour.

Fear man—His cruel scoffs, his ugly sneer, his way that will not last?

No—But, Trust in Him who changes not e'en when life's trials are past.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta and Myrna Steffen

Visiting ministers were Bros. Loren Stoller and Merrill Laukhuf from Latty. We are thankful for their inspiring messages.

Bro. Herman Norr and a group of brethren from Leo spent a week end with us and showed pictures of the poverty in Haiti.

Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Roger Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Root.

Oct. 10 was the date of Baby Otto's birth and death. He was born to Sis. Pat and Bro. Ott Schlatter. We extend our sincere sympathy, and pray the Lord will be near them in their hours of sadness.

Sis. Katherine and Fred Grawburg report their son, John is stationed in Viet Nam. We all miss him and pray for his safety and welfare.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Bro. Andrew F. Garber, son of Frederick and Elizabeth Rothacher Garber, passed away at the Sabetha Hospital Oct. 14, at the age of 81 years. He joined the Apostolic Christian Church in his youth and was a faithful member. He was united in marriage to Anna Hartter. To this union, nine children were born. Three children preceded him in death, as well as his wife, Sis. Anna, who passed away a few months before Bro. Andy. Funeral services were held, with Bros. Gene Marti and Lester Hartter in charge.

Relatives and friends surprised Sis. Eva Hohulin with a housewarming one evening this month, in her new home.

A daughter, Amy Louise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Strahm on Oct. 20. This is their first child; the grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm.

A group of women and men ga-

thered to give our house of worship its annual house-cleaning.

James Meyer, son of Sis. Pearl Meyer, has left for the Service.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. John Rokey from Goodfield and Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha. It has been some time since we've had a visiting minister, and we appreciated their ministering to our assembly.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Sharon Meyer, Burrows Res., 845 Washburn, Topeka Kan 66606; John Lehman, Wildcat Six Apt. 11, 1803 College Heights, Manhattan Kan 66502; Louis Jon Meyer, Wildcat Six Apt. 11, 1803 College Heights, Manhattan Kan 66502; Ronnie Strahm 1807 College Heights Apt. 8, Manhattan Kan 66502; Garry Rokey, 1803 College Heights Apt 11, Manhattan Kan 66502; Lynn Meyer, Marlatt Hall Rm 135, K S U, Manhattan Kan 66502; Jerlynn Isch, Goodman Hall Rm 128, Manhattan Kan 66502.

Working away: Barbara Strahm, 1258 Clay Apt 3, Topeka Kans.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

We have received a new soul into our fold, Sis. Yolanda Jackson. We are so very happy to have her with us, and wish her the best in serving the Lord.

Friend Carolyn Knochel, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marian, has received peace with her Lord and Saviour and wishes to bring her testimony to the congregation. We wish her the Lord's grace and blessings, and wish that many more would come and walk with Him.

Judy Wieland, widow of Bro. David Wieland, and her infant daughter Shelley have moved into a duplex in a neighboring town, where Sis. Judy is now employed in a doctor's office. Their new address is: 1886 Dayley Street, Reese, Michigan. We wish her God's richest blessings in her undertaking.

DETROIT, MICH.

Ruth Knochel Ruth Gudeman

On Oct. 19, Bro. Ben Maibach and his companions left for Japan. We were very privileged to have several ministers visit us in Bro. Ben's absence, to share the ministry with

Bro. Floyd Wieland.

Visiting us were Bro. Art Gudeman and family from La Crosse; Bro. Ben Hartzler and family from Rittman; Bro. Phil Wingeier and wife from Alto; and Bro. Walter Pehklau and family from Toledo. We are very thankful to these brothers for their willingness to serve and for the gospel messages they brought to us.

Let us continue to pray for our ministers, that they will be given the courage to speak the truth, that we as pilgrims will continue to find strength for each day, and that those who are yet outside the fold of Christ may find courage and grace to live for the Lord.

At this writing, Bro. Ben and his companions should be starting their travels homeward. We implore God's protection, that they may safely be returned to their congregations and their loved ones at home.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger

Bro. Nick and Sis. Jeanie Ricketts are the parents of their first child, born on Oct. 24. He has been named Allen Meredith.

Sis. Leona Leman was a surgical patient at Carle Clinic in Champaign. She is now making a nice recovery at her home.

Bro. John Koehl has also returned to his home, after being a medical patient at Fairbury Hospital. He was admitted when he was quite ill with pneumonia.

Bro. John Kyburz had a short stay at the hospital, with a head injury. A number of sutures were required to close the wound.

Sis. Persida Huber has been confined to her home for six weeks, but is much improved.

Richard Kupferschmid, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie, was home on a two-week furlough.

Sis. Luella Sohn has returned to the Fairbury Hospital, where she is under observation.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Vernon Schwab, Earl Kilgus, Merle Kaisner, and Ernie Gerber.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Joanie Heiniger

We have two new converts, Jill Heinold, daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth Heinold, and Terry French, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard French. We wish them God's grace and blessings.

This past Sunday was our open house. We estimate between 350 and

400 people were there. We are now looking forward to Dedication, which will be this following Sunday.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Glen Anliker — Mrs. Bernie Emch

Bro. Al Langhofer, accompanied by Bro. Loren Strahm, visited us and proclaimed God's precious word. We thank these brothers and their families for their visit.

Sis. (Mrs.) John Wernli was hospitalized several days for treatment and observation. She is again able to assemble with us.

Sis. Dena Fechter is able to assemble with us again, following her surgery for asthma.

Bro. Chris Sauder hasn't been able to assemble with us for several Sundays. We pray the Lord might grant recovery of his health, if it is His holy will.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

Autumn is here in all its glory—there is mist in the meadows and the hills are aflame with brilliant colors. We thank God with grateful hearts for the many rich blessings He has so abundantly given us. Our worldly goods may be less than our neighbors' That cannot buy the gladness in our souls. We are so thankful for these things—simple food, shelter, a warm clean bed, friends who share our woe and mirth, for love that sheds its peace about our door—peace which only God can give us—peace which passeth all understanding. It takes so little to gladden our hearts. Just this week we received a thank-you note glowing with love and warmth—and we had done so little. "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High."

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker visited us and brought two inspiring messages. We thank him for his visit.

Bro. Fred Marti is in Springfield Hospital, as a result of serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is improving.

Sis. Edna Frieden is in the Springfield Hospital for medical attention. We hope and pray they will soon regain good health and be able to return home.

Lydia (Braker) Price passed away Oct. 27, at the age of 77. She is survived by one daughter, Mary Price; two sisters, Lizzie Banwart and Clara Lehman; and two grandchildren. She was born in Elgin, Iowa, and came to Mo. with her parents in the early 1900's.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**Ruth Dapper — Julie Dapper**

On October 15, our Sunday School children and parents enjoyed our annual Sunday School picnic and outing, which was a bit different this year.

A chartered bus took the group to the Griffith Park, in Los Angeles. We enjoyed a box lunch.

Our prayers are rendered for Bro. Mike Reichardt, who had been admitted to the hospital for major surgery. We are glad to hear he is again at his home. May God restore moderate health to him, as he is greatly missed in our assembly. For those who wish to send him a message of cheer, his address is Michael Reichardt, 5568 N. Maple Avenue, Rialto, Calif.

MORTON, ILLINOIS**Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp**

Bro. Raymond Meiss of Gridley and Sis. Katherine Rother were united in marriage on Oct. 23. Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago performed the ceremony.

Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago spent Sunday with us also.

Two dear friends, DeAnn Herman, daughter of the John Hermans, and Judy Roecker, wife of Sam Roecker, have turned to the Lord and wish to be baptized.

Funeral services for Sis. Leah Schmitgall, age 63, wife of Sam Schmitgall, were held Nov. 2. Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont officiated. She was the daughter of Henry and Caroline Haberle Aberle.

Sis. Anna Yentes, who had major surgery, is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Peoria. Sis. Anna Kaiser (Mrs. Ben) is also a patient in the Methodist Hospital. Sis. Clara Welk is convalescing at her home.

A June wedding is being planned for Sis. Janice Kay Frautschi of Bloomington and Bro. Steven Kaiser of Milford.

A son, Douglas Z., was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary Ann Zeltwanger Witzig, Oct. 6.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS**Emily Tanner****Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Constance Triplett adopted a baby girl Oct. 5. They named their new daughter Margaret Ann. She was born August 28.

Judith Kay Musselman, daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Ella Musselman, was married to John C. Fisher Jr. on Oct. 29.

Jean Marie Kraps and Steven Emil Koehl, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Koehl were married Oct. 31.

It is so uplifting when we can observe happiness and peace on the faces of souls who have turned to their Lord and Redeemer for their salvation. Recently announced for proving and baptism were four young married couples, Leon and Eunice Kaisner, Tom and Jeanette Hoerr, Harold and Ardis Herrmann, Kenneth and Edith Plattner.

Three more friends are in the service of our country. They are John and James Thomas and Jim Irons.

Sis. Rosa Langjahr died Oct. 8. She had been living at the Apostolic Christian Home. Prior to that, she lived in California for about 19 years. Surviving are three sons, Herman, Benjamin and William Langjahr; and three daughters, Mrs. Clara Weber, Mrs. Lydia Wilson and Mrs. Anna Bradley; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Jesse F. Schmied died Oct. 18. Surviving are his wife Sis. Louise; his parents Bro. Charles and Sis. Lydia Schmied; three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Sharon Hemp, Mrs. Sandy Lane, Daniel K. Schmied and twins Merry Anne and Michael Schmied; three brothers, three sisters and four grandchildren.

Hospital patients include our friends Charles McDermott and Anneliess Sinn. Anneliess suffered a broken shoulder, broken ribs, cuts and bruises, when to avoid a collision with a school bus her car went end over end in a ditch.

Note of thanks: Sis. Kathryn Lubitz wishes to express her thanks to all who were so kind to her at the time of the death of her mother, Sis. Minnie Perdelwitz.

At the November Hymn Sing, we had as guests the Men's Group from the Eureka congregation. We enjoyed their selection of hymns.

PORTLAND, OREGON**Mrs. Edward Unsicker**

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; . . . One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts," read Bro. Bob Miller at the quiet Wednesday evening service. "It was only last Sunday," he continued, "close to our Silverton destination, that we and our children were speaking of God's greatness. Suddenly our car left the road in a freak accident

that could have killed all of us!" After the sermon we sang Hymn No. 202, "Christ My All". My eyes were drawn to the words—

"Oh my Immanuel,
Though Satan would compel
Us all to die,
Yet Thou art ever near;
In conflicts most severe,
With world and Satan here,
Thou standest by."

How appropriate! One again God had intervened for His own. Sis. Pearl is wearing a foot cast until a chipped bone heals; but we know that God, who has been so good to them, will help her through this ordeal also.

We are thankful that Betty (Mrs. John) Kaufman, Silverton, is feeling well, following surgery. Betty's parents, Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Dorothy Hari, from Morton, were staying with John and Betty for several months, but have now returned to their home. It was a real blessing to have them in our fellowship.

Sis. Clara Kaufman is at present in the Silverton Nursing Home. Her address is Mrs. Clara Kaufman, Silver Gardens Nursing Home, James Street, Silverton, Oregon.

In reading Daniel recently, I was amazed to find prophecies that are unfolding. Let's hungrily read God's word, that we may not miss the message He has for us. The Bible is a marvelous Book, written by men of varied occupations and eras—kings and shepherds, fisherman and scholars—penning words dictated by the Holy Spirit! No wonder they all coincide perfectly. Today we may still peruse it; we may even give it to others that many may be led to righteousness. As Bro. Bob Miller announced the results of our collection for Bible Societies, we couldn't help but thank God for the privilege of giving for Bibles that has been ours again.

RITTMAN, OHIO**Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters**

As we viewed the well-loved faces sealed in death, we could be consoled to think that there were three more to welcome us to the shores of the Beyond. We know that they are blessed who have died in the Lord. For them are no more troubles, toils, heartaches, goodbyes, sighs, pain, weariness, woe, sickness, sorrow, storms, clouded skies, bitter cups, shadows, thorns, opening graves,

sin, and no more death. The battles of life have been fought, the storms of life weathered, the lessons of life learned, the pilgrimages of life trodden, and the victories won.

October 8, Sis. Emma Horn died at age 88. Her legacy is the example of patience, long-suffering, faithfulness, and forbearance.

Oct. 21, Sis. Minnie Bauman, age 73, was called to her rest. Many are the memories of her ministering to our needs, of her kind hospitality, and of her concern for friends and brethren alike. Sis. Mabel, her daughter, and Bro. John her husband survive.

Without much warning, Bro. Truman Gerber, age 42, also departed from this life. So needed here to help his mate, Sis. Mary Ellen, with the rearing of five young children, yet more needed by our Father.

Beautiful rest for the weary,
Well deserved rest for the true,
When our life's journey is ended
We shall again be with you.
This helps to quiet our weeping—
Hark! angel praise so sweet!
He giveth to His beloved,
Beautiful, beautiful sleep.

Not tarrying for another tomorrow but willingly answering the Saviour's call are four from our congregation.

Karen Zollinger, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Lillian, has found peace and awaits proving.

Bro. Alvin Winkler has suffered a severe injury to his leg, and is expected to be hospitalized for a lengthy period of time. He can be remembered by sending mail to the Lodi Hospital, Lodi.

Dale and Marilyn Uhler welcome a daughter, Lynne Marie, born Oct. 10. Bro. Isaac Jr. and Sis. Verna Rufener welcomed a daughter.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Sis. Fannie Bahr is in the St. Anthony Hospital in Sabetha. May the Lord be her help and strength and bring her to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawley of Kansas City, Kansas have a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, born Oct. 21. Bro. Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter received a surprise telephone call from their son, Roger. Roger is stationed in Viet Nam. He received a R & R, which is a rest and recuperation period for the boys. He

was privileged to spend time from the 14th to the 20th of October at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. At the time of his call he was at Singapore.

Sis. Mary Bahr has gone to Peoria for employment. Her address is 2133 N. Linn, Peoria. We will miss her presence here, but wish her God's grace and help.

We rejoice with the Roanoke congregation in their new house of worship, which was dedicated recently. The "Prairie" church brings back many memories to me. It was our home church when I was a child. I attended there until I went to the city for employment. Then, in 1933 my parents retired from farming and moved to Peoria. I have always enjoyed visiting Roanoke, as we still have many relatives and friends there.

This past summer when I was home for my aunt's funeral, we strolled through the cemetery, which is adjacent to the church. It brought back many memories, as we saw names of many loved ones there. It makes one think—some day soon, our name may also be there. Will we be ready to face our Lord when that time comes?

We ask for the Lord's blessing on this new church building, and hope that He will always be present. We pray that He will continue calling the friends to repentance, so that His church may be filled.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

We were privileged to have the following ministers visit us: Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville; Elder Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria; Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Bro. George Wagenbach, Princeville; and Bro. John Wagenbach, Oakville. We thank them for lending themselves on our behalf.

Sis. Nancy Sauder was hospitalized, but is now at home. Sis. Lizzie Dill is presently confined to the hospital, and Bro. Si Koch is seriously ill at home. I am sure that all of these shut-ins earnestly desire the prayers of God's children in their behalf.

Sis. Sophie Sauder is now residing at the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton. Her familiar face is missed from our congregation, especially since she has always lived in Tremont.

Helen Wagenbach and Lester Bauman of Goodfield were united in marriage by Bro. Dan Koch, on

Nov. 6 at the home of her parents, Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise.

A Prayer For Faith

I would not ask Thee that my days
Should flow quite smoothly on
and on,
Lest I should learn to love the world
Too well, ere all my time was
done.

I would not ask Thee that my work
Should never bring me pain nor
fear,
Lest I should learn to work alone,
And never wish Thy presence
near.

But I would ask Thee still to give
By night my sleep, by day my
bread,
And that the counsel of Thy Word
Should shine and show the path
to tread.

And I would ask a humble heart,
A changeless will to work and
wake,
A firm faith in Thy providence,
The rest—'tis Thine to give or
take.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob

Mrs. Harry Bucher

We thank Bro. Elmer Bucher for his visit and his inspiring message, and hope he will come soon again.

Bro. Harry and Sis. Lena Bucher took a ten-day trip to Miami. They visited Ft. Lauderdale Church.

Our hearts were deeply saddened when our dear brother in faith, John Troxel of Gary, Ind., passed away peacefully October 13, at age 75. He was very patient and kind, never complained, although he suffered much. God has called him from his suffering, into eternal rest. Let us all pray for his widow, Sis. Ellen (Groh). May God ever watch over her. Let us never forget what God doeth is well done. He left to mourn his passing three sons, Harold of Rockford, Ill.; Donald and Eugene of Gary; one daughter, Joan Young of Waukasha, Wisc.; five grandchildren, one brother, Dr. B. Samuel of Springfield, Ill. Funeral services were held from Valparaiso Church, conducted by Bro. Harry Bucher, with burial in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, La Crosse.

Our friend, Jim DeHaven, son of Jim and Viola, is in Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, due to an automobile accident.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA**Arles Kropf**

We were blessed through the messages brought to us by our visiting ministers during the month of Oct. Bro. Wendell Gudeman was with us one Sunday, and Bros. John Bahler and Henry Wackerle for a Monday evening service.

Bro. Irvin Lehman performed the marriage of Linda Powell and Allen Oberlander on Oct. 15. Allen is the son of Bro. and Sis. Albert (Pep) Oberlander.

As the season of Thanksgiving is again before us, the words of our Zion's Harp Hymn 236 express our feelings:

Now thank we all our God . . .
Who from our mother's arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

GIRARD, OHIO**Jesse C. Emch****Let Us Be Thankful and Praise God**

"Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: . . .

Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee; and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;"

Deaths: Friend Rose Tochtenhagen died October 18, after a long illness. Her age was 68 years. Funeral service was held in our new church. Saturday Oct. 22, sermon by Bro. Lorentz Emch, assisted by Bro. Robert Stoll. Rose was a sister to our sister in faith, Emma Tochtenhagen, who has been confined to her home 6½ years due to a stroke.

Sis. Alma Stauffer is a patient at the Youngstown South Side Hospital. We wish her grace from God to bear her painful affliction.

The God-inspired messages of Bro. Andrew Virkler on Sunday Oct. 23, and Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf Sunday Oct. 30 were nourishment for the soul. God bless all His weak and needy servants. We welcome all to visit us again.

God has again revealed Himself

here among us, inasmuch that the seed sown has fallen into receptive hearts. Two dear souls, friends Gail Price and Don Stoll Jr. gave their testimonies in the presence of the brethren on Saturday evening Oct. 29, and were baptized by our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf on Sunday, Oct. 30. Following baptism, Bro. Graf let it be known to the congregation that Friend Martin Emch has peace with God and would hope for baptism in the near future. We rejoice together; may God be praised.

Students: Barbara Bell, 422 Pierce St Apt 3, St. Paul Minn; Diane Emch, 104 William Dr, Normal Ill 61761; James Emch, Slayter Bx 1086, Denison Univ, Granville Ohio 43023.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.**Mrs. Gus Wetz****Miss Della Witschey**

Jack Lee Wade, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade and a grandson of the late Mrs. Emma Barth, was killed instantly in a head-on car wreck on Sunday evening, Nov. 6. A fellow passenger in the car was very seriously injured. He leaves his widow and two sons, Jon aged three, and Jack aged 7; his parents; two brothers, James of Cleveland, and Jerome of New Martinsville. Funeral services and interment took place on November 9.

Mrs. Dorothy E. Shackelford, daughter of the late John and Ella Rothlisberger Widmer, died very suddenly on Oct. 22 of an apparent heart attack. She is survived by her husband John; one son Charles of Indianapolis; two grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Lena Frayer. Funeral services were held on Oct. 25.

Lewis Albert Renner, a life-long resident of Limestone Ridge and later New Martinsville, passed away on Oct. 15, following a brief illness. He leaves his widow, Bertha Schupbach Renner, one daughter, five sons, fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held on Oct. 18.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bland Isinghood was hospitalized for some time in early October, but has been able to return home and is slowly improving.

Elza Ritz suffered a dislocated elbow in a fall near his home on October 14. He is improving and beginning to use the arm and elbow a bit at times. His wife, Elda Ritz, is improving, after suffering for some time with eye disorders.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lasure of Canton, O., have had troubles a plenty the past few weeks. A daughter-in-law was found dead in her bed, and a granddaughter's husband died from injuries received in a car accident in Geissen, Germany, where he was serving in the Army. The body was shipped here; funeral services were held on Nov. 9. Mrs. Lasure is the former Minnie Hassig of Limestone Ridge.

Mr. D. S. Witschey has received announcements of the birth of a great-grandchild. His son, Robert Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., is the paternal grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wetz visited the Albert Durig family in Girard, on Oct. 30. Mr. Durig was a patient in a hospital in Warren, recovering from eye surgery. He has since been returned to his home.

LEO, INDIANA**Mrs. Elias Souder**

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." This is truly a season of thanksgiving and blessing for us. Tenderly Jesus has called two loved ones, John Klopfenstein, son of Nancy and Wm., and Mark Souder, son of Irma and Ed. So thankful are we that God has kept the door of grace open, so not one should be lost.

David is the name of the little son born to Joan and Marvin Stieg-litz.

Sis. Cora Levy still remains very ill in the Crow Nursing Home in Ft. Wayne.

John Bollier Sr. is somewhat improved at the Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

Sis. Irma Souder had been very ill with Ekko virus, in her home. She has improved and her brother, Raymond Fahling, and family flew from Germany to New York. They are spending a little time with Irma and her family. He is enroute west and will go to Viet Nam.

Student addresses: John Klopfenstein, Leo, Ind.; Joyce Schlatter, Bob Jones University 34371, Greenville South Carolina 29614; Michelle Rocourt, Vennard College, University Park, Iowa.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**Mary Young — Magaret Rudin**

Our thanks go to Bro. Walter Steffen from Milford and Bro. Lester Huber of Francesville for their

inspiring messages. Bro. Bob Grimm visited our congregation. We hope they will all be back soon.

"The Christian Home". This hymn was sung for Bro. Phil and Sis. Leah Aeschleman on their 63rd anniversary. They wish to thank everyone who remembered them with gifts and cards. Thanks be to God for the measure of good health and the gift of peace and contentment.

A son, Thomas Joe, was born to Bro. Fred and Joan Waldbeser on Oct. 17. This is their first child.

Mrs. Joe Anna Neukomm had a misfortune, falling and breaking her hip. She is reported getting along as well as can be expected.

Sis. Marjorie, wife of Bro. Ed Alt, submitted to surgery. Sis. Elizabeth Martin had eye surgery. Others among the hospitalized were Sis. Lillie Kellerhals and Joan, wife of Vernon Clauss. Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman was in the hospital a few days. We look forward to when he will be with us again.

Correction: In the last month's issue it stated Bro. Ernest Bauer leaves to mourn seven daughters and seven sons. It should be seven daughters: Sisters Ella Wittmer of Morton, Wilma Blunier of Eureka, Marie Hohulin of Roanoke, Marjorie Rinkenberger, Dorothy Waldner, Lois Schmidt, Carol Waldbeser, all of Cissna; and four sons, Robert, Alvin, Earl, and Larry, all of Cissna.

A thank you. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many beautiful and comforting sympathy cards we received since the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather. The Ernest Bauer family.

The month of October has passed. I was privileged to travel to some of the western states with three other sisters. We could behold God's creation, the great mountains, the ocean and the beautiful trees, also meeting loved ones of like faith. Coming back to the middle west, we could see the beautiful coloring of the leaves. It seems each state has its own beauty. We were thankful for God's protection upon our journey.

We thank the loved ones from many places who so kindly remembered us with gifts and beautiful cards on our Silver Wedding Anniversary (Oct. 19). It was heartwarming. We wish you all God's

rich blessings for the love shown us. Earl and Lucille Feller.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Our congregation rejoices with the family of Bro. Carl, Sis. Lorene Schieber in the return of their son, Jerry, from Viet Nam. This concludes his tour of duty with the Army.

Ernie Stahl has received his orders to go to Viet Nam following two weeks of special training. Our prayers go with him, as well as with his wife, Norma Miller Stahl, and his parents, Bro. Emil and Sis. Della Stahl.

Duane Miller, son of Elmer and Ruth Miller, also recently went to Viet Nam. We miss our young men who are in the service and pray that they might be kept safe by our almighty Father.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield. We are so grateful for the inspiring messages they brought.

Bro. Bill Reeser is currently in the hospital undergoing tests.

Frederick L Pohl, 3M Meadow Brook Ct, Iowa City Iowa.

CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, N. Y. Mrs Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schamback

Shut-ins: We are glad to report that Sis. Martha Steiner and Friends Jesse Karcher and Joseph Sabo are again able to attend worship with us, after being hospitalized. Sis. Lucille Farney is recuperating after undergoing leg surgery, and Friend Martha Schulz is still a patient in a Syracuse hospital, after undergoing surgery on two occasions.

Bro. Hiram and Sis. Sarah Farney were given a family dinner by their three children on October 25, the occasion being their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Both are in good health and attend church regularly. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

On Oct. 8, Bro. Theodore and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler were honored with a family dinner at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Zehr, in observance of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. All of their seven children and their families were present.

Friends Jack and Barbara Nortz are parents of their second son, John Henry, born Nov. 3. Barbara is the

daughter of Roy and Sis. Edna Sturtz.

We have again lost a faithful member of our congregation at Croghan. Bro. Erban Farney departed this life on Oct. 18, at the age of 77 years. Although ailing for some time, he had attended church services regularly until taken critically ill on Aug. 29. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Irene Schleider Farney; two daughters, Mrs. Al (Gladys) Welling and Mrs. Robert (Muriel) Dekin; two sons Leonard, Mass. and Frederick, a lieutenant colonel in the Air-force stationed on Okinawa, and six grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Barbara Widmeyer, Mrs. Lillian Jeffs, Sis. Catherine O'Brien; Jesse, Ray, Melvin and Bro. Lawrence Farney. For many years he has been a member of the Croghan church, where services were held on Oct. 21, with Bros. John Widrick and Robert Beyer officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

We are very thankful that Bro. Norman Stoller of Ft. Wayne visited us and explained in an interesting manner sayings of Jesus and how they each apply to us today. Jesus spoke about the slave working all the time for his master, still to say **we are unprofitable servants**. The Christian should be working all the time for the Lord. Even though the slave's master seemingly did not reward the slave much, our Master, the Lord, rewards us according to His riches in glory.

We enjoyed very much having Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo with us. With much love Bro. Henry meditated upon Psalm 1 and quoted one of the many promises of God, that whatsoever we do shall prosper, if we meet the conditions of that promise. To claim the promise to bring forth fruit and whatsoever we do to prosper, God says to delight in the law of the Lord, and in His law meditate day and night.

Sis. Anna Roth plans to spend the winter months out west, first going to Oregon, and then going on to spend some time with her brothers and their families, Ben Roth at Glendale, Calif., and Bro. Harry Roth at Phoenix.

Correction, college addresses: Steve Roth, 10023 N 12th St, Phoenix Ariz 85020.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**Steve Gerst**

My parents' hands are on my brow,
Their gentle voices are pleading
now;
Across the years . . .

While others scorned me in their
pride,
They gently drew me to their
side;
When all the world had turned
away,
My parents stood by me that day.

The memories of by-gone years,
My parents' love, my parents'
tears,
The thought of all their constant
care
Doth help bring answer to their
prayer.

Now has come the time to think of the many blessings the Heavenly Father has bestowed on us throughout the year. What a great blessing is it that we have believing parents who taught us to fear the Lord and raised us in the admonition and nurture of the Lord. Our parents were good examples of what is expected of His children. They led and helped us through our pitfalls in our early childhood years. As we grew older they brought us to Sunday School, so we could learn of God's teachings. Because of their great love shown to us, those of us that have become reconciled with God feel we can never thank our Saviour enough that we were born to such parents.

Much love was brought into our midst, when dear Elder Bro. Eugene Marti and his family from Sabetha assembled with us, the week-end of Oct. 23. Bro. Marti reminded us of our high and heavenly calling. We should always be on the alert for the evil tempter and deceiver. If we are founded on a firm foundation from the blood of Calvary's lamb, we shall have a sufficient supply of grace to overcome the fiery trials.

Friend Elmer Greenbank of Akron has left for his new duty station in Korea. We will miss his presence in our gatherings. May he gladly accept the cross that has been set before him. Bro. Maurice Huber of Francesville, Friends Dale Blunier of Eureka, Arnold Aeschleman of Roanoke, and David Klopfenstein of Latty are back from their furlough, have finished their truck driving training, and are starting

medical training. Bro. Dan Kuper-schmid of Rockville and Friend Richard Kuperschmid of Forrest have just completed their first week of truck driving training. Bro. Gary Schladenhauffen of Bluffton is enjoying his 2-week furlough at home. Bros. Eric Kloter of Rockville and Russell Henning of Taylor are starting their basic training. We want to welcome them in our small fold.

We would like to encourage those who are soon to enter the service to drop us a line to the apartment, so we will know approximately when, and contact after arriving in Ft. Sam Houston.

Get to Know Your Brother Better

This month I have encouraged Bro. Jerome Witzig of Gridley, Illinois to tell of his experiences. Jerome was converted at the age of 15 and has enjoyed many blessings of the Heavenly Father, for which he continually thanks the Lord.

Jerome:

"I was inducted June 29, 1966. I found it far from easy to leave my family and small country home, where I enjoyed farming with my father. My parents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise (Funk) Witzig. I have four sisters, Sis. Mary, Sis. Judy, Sis. Janice and LaVonne, and a foster sister, Ann. Along with many rich blessings, I have experienced many trials and lonely hours in the past five months. However, I feel that each hardship in life has a reason and can be used for our edification. I feel that I have been drawn closer to the Lord and am more sincere in my high and heavenly calling than before I entered the service.

I enjoy the fellowship of the brethren and friends which we are privileged to enjoy on week-ends and in the evenings after dutyhours. There is a very close feeling among the friends and brothers alike, for we all feel the need of each other. We have a great opportunity to help each other and a need to let our light shine.

I wish to encourage each brother or friend that still has the service ahead of them. You will find that, even though it is something none of us like, in a spiritual sense it is a blessing in disguise.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS**Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg**

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont. We thank

them for their labor of love.

Sis. Clara Marti is in the hospital, the first time in her 77 years of life, suffering first from double pneumonia, and now from uremic poisoning. We trust she will soon recover and be able to be among us again.

Sorrow came to the Bro. Joe Banwart family in the death of their baby grandson, Jeffrey, 5-week-old son of Glen and Dorene Banwart. Funeral services were held Nov. 5.

Thought for today: Happiness is beneficial for the body, but it is grief that is good for the mind.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

As I sit here looking out of the window and watching it rain, I have to think of how thankful we are for warmth and shelter. It is certainly a contrast to the very unexpected storm we had last week, which buried our city and surrounding areas in a record-breaking snow for this time of year, causing many businesses and all schools to be closed. We certainly could see the power of the Almighty God!

Our visiting minister was Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott. We thank him for his visit and inspiring messages, and also thank those who came to visit us with him.

Helen Eisenmann has moved from her home at 918 Loree Ave. to an apartment. Her new address is 2120 Hobson Road, Apt. 206A, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46805.

We were saddened by the sudden passing from this life into eternity of Sis. Elizabeth Poe, who so recently moved from our community to make her home in Bluffton, where services were held for her on Oct. 29. That Sunday, in memory of Sis. Elizabeth, our congregation sang together, "Farewell My Morning Dawns".

A Thank You by Sis. Ida Sinn: "I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who remembered me on my birthday with cards, gifts, and prayers and kindness. May God bless you all!"

Since, we are remembering our loved ones in the service with a listing of their addresses, I should like to add the following poem.

Though you are far from the home
that you love.—

A strange soil beneath you, a
strange sky above—

Morning and evening, and all the
day through—

Someone is thinking of you.

In moments of danger, peril, and pain,
 In moments of suffering, when life seems in vain,
 Forget not these things that are lovely and true—
 Someone is thinking of you.

Someone remembers, and somebody cares;
 Your name is whispered in somebody's prayers.
 Keep the bright hope of the future in view—
 Someone is thinking of you!

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand

After six weeks training at Lackland Air Force Base, Gale Wiegand has returned home and will continue his training at Peoria.

David Wiegand, son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Ellen Wiegand, began his training in the Air National Guard at Lackland Air Force Base.

Sis. Julia Leman had the misfortune of fracturing her knee cap, and has been hospitalized for the past several weeks.

Carol Jean was the name chosen for the daughter born Oct. 22 to Bro. Ben and Sis. Leona Tanner.

Bro. LeRoy Huber assisted Bros. Frank Woertz and Ed Hohulin in serving the Lord's supper. It is indeed a privilege to partake of that holy sacrament.

After being hospitalized several weeks, Bro. Lou Funk is recuperating at the Eureka nursing home.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Our friend, Ron Steinmayer passed away Oct. 16, at the age of 24 years. Ron had been injured in a tractor accident last May 5, and had been hospitalized and in a coma since that time. He had worshipped with us for some time, and previous to the accident had committed his life to the Lord. We are thankful for this and find much comfort. Bro. Theo. Beer offered words to those left, in his services. Burial was in East Chicago.

Hospitalized for surgery was Bro. Mike Reuter. We are happy to report he is home again and recovering satisfactorily.

Three of our young people have been bedfast with mono this past month. Stanley Price, son of Bro. and Sis. Glenn and Kate, was hospitalized for a short time, but is home again. Vicki Price, daughter

of Everett and Sis. Leona was quite ill, but was able to complete her recovery at home. Bro. Ken Beer became ill while at school in Ft. Wayne and was hospitalized in the Bluffton Clinic. His recovery has been slower, but he is home again and able to be in church.

Sis. Mary Gerber has recovered sufficiently from an injury, due to a fall in her home, to assemble with us again. We are thankful for her recovery and for her presence in our congregation again.

Our wishes for God's blessings and much happiness go to Bro. Steve Kaiser and Sis. Janice Frautschi, whose engagement was announced. Steve is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Kaiser and is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, and Janice is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Ann Frautschi of Bloomington.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
 Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Word was received that the father of a family who formerly lived in this community fell out of a pecan tree and died from a broken neck. Three weeks ago, Rudy fell off the back end of our pickup, when haying the calves in the pasture. One of our sons was guiding the pickup in low low, and when Rudy finished unloading the bales, he told him to turn it towards home. Evidently he gave the gas too quickly at first—Rudy broke his left collarbone close to the neck and fractured it on the end. It is still in the "harness or brace" but coming along well . . . we surely feel the good Lord was watching over us.

We thank Bro. Al Langhoffer for the message he brought us during afternoon services.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

We are again holding our meetings once a month in Iowa City for the students and residents there, at Danforth Chapel. Arrangements have been made to use the chapel the third Wednesday evening of every month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Henry Ellenson has been in the hospital, but he is now back home and recuperating.

Student addresses: Miss Edra Gerst, 1018 Spring St. Quincy Ill; Mr and Mrs Danny Stoller, Meadowbrook Trailer Ct, Iowa City Ia; Miss Phyllis Rowell, Helen's House, 1010

Hamilton, Peoria Ill; Mr Dale Strassheim, 432 E Bloomington, Iowa City Ia.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

We are richly blessed with inspiring messages from visiting ministers. Bros. Ernest Knobloch, Henry Sabo, Wayne Gerber and Leroy Messner shared precious teachings with us. We were reminded that no matter where we live or what our way of life may be, there are but two eternal ways that we must choose from.

Larry Miller, son of Richard and Beatrice, has returned home, after finishing his duty in Viet Nam. As we thank God for delivering one home safely, we also entrust another into his care. Roger Miller, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura has left for Ft. Bliss, Texas, where he will begin his basic training.

WORDS

We all need words to live by,
 To inspire us, and guide us,
 Words to give us courage
 When the trials of life betide us—
 And the words that never fail us
 Are the words of God above,
 Words of comfort and of courage,
 Filled with wisdom and with love.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Why The Autumn Coloring

Autumn colors, having just put on a magnificent display and once again passing for another year, give the forest a brief moment of glory. This, of course, we know is a work of wonder of the Creator! The songwriter tells us this, where he writes; "How wonderful, O Lord, is Thy creation!" Do we know how, and why, these vivid colors come to be? A brilliant display of nature, they appear only after the leaves have been sealed off from the tree. The deep rich colors that we see result from chemical changes that take place as the leaf dies, as the complex sugar-producing mechanism breaks down. Although the spectacular show of colors does **nothing** for the tree, sealing off the leaves is **essential** to survival.

Wherever there is winter weather, broad-leaved deciduous trees must, in effect, seal themselves in to live through the cold months, when water is locked in the soil and not available. As summers end, the nights grow longer and the temperatures fall, a corky abscission

(sudden termination) layer forms where the leaf joins the twig. No more water can then get in or out of the leaf through the stem. The green color comes from the chlorophyll that helps the leaf manufacture sugar. Deprived of a constant supply of fresh water, it then breaks down and disappears. Now the yellow and orange pigments, called carotenes, become visible. They have been there all along, but hidden by the chlorophyll (the green). The reds and the purples can be seen in many species, but not necessarily every year. If fall days remain bright and the nights cold, the leaves of some species will go on making sugar until all the chlorophyll is gone. Since the leaf is sealed off from the tree, the sugar accumulates and reacts with minerals already there. With this in mind, can we not see the reason for the hymn-writer saying, "How wonderful, O Lord, is Thy creation!"

Births: A daughter, Joan Marie, to Bro. and Sis. Joseph Skipper; a daughter, on Aug. 26 to David and Ruth Ann Reutter; a daughter, Glenna Beth, Oct. 24, to Bro. Alden and Marion Reutter; and a daughter Lynne Phyllis, to Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis (Reutter) Gerber.

Bro. Edward Aschliman and his family of Delaware spent Sunday with us. We can be thankful for the wonderful messages brought to us by brothers who have been truly chosen to speak God's word. This is, indeed, a blessing.

TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer
We were glad to have Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont, Bro. George Gramm, Gridley and Bro. Walter Steffen, Milford minister to us. Our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock spent Sun. Oct. 30 with us. We voted for someone to help in the ministry, and the duty was laid on Bro. Roy Grimm. We pray that the Lord will give him the necessary grace and help to carry out the duties of this important work. Bro. Roy is the son of Elder Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm, and his wife is the former Donna Feller, Cissna Park.

Word has been received by the Rudie Haerr family of the birth of a son, Ross Alan, to their son-in-law and daughter, Bro. Lenard and Sis. Charlotte Meyer of Chicago, on Oct. 8. They have another son, Randy. The paternal grandparents are the Bro. Fred Meyers of Chicago.

A daughter, Marlene Joan was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller on Oct. 17. They have three other children, Johnnie, Susie and Davie. The grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Ollie Feller, Cissna Park.

Word has also been received of the birth of a son, Gregory Boyd, to Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois Metzger of St. Louis, on Nov. 1. They have two little girls, and this is their first boy. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest Metzger's, Lester, and Bro. Elmer Witzigs, Morton.

Peter Gudeman and Kay Augsburg were united in marriage on Oct. 15. Peter's parents were the late Jesse and Ann (Grimm) Gudeman. They are making their home in Quincy.

Bro. Russ Henning left for service on Oct. 27. He was sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and from there went to Ft. Sam Houston. May the Lord be ever near our servicemen, to sustain and strengthen them here and in foreign lands.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS Ben Blunier

Someone did a golden deed. They made a sizeable, anonymous deposit to our church account at the Mahomet Bank. We don't know who it was, but God does. Should he read these lines we thank you, too.

It turned suddenly cold and windy the Saturday night we gathered for a weiner roast and campfire sing at an Urbana park. Our hearts were warmed to see the large turnout. The winds carried the harmony away almost as it left our lips, yet we felt a rich blessing.

Visiting ministers at our Sunday services were Bros. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulasiki; Maurice Frank, Chicago; Phil Sauder and Ed Feller, Cissna Park; and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield.

We thank God that we are so privileged to meet and hear so many of our gifted ministers. We thank them for putting forth the effort to be with us. Often it is a different minister, but always the word of God, the wonderful story of Jesus and his love. The Lord willing, we may soon have services every Sunday at Champaign.

We join in prayers with some in our area who have made a beginning in repentance. May more follow.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Our best wishes to Sis. Karen Anne Miller and Bro. J. N. Feldman, of Bremen, whose engagement was announced on Oct. 9. Karen is the daughter of Ferol Miller and the late Bertha Sauder Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Feldman are the parents of J. N.

Welcome to little Kimberly, the baby daughter born on Oct. 15 to Keith and Sis. Mary (Layland) Kemper; also excited at the arrival of their new sister are the Kempers two sons.

In the September issue of the Silver Lining an announcement was made of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witschi. This is the young couple's first child, not the third as was erroneously reported.

What a blessed day we enjoyed when many from the Ft. Wayne congregation worshipped with us on Oct. 16. We were richly fed from God's storehouse, as Bro. Verlin Stoller proclaimed the message of salvation. Following afternoon services, all were invited to one of the city's pavilions, where the Fort Wayne choir presented an inspiring program, concluding with several hymns sung jointly with the Vesper Choir. As we all shared a pot-luck supper, we enjoyed the love and fellowship of each other.

We also appreciated the visit of Elder Bro. John Widrick of New York, who was with us for evening services on Oct. 27.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Let's give our thanks for little things
That waking up each morning brings,
For eyes to see the friends we meet
Who help make tiny world complete.

Let's give our thanks for ears to hear
Familiar sounds that we hold dear—
The gentle smile, the gay refrain—
The wind—a robin in the rain!

BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Robert Hueni

The engagement of Bro. J. N. Feldman to Sis. Karen Miller of Mansfield was announced Oct. 9. J. N. is the son of Willard and Aldean Feldman. We wish them much happiness and the blessings of the Lord.

We thank God for a very inspiring day Nov. 6, when Bro. Verlin Stoller and his family visited our congregation. He spoke on the brevity of life and the importance of yielding our lives to the Lord for His purposes. He gave Stephen as an example.

Those hospitalized are Greg Billman, Mrs. Stanley Laidig and Sis. Amelia Engelhardt.

The following poem was written for a language class at school by the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Buck. How thankful we are for the youngsters who are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

Thanksgiving

I thank thee for my father
Who is very brave and strong;
I thank thee for my mother
Who works the whole day long.

I thank thee for my home;
It keeps me safely through the
night.

I thank thee for my bed
Which is made just so and right.

I thank thee for the food
That is very good to eat;
I thank thee for the flowers
That smell so good and sweet.

I thank thee for the grass
That is very, very green;
I thank thee for the kinds of trees
The spruce and evergreen.

But I thank thee most for Jesus,
Who came to die for me,
And how he arose three days after,
How happy we should be.

But now it is Thanksgiving . . .
We should rejoice and ever be
Happy with what we have
And share with those who need.
Debra Buck, 12 years old

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer
Visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Sabo, Michael Weyeneth, and Leroy Hartman.

Our second Singpiration for this season was held Oct. 16, with the Prairie Choristers guest singers. We are sure everyone present enjoyed the hymns, sung so beautifully and inspiringly. Our sincere "thanks" to them for a song service so well presented. We invite anyone who cares, to join in singing the third Sunday of each month. Planned as guest singers Nov. 20 will be Bro.

Lloyd Schumacher and his group.

Bro. Sam Witzig, who was seriously injured several weeks ago, has returned to his home from Methodist Hospital in Peoria and is recovering nicely. Sam and daughter, Judy are both getting around on crutches. The cast was removed from Judy's hip. She is taking therapy, but enjoys week ends at home. We were happy to have Sam and Judy assemble with us again.

Bro. Jerome Witzig who is in the service, spent a week end in his home, with Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise and family. Kevin Yergler, son of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Bernice Yergler, spent a short leave from the service with his parents and family.

Sis. Clara Funk is recuperating in her home, following surgery in Brokaw Hospital a number of weeks ago.

Sis. Loretta Gramm and Sis. Jane Gramm are patients in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. Both are coming along nicely, following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Grusy are parents of a son, Burton Emil, born Oct. 27. Grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Naomi Grusy of Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boulevares of Bloomington.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathryn Meiss are making their new home in Gridley.

Quite a number from our congregation attended "Dedication" services of the new Roanoke church. This was a day which will long live in our memories.

The community was shocked by the unexpected passing of Bro. Harry Yergler on Monday, Nov. 7. He is survived by his wife, the former Emma Ludiken, and two daughters, Mrs. Eileen Roberts, of Tremont, Mrs. Jerry Sievers, Gridley; five sons, Lewis, Shorty, both of Gridley; Armond, Pekin; John, Idaho; and Gene of Tremont; three sisters, Mrs. Matilda Stortz, Mrs. Ollie Gramm and Miss Esther Yergler, Gridley, and one brother, John Yergler, Bluffton.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

It's such a great privilege to be able to completely sever oneself from all the hectic activity of the big city and quietly gather with God's people on the Sabbath. . . May we continue to treasure this divine blessing.

The Bremen congregation willingly and wonderfully served us dur-

ing October, Bros. Bob Hueni and Earl Zeltwanger ministering the precious word of life. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" ". . . every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." These were but a few of the strengthening verses.

We are anxiously awaiting the second Sunday in November, when the Prairie Choristers will favor us with a visit. We pray that we might all find a blessing in fellowship and song service together.

Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit tentatively plans to gather with us for one December 11 service. There will be only one December gathering, as we will not meet during the holiday season while most of the surrounding students will be home vacationing.

Plans are for our dear friend, Susan Mayer to be proved and hopefully baptized on Thanksgiving Day at Mansfield. We sincerely wish her God's continued grace and guidance in her walk of faith and fellowship . . . And we're so pleased to welcome her into our small congregation.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin Manz — Mrs. Ben Manz

Tho I tremble as I stand on the Rock, the Rock never trembles under me. That saying came to me as Bro. Walter Rehklau of Toledo spoke to us. He read of the man who built a house on the earth that did not stand the storm, and of the one who digged deep for a solid foundation on which to build his house, and the house was saved.

Bro. Walter said, "These few verses speak much when the very foundations of the world is shaken." He also reminded us that we must lay our foundations on our humble repentance. When we have the foundation that is not all; we shall keep building, not with flimsy worldly material but the solid material that comes from faith and love for God. Many feel the foundation (repentance) is unnecessary and try to build on the sand, but a spiritual house without a foundation will not stand, just as faith without repentance will not stand the storms of life.

When storms of life are round me
beating,
When rough the path that I have
trod,
Within my closet door retreating,
I love to be along with God,

LATTY, OHIO**Mrs. Ray Sinn — Mrs. Gale Stoller**

Bro. Ben Schlatter, who was in the hospital is able to worship with us. We wish him a complete recovery.

We have reasons to rejoice. The waters have been moved; we have two dear souls seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Connie Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Viola, and Jean Stoller, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther. We wish them much grace and help from the Lord.

Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I hear thee . . . How wonderful that the Lord still hears those who call on Him and earnestly seek Him. We were privileged to witness the baptism of three dear couples whom the Lord redeemed, and whose faces radiated the joy that filled their hearts as they were added to the fold of Christ. On Oct. 16, George and Sharon Keyson, and on Nov. 6, Ray and Emma Stoller and Roy and Beulah Stoller became brothers and sisters in Christ.

And never let my purpose falter,
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
But keep me faithful to thine altar
Till thou shalt call me from my
post.

So unto Thee I'll live and die,
And praise Thee evermore on high.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA**Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey**

We often become weary and almost faint; we search and so often cannot understand, but the word gives us this wonderful promise to those **who wait upon the Lord.**

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, **that** the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? **there** is no searching of his understanding."

" . . . they that wait upon the LORD shall renew **their** strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; **and** they shall walk, and not faint."

**A Thanksgiving Thought,
Submitted**

Although we had only known little Jeff a mere year and a half, he seemed such a part of us. His life so quickly, so tragically was taken.

How could a little nine-year-old boy, though only a neighbor, become such an integral part of us, you ask

yourself? A good pal for your boy! The shy little grin, as you arrived home from work to find the driveway blocked with bikes or as you ruffled his hair! That look of anticipation as the aroma of the freshly baked cookies floated throughout the house! His polite mannerisms, which always made him welcome in our home! A little boy living life in its fullness, and how beautiful the innocence therein!

We're so thankful God gave us the opportunity to learn to know and love Jeff, if only for a short time. As they fellowship in heaven this Thanksgiving, maybe God can help us see His beauty. Then the simple, little everyday way of life beholds God's glory and splendor, and we become aware of our many precious blessings.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Sara Aeschleman**

Bro. and Sis. Wilmer Fischer are parents of a new daughter, born Oct. 2. Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller are parents of a new little daughter, Rebecca, who was born Oct. 16.

Graveside services were held for the little infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bruce Leman; Jennifer Lynn was born Oct. 21. Bro. Don Sauder officiated.

Bro. Jim Weyeneth is a patient at the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17 for Bro. Eli Leman, 73 years old, who died quite suddenly of a heart attack. Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiated. May the Lord give his wife, Sis. Ella the necessary comfort and strength to work out her soul's salvation, until some day they meet again on yonder shore, where there shall never more any parting be.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of our friend John Leman, son of Bro. Jack Leman to Mary Jane Vogel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vogel of Roanoke.

Visiting ministers: Bros. LeRoy Huber, Roy Sauder, John Bahler, Sam Aeschliman, Silas Leuthold, Dave Kieser, Merel Kloter, Mike Weyeneth, Henry Wackerle, Harry Bucher, Ben Maibach, and many more. We were glad to have them visit us and wish to welcome them back.

Dedication services were held Oct. 30 for our new church. Bros. John Bahler of Rockville and Sam Aeschleman of Bluffton had the services. We had many visitors who came to share with us our great

joy in having again a place of our own to worship. We have much to be thankful for, in that God has given us untold blessings. Truly we can say our cup is full, pressed down and running over. As was spoken by one of the ministers, we sincerely hope and pray that this new church will be to the salvation of many souls, and that it may always be an honor and glory to Him who has made it possible.

Our community was saddened by the sudden death of a young man, 19 years old, whose life was instantly snuffed out in a car accident. He was not from our congregation, but having gone to school in Roanoke, he was well acquainted with some of our young people. A tragedy such as this certainly makes a person stop and think. We do know death comes soon or late. Sad it will be for those who are not prepared to meet their Maker, for life is so uncertain. Dear friend, it could have been you or me, instead of this young man.

Do not put off till tomorrow
Your repentance; come today,
For to wait will bring you sorrow;
Only grief comes from delay.
At the feet of Jesus bowing,
Make confession of your sins;
While your tears of grief are flowing,
Let the loving Saviour in.

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MORRIS, MINNESOTA**Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Otto Schaefer**

Two dear friends, Sharon and Carolyn Sauder were taken into the precious fold of Jesus Christ. We wish them God's grace.

Best wishes to Sis. Hazel Anliker of West Bend and Bro. Joseph Moser Jr., whose engagement was announced, October 9. We wish them God's richest blessing.

Bro. Lloyd Nohl has met with a car accident and was hospitalized. He is home now, convalescing. We pray that he will be able to worship with us soon.

Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, and Bro. Paul Banwart, West Bend, were our visiting ministers.

Thanksgiving

We praise Thee, O God, for the blessing of peace,
For faith unassailed and for years of increase.

Thou Ruler of Nations in whom we
are free,
Our songs of thanksgiving we offer
to Thee.

We praise Thee, O God, who has
heard every prayer,
And sheltered and kept us from
each hurtful snare.
Thou bearest our heaviest burdens
each day,
Thy mercy ne'er faileth; it lasteth
for aye.

We praise Thee, O God, and give
thanks now for all
The blessings that daily abundantly
fall

On us and our land—we not only
had bread,
Rich harvests, and peace, but our
souls have been fed.

The last line of that poem espe-
cially impressed me. We surely have
been blessed with a rich harvest,
as well as peace, and God certainly
blessed us with willing ministers to
preach His word.

"A Once in a Lifetime Trip"
Ernest Kellenberger

On June 28, a memorable day in
our lives, my wife Tillie and I left
for Europe at 8:00 p.m. from Chi-
cago's O'Hare Field. Many of our
loved ones were there to see us off
and to wish us well, for we were
soon to be one-third of a world away
from them. Only God knew if we
would ever see one another again.
We were comforted by the knowl-
edge that their prayers had mingled
with ours for the Lord's protec-
tion and blessing on this journey.

The time for thoughts of antici-
pation had passed as we entered
the plane, and now reality was here.
"Just think, Mom, this is us and
we are on our way." Ten minutes
and we were over Lake Michigan;
an hour and a half and we were over
Montreal. The earth below us had
become darkened; lights had come
on, but at 31,000 ft. altitude, twi-
light lingered long. I had just look-
ed out the window to the rear
(west) and saw a deep red glow like
a city of neon lights—the sinking
sun shining through the clouds. It
was all so new—our first jet ride.

Our thoughts and our hearts were
so full of the beauty of God's great
and wonderful creation—how small
and inconsequential is man that,
**Thou Almighty God art mindful of
him.** It reminds me of the record in
Genesis as the creation unfolded,

"God saw that it was good", but of
man's creation He said, "it is very
good." We just cannot help but feel
unworthy. There are so many ways
we should serve and love Him more,
as we are reminded in the First
Commandment. It is good for the
soul to sit there in a plane or on a
high mountain (alone so to speak)
with his soul in deep meditation, as
is summarized in Job (37 chapter),
God is to be feared for His mighty
works.

From the last glow of sunset to
the first glow of sunrise in the East,
less than two hours had elapsed, so
fast we were flying toward the new
day. Of course, we were also flying
the great circle route far to the
north of our own latitude, which
shortens the night also. Cloud forma-
tions are so beautiful from
above, as are various air views of
the earth, water, cities, rivers etc.
We wondered how the pilots and
navigator could get us down
through these thick clouds and pin-
point a landing at Frankfurt or
Zurich, when all we could see was
clouds. We started our descent over
Holland. Thick clouds covered Eur-
ope from mid England on. Often we
resigned ourselves to God's care,
Not our will but thy will be done.

(To be continued)

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Storm and sunshine take turns. The day dawns. The moments seem to stand, alone. They marshall into place. Rapidly the day passes down the avenue of time.

Building, that's what counts. The time-pressed pilgrim should always be free to work for eternity. Life belongs to followers of faith. The pilgrim path is love, upward to a new world.

The story of Bremen is one of persistence and patience. "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." . . . Building in the courageous commonplace. "...much increase is by the strength of the ox." "... be instant in season, out of season . . ."

Edward and Lydia Getz lived for a time near Morton. They then went to the Muscatine, Iowa, area. There was a work to do. Jesus said, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? There's a plan, pre-marked, pre-routed. Faith, lay hold.

Virkler had land for sale in Hoosier state. At the corner of Dogwood and Riley Roads, 200 acres caught the attention of our brother, Ed, marshland, woods . . . virgin land rich in possibility. The plucky pioneer, holding still the hearing of holy leading once found, established residence. Marshall County.

Some friends came, "Uncle" Ed and "Aunt Mary" Hirstein. Mary was a sister to Lydia. These friends loved cars. In those early days, the automobile was unusual.

Friends are to be loved. They observe. Halley's comet was streaking across the heaven. Friends Ed and Mary came over to the Getzs. How much is meant when Jesus said to let our light shine. The Lord was putting His plan into action. How about today? How much is about us? What power of the Lord is present!

It took something about a week: Bros. John Gerber and William Le-man were on their way. Like the covered wagon call, Westward Ho, another call moved them. Bro. John was a minister of the gospel from Fairbury. Bro. Will was married to his daughter, Lydia, Mary, and Anne were John's daughters.

Others came. Soon there was a picturesque little church in the country. John was a carpenter, handy with tools. An old school building was the start of a plan. On the Dogwood Road, on the east side, God provided. Then or later were the pleasant trees. The old country pump would bring cool, refreshing water. In quiet beauty, His people would come.

"Now therefore ye are . . . fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" "God hath tempered the body together . . ." Keen, deep abilities and gifts of another wait to be discovered. God knows. He spends much time in blending the best.

Shooks moved in from Kansas. Laidigs came. A certain grain dealer in Fairbury turned eyes Hoosier way. His name was John Hueni. On the Getz farm, Huenis found rich hospitality. This is a way to build, "given to hospitality."

Lunch at the country church was bread, butter, etc.

Bro. Gerber was an eloquent speaker. His words were with demonstration of the spirit and power. Suffering hours came. His pilgrim path shone in the shining light. He soon entered the glorious Beyond. Intense pains were stepping-stones to restful happiness. Approximately a year, and he died. Who can measure the importance of one day? A trainload of friends and relatives came. The business places of Bremen, in respect, closed. The light

still illuminates for down the years.

One day gypsies came. When they left, the dishes in the country church were gone. Sunday luncheon came. In this situation, rolls and coffee were offered. This was a start for a lunch that has become very widespread. Above, the menu is the food that lasts forever. How appetizing are the delights! "Labour . . . for that meat which endureth. . ."

Sometimes sorrow comes. There is a chording so precious. One of John's boys was very young. The start of the trouble seemed trivial. He drifted. Then he came back. Certain death shadowed, looming large in the immediate future. His dear sister would tenderly talk, kindly seeking that his soul be saved in that day. We want them inside the gate, not outside. For one close, you have feeling. His sister would say, I believe he has peace. In the heritage of the church, she loved and longed, and yet respected the needed recognition of truth.

Heritage reaching . . . Bro. Getz held. He had troubles. However, not too long before he left, in the 1950's, he remarked about the church being the same as when he entered.

Far down the years, today, we live. There's sweet little Patty, Bro. Ed's little girl. . . There's Kalisa, a little lame "princess" not quite five. In the heritage received, she bows in prayer. A sweet little voice repeats the table grace. Great-grandfather Getz and great-great-grandfather Gerber are in heaven. One day she was talking of heaven. She would go or be there . . . then another she named would, and another. . .

There is so much to do, and so much to hold!

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