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GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

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It should not be hard for us to believe that God, our great Creator, has a purpose for everyone of us. If we are willing to cooperate with Him in every way, He will show us plainly what He expects us to do. Until the time comes that this is fully revealed, if we can just humbly pray that each day He should lead us according to His will, He will do so.

The history of the life of Joseph, Jacob's son, will reveal much. We know he was very dear to his father, Jacob. There are indications in the Bible, even though it is not expressed in so many words, that Joseph's father must have spent a great deal of time with him as he was growing up, telling him of experiences and the wonderful things the Lord had done, and the promises for the family of Jacob, or Israel, for the future. A young man would not have grown up with the faith of Joseph without a good amount of training. He also learned of Jacob how God richly blessed him. All this was no doubt deeply impressed on Joseph, and many more of the wonderful acts of God to His faithful followers. He never forgot these things, and they show up in his obedience in all hard trials.

To show Joseph, and also his parents and his brothers, what God had in His eternal purpose for him, He caused him to have dreams, which predicted that some day the rest of the family would bow down before Joseph. Even the father tried to rebuke him for one of his dreams. Cannot we learn from this, how we ought to daily put our trust in God, and believe that every circumstance that befalls us is a part of God's great plan for us? He is able to turn every misfortune or disappointment into a later blessing. Not only for Joseph can God do this, but He does it, and will do it for all of us, if we are willing to be patient and to put our full trust in Him.

It is a history for displaying the various workings of the human mind, and the singular providence of God in making use of them, for fulfilling His purpose. Though Joseph was his father's darling, yet he was not brought up in idleness. The fondling of children is correctly called **spoiling them**. Those who are trained to do nothing are likely to be good for nothing.

Jacob made known his love for Joseph by dressing him up better than the rest. He gave him a beautiful coat of many colors. It caused great envy in his brothers. When parents make a difference, children soon notice it. It leads to quarrels.

We see how the Lord made use of these circumstances to finally have Joseph delivered into Egypt, and for him to become a savior to Egypt and to his own family. Cannot we plainly see how God uses hard and unfortunate circumstances to carry out His will? This should encourage us to accept any disappointments and trials, in faith that the Lord will use them to make our end better than our beginning, as He did Job. He will do it every time if we **PATIENTLY** accept difficult disappointments and trials.

Christians must through many tribulations enter into the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22).

God gave Joseph the prospect of being advanced at later time, through his dreams. He dreamed of his preferment, but he didn't dream of his coming imprisonment.

Joseph was a type of Christ. He was the beloved Son of the Father, and was hated by the wicked world, yet the Father sent Him out of His bosom to visit us, in great humility and love. He came from heaven to earth, to seek and to save us. Malicious plots were laid against Him. His own not only received Him not, but crucified Him. This He submitted to as a great part of His design to redeem and save us..

Joseph's brothers kept their own and one another's secrets for some time, but their villainy came to light, at last. To grieve their father, they sent him the coat of many colors. He hastily thought, on seeing the bloody coat, that Joseph had surely been torn to pieces. Let those that know the heart of a parent suppose the agony of poor Jacob. His sons basely pretended to comfort him, but miserable, hypocritical comforters were they. Had they really desired to comfort him, they might have done it by telling him the truth. The heart is strangely hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Jacob refused to be comforted.

The evil brothers seem to have achieved what they wanted. The merchants who care not what they deal in, just so they also obtain what they wanted, selling Joseph as a slave into Egypt and Potiphar, wanting a fine young slave, got it. God's designs, by these means, come to a good completion. The event ended in Israel going down to Egypt; it ends in Moses' deliverance.

Our enemies may take from us our outward distinctions, but cannot take us from the presence of the Lord. Joseph proved this by his conduct with Potiphar's wife. He lived so near the Lord that when temptations were made, the Lord being present gave him courage, strength and grace to resist her and to be faithful. This can be accomplished by everyone who lives close to the Lord and is watchful and prayerful. The end will always turn out for the best and will fulfill the Lord's eternal purpose.

We know that Joseph was wrongfully put to prison. How did God use him. Joseph interpreted the chief butler's and the chief baker's dreams. The forgetful chief butler didn't put in a good word for Joseph, so he stayed in prison. When Pharaoh had a dream, it was remember-

ed that Joseph could interpret dreams. He was called and he interpreted the dream. Joseph was advanced to second ruler in the kingdom, and was put in charge of storing the grain, from the seven years of plenty for the seven years of famine. God's ETERNAL PURPOSE: He became the saviour of all Egypt and many others, including his family. We wondered why the chief butler was so forgetful, not to have interceded for Joseph, after Joseph's interpretation of the butler's dream which caused him to be released from prison. Had the chief butler helped him to be re-

leased he would no doubt not have been available to interpret Pharaoh's dream. Then a part of God's plan of preparing stored food would not have been carried out.

This should firmly convince us that whatever befalls should encourage us to patiently accept as the Lord's will, and a part of His great purpose in our lives. We will repeat. God has a DEFINITE PLAN for ALL of US. The Lord will reveal to us HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE, and if we are obedient, He will carry it all out for us to our life's end.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME EUREKA, ILLINOIS August Mueller

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of my sister, Sis. Emma. She was a member for many, many years. She went through a lot of trouble. Her life was in danger a number of times, but she said if the Lord wants it that way, let Him do His will. She was a silk weaver since she came to this country in 1904. She fell and fractured her hip in two places. No more work for Sis. Emma. She could hardly do her work, take care of the house. As time went on, her doctor told her nephew to put her in a rest home. From there I found out she was taken to a hospital. The Lord thought it was time to take her home, so now she has no more sorrow, no more pain. All is quiet; everything will be sweet rest. Golden harps will play; a new hymn will be sung, one that we can not hear in this troubled world and time. Sis. Emma suffered plenty in this world. I could not go to the funeral, because I am in a home myself over 1000 miles from Union City, but I can not change anything. The only thing I can do is hope that I can join those that sing without stopping.

One of the prophets asked the Lord to take him away. He said, I am not better than my fathers. He fell asleep. When he woke up, there was meat and cold water next to him, and he heard a voice telling him, eat and drink; you have a long way to go yet. So it could be the same with me. I passed 82, and what can I say, I know neither time nor place when I will be cut off like the grass that groweth in the morning and in evening it is all dry.

So one day follows another. Make haste; the time is getting shorter.

This morning I read in the Psalms, where the Lord told someone, If I was hungry I would not take anybody's ox. I have cattle upon a thousand hills.

We sang this hymn in church this morning, That the whole world is full of Thy great fame. This was a day of joy and blessing. We were reminded of the talents each one of us received. We were told to go out and try to bring them in with interest. How will it be when we can say, Here Lord, we have the pound; we made some gain. May the Lord give us grace, so we can stay faithful unto the very end.

The late Bro. Trittenbach was at the bedside of a dying brother one time, and when this brother saw that he was at the end, he called out, **Juhe, now I can go home.** So he closed his eyes, and departed in peace with God and men.

TOKYO, JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

Great hottest summer is past, and we are having very beautiful cool weather here in our country Japan, and so many fruits—peaches, grapes and persimmons are growing near our country churches in Yamanashi-Ken. When you go to the country, there are so many farmers working very busy for the harvests of the fruits. However, it is very unfortunate that spiritual labors are very few. **The harvest is great but the laborers are few.**

This month was fairly busy time here in our Tokyo church, because of so many soldier boys from the Viet Nam and also Alaska and Korea. We Japanese brethren and Bros. Willis Ehnle and John Klaus'

"Bro. Ben Maibach and I, God willing, intend to be in Japan Oct. 4 to 24, and it might be helpful to our service brethren and friends if they could arrange their R & R within this time . . . Noah Schrock.

All Churches

If you haven't reported the amounts sent to the various Bible Societies, would you please do so before Oct. 23, that our report can be completed for the conference. Thank you. Henry Grimm Sr., 111 W Edgewood, Morton Ill 61550.

families gave them good hospitality for Christ's sake, so I believe they were really enjoyable time here in Japan.

August 17, Sis. Nancy Schrock arrived to the International Tokyo Airport, and Bro. Willis Ehnle and his wife—Sis. Lois, Hisato Inoue (who is a brother to Akito Inoue) and myself were trying to meet her at the airport. Sis. Nancy comes to take the Marie Neihauer's place and help the Lord's work here in our country churches with Sis. Nancy Roth. I believe that the Lord take care of them and help them for His work.

Just a week later, on August 24, Sis. Marie Neihauer left to go back in the States, after she finished one year for the Lord's work here in Japan. Brethren and dear friends were to see her off at the airport in that time, and included were some of her English students. Her testimonies were great, and everybody loves her very much. Since she left Japan, many of young people are very lonely and told me, "Marie-san is a wonderful lady, and she

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gave us very nice impression and taught us and show us really God is living today through her everyday life. If it is the Lord's will, we hope she will come back to Japan again as soon as possible." . . .

When we look up the outside and inside of the world, we can see it is true that the Bible said the end of the world is near. Yes, world became very bad and funny lately, and there are so many trouble, inside and outside. People are becoming worse and worse every day. We should pray and work for Him harder every day, shouldn't we? **From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
Louise Akel

One of the most impressive teachings this month was a plea for unity and love among the brethren, presented by Bro. Harry Sutter. A farewell song was attempted by the congregation for Bro. Wendell Gerber and family, who are returning to Bluffton. When hearts are heavy and feelings deep, it is hard to sing, especially when we lose a dear brother who has ministered unto us in all truth and faithfulness. We thank him for his love and devotion, and feel that God has seen that a move would be most beneficial at this time.

Yea! Though I Walk Through The Valley Of The Shadow Of Death

A few weeks ago we received a telephone call from a reliable source, telling us to please close early, go home and not venture out that night, as a riot was expected. We arrived home and heard the same warnings. I thought, What would we do if an intruder did cross the threshold? And the words that seemed so familiar came to mind: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me". What a new meaning these words took on. I thought of the soldiers in Viet Nam, walking through the valley of the shadow of death, unarmed . . . the brothers and

sisters in faith, sick, nigh unto death, who will walk through the valley with no fear in mind . . . and it was settled then and there that no such thing could happen unless God allowed it, and if He allowed it, so be it according to His holy will. It did not happen, but it made me realize that fear of worldly things is a failure of faith, and if faith does not falter, then the words "for thou art with me" apply. Fear only Him who has power to cast into hell.

BREMEN, INDIANA
Marge Zeltwanger

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God". Ephesians 2:8. What a comfort it is to know that God is still extending this undeserved gift. Certainly prayers were answered and hearts encouraged when Wayne and Shirley Lehman confessed their need of a Saviour. We pray that many more souls would accept this gift and find the grace to live for Him.

We are thankful for the following ministers who visited our congregation last month. Their hearts were filled with love, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship we could experience together: Bro. Wendell Gudeman—Francesville, Bro. Verlin Stoller—Ft Wayne, Bro. Ezra Feller—Cissna Park.

At this writing, Kenny Germann is recuperating at the Mayo Clinic, having undergone surgery on his hip. May he feel the nearness of God during these days of affliction.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

During the summer months, many of our young adults had the opportunity to visit and fellowship with a number of our churches. We feel it was a good experience for them, and hope they gained much in spiritual growth and fellowship. Now that they are back in their respective schools and colleges, we hope the memories of these pleasant times will give them moral courage and strength to be good examples to their classmates.

This past month we were privileged to have a number of ministers visit our congregation. Among them were Bro. Gene Pamer and family from Akron, Bro. Ed Frank and family from La Crosse, Bro. Ed Aeschleman and family from Union

City, Bro. Merle Kaisner and family from Fairbury, and Bro. Henry Manz and family from Junction. We thank these brothers for their willingness to serve us, and pray that God will continue to bless their ministry.

We are saddened because our dear Sis. Esther Wagner is leaving our congregation to live in Eureka. Sis. Esther and her son, Donald came to live in Detroit in 1955. They were formerly from Oakville. Although Sis. Esther has been in poor health for many years and has suffered much bodily pain and affliction, her faith has been strong. She has always been interested in the growth and development of the church and in each individual member, altho' she was often denied the privilege of fellowship because of her poor health. We always enjoyed visiting with her. No matter how badly she was feeling, she could always find something to smile about. We shall miss her very much. "May God be with you 'til we meet again". Esther's new address is: 610 W. Cruger St., Eureka, Ill. 61530.

On Oct. 2, our minister, Bro. Ben Maibach, and Elder Bro. Noah Schrock will leave the states for Japan. We implore God's protection in their travels and God's blessings on the work in Japan. May God bless their families while they are absent from each other.

GIRARD, OHIO
Jesse C. Emch

Psalm 91 verses 1-2: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence."

Since our last news item, we had visitors from Altadena; Orange and Glendora, Calif.; Cissna Park; Peoria; Bluffton; Francesville; Milford; Wilmington, Del.; Niles, O.; Mansfield; Manchester, O.; West Farmington, O.; Toledo, and Morristown, Tenn.

On Sunday, August 27, we were happy to have Bro. Ed Aeschleman and family visit us. The God-inspired message was very refreshing. We welcome all to visit us again. Sis. Ruth Bollinger from Mansfield visited with us for two weeks; we enjoyed her short stay and welcome her back home.

Sis. Ethel Hafely was in the North Side Youngstown Hospital due to an internal infection. Sis. Marie Lewis was in the Warren Memorial Hospital several days for observation. Both are home again. We wish them both a good recovery. John Durig is in the St. Joseph Hospital, Warren, Ohio, where he has undergone surgery (internal). John is a brother to Sis. Helen Emch. Mrs. John (Mary Mae) Bartholamew is in the Warren General Hospital, Warren, O., where she has undergone surgery. She is Carl Emch's daughter.

Our Sunday School held their annual picnic Saturday, Aug. 13, at the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Monnell Stoll, Rodgers, Ohio. There was a good turnout. The Hawkins family reunion was held Sunday, August 27 at the Don Stoll home. Bros. Robert and Don Stoll's mother was one of the Hawkins family. The Geo. A. Emch annual reunion was held August 27 at Harding Park, Hubbard, Ohio. It is nice to keep in touch with your kinfolks.

How thankful we can be that God is still extending the day of salvation and calling souls to repentance. We were glad to announce to our congregation, on Sunday, August 27, that Friend Joan Benner has peace with God and longs for baptism.

Weddings: On Saturday, June 1, Shirley Emch was married to John Caparanes of Niles, O. Shirley is a granddaughter of Bro. Lorentz and Sis. Caroline Emch. Ray Weingart and Dianne Rounds were married on Saturday, August 26. Ray is a grandson of Sis. Louisa Lance. We wish both couples God's blessing.

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

Our dear and faithful Anna Vly passed away in June; she had been a resident and member of our congregation for many years. Funeral services were held at the Forrest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California, by Bro. Carl Kinsinger.

Bro. Carl Kipfer, his wife and children from Indiana visited our congregation. Bro. Carl delivered many teachings, how we should conduct our life here on this earth to us. The same Sunday, Bro. Akito Inoue from Nakakomagum Yamanskien, Japan was in our midst, and again August 20 on his return trip to Japan, we found Bro. Akito very interesting and a sincere

brother. May it be God's will he visit us again in the near future.

On August 16, we were again blessed with many inspiring words spoken by Bro. Carl Feucht, Lester; also accompanying him was his wife, Sister Emma and two sons. There were many other visitors in our midst during the summer months, and we want to thank all for visiting and coming to worship with us.

Rodney Martinez has returned to his home in Vaughn, Montana, after spending the summer months with his grandmother, Sis. Eva Fuhrer.

Our Sunday School addition is in the last stages of completion, and we wish to thank all who have put forth the efforts and contributions "Especially the Phoenix Sunday School". It is so necessary that we soon will have classrooms for our children, our future church.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sis. Pete Schick, whose son, Everett Klein of Ohio passed out of this life into eternity. Sis. Mary attended the funeral services.

Due to the fact that many of our members are on vacation and because of the summer heat, we have discontinued our midweek evening services until the first Wednesday in October.

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

Again the Lord was merciful and called two of our beloved sisters home.

Funeral services for Sis. Anna Rapp, 80, were held August 24. She was the daughter of Bro. Andrew and Sis. Katherine Welk Rapp. Surviving are five brothers, Bro. Sam, Bro. Henry and Nathan of Morton, Daniel of LaPorte, Indiana, and Andrew of Tucson; also five sisters, Sis. Emma, and Sis. Salome Rapp, Sis. Lydia (Mrs. Ben) Pflederer, Sis. Katherine Pflederer and Sis. Lena Ackerman. Bro. Henry Grimm, Bro. Francis Rother of Morton and Bro. Jos. Zimmerman of Roanoke officiated.

Funeral services for Sis. Mary Witzig, 90, were held August 25. She was the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Ross Smith, and married Theophilus Witzig in 1897. She is survived by a son, Joseph, and three daughters, Irene Ogg, Sis. Mae Witzig and Sis. Olga Frintz.

We were happy for the same return from Germany and Switzerland

of Bro. Anton Rother and his son, Bro. Francis Rother.

Our visiting ministers for the month were Bro. Carl Banwart of West Bend and Bro. Dan Koch and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont.

Ruth Wittmer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Maurice Wittmer, and Terry Stevig, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stevig, were united in marriage August 6.

Our sick folks who have been able to leave the hospital and are convalescing at home are Sis. Elsie (Mrs. John) Oberlander, Chris W. Ackerman, Sis. Irene (Mrs. Walter) Stoller, Bro. Vernon Kaiser and Sis. Mary Huetten.

Sis. Mabel (Mrs. Robert) Belsley wishes to thank her many friends and relatives for their thoughtful remembrances during her stay at the hospital and while convalescing at home.

Sis. Hannah Welk suffered a slight stroke.

We are thankful the door of grace is still open, and a number are ready to bring their testimony before the congregation — they are Glenn and Wilma Stieglitz, Fred and Greg Kaiser (sons of Bro. and Sis. Warren Kaiser), and Ted and Jane Witzig (son and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jos. Witzig).

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

We welcome Sis. Louise Finck as our new sister-in-faith. She brought her testimony before our congregation Saturday evening, September 2, and was baptized the following day. We rejoice with each dear soul who has repented and found our Lord Jesus and God the Heavenly Father so gracious and forgiving, full of love and compassion, ready to receive each one who has made the necessary decision and preparation to be accepted as a child of God. There is no higher standing! Zion's Harp Hymn No. 16 expresses it so beautifully.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Marie Wagenbach are the parents of Anne Louise, born August 14.

Patricia A. Eberhardt, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Persida Eberhardt, became the bride of David W. Dobbins on July 22. The newlyweds are residing at 225 29th Street Dr. S.E. Apt. W-7, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Karen Sue Hoffman exchanged wedding vows with John Herbert

Domnick, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Veva Domnick, on August 5. They are residing at 1317 W. Ellis St., Peoria, Illinois.

Sis. Marie Evans died August 17 in Methodist Hospital, where she was a patient for four days. She was married to Walter Evans in 1939. Surviving are her husband; her stepmother, Sis. Sophie Joos; one daughter, Valorie Evans; one brother, Richard Joos; three sisters, Lydia Stoller, Sis. Lois Hamann and Shirley Stephens.

Funeral services for Emil H. Schlipf, a native Peorian who died at his home August 17 in Sonora, California, were held at Wilton Mortuary. He was the son of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Schlipf. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Howard; a sister, Miss Lou Schlipf and a brother, Fred Schlipf.

Bro. Alfred Streitmatter died in Proctor Hospital August 28. He had been a patient there for several weeks. Bro. Alf was a retired carpenter, and he and his daughter, Sis. Lillian have been living in Peoria for the past nine years. They lived in the Edelstein area prior to moving here. His wife, Sis. Rose, died in 1958. Surviving are two daughters, Sis. Lillian Streitmatter, Mrs. Ruth Holmes; one son, Eldon Steitmatter; five sisters, Mrs. Lydia Nolan, Sisters Sarah Steffen, Mollie Perdelwitz, Esther Sabo and Martha Streitmatter; five grandchildren and one great-grandson. One son, Wallace, three brothers, and three sisters preceded him in death.

Sis. Lena Sauder is home from the hospital, recuperating from eye surgery. Our prayers are with Sis. Lena and Bro. Chris, hoping that she continues to regain her strength. They wish to express their thankfulness for the many cards and well-wishes received during this time.

This past month, we had several ministers visiting our assembly. We thank the Lord and the brothers, John Somerhalder, Lynn Klopfenstein, Ed Unsicker, Wayne Gerber, and Robert Grimm for their love in proclaiming the gospel in truth and clarity.

We're thankful for the Lord's protection of all who traveled while vacationing this summer. Many of our congregation vacationed in August, due to Caterpillar Tractor Co. vacation period at that time. It's so nice to spend a couple of relaxing

weeks away from the hustle and bustle of so much that involves our everyday living, and really enjoy God's creation, the sunshine, the wonderful outdoors, the birds, the mountains, the ocean, the prairies, the colorful flowers and trees, or just sitting back in a chair, watching the beautiful clouds in the sky! We come home again with a deeper appreciation of home and loved ones.

Bro. Joe Plattner discovered this poem one day; with thanks to him, I would like to share it with you.

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There's never a day so sunny
But a little cloud appears;
There's never a life so happy
But has its time of tears;
Yet the sun shines out the brighter
Whenever the tempest clears.

There is never a cup so pleasant
But has bitter with the sweet;
There is never a path so rugged,
Bearing not the print of feet,
But we have a helper furnished
For the trials we may meet.

There is never a way so narrow
But the entrance is made straight.
There is always a guide to point us
To the "little wicket gate"
And the angels will be nearest
To a soul that's desolate.

There is never a heart so haughty
But will some day bow and kneel;
There is never a heart so wounded
That the Saviour cannot heal;
There is many a lowly forehead
Bearing now the hidden seal.

There's never a dream so happy
But the waking makes us sad;
There's never a dream of sorrow
But the waking makes us glad;
We shall look some day with wonder
At the troubles we have had.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

We were privileged to have visiting ministers again the past month who expounded the word in truth and sincerity, leaving much food for thought. Mid-week services were held when Bro. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso was in our midst. Bros. Phil Sauder and Frederick Knapp of Cissna Park spent a Sunday with us. We are very thankful for the brother's visit with their

families, and welcome them back.

Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl and Joyce have safely returned from a pleasant three weeks visiting relatives in Germany. They also toured other countries, and bring back many pleasant memories. Sis. Elda Martin has also returned from a tour of Europe; while there, she had the pleasure of having her brother Sam, who is stationed there, to spend several days with her.

Funeral services for Harold Hinshaw, husband of Sis. Marian Ricketts Hinshaw, were held August 15, with our local ministers officiating. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Surviving beside his wife are two daughters, Judy Wilmoth of Phoenix, Nancy Heron; Jerrold & John Hinshaw all of Dunlap; his parents; one brother; and eight grandchildren. **Just grasp God's hand and know He cares— He's just as close to you as prayers.**

A sincere **thank you** for all who sent cards and messages of condolence and offered prayers during the time of our bereavement. They all meant so much, and may God bless you. Sis. Marian Hinshaw.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy Knobloch and Mark have moved from our community to her home church in Morris. We were sorry to see them go, but feel our loss is Morris' gain. We wish them happiness and contentment in their new home.

Sis. Rose Marie Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha, has graduated from nurse's training and will begin new duties in Proctor Hospital in Peoria. May she receive many blessings from this worthy profession, and may God be near to guide her.

We have several shut-ins and partly shut-ins. Bro. Silas Leuthold spent several days in the hospital for tests, but is thankful to find nothing seriously wrong. Sis. Emma Asal is convalescing in her home following surgery. Bro. Henry Endress is still in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria following a stroke, but is slowly improving, able to be up part of the time, and has regained his speech. Bro. Sam Grimm and Bro. Emil Lauber are not feeling so well; we hope they will show improvement soon. Bro. George Berchtold is not so well either, suffering from a case of shingles. We are so very sorry for Carol Stoller, six-year-old daughter of Sis. Clara, who fell from a pony and broke her arm. She was placed in traction and

must be in the hospital three or four weeks. She is in Methodist hospital in Peoria. May all the afflicted and their loved ones put their trust in the Lord, believing that He will not place more on their shoulders than they can carry, and that He too bore a heavy cross and will help them carry theirs.

We have had unseasonably cold weather during August, and some reported a trace of frost in the low places the last of August.

Sunday School has again been resumed, after a few weeks' vacation during the summer months. Two new teachers replace those whose terms have expired. Walter Herrmann has returned to fill the vacancy of Edwin Baurer, and Margaret Ehnle replaced Dorothea Kieser. May God bless all who give their time to teach those precious little souls. Remember the teachers in prayer. These are trying times, and Satan knows his time is getting short, so tries in so many ways to deceive all he can. Let us all strive harder to come each Sunday and stay close to God's word and ways. There is no better place to spend a Sunday morning, and the reward is so great. We are thankful for everyone who comes, and appreciate their parents bringing them.

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." (Proverbs 1:5-10)

REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Aug. 13, a number of young folks and some of the parents went by bus and spent the week end at West Bend.

We are happy to have Sis. Anna Stortz with us again, after a siege at the hospital.

A number of us enjoyed the day at Camp Mack, Aug. 27. Much spiritual food can be had by all from the songs, readings, sermons and prayers. It is inspiring to see and hear so many young folks take

part in sending forth the gospel message. The mass choir singing is a beautiful sight, a real blessed way to end a perfect day, in spite of the rainy day.

The Erwin Bahler family were called to Oakville, to attend the funeral of Sis. Anna (Joe) Eisenman. Our sympathy goes out to all concerned.

Tommy, son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene Clauss, is repenting. We pray that he may find much grace, light and understanding in his new walk of life, and that many others may follow.

Clyde Waibel, Bro. Herman and Sis. Anna's son, was married to Mary Sue Owen at Richardson, Texas, Aug. 19. They will live on the farm just vacated by his parents. The parents are living in their newly-built house in Remington since Aug. 26. They will have their household sale on the farm Sept. 9; they had a cattle and farm sale within the past year. We trust God's richest blessings will be with all.

A number of us were privileged to attend services Sept. 3 at Eureka, throughout the day and evening. Trust is that we can remember and live by the rich blessings and teachings that all could hear, read and sing. A song can be a sermon in itself, but too often we do not avail ourselves of the wide selection that we have. Would that we could choose different songs every time we get together, thereby having the opportunity of the message of each song anew.

How important it is to grow in grace, by feeding on the word daily, thereby developing the virtues that are sent forth to build that mansion that awaits us over there; but how often we surely all must confess that we fail to do the things that are beneficial for our souls welfare. May God be with us all, to encourage us to strive to do His will, even though we must often go through trails, temptations and sorrows to learn to be willing to follow, as He would have us to do.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA Mrs. W. A. Jacob Mrs. Harry Bucher

Aug. 13, baptismal service was held for Jack Bucher. Bro. George Yergler and Bro. Ezra Feller were the visiting ministers. We had very inspiring messages and a blessed day. Many brethren and friends attended. On Aug. 20, Bro. George

Lambert was our visiting minister. We enjoyed his messages very much. Bro. Dillar Ames is home on a few weeks leave from Service.

If we could fully keep faith—in the foggy days. The heartache, the misery, the despair could be endured if we have the faith to see what is beyond. God alone gives that faith, to those who hunger and thirst for it.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1)

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart

The visit of the Remington Bible Class the past month was enjoyed by all of us. Bros. Edwin Bahler of Remington and Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop led the discussion of the Bible Class on Sunday afternoon. In addition, we have obtained many good teachings from the following visiting ministers since our last writing: Bros. John Wagenbach from Oakville, Alfred Bahler of Wolcott, Perry Zimmerman of Fairbury, Alpha Strahm of Bern, Edward Unsicker from Portland.

Bro. and Sis. Larry and Carol Fehr have named their new son, who was born August 19, Kelly Eugene. He has three brothers and two sisters. Carlene, one of their daughters, has recovered from two mishaps; these both required stitches.

Bro. Wm. Metzger has been able to attend a few evening church services, and Sis. Lizzie Zaugg and Sis. Emma Gerber have assembled with us a few times the past month. All three of these dear souls reside at the Rest Home at Algona.

Sis. Alice, wife of Bro. Arnold Metzger, had major surgery at the hospital in Emmetsburgh. She is home again and progressing satisfactorily.

Time

There is time for everything: With the first stirrings of spring,
When the life-giving sap rises, That is the time to plan,
And often, while yet cold, That is the time of planting.

Should it not be so with the soul?
When the heart, uneasy and restless,
Is the ground still cold? Sown with the word of God,
Warmed by the sun of grace, That too is a time of planting.

How wonderful, when the seed of
His word begins to grow,
Thready and uncertain, then,
washed by tears of remorse,
That is the time of repenting.

Rising from baptismal waters, the
new man desires first milk,
Then the vigorous meat, Walking,
stumbling, yet upheld
By the mighty hand of God.

Until 'I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith!
That is the time of harvest.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago was with us this past month, with his family. We enjoyed hearing his ministrings once again in Bay City.

Bro. Merle Laukhuf and family of Latty have also been with us and we all enjoyed hearing him proclaim the Lord's word. Bro. Floyd Wieland of Detroit was with us. Over Labor Day week end we were blessed to have with us visitors from the east coast and from the west coast.

We enjoy having visiting ministers and visitors so very much. We love the fellowship that we can have with others of our faith, and we hope the Lord will always grant us the grace to show our visitors welcome, welcome hearts and homes.

The engagement of Bro. Byron Nussbaum (of Fairbury) and Sis. Niola Wackerle has been announced. Bro. Byron is the son of Sis. Leona Nussbaum of Fairbury, and Sis. Niola is the daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Ellen Wackerle of Bay City. We wish this dear couple the best of everything, and we hope our Lord will bless and guide them in their new life together.

It is once again school-time and our young people will be on the road of education once again.

We would hope and pray for them to turn to the Lord and live for Him in their youthful days, and not wait too long. The time is now, and not tomorrow, for tomorrow might be too late.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Weddings: Aug. 12, Friends Dennie Baumgartner and Sarah Jane Schindler were united in mar-

riage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Paul Baumgartner and Lt. Col. H. W. Schindler and Mrs. Dale Lantz.

Aug. 20, Sis. Karen Fiechter and Bro. Steve Aschliman were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Melvin Fiechter and Bro. and Sis. Harold Aschliman.

Sept. 2, Friends Marie Kaehr and Charles Frauhofer were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Frederick Kaehr and Bro. and Sis. Earl Frauhofer.

Sept. 3, Sis. Janice Gerber and Bro. Kent Ringger were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ralph Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger.

Engagements: Friends Sue Heyerly and John Lantz have announced their engagement. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Lester Heyerly and Bro. and Sis. Daniel Lantz.

Aug. 20, the engagement of Bro. Thomas Kipfer was announced to Sis. Janet Rehklau (of Toledo). Parents of the couple are Sis. (Herman) Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Walter Rehklau.

Births: Aug. 5, a son, Todd Robert to Bro. and Sis. Dale Gerber; Aug. 21, a son, Christopher Todd to Mr. and Mrs. Les Frauhofer.

Welcome note: In behalf of the Bluffton congregation, we wish to extend a most hearty welcome to Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda Gerber and family, who have moved back to the Bluffton area.

Shut-Ins: Sisters, Mary Steffen, Mrs. Wm. Neuenschwander and Mrs. Elmer Isch Sr.; Bros. Cornelius Steffen, Ed Ringger and Aaron Reinhard.

Deaths: On August 5, funeral services were held for Ezra Reinhard Sr., age 73. Surviving are the widow, Sis. Delva; four daughters, Betty (Carl) Macklin, Dulla, Mildred (Elmer) Badiac and Edna Moser (Gene); five sons, Dale, Ken, Dan, Ezra Jr., and Harry. Two sisters also survive, Sis. Mary Ann Reinhard and Mrs. Emma (Henry) Reinhard. Bros. Theo. Beer and John Yergler officiated the services.

On August 29, funeral services were held for Friend Steven Gerber, age 15, who died of injuries due to a motorcycle accident. Surviving besides the mother, Sis. Sadie, are four brothers, Philip R. Gerber, Danny, Ronald G. and Jerry, and

two sisters, Peggy Ann and Sis. (Richard) Kipfer. Bros. Samuel Aeschliman and John Yergler officiated the services.

Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The following dear friends have taken the most important step in life by repenting of their sins and to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. —Bill Baumgartner, Jerry Drayer, Ed Hagerfeld, Lu Ann Fiechter, Ruth Kipfer, Linda Tonner, Bill Tonner, Diana Tonner, Steve Stuckey, Carol Tonner, Kathy Gerber, Rick Stuckey, Nila Schaefer, Maryann Kipfer, Ronnie Kipfer, David Gilliom, Keith Baumgartner, Art Ringger, Diane Steffen, Jenny Fiechter, Tom Neuenschwander, Cindy Reinhard, Mary Jo Troxell, Sue Yergler and Ron Frank.

FORREST, ILLINOIS Martha Stoller Carolyn Zimmerman

Ronnie, son of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Janita Koehl, has given his heart to the Lord, and is confessing peace.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Edw. Unsicker, Portland, on a Wednesday evening, and Bro. Edmund Kloter, Fairbury.

Bro. Dennis Koehl recently spent a 17-day furlough with his parents, Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris. He was being transferred from Ft Sam to Valley Forge, Penn., where he is now stationed. Bro. Dennis and two other boys can certainly feel that they were under God's protection as they made the trip home. While driving through Oklahoma around 3:00 a.m., they came to a road which was under construction. One of the other boys was driving Dennis' car. He evidently lost control, and they side-swiped a semi-truck. Their car did not turn over, but did catch fire. They escaped without any burns, but lost all their belongings, and the car was a total loss.

We trust many blessings may follow in the engagement of Bro. Byron Nussbaum and Sis. Neola Wackerle (Bay City).

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

We enjoyed a blessed Sunday when the Bremen Bible Class spent

the day with us, August 13. We are thankful for all our visitors on that day, and especially would thank those who were in charge of our monthly singing (from Bremen). "In Times Like These", we were reminded of our many needs, and surely we poor, needy ones here on earth find ourselves often "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", as was sung by the young people of our combined Bible classes. May God continue to permit the joy and blessings that one experiences from fellowships such as this!

We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. and Sis. Luther and Helen Steffen and family, Bro. Bill, Bro. Bob, Don and Lori, who recently moved to Ft. Wayne from the Milford congregation. May God richly bless them. Their new address is: 3907 Evergreen Lane, Ft. Wayne Ind 46805.

Christian Allen Pulver was born to Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence Pulver on August 16 . . . And on August 19, Floren and Sis. Edith Lieberenz became grandparents for the first time when a son, Max Scott, was born to their son and wife, Max and Martha Lieberenz. May they all be showered with an abundance of God's rich blessings.

Bro. and Sis. Richard and Sharon Meister have moved their trailer to West Lafayette, where Bro. Richard will be attending Purdue University this fall.

John Lieberenz arrived home August 30 to spend a two-weeks leave with his parents, Floren and Sis. Edith, and will return to his base at the Great Lakes Naval Center for further training.

We will miss the presence of Sis. Mary Pulver, daughter of the Lester Pulvers, in our midst, but surely remember her in our prayers, that God will be with her in her new work and home in Alabama. Her new address is: c/o Clara Heinger, R. R. 1, Hillsboro Alabama.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA
Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

The same Christian love came to us from the South as we have here in the North, as Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein and Bro. Junior Hale and their families from Alabama visited us. These are some of the precious words they gave us: "It really thrills our hearts that we have this precious book of God", and "To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

means to obey everything that is in the precious Bible".

We have an eternity of happiness to look forward to, as was shown us by Bro. Earl Kilgus.

Our minister gave these words, "When the church door opened and they saw Bro. John Bollier's face, it brought back the memories of seeing his father-in-law, Bro. Otto Norr, come to us for a loving surprise message."

For twenty-five years, Bro. Morris and Sis. Helen Eshleman have gone hand in hand down the pathway of life, and we wish them continued happiness in the Lord.

May God give strength and courage to our loved ones who were hospitalized: Bro. Sam Geyer, Bro. Emil Pelsy, Sis. Ella Pelsy and Mary Wuethrich.

Our whole congregation was happy and thankful to see Sis. Marie Neihouser back safely again from Japan, where she spent a year in teaching, in doing earthly and spiritual good to the members and friends there.

Let us use the key of LOVE, which unlocks all locks.

JUNCTION, OHIO
Mrs. Ben Manz
Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We are thankful that we have been able to make a beginning on a new church building for our congregation. Our ground-breaking service was held on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. The elder brothers who took part in the service were Bro. George Sinn of Latty, Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, and Bro. David Bertsch of Leo. Visiting ministers present were Bro. Joel Souder of Leo and Bro. Loren Stoller and Bro. Merle Laukhuf, both of Latty. Also attending were other visitors from Leo, Bluffton, Toledo, and Latty. Construction has now been started, and we hope that we can get the building well along, before the severe winter weather sets in.

Tim Schlatter, 16, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter, has been hospitalized several times this month at the Mercy Hospital in Toledo for skin grafting and surgery on his hand, which was injured last December in an accident. He has had seven operations to date, and we hope that he will not have to undergo many more. He recently received many cards and gifts for his sixteenth birthday, for which he was thankful. We know

that he has been through much pain, and hope that he will have brighter days ahead.

David Manz, 18, son of Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz, will be attending International Business College in Ft Wayne this fall.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT
Carlton J. Lanz

Man, 73, accused, searches the scriptures, finds salvation and is baptized.

Five years ago, or thereabout, a brother on his way to Cape Cod stopped at a nearby town, named Kingston, Mass. His family went shopping, while he stepped into a barber shop.

The barber, whose name is Tony Monish, was alone and had been reading his wife's Bible. The radio was on, telling of the world powers with their peace overtures, etc. A conversation developed. The barber began to talk. "There never will be peace", he said, "until man's heart has been cleansed with the blood of Jesus Christ!"

As a child, he was baptized in a religion widely recognized, but marrying "out" as he did brought criticism upon him by the church leaders. He was not considered married by their church standards, thus was, they claimed, living in sin. This troubled him. He did not want this, so at their insistence he submitted, and was remarried by the church. This was to avoid or eliminate any further accusations at his living in adultery, he added. He searched the Scriptures, however, but could find nothing to support or substantiate these claims.

As time went on, other revelations came to him, when often he would read in the Bible. One day, turning to the book of Exodus, Chap. 12 verse 21, the time when the Passover was first instituted, he read, where the blood of the Passover lamb was taken to apply on the lintel and the door posts. This then was to save the firstborn from being slain by the destroyer—a commandment then by God to Moses. Tony saw a comparison in this with that of the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Becoming increasingly concerned over his own standing, he began to pray. He prayed that on him God might apply some of this blood. He acknowledged his sinful standing, when he thought to himself and said, "I stand before God as a con-

demned sinner!" He said his prayers were answered when, through a cleansing of heart by a conversion he could feel forgiven. He then prayed that Jesus Christ would never take this blood away from him!

Upon learning of this rather rare marvel, Bro. John Bahler paid him a visit. Somewhat crippled in his legs, Tony is a bit handicapped. Other brethren, including elders visiting here, in conference with him, obviously all are or were convinced of his sincerity.

Furthermore, at different times he would say he had a longing to be baptized, that on him all might be fulfilled. "No other church would he want to do this!" he insisted. On Sunday, Aug. 27, after five years he was baptized in our church. Bro. John Bahler was the elder. At the conclusion of the service, Bro. Tony Monish said, jubilantly, "I'm now one part of the family!"

We are ever so thankful to God for our beautiful heritage, are we not, but, what would it be if we lost our precious fellowship, which we might sometimes even consider lightly. To analyze the life of the barber in the article above, having never known of our faith, nor our elders, nor had he ever heard any of our ministers preach the word of God. Yet from searching only in the Scriptures and firmly believing that the blood of Jesus Christ was and is his only salvation brought him to the point where he can now believe that he is at peace with his Creator. He was not confused nor was he indoctrinated, but believed and was convinced the way he chose is right!

Bros. Robert Pohl, Burlington, Iowa; Elmer Hartter, Milford; Floyd Schmitgall, Morris; and John Diggleman, Union City all served us so well in bringing different messages, but all have the same objective or intent. It is a delight, and edifying, to hear the word of God expounded so beautifully and spoken in a way that all present can understand. Is it not the wish and in our prayer that this may never be taken from us?

Bro. Marvin Luginbuhl's engagement to Sis. Rose Graf of Akron was announced here on Sunday, September 3.

Bro. Dennis (Danny) Kupferschmid is now in Viet Nam. Bro. Dale Zahner has completed his hitch in

service and has now been discharged. Bro. Roger Moser, who was in Viet Nam, will now be stationed for the remainder of his serving time at nearby Ft Devens, Massachusetts. Bro. Eric Kloter was at his home for a couple of days, where he could spend Labor Day here. He returned to Ft Carson, Colorado, where he currently is stationed.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY E. A. Aeschleman

Sunday, August 6, brought us godly messages from our ministering brother, Elmer Hartter, who visited us with his wife, Sis. Flossie (from Milford). Also on that day, Bro. Steve and Sis. Janice Kaiser brought Janice's parents, Bro. Carl and Sis. Ann Frautschi (from Bloomington). We enjoyed the warm fellowship.

Sunday, August 20 was a wonderful day, when our small congregation was more than doubled by a group of brothers and sisters from the Croghan and Naumburg churches. Ministering brother Leland Hirschey, his wife, Bernice and some of their family were a part of the group. Also from Rockville came Ministering Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl and Al Schneider, with their wives and others. It was truly a beautiful day of worship and fellowship. Dinner was served at the church. We were also very happy to have Richard, son of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Diggleman, with us on that day . . . But with all the joy, there was also some sorrow, for that evening funeral services were held by Bros. Al Schneider & Ernest Luginbuhl at the Schlemm Funeral Home for Sis. Emma Mueller. This dear sister-in-faith had reached a high age, and was confined during her last years. She is survived by only one member of a family of fourteen, Bro. August Mueller, who now lives at the Eureka Apostolic Church Home. We offer our sympathy to Bro. August, and commit her soul to God.

Friend Donald Graf, formerly of Akron but now residing in New York City, was an appreciated guest at Sunday, August 27, services.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Noah Hermann, Tuscon; Roy Sauder, Peoria; Verlin Stoller, Fort Wayne; Lester Huber,

Francesville; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Loren Stoller, Latty.

In the hospital at the present—Bro. George Hodel, who is in Methodist Hospital, Peoria. His wife, Sis. Rachel Hodel, was in Eureka Hospital a few days following a car accident. Arthur Fehr is at home, but still has his arm in a cast. Bro. Dale Schumacher has his arm in a cast, after being injured in an accident. Mrs. Roger Martin returned home recently, after having surgery.

Due to an error, Gary Knepp, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Freda Knepp, was omitted last month as being a new convert. May the Lord awaken yet more souls to come unto him while He is still calling. May the good seed fall into good ground and bring forth much fruit.

Death—Sis. Lizzie Bradle, age 86, passed away at the Eureka Hospital, Aug. 20. She was a patient there eight weeks, following a stroke. Her funeral was Aug. 22, with Bros. Vernon Leman and Walter Anliker in charge. She was the last of her family, but is survived by a number of nieces and nephews. She had been a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home for about 18 months.

Bro. Theo. and Sis. Mary Reuter from Tremont have moved to Eureka. We welcome them to our congregation.

Grandmother dear, oh how we are going to miss your tender loving kiss.

Your radiant smiling face

Time can never, never erase.

The wonderful love of God in those eyes of blue,
Grandmother dear, someday we hope to see anew.

Always cheerful, patient, loving and kind,

Dear Grandmother mine,
Bearing many a burden in this life,
Yet never murmuring in the strife.

Yes, you left us so suddenly with no time for goodbyes.
And it seems as tho' something inside us wants to ask why.

God gave you to us for just a little while.

Now he wants you up in heaven,
Where he can see your lovely smile.

Yes, you were so much like an angel with your snowy white hair. I can still hear you singing a song, like a prayer.

This was written by Sara Jean Aeschleman, Roanoke, a granddaughter of Sis. Sarah Fehr, who passed away recently.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker

"Elva, come here," urged my husband—From the porch of his mother's Illinois farm home we listened with bated breath to a swelling chorus of God's little night creatures! It seemed a thousand voices were singing praises to their Maker in precise harmony! To us Oregonians, this was a rare treat, and we could only let the unfathomable power and wisdom of God bow our heads and raise our hearts!

I can never find words to describe the warmth of the love and hospitality shared with us during our short visit in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Also, we must include Salt Lake City, where we spent a few wonderful hours with our dear Sis. Lydia Sever and her husband, Rudy . . . And far best of all, everywhere we went, we listened to many believer's voice their conviction of our Lord Jesus' soon-at-hand return! As one brother said, "Wherever we are, we must just pray that we can hold up the Lord Jesus, and give Him all the honor, while there is yet a little time!" One dear sister confided, "You know when I go downtown, I am always so happy for the opportunity to look different for the Lord's sake . . ." I agreed that the Bible repeatedly urges God's people to be separate from the world. ". . . come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons, and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." II Cor. 6:17, 18. And know, that if we obey His command, we can expect Him to confirm us to the end; ". . . that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 1:8).

On our way home, we stopped in Burlington to visit our dear Elder Brother Schrock. Bro. Noah said, "Many people come to me saying they are anxious to be of more service to the Lord. Tell them in your column that there is a place where brothers and sisters are really need-

ed, in every capacity, in the Oregon churches!" Actually Oregon is not so far, as we can again attest, and we truly thank God for such a safe and blessed trip!

BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

The annual Youth Fellowship was held the weekend of August 12-13 at Forrest Park Camp, Topeka. Attendance was from Bern, Sabetha, Ft Scott, Lamont, Gridley, Wichita, Lamar, and Burlington (Okla). On Saturday evening, Bro. Akito Inoue, Japan, spoke to the young folk. On Sunday, Bro. Bob Sauder, Roanoke gave the message. May the Lord add His blessing to the gathering.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Joe Kaisner, Forrest; John Rokey, Congerville; Loren Strahm, Gridley, Ks.; Akito Inoue, Japan; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Earl Kilgus, Remington. We thank each one for their efforts in bringing the word of God to us. One brother gave us this thought on salvation: If you have it, keep it; if you don't have it, strive for it.

We welcome two new brothers-in-faith into the fold. Stephen and Neil Hartter gave their testimonies before the congregation Saturday evening August 19, and were baptized Sunday afternoon, following services conducted by Bro. Gene Marti. Bro. Gene also assisted Bro. Lester Hartter in the provings and baptism.

Bro. Allen Rokey and Sis. Glenda Grimm, Sabetha, were united in marriage August 6. They are making their home in Topeka for the present, as Sis. Glenda is a senior in the school of nursing. We wish them much happiness, along with the Lord's blessings.

Announcement was made that Lois Mason feels she is ready to give her testimony and be baptized.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA La Verne Roth — Millicent Frieden

August 27, we were privileged to have Bro. Norbert Steiner of the Croghan church in our midst. He brought us inspiring messages of truth and wisdom. Bro. Steiner was accompanied by his wife and their two daughters.

We are sorry to lose Bro. Charles and Sis. Carrie Glieman from our congregation. They have moved to Madison, Kansas, and will attend the Lamont church. Sunday eve-

ning, Sept. 3, our congregation gathered at the church for a covered-dish supper and a singing, in honor of our departing loved ones. May our loss be Lamont's gain.

The only hospital patient to report this month is Stanley Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tucker who suffered an appendectomy. Stanley is now back in Sunday School.

I have been asked to write a few lines about my father, the late Bro. John Brown. John was born August 21, 1893, to Johan and Eva Binder Braun of Gyorkony, Hungary. He had four brothers and a sister. The family was of Lutheran concept. The love of God was instilled within the hearts of the children as they grew up.

At age 17, John and two of his young friends left their families and homeland to visit the United States. Due to government restrictions, their leaving was in secret; thus, no one was told goodbye, which nearly broke John's parent's hearts. The penalty for being caught was quite high: a fine, plus a lengthy jail sentence for the escape, and heavy fine to his parents.

The trio rode a train for 70 miles, and there joined a guide who escorted them by foot to the Austrian border which was another 60 miles. John recalled the group stopped to rest only once briefly, and the new pair of shoes John had at the beginning of the journey had no soles left at the end of the trip. At a later time this guide was apprehended, but John never learned his fate.

In Liebsig, some travel agents took them into hand and lent kindly assistance. The boys had little money left, but were given tickets on a ship, provided they help with odd jobs during the voyage. John's duties was helping in the kitchen. He became very seasick and lonesome on the 14-day voyage, and often wished he could turn the ship around and go back home.

John mentioned many times the wonderful, unbelieving feeling he got in his chest when he first saw the Statue of Liberty, holding her torch out to the weary sea-goers. What a marvelous sight! Upon arrival in New York City, each passenger needed \$25 in his possession before he could enter the United States. John only had \$18, but a very anxious man, being held back by John's delay, gave him the nec-

essary dollars so the line could keep moving.

From New York, the young men boarded a train for Akron. The arrival at Akron was a joyous one for John's two friends, as they each had family to meet them; John had no one. In his pocket was an address of a former neighbor, who was unaware of his coming. John's fright of being stranded in a strange city alone, unable to speak the language, made him call upon the Lord many times those first few days. John felt his prayers were answered when he finally located the former neighbors and was cordially welcomed into their home. He roomed with this family many months, while obtaining work at a rubber factory.

John remained in Akron two years, during which time he lived meagerly and saved for his return trip to Hungary. However, at the end of two years he decided to see a little more country and journeyed to Harper, Kansas, where he had heard there was much land to till, with great wheat harvests each summer. At Harper, John worked out as a hired hand for various farmers. He grew to have many friends, and was often invited to attend the Apostolic Christian Church in Harper. The word of God was expounded before John, and he soon realized that he could not go on alone. He gave his heart to the Lord, in approximately 1915.

Bro. John was drafted into the Service in 1916, but was honorably discharged the following year, when the United States declared war against Hungary, as no person was required to be against his own native country.

In 1927, Bro. John purchased the first land of his own, located near Hazelton, Kansas. He packed all of his belongings into a wagon and, being pulled by his horses, left Harper and set out for his new home. He attended church in Burlington, Oklahoma, a distance of 18 miles from his farm.

In 1928, Bro. John took out his naturalization papers and became a citizen of the United States of America. At that time, the spelling of Braun was altered to Brown. John's citizenship meant so much to him; after having his grandparents leave Germany in the mid 1700s because of lack of religious freedom, and then to know the oppression of Communist Hungary, John was very happy to be a citizen of

the great United States.

Many times Bro. John dreamed of returning for a visit to his family in Hungary. . . . But each time he would prepare to go, a war or government upheaval made such a journey unwise. His father died in 1938; John sent money to buy a tombstone for his grave. Otherwise, there would not have been a stone, as the residents were not allowed to spend money for such.

In 1945, Bro. John married Sis. Dorothy Bahr of Gridley, Kansas. They lived on the homeplace near Hazelton, during which time a daughter, Eva Millicent, was born.

The aftermath of World War II found Hungary and Germany in chaos. John's brothers lost their homes and escaped with only the clothes on their backs. Cousins, school chums, and neighbors obtained John's address and wrote to him, begging for food, clothing, and such. At one point John had letters from at least 50 families. Used clothing and foodstuffs were donated from the community and the church people. Brethren and friends would gather in the church basement and homes to pack & bind up 22-pound packages to send overseas. Coffee, tea, rice, flour, and beans were sent in quantities, along with needles, thread, material, and clothing. Sis. Dorothy canned meat and lard in tin cans and sealed the lids; she also put homemade soap in empty coffee cans. Several of these destitute families receiving packages have since said that, "if it were not for these packages they would have starved."

Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy tried repeatedly to get the Hungarian government to release the Braun family. In 1949, Mother Braun could have come, but suddenly passed away, two weeks before the departure date. Finally in 1964, John's only living brother and relative, Miklos, got to come for a 90-day visit. Due to Hungarian government regulations, his wife and five children had to remain behind. Miklos was 10 years younger than John, or 61, at the time of the visit. He and Bro. John enjoyed the visit as much as Bro. John's failing health would allow. The family now lived in Kiowa, Kansas, nearer the church and other members.

Miklos and his wife were not satisfied with the Lutheran fellowship, and leaned toward the German Apostolic Christian faith (called the

Nazarinar faith in Hungary). This was a dream come true for Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy, who of course were unaware of Miklos' faith, due to Communist letter-censuring. Miklos and his wife had repented and found peace with their Maker, but because of Communist conditions they could not be baptized. Miklos was equally surprised to find upon his visit here that his brother attended the same church—even sang the same hymns (although he couldn't understand the language of course), and conducted the meetings in virtually the same manner as his church of many years ago. Under the present circumstances in Hungary, the Braun family cannot attend church or even have a Bible out where it might be seen. Miklos was astonished by the fact that the word of God can be talked about so freely, and prayers can be uttered before a public group or with a neighbor. In his country, one can only trust his family members, and often not even them—as the children are taught in school to report all anticommunist goings on or worshipping in the home. Miklos pointed out the cunningness of the government to root out religion. They advocate the older people must be let alone, as too much unrest will cause a revolt; but by focusing on the children and young people with extra work, sports, schooling, and other activities, there is no time for concern of religion. Little children are often removed from their parent's home and placed in orphanages, to be taught only by Communists; the children then will grow up to be the strength of the government. Having all these unchristian acts take place before their very eyes, Miklos said his faith and his wife's have never lessened, but rather worshipping in secret has made them realize how precious God is. Yet, it is very trying to watch their own children being led away from their Christian home.

It was a sad day when Miklos boarded a jet for Hungary; knowing that the families would never again meet on earth. . . . But yet the hope of heaven gave each something to grasp to, as the last embrace was shared.

Nine months later, Bro. John entered into his Rest. His last spoken words were a prayer: "Vater, ich werde kommen." "Father, I shall be coming." He passed away May 9,

1965, twenty years to the day since he first met Sis. Dorothy.

Bro. John's daughter, Millicent, married Larry Frieden, and since John's death they have both found the Lord. Sis. Millicent and Bro. Larry and their son, Linndy John, reside on the homeplace at Hazelton, where Bro. Larry farms. Sis. Dorothy lives in Kiowa and currently keeps busy with World Relief projects.

Bro. John's life was simple and crowded with work. He wasn't a preacher or even a Sunday School teacher, yet through his own experiences he had compassion on his fellowman. Bro. John knew the Lord well—as a Friend, a Mother, a Father, a Brother, and as a Savior.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

Our visiting ministers in the past month were Bros. Noah Miller, Uriel Gehring and Leo Moser, and we received many good teachings. We who are privileged to hear the word of God each Lord's Day, and through the week would join in with the author who wrote the hymn entitled—The City of God—saying

"Great and holy is the teaching
His messengers in Thee are preaching . . .

God's own word is thy salvation,
He gives His Spirit's inspiration,
By which all darkness disappears.
We hear from time to time
Thy gospel' lovely chime:
'Grace eternal.' How sweet the sound

That here is found,
Where crowns of endless life
abound."

A group from the Gridley Sunday School spent a week end with us. How we would like to see our youth turn to the Saviour in truth, lest their time vainly would be passing.

Sis. Ella Banwart was hospitalized, but has returned to her home again. A hospital patient: Sis. Sadie Metzger. May God be their staff and stay in their afflictions.

A dear friend was called from our midst into eternity, Leo Banwart, husband of Sis. Helen. May God be her comfort in the lonely hours ahead, for He has promised to be with the fatherless and widows, and what He does is always well done. We too will miss Leo in our assembly.

Another friend, David Traub, was called from this life into eternity. May God comfort his loved ones in their bereavement.

Alvin and Sis. Donna Belle Nelson and family have left our church circle and moved to Winthrop. We will miss them, but wish them God's blessings in their new dwelling place.

Sis. Katie Schumacher, mother of Bro. Mike Schumacher (who recently left us and are now attending the Burlington, Iowa, church) has also left and gone to be with Mike and his family. We will miss her in our circle. Sis. Katie always showed forth a friendly, loving and kind nature. May God bless her in her future pilgrimage, and may He watch over us when we are absent one from another.

Sis. Lydianna Moser is again home and feeling better. She wishes to express her thanks for the many beautiful cards, gifts and kind remembrances while at the hospital. It was greatly appreciated.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

This is one of those perfect days which only the early autumn season can present. The atmosphere is keen and exhilarating. The golden rod and purple wort lend beauty to our landscape. At the moment, a congregation of blackbirds in our maple grove, giving us their crackling notes, are putting us keenly aware of the nearness of the end of summer. God in His infinite love gives us much to enjoy, both in the material and spiritual realm.

Sis. Ida Pulfer has been ill, due to stroke, and has been hospitalized for a few weeks at the Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union. She seems to be getting along quite well, and wants to thank, by the way of **The Silver Lining**, for the mail and visits which she has enjoyed. We miss Ida, hope she will soon be well again.

Bro. Fred Marti has not been feeling too well and is taking treatment advised by the La Crosse, Wis., physicians. He was in church again last Sunday, and seems to be feeling some better again.

Sis. Eleanor Yackley from Taylor has accepted a teaching position in the vocational school at Calmar, Ia. We are happy to have her in our midst and to have her fellowship in our congregation.

Before many weeks have passed

by, Johnny Schupbach will secure his army discharge. We will welcome him back. He spent part of his time in Thailand, and will no doubt tell us many things about that country and its native people, on his return home.

". . . above all things have fervent charity among yourselves . . ." 1 Peter 4:8 "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. David Schamback

We were blessed this past month by messages received from visiting ministers Bros. Ed Aschliman of Union City and Albert Schneider of Rockville.

The engagement of Sis. Mae Graves to Bro. Ted Virkler Jr. was announced on Sunday, Aug. 20. Sis. Mae is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Floyd and Loretta Graves, and Bro. Ted the son of Bro. and Sis. Theodore and Ameliabelle Virkler.

Sis. Sarah Virkler has spent the past month in the hospital. Sis. Leona Farney has also been hospitalized the past two weeks.

On our recent visit to Elgin, Ill., our son, Paul Schamback met with an accident while swimming, and was hospitalized with a neck injury.

We also celebrated our silver wedding anniversary, and wish to thank our many friends and relatives for cards, gifts, etc. in honor of the occasion.

On Aug. 12 a daughter, Heidi Lynn was born to John and Molly Hirschey. Grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey.

A son, Michael James, was born to Nathaniel and Sheila Virkler on Aug. 15. Michael's grandparents are Bro. Theodore and Sis. Ameliabelle Virkler.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Baptismal services were held for Larry Leman and John Kaeb, who gave strong testimonies:

Larry received peace in church. After the minister read Acts 10 about Peter's vision, Larry said the wall behind the minister became black with white letters of "Peace".

John said he wanted to forget about the world and follow the word of God. He received peace in church, as his eyes were closed in praying. He first saw the letters PE and later

the ACE, and claimed his peace with God.

We are thankful that Donna Hartman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman, has turned to the Lord. We know the Lord grants much grace to a repentant heart.

Thanks to Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka, and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest for visiting and ministering to us.

Sis. Linda Hartman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman, was married to Bro. Neil Schmidgall (of Minnesota). May God's blessings be upon them as they serve the Lord together.

Sis. Della Meiss and Sis. Tillie Kaisner returned home from the hospital, and we trust the Lord Jesus for their healings.

Bro. and Sis. Harvey Schieler were blessed with a new baby boy, Eric Michael.

Harvey Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen, returned from army duties in Europe and received his discharge.

Curtis Meiss, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan Meiss, was married to Janice Treadwell, also of Fairbury.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS **Mrs. Bob Grimm**

Our friend, Ann Hohulin Binkele was in great suspense a few weeks ago, when the USS Forrestal met with disaster, and so many were injured and lost their lives; her husband, Jerry Binkele, was on that ship. You can imagine her relief and keen anticipation, when the Red Cross informed her that Jerry was all right, and that a letter would follow. The letter came and needless to say, Jerry will have a story to tell! He escaped death, "by the skin of his teeth", as the storeroom in which he was originally scheduled to be working was bombed. However, by some sweet miracle, his schedule was changed at the last moment. His sleeping compartment was also bombed.

The ship is now on its way home, and will dock at Norfolk, Va. on Sept. 16, for repairs. Jerry will be out of the Navy October 25, and consequently be spared the stay in Viet Nam. The Lord still works in marvelous ways. May His blessings rest on Jerry and Ann.

Marilyn Weigand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Weigand, fell from a horse, on Sat. Aug. 19, and broke her leg. She was

released from the Eureka Hospital, after a few days of real discomfort. At this time, she is improving satisfactorily at home.

Bro. and Sis. George and Fern Knapp have a new little baby girl. She was born on Aug. 12, is their first child, and has been named Heidi Lynn. Sis. Marie Goetzinger is the maternal grandmother. Friends George C. and Martha Knapp are the paternal grandparents.

A baby girl was also born to Bill and Vermeda Young on Aug. 20. They have named her Jodie Kay. She is their second child, their second little girl. Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. and Sis. Frank and Esther Woertz have received word from their daughter, Ruth Marie (Mrs. David Romeis), of Walnut Creek, Calif., that they are the grandparents of a little boy. John Joseph was born on Aug. 10 and has an 8-year-old sister, Lisa.

Our dear friend, Dan Dreyer, has been a patient in the Eureka Hospital since Sat. Aug. 26, at which time he was in critical condition. However, at this time he is much improved, and according to the doctor may soon be released, if he continues to thus improve.

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

Our visiting ministers for the month were August Bolliger, Tremont; Edwin Bahler, Remington Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; John Wagenbach, Oakville; and Uriel Gehring, from Burlington, Iowa. We appreciated and enjoyed their visits, along with their wives. May God bless them for their efforts in sharing many heavenly blessings with us.

Our hospital patients for the month were Sis. Shirley Nohl, Sis. Mary Luthi, Bro. Roy Luthi and Ruby Luthi. Bro. Carl Joos has returned to his home, Sept. 6, to convalesce, after being hospitalized almost 6 weeks.

Bro. Carl Joos wishes to thank all who remembered him with cards, letters, visits, gifts, and the many prayers offered in his behalf during his stay in the hospital. God bless you all.

Our congregation was blessed with three new babies; a daughter,

Joan Marie, to Bro. and Sis. Dennis Schmidgall; a son, Eric Lee, to Kenny and Karen Kohl; and a son, Randall Lee to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr.

Bro. Neil Schmidgall, son of Bro. Wayne Schmidgalls, and Linda Hartman, daughter of Bro. Warren Hartmans, were united in marriage on August 20, in Fairbury. We wish them many blessings, and are glad for Bro. Neil that Sis. Linda could accompany him to Ft. Meade, Maryland, to finish out his army life.

Our congregation is indeed rejoicing and encouraged that five souls have found grace to surrender to the Lord in repentance. They are Diane, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr; Steven, son of Bro. John and Sis. Esther Schaefer; Gary, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Frances Dommick; Dale, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna Zeltwanger; Dale, son of Bro. Charlie and Sis. Esther Koehl. We wish them all much grace, and pray that many more may see the need of repentance while the door of grace is still open.

LAMAR, MISSOURI **Marie Marti**

We thank Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington for visiting and bringing to us God's precious teachings. We invite him to visit us soon again.

A daughter, Stephanie Deann, was born to Ervin and Teresa Marti. Grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Anna Marti, and Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach.

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power . . . Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." Psalm 150:1, 6 Let us praise and thank God in gladness and humility for all great and simple joys. Our hearts were filled with love when so many dear ones were with us for our singing Sunday night. They came from Oakville, Burlington (Ia), Burlington, (Okla.), Morton, Ft Scott, Independence and Gridley, (Kans) to join us in singing praises to our dear Lord. The praise that comes from love does not make us vain, but humble rather.

A farewell was given for Bro. Joe and Sis. Edna Somerhalder and their family, who have moved to Gridley, Kansas. We hope they enjoy their new home, and we wish them God's richest blessings.

LATTY, OHIO
Mrs. Tom Grant
Mrs. Delmar Stoller

A bridal shower was held at the home of Sis. Ann Plummer, Aug. 4, for Debra Scarbrough. August 19, Debra and Chuck Dunham, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham, were united in marriage. May God bless them as they walk life's path together.

We are happy to report that Friend Carol Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marge, has come to the Lord in repentance. We trust that the door of grace will remain open so more may enter in.

Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella Klopfenstein were privileged to visit with their son, David, in Tokyo, Japan, where he had a few days Rest and Recuperation from the battlefields of Viet Nam. Their son, Bro. Dennis, and daughter Diane, also accompanied them. They also enjoyed the fellowship of five other servicemen, in Japan on R. and R. They were Bro. Bill Cottrell; Bro. Eugene Heinold; Bro. Morris Huber; Friend Pete Walters; and Friend Eugene Abe. Since Dave's return to Viet Nam, he was relieved of his front line duties and is now serving at the base camp. He will long cherish the blessed fellowship he had with his loved ones.

New births this past month are: a son, born Aug. 26 to Bro. George and Sis. Sharon Keysor; a son, born Aug. 12 to Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann Sinn. Friend Diane Gerber traveled to Fort Knox, Ky. to visit her husband, Ronald, who is stationed there. While there, she gave birth to a girl Aug. 27, in a Louisville hospital. She returned home after Labor Day with her new little daughter, Laura Ann.

Looking and Overlooking

If we noticed little joys
 As we notice little pains;
 If we quite forgot our losses
 And remember all our gains;
 If we looked for people's virtues,
 And their faults refused to see,
 What a comfortable, happy,
 Cheerful place this world would
 be!

LESTER, IOWA
Emelie Knobloch

Sis. Lena Maurer is recuperating at her home, but assembled with us for a forenoon service. Bro. Adolph Moser was in the hospital for observation and treatment. Bro. Edwin

Knobloch, who has been ill for some time, is a patient at the hospital at Luverne, Minnesota. May God be merciful to the ill and afflicted, to carry them through these long hours.

Our friend, Mary Metzger, has repented and has peace with God and man. May God's call be answered by many more of our loved ones.

Ministers who visited us were Bros. Ed Unsicker, Paul Butikofer, Perry Zimmerman, Joseph Kaisner, Alfred Bahler, Alphai Moser, Carl Hartman and Eugene Marti. We want to thank them for their inspiring messages; we shall long remember their worthwhile thoughts of God's teachings.

We again resume our Sunday School, with the beginning of the school term. Bros. Donald Metzger and Wilhelm Wulf will fill the vacancies left by the rotation of Bros. Wilbert Knobloch and Jacob Wulf. Sis. Nancy Knobloch will replace Sis. Betty Knobloch, who leaves on rotation, and Sis. Violet Knobloch fills in the unexpired term of Sis. Connie Knobloch, who went to Indiana for employment. We hope the children will continue to attend with the enthusiasm of the first Sunday. It makes one rejoice, and our hope is for God's blessing to help the teachers to expound on the true teaching of the gospel.

Larry Leuthold has returned from the National Guard. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Paul Leuthold.

Verlyn Kellenberger and Glenn Metzger have entered the service. We hope for them God's blessing.

MANSFIELD, OHIO
Aaron A. Sauder

A new blessing was added to Bro. John and Sis. Katherine Oesch, when their new daughter was born on August 17. An abundance of love is being showered on baby Amy, as her brother and twelve sisters all fondle and caress the new arrival.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Martha Streitmatter and Sis. Esther Sabo (Joe), whose brother, Alf Streitmatter of Peoria recently passed away.

Sis. Ruth Sauder Weiss (Carl) spent several days in the hospital undergoing tests.

We were privileged to have Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester with us for evening services Thursday, August 31, and appreciated the message he spoke to us. On Sunday, September 3, we enjoyed having

those worship with us who were here from out-of-town to attend the Beer reunion. Bro. Henry Beer from Milford shared spiritual food with us, at both morning and afternoon services. He reminded us how rapidly God's word is being fulfilled, and recited the following to stress the danger of not accepting Christ's invitation to become His follower.

I dreamed that the great judgment
 morning
 Had dawned, and the trumpet
 had blown;
 I dreamed that the nations had
 gathered
 To judgment before the white
 throne.

The moral man came to the
 judgment,
 But his self-righteous rags would
 not do;
 The men who had crucified Jesus
 Had passed off as moral men, too.

The soul that had put off salvation
**Not tonight; I'll get saved by-
 and by,**
No time now to think of religion!
 At last they had found time to
 day.

And, oh what a weeping and wailing,
 As the lost were told of their
 fate;
 They cried for the rocks and the
 mountains;
 They prayed, but their prayer
 was too late.

"(. . . behold, now is the accepted
 time; behold, now is the day of sal-
 vation.)" II Corinthians 6:2.

OAKVILLE, IOWA
Martha Steiner

Visiting ministers this month:
 were: Bros. Simon Wagenbach,
 Tremont; Paul Butikofer, Elgin,
 Iowa; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski;
 Jim Ringger, Bradford.

Steven Tod is the name given the son born to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris Kuntz on August 7. He is welcomed by a brother, Michael. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Orttie and Sis. Verna Rocke.

Friends Alan and Sharon (An-
 liker) Baird are parents of their
 first child, a daughter named Re-
 nee Sharon. Maternal grandparents
 are Bro. Richard and Sis. Luella An-
 liker.

Two little sisters now have a
 brother, David Edward, born to

Friends Ed and Sally Schrock on September 2. Grandparents are Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst in Quincy, Illinois, and Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock.

We were privileged to hear the testimony of our new sister, Rita Barth, and also her husband, Duane, who was reinstated as a brother in faith. We welcome both of them into our fellowship.

Sis. Anna Eisenman was at last able to leave this earth and all the sorrow and affliction she suffered in her lifetime, particularly in later years. Just last month we mentioned her patience and her willingness to leave this life, and now her wish has been granted. Sis. Ann, at the age of 79 years, leaves her husband, Bro. Joe, with whom she shared fifty years of marriage; a son, Albert (Bud) in Grinnell, Iowa; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Shullaw of Burlington; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a sister, Sis. Matilda (Herman) Rauhaus, and two brothers in Peoria, Walter and Robert. Two sisters, a son, Paul, and a daughter, Margaret, preceded her in death. Sis. Ann will certainly be missed in our congregation.

We enjoyed our many visitors on Sunday, September 3, who assembled with us and later attended the Grimm family reunion. Another visitor was Sis. Irene Baer from Heilbronn, Germany, who is traveling in the United States and will spend some time with her sister in Portland.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

James, son of Raymond and Pearl Winzeler, is in service in California and expects to be assigned to a ship very soon.

Sandra Bertsch has graduated from the X-ray course she had been taking at the Park View Hospital, and is working at the hospital now.

Joyce Schlatter left for college again. Carolyn Miller is enrolled at Indiana University, here in Ft. Wayne. John Klopfenstein is taking business college in Ft. Wayne. James Maxfield is enrolled at Purdue, Steve Bollier at Indiana University, both here in Ft. Wayne.

Lynn Klopfenstein is back teaching school.

Mark Souder and Mary Ann Norr are our seniors in high school this year.

Sarah Schwartz is able to

attend church services again. Louise Schlatter had the misfortune of fracturing her wrist. Her arm is in a cast.

Elias Souder became very ill and was taken to the Lutheran Hospital, on the evening of Labor Day. However, he is improving, and hope he can soon come home again.

Bro. Samuel Aeschliman, accompanied by his wife, Sis. Minnie, spent Sun., Aug. 13 with us. He assisted Bro. David Bertsch in serving Holy Communion to our congregation.

On Aug. 27, Bro. John Wagler and his wife and daughter visited our congregation. They were enroute to Camp Mack.

Sun., Sept. 10, Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville ministered to our congregation.

It indeed is a blessing when we have these visiting brethren. It revives and refreshes one again.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Surely the Lord does remember our small congregation, in that He from time to time sends His laborers unto us to expound the word. Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Andrew Virkler from Bay City and Bro. Roy Luginbuhl from Rockville. We truly appreciate their efforts in preaching the word unto us, and thank them and their loved ones for being with us. We were reminded that "The judgment of the Lord will come upon the world, and that there will not be a single soul who will escape this final judgment. How much better that we prepare ourselves while in this time, than to wait until that fateful day when it will be forever too late."

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Olga Trostle and Sis. Martha Palitto upon the death of their brother and father, Paul Overdove, who passed away August 20 at the age of 71.

The children and their families of Sis. Margaret Albrecht wish to extend their grateful thanks and appreciation for the many cards, prayers, and acts of kindness shown them during their recent bereavement. Sis. Margaret passed away June 15, and is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Bro. Ronald Palitto and Sis. Lynn Hartzler were united in marriage on August 27, in Rittman. We welcome Lynn to our congregation,

and extend best wishes and the Lord's blessings to the young couple, as they begin their life together.

The engagement of Rose Graf, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise, and Marvin Luginbuhl, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen of Rockville, was announced August 27. We wish the young people the Lord's guidance and blessing as they plan their future.

Sis. Anna VonGunten and Gregory Baumgartner were hospitalized this month for surgery. Both are making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

"Our lives can be a silent sermon, as we leave our homes each day and go into the world. Each of us by living a life for the Lord and confessing Him and Him crucified can be ministers for Him." Such was the thought left with us by Bro. Luginbuhl. Dear ones, how quickly and at such unexpected times and places are we asked to confess the Lord! Only two days after hearing the brother's sermon was your reporter asked to explain certain beliefs and to confess Him. How thankful I was the brother had been inspired to bring the message to us—that with the Lord's help was God glorified through "a silent sermon." Let us all be diligent each day to live for Him, for we know not who is watching and perhaps noting, as Bro. Roy expressed it—"there go a peculiar people—true followers of Him."

Sis. Esther Dockus's new address: Esther Dockus, c/o Forrest Hartzler, R. D. 1, Box 220, Marshallville, Ohio 46645.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Loris Kieser Mrs. Don Duckworth

Much spiritual food was received from the messages of Bros. Paul Fehr (Morris), Ed Aeschliman (Union City), and Ben Fehr (Roanoke) on Tues. evening, Aug. 22. The Princeville congregation also gathered with us to share our blessings.

On Aug. 27, Sis. Nancy Kieser, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Esther, and Bro. Robert Wieland from Princeville, son of Walter and Margaret, were united in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Dave Kieser. We were also thankful for the visits of Bros. Art Gudeman (La Crosse) and Silas Leuthold on that day. May God richly bless this young couple, as they travel the path of life to-

gether, with the Lord.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Velma Hancher, Sis. Wilma Kieser, Sis. Hilda Dietz (for surgery at Mayo Clinic), and Danny Endress, for tests at Mayo's.

Graveside services were held on Aug. 30 for the stillborn daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jane Le-man. Sis. Jane was very sick, but we are so thankful to report that she is home from the hospital now and improving nicely. May this dear young couple be comforted in their loss, knowing that their little child is now a blossom in the Master's bouquet.

Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Evie Stoller and family now attend the Peoria church, since moving there recently. We miss them in our small congregation, and hope they will visit us often.

Sunday School again resumed on Sept. 3, after a two-month vacation. We pray that God will bless the efforts of the teachers, as they plant the good seed into these young and tender hearts.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ILLINOIS Ben Blunier

Our ministers this month journeyed long distances to be most useful to the Lord in expounding God's holy word. We are very grateful to them and to God, who thus sustains the inner man. "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (Psalm 23:3)

They were Bros. Maurice Frank from the Chicago congregation; Edwin Ringger, Gridley; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Roy Sauder, Peoria; Bob Pohl, Burlington, Iowa; and Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park. Thank you, brothers.

A hearty welcome to our students. It's nice to have you here. Come worship with us each Sunday morning at 9:45 at the University YMCA Latzer Hall, 1001 South Wright Street. After a 30-45 minute break for coffee and rolls, we have the song service from the beloved "Tabernacle Hymns" at 11:45, and then the afternoon service. Stay all day. Jesus invites you here.

Also come to the Wednesday Night Bible Class Meetings. They are at the Illini Union Building every other Wednesday, September 20, October 4, 18, etc. They start at 7:30 p.m., but come a little earlier that we might get better acquaint-

ed. Relatives and other visitors are always welcome, and urged to visit these services.

BURLINGTON, IOWA Verna Woodward Elaine Eisenmann

Our visiting ministers for the past month were Bros. Akito Inoue from Tamahata, Japan; Cleo Rinkenberger from Pulaski; Al Scheitlin from Elgin, Illinois; and Walter Anliker from Eureka. We thank all of them for the word of God that they brought to us. We also thank the Oakville ministers, who have been with us recently, for their efforts.

Our monthly singing at church was well attended. Among those present was Sis. Irene Baer from Heilbronn, Germany. She will be in the States for 7½ weeks. We thank her for coming to Burlington.

Last Sunday we elected three new Sunday School teachers. They are Bro. Kenny Scheitlin, who will teach the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades; and Sisters Charity Scheitlin and Elaine Eisenmann, who will teach the youngest class.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Joe Reiman to Sis. Ruth Hodel. They plan to be married Wednesday evening, September 20.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We were so very fortunate this past month to have visiting Ministering Bros. John Somerhalder (Phoenix); Noah Hermann (Tucson); Raymond Roth, (Burlington Okla.); Floyd Schmidgall (Morris).

Among the hospitalized are Sis. Mattie Bauer, Sis. Leona Knapp. Sis. Helen Lacky had major surgery Bro. Bert Gudeman suffered a stroke and is cared for at home. May the Lord console the sick, and the dear ones that have loved ones suffering.

Our friend, Ross Vogel, was announced for proving in the near future.

Know Each Other Better

We are now thinking of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Ida (Kaser) Martin. Arnold was born in Arisdorf, Switzerland, in 1857. He immigrated to this country, to the Eureka locality in 1884, and worked on a farm there, Ida Kaser came from Milchnaw, Switzerland in 1885. She too settled in the Eureka vicinity, where she met Arnold, not having

known him in Switzerland. They were married in 1886, settling on a farm near Congerville.

Three children were born to this union, Mary, John and Albert. Through friends and neighbors, the family started attending the Apostolic Christian church. Seeing their need for a Saviour, they repented and were baptized in the Mackinaw River, in cold winter time. It was necessary to chop through a foot of ice to make a hole in the river. They were wrapped in blankets and taken back to the church, and were very happy. Sis. Martin was always ready to lend a helping hand; she helped out many people in the neighborhood.

About the year 1902, they moved to Cissna Park, coming to the Adolf Rudin home, where Adolf helped them find a farm. They were on the farm a number of years, when they retired and moved to town. Bro. Arnold then had milk customers.

Sis. Ida taught Sunday School many years. They lived in Cissna Park until they were no longer able to care for themselves; then the daughter, Sis. Mary Yergler and her husband cared for both of them in their home. Three years later, father passed away, in the year of 1944. She cared for mother 4 years longer, when she passed away, at the age of 84.

Mary became a widow in 1961, when her husband, Bro. Andrew passed away. She now is past 80, & is thankful each day anew that she is able to care for herself and help others, too. She has been active in the kitchen most every Sunday.

Bro. John was not left without sorrow, either. His wife, the former Tillie Rocke, became ill and passed away in 1928, leaving him with four small children. In 1933, Bro. John married Sis. Elizabeth Schott, who survives. Bro. John passed away in 1960.

Albert served his country in World War I. He had narrow escapes in the war zone. It was then when he received the name, Lucky. In the year 1965, Albert seen his need for a Saviour. He had a stroke; having time to think, he repented at the age of 70, but he had been thinking about it for two years. He rejoices very much in his salvation. He is in a wheelchair, but is happy to come to church whenever he is able. He appreciates when people stop to visit him. Bro. Albert has a retarded son, Jerry.

His dear wife, Molly cares for him. Her wish is that she might be able to give sufficient care for Albert and Jerry. May God bless you, Molly, for your untiring service.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

Are you ready, my brother, if the Lord should call you? Is your house in order? Would you have to sweep the corners and crevices to be sure all the dust and dirt is clear?

It is the small things in our daily walk of life that can tell how dusty our house is getting. Often a slip of the tongue, a misconduct, or a harsh doing will mount up in the corners and crevices of our home. Also, if we are not founded on a firm foundation, the ground and dirt from underneath will rot our floors, and the dirt shall seep through.

Sometimes we feel this or that little thing won't matter, but its the small particles that mount up, and soon we have a corner full.

So let us, through earnest prayer and humble meekness, keep the corners clean. If we do not let the dirt gather, we shall always stand ready and waiting for the trumpet to sound.

Visiting Ministering Brethren—Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty assembled with us Aug. 13, and Bro. Art Baurer of Princeville on Aug. 27. Much joy and fellowship was brought in our midst. The sound of the holy word was expounded in its richest measure. Many good teachings were spoken that long linger in our hearts. Our hearts are now aglow with rapture.

New Serviceman—Convert Jack Gramm of Gridley, Illinois, has joined us and is now starting his basic training. Jack started his conversion soon after receiving his service papers. He has experienced that the Lord calls in remarkable ways.

We were pleased to hear that Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia Banwart and family of Eureka shall assemble with us at our gatherings. Bro. Joel is taking up more schooling in College Station University of Texas. We pray that the Heavenly Comforter will bless them.

We were richly blessed with visitors this month:

My parents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst; aunt, Sis. Gussie Johnson; and little brother, Kevin, all of Oakville, visited me on their

vacation to Corpus Christi and Mexico.

Bro. Ernie Herman's mother, Sis. Emma, and sisters of Morton visited him a few days.

Chris Miller's parents, Bro. and Sis. Chris Miller, and family of Eureka visited him on a long weekend.

Bro. Dan Kupferschmid and family, Bro. Paul Kupferschmid and Sis. Susie Kupferschmid, all of Cissna Park, visited their nephew, Bro. Joe Beer.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kupferschmid of Eureka moved their daughter, Phyllis, down to live with her husband, Chris Miller.

We enjoyed all the fellowship with our visitors, and we encourage more to come.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend, and Elder Bros. Samuel Anliker—Lamont, and Gene Marti—Sabetha, who served us the Lord's supper. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup . . ."

Bro. Will Sinn is in Santa Fe Hospital, Topeka, for a check-up.

Eight-year-old Roger Kraft, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft, is in the local hospital for tests and observation for a stomach ailment. We hope both he and Bro. Will will soon be home again and feeling fine.

Our shut-in, Sis. Clara Marti, remains about the same.

Our young folks going to college include Lon and Don Banwart, Charles Sinn, Ruby Sinn, Tom Sinn, Joyce Sinn and Connie Miller.

Prayer

Prayer changes things; prayer changes you.

It changes people and the things they do.

Prayer is the key to the storehouse of God,

Opening new ways He would have you trod.

Prayer is the stairway to heaven above,

The most direct route to His wonderful love.

Prayer is important; we need it today.

Prayer is a privilege—so why don't you pray!

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of Alabama was one of our visiting ministers, as also were Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski and Bro. Al Fisher of the Chicago church. All gave us very inspiring messages.

Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn Schlipf are the parents of their first son, John D., born August 26. He has three sisters, Ann, Susan and Nancy. They are happy to have a brother.

Bro. Enid Schlipf and Sis. Lila Haney were united in holy matrimony on Sun., Aug. 27. We wish them many blessings in their new walk of life together.

Sis. Lila Funk, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Kathryn, has returned to our congregation from Dallas, Texas, where she had an eight-month course in surgery. She has returned to Brokaw Hospital in Normal as a surgical nurse.

Sis. Clara Funk has returned to her home, following another course of treatment in Brokaw Hospital. We are glad to know there is steady improvement in her illness.

Sis. Carolyn Schlipf was taken by ambulance to Mennonite Hospital for emergency treatment. She was in intensive care for a time. We wish her a speedy recovery and that she will soon be able to return to her family. Her mother, Sis. Setta Klopfenstein, is caring for her family.

We have three more converts in our congregation: Friends Jerry, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Ethel Meiss; Cleve, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Kathryn Klopfenstein of La Grange, Ill.; and Robert, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edith Meiss of Bloomington, Illinois. We are happy that they, too, have found it urgent to seek the Lord in repentance and find peace for their souls.

Friends Dennis and Barbara Stoller, also new converts, have found peace with their Lord and Saviour. They were announced Sun., Sept. 3, and are to give their testimony Sat., Sept. 16. We wish them God's grace and help in their new walk in life with the Lord. Friend Dennis is the son of his departed parents, Bros. Alph and Sis. Carolyn Stoller, who were fatally injured in an automobile accident June 28. Dennis has moved with his family to Pekin, Ill., where he has set up his practice in dentistry.

Bro. Dale Schlipf has entered

service and is stationed at Ft Sam Houston. His wife, Sis. Vicki left to join him Sept. 6, until after the holidays.

Friend Vicki Hodel, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Jene, entered Methodist Hospital as a student nurse.

Jack Gramm, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Gramm, and Raymond, son of George and Sis. Pauline Witzig, entered service.

The Gridley Bible Class spent an enjoyable week-end in Elgin, Ill. on Aug. 12 and 13. There were 25 young people, accompanied by Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred Schlipf, Bro. Carlton and Sis. Betty Klopfenstein, Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Gramm and Bro. Ed and Sis. Loretta Gramm.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

Visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Paul Banwart, West Bend, and Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop. We thank God for the blessings we received from their teachings.

Bro. Kenneth, Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall and family have moved to Carver, Minn. We welcome them into our congregation.

Show me the way,
not to fortune and fame,
Not how to win laurels
or praise for my name—
But show me the way
to spread **The Great Story,**
That **Thine is The Kingdom**
and **Power and Glory.**

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Youth Fellowship Day was well attended again this year. The weather was rainy and cool throughout the better part of the day, causing minor adjustments to be made in the schedule. Those in charge of arrangements seemed to accomplish this with very little inconvenience to the hundreds in attendance. In spite of the weather, the same warm fellowship was there, as old and new friends met and visited with each other. Those present seemed to feel that, rain or shine, it was a day in which they shared many spiritual blessings.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Lester Huber, Francesville; George Lambert, Wichita; and Homer Reineck, Toledo. By heeding the instruction and inspira-

tions received from these brothers' sermons, we will be helped in reaching our eternal destination, as we go through this life. We thank them for coming.

We are happy for our friend, Linda Beer, who has made known the decision of giving her life to the Lord. We also rejoice with her parents, Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie Beer have welcomed a new little girl into their family. She came into this world on Sept. 9, and at this writing is too new to have been given a name. She will be welcomed at home by her five older sisters and two big brothers. We extend our congratulations to them.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

The dedication of the Monroe Church on Sardis Ridge, Ohio, was held on Sunday, Sept. 3. Several visiting ministers and many people from distant points were in attendance. The weather was ideal, and the day was a pleasant one for all who attended.

The annual Limestone Homecoming was held on Sunday, Sept. 3 at the old Limestone School and was well attended. Paul Riggenbach was named as President for the next year; Carl Berger was named Vice-President, with Mrs. Lillie Wade as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Betty Wade of Columbus, O., visited here recently and four of her five children went back with her, and will make their home with her in Columbus.

The annual Witschey reunion which is always held on the fourth Sunday in August, was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kipfer of Fort Wayne, Misses Frances, Freda, Esther and Irene Kipfer of Bluffton, visited here on the week-end of Aug. 13, attending services at the Monroe Church on Sunday, and visiting in New Martinsville on Monday, touring the Viking Glass Company, which is always a looked-to pleasure.

Dan Witschey remains a patient in the local hospital and has his good days along with the bad ones.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent the Labor Day week-end here with the Barth families.

Attending the dedication services of the Monroe church on Sept. 3

were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berger and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kocher and Mrs. Gus Weltz.

Miss Jessie Hassig of Akron spent a week here with relatives recently.

Virgil Frei of Limestone Ridge is a medical patient in the local hospital for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Witschey of Pittsburgh visited with relatives recently. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Renner spent the Labor Day week-end with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas in Niles, Ohio.

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

A Proverb

There once was an old mandrin living in the country of China. A mandrin is one who has been educated in a profession to help the public and individuals with their problems. He was very wise, and always seemed to be able to answer all the questions and problems put before him just right.

A young boy decided to devise a method to trick this wise old mandrin. He thought and thought, and finally decided that he had a way. He said to himself, "I will catch me a little bird and I'll clasp it in my hand. I'll say to the mandrin, 'I have a bird in my hand; is it dead or alive?' If he says, 'it is alive', I'll squeeze it until it is dead, and if he says, 'it is dead', I'll open my hand and let it fly away."

So he called upon the wise old mandrin, and after discussing the weather, etc., he said, "Sir. I have a bird in my hand, is it dead or is it alive?". The wise old mandrin looked him squarely in the eyes and without hesitation said, "At thy will, my son, at thy will."

This proverb was brought out in a sermon by Bro. John Somerhaldner. It seems to make us realize that we really have our destiny clasped in our hands. We might try to fool God, but He is all powerful and can look down on us and also say, to us **at thy will, my son, at thy will** because He knows that His plan is available to us, but it is at our will to decide what we do with our life.

Bro. Roy Stevig is able to assemble with us again after back surgery.

We were pleased to have visit us Bro. David Koch, who is stationed

with the Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

We hope to have one of our ministers visit Bro. and Sis. Art Foster in Camp Verde once a month and hold services for them. Bro. Art is unable to make the trip to Phoenix anymore for health reasons. The Bible Class is planning to accompany Bro. Richard Schupbach this month.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The Bible Class students, along with some of the teachers and parents, spent the week-end of Aug. 12-13 in Topeka, Kansas. This included all the Kansas churches, also Burlington (Okla.) & Lamar. There were close to 200 present for the evening meal. Bro. Akito Inoue visited the Sabetha congregation on Sunday morning, and Bro. Don Sauder held services in Sabetha on Sunday evening. We enjoyed the visits of both brothers and welcome them to visit us again.

Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington was also a guest speaker on a recent Sunday evening. We also thank him for ministering unto us.

Bro. Nathan Grimm had eye surgery during this past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Strahm of Wichita are the parents of a baby daughter, Brenda Dee, through adoption on Aug. 18. She was two weeks old. They also have a son, Brian Lee. Sis. Helen and Bro. Paul Strahm are the paternal grandparents.

Friends Charlotte Lehman and Fred Aberle were united in marriage on Sept. 3 by Bro. Eugene Marti. The wedding was held at the home of her parents, Sis. Irene and Bro. Andy Lehman. Fred is the son of Sis. Liseten and Bro. Ben Aberle. We wish the new couple much happiness in their married life.

Sunday School classes resumed again on the Sunday following Labor Day.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

We wish to thank Bro. Merle Laukhauf of Latty, Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit and Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron for freely offering their ministry to our congregation this past month. Their prayer might be that of a poet who did not ask that throngs would seek to hear him, but rather that those attending might see Christ in his message; who did not ask for church

pomp or pageant, but rather for Christ's nearness; who did not ask that men would praise or headline his name, but rather that hearts might find God as the message is voiced; and who did not ask for any part of this world's distinctions, but rather for a submissive and Christ-like heart.

Gail Spangler, daughter of Elmer and Sis. Alma Maibach is seeking the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace in her new walk. Her brother, Gary, serving in Viet Nam, can certainly rejoice with us.

Our congregation was saddened by the news that Robert Blough, son of Bro. Willard & Sis. Anna was killed while serving with the Armed Forces in Viet Nam. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this writing.

Hospitalized are Bro. Alvin Winkler and Bro. Herman Ingold, and Sis. Martha Walder and Sis. Linda Zollinger are recuperating at home.

August 13 a daughter, Jennifer, was born to Bro. William and Carol Patterson. She is welcomed by a brother and sister at home.

Aug. 27, Sis. Lynell Hartzler, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline, and Bro. Ronald Palitto, son of Bro. John and Sis. Martha were united in marriage.

Sept. 3 Arthur Beery, son of Howard and Sis. Lucille and Eileen Snyder were united in marriage. May God's blessings rest upon their households.

SARDIS, OHIO

Doris Indermuhle

Creator Spirit, by whose aid,
The World's foundations first were laid,

Come, visit every pious mind;
Come, pour Thy joys on human kind;

From sin and sorrow set men free,
And make Thy temples worthy Thee.

Approximately 250 of our brethren from 15 congregations assembled with us on Sept 3. when we dedicated our church to the Lord. Elders and ministers included Bros. Rudolph Graf, Akron; Noah Bauman, Rittman; Walter Anliker, Eureka; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forest; Robert Stoll, Girard; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Fred Marty, Rittman; Wayne Gerber, Lester. We want to thank all those that made our dedication services possible. We welcome those who couldn't be with us for dedication to come and wor-

ship with our small flock yet this fall.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Marie Uchida

We said farewell to Sis. Marie Neihofer of Francesville, whom we have greatly enjoyed having among us the past year.

We welcomed our new teacher, Sis. Nancy Schrock from Congerville, and English school and kindergarten begin September 4.

Know Each Other Better

I am in my sixties. I invite many to church. I pray that my husband can be baptized this October and then we will have a Christian home. My husband has a knitting factory.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Marilyn Fetter recently became the happy parents of a sweet little girl, Edith May.

On August 20, the engagement of Sis. Janet Rehklau to Bro. Tom Kipfer of Bluffton was announced. We wish them many blessings in their future life together.

JoAnne Dahms, one of our student nurses, has been hospitalized with a head injury. We are happy she seems to be improving . . . Hope she can get back to duty soon.

We enjoyed the brief visit of ministering Bro. Ed Aeschleman and family from Wilmington, Delaware. It seems our times of fellowship are far too short.

Recently, Ministering Bros. Wayne Gerber of Lester and Henry Sabo of Mansfield and their wives visited us for midweek services. We enjoyed hearing how we should live closer under the light of the Lord.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

We want to thank Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka, Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke and Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville for ministering unto us this past month. May God add His blessings to the heavenly seed they sowed, that it may in due time blossom and bear fruit.

We rejoice that Vicki Rocke, daughter of Bro. Orville and Sis. Doris, has cast her lot with the Lord. Inasmuch as Vicki was sick at home for a number of weeks, we are glad that she has recovered and now attends church regularly.

Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith Hohulin and their children are now making their home in Tremont. We welcome them to our congregation.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. John and Sis. Rose Schurter. Their teenage granddaughter, Sara Youle, of Salem, Oregon, was recently called from this life in a tragic automobile accident. Her parents are Louise (Schurter) and Charlie Youle. May God comfort and soothe the sorrowful and aching hearts of all who knew and loved her.

It was recently called to my attention that Satan has two master tricks: one is to get us discouraged, and the other is to make us doubt. If we are on guard, we will not let him trick us by either of these methods.

I asked the Lord to let me do
Some mighty work for Him;
To fight amid his battle hosts,
Then sing the victor's hymn.
I longed my ardent love to show,
But Jesus would not have it so.

He placed me in a quiet home
Whose life was calm and still,
And gave me little things to do,
My daily round to fill;
I could not think it good to be
Just put aside so silently.

Small duties gathered round my way;

I seemed of earth alone.
I, who had longed for conquest bright

To lay before His throne,
Had common things to do and hear,
To watch and strive with daily care.

So then I thought my prayer unheard,

And asked the Lord once more
That He would give me work for Him

And open wide the door,
Forgetting that my Master knew
Just what was best for me to do.

Then quietly the answer came:

My child, I hear thy cry;
Think not that mighty deeds alone
Will bring the victory,
The battle has been planned by Me;
Let daily life thy conquests see.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA
Delores Messerli and Carol Messner

How important is the Holy Spirit to the true Christian? We have heard, **Be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Surely the hymn writers were filled to pen these wonderful teachings. Much strength is gathered by reading from our hymnals. A hymn often serves as a sermon to some troubled soul.

A much used quotation, "Let your conscience be your guide," is not in accord with our Bible teachings. The Holy Spirit is our faithful guide ever near the Christian side. Our conscience sets the moral standard by which we wish to live. The Holy Spirit guides us, if we pray for help from our Heavenly Father.

The Lord richly blessed us with visiting ministers this month. Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington, Uriel Gehring from Burlington (Ia.), and Bro. August Bolliger from Tremont were here with their families. We thank these brothers for their efforts.

School has started a new year, as well as our Sunday School. The youth of today is our hope of the future church. We pray the Lord will guide and direct our Sunday School teachers to help instill the true word of God in their young hearts by having interesting classes.

Pat and Barbara (Messner) Mattes are new parents of a baby boy, Chad Michael, born Aug. 28. Bro. James and Sis. Julia Messner welcome a baby daughter, Lyla Jean, to their family, born Sept. 2.

The Kenneth Schmidgall family has moved. Their new address is Box 75, Carver, Minnesota.

We thank the Lord for the bountiful gardens He blesses our families with, so we can put up food for the long cold winter ahead. . . . Just as our life here on earth. Our lives are as the summer, in which we must reap and harvest in preparation of our Lord's coming, so we can inherit the eternal crown of glory.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Mr and Mrs. John Isch

We are so pleased to report that beginning Sept. 24, we tentatively plan to hold services here every Sunday. We realize that this will impose an even greater burden on those who already so willingly serve us, but we all feel that now is the time for this next big step in the growth of our little church. Certainly we could not continue with our worship here without the strong support of the many beloved congregations who serve us so faithfully. . . . And we hope and trust that

the good Lord will continue to be their rich rewarder.

Already the summer is gone; fall is at hand, and the students are going back to school to begin another year of studies. We hope that many in our surrounding universities would form the habit—early in the year—of taking a little time off on the Sabbath, to forget their books and search a little in that great Book. . . . For its from the pages of that book that our future lives are determined. . . . And so we warmly welcome any and all who could come to spend a Sunday in worship with us. By our fellowship together—through Him who made it all possible—hopefully we'll all be drawn closer together in that blessed **tie that binds.**

TAYLOR, MISSOURI
Mrs. Eli Sutter
Mrs. Bill Heimer

On Sunday Aug. 20, Eleanor Yackley was proved and baptized by Bro. Noah Schrock. We welcome her into our fellowship, and pray there will be many more that will turn to the Lord before the day of grace is past. Many friends and relatives came to share this blessed day with us. Eleanor is the daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

Bro. Bill Cottrell returned home from Vietnam on Aug. 20. We are thankful that he was kept from harm and that he could return safely home. After his leave he will be stationed at Ft. Walters, Texas.

Bro. Will and Sis. Marie Butikof returned home from the hospital, Bro. Will having had tests and Sis. Marie submitted to surgery. Mary Beth, daughter of Sis. Naomi Heimer, had her tonsils and adenoids removed. Bro. Eli Sutter returned home from the hospital after a stay of more than seven weeks, following a heart attack. We are so glad to have home again. We are thankful that they are all getting along quite well.

Cheryl, daughter of the Henry Hodels, graduated from Practical Nursing School, Blessing Hospital, Quincy Ill., on Aug. 20. She is now employed at the hospital.

School has started again, and our young people started in their various places of learning. Bro. Stan Heimer is going to Quincy College, Quincy Ill. for his Junior year; Karen Yackley to NE Mo. State Teachers College at Kirks-

ville, Mo.; Sis. Sue (Russell) Henning, Sis. Edra Gerst (Oakville) and Lois Doorneweerd, (Lester) begin their second year in nurse's training at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Ill. On Sept. 8 they received their caps.

Sis. Eleanor Yackley graduated from NE Mo. Teachers College with a Master's Degree in business education. She has begun her teaching duties at Calmer, Ia. in an area Vocation school. She will attend church services at Elgin, Ia. We will miss Sis. Eleanor, but wish her well in her new position.

We elected Sunday School teachers now rather than at our annual meeting in January, so they can begin with their classes when students are promoted at the beginning of the school year. Bros. Paul Haab and Norman Haerr, Sisters Linda Kolthoff and Ruth Cottrell have replaced Bros. Louis Hoerr and Bill Gerst, Sisters Kathy Haab and Dorothy Yackley. Sunday School classes have resumed, after having vacation during August.

Sis. Sue, wife of Bro. Russell Henning, has returned home, after spending the summer with Bro. Russ at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where he is presently stationed.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

We were privileged to have as guest ministers the following brothers: Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Jim Ringger, Bradford; John Rokey, Goodfield; Raymond Roth, Burlington (Okla.); Josh Broquard, Fairbury; and Leroy Huber, Eureka. Many blessings and exhortations were received as a result of their labors.

Sadie Dietrich graduated from the University of Iowa School of Practical Nursing on Aug. 6. She is the daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sarah, and is presently employed at Proctor Hospital in Peoria. We congratulate her, and wish her God's blessings as she serves others in this profession.

Our congregation will certainly miss the fellowship of Bro. Stan and Sis. Naomi (Bowald) Vogel and their two children, Patti and Cindi. Stan was transferred to the Kouts, Ind. area, and they will attend church at La Crosse. We wish them much happiness in their new home and church. Their address is: Mr. and Mrs. Stan Vogel, Box 172, Kouts Indiana.

Also missing from our gatherings during the coming year will be Sis. Nancy Schrock. She left Aug. 16 for Japan, where she will be teaching the children of our missionaries in that area, as well as others interested in learning our language. We trust that her presence there will be a blessing to all concerned. Her address is: Miss Nancy Schrock, 422 Shioda Ichimiya-Cho, Higashi Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken, Japan.

On Aug. 27, baptismal services were held, with Bros. Leroy Huber and Josh Broquard in charge. After giving their testimonies before the church, our friends Peninah (Mrs. Clarence) Miller and Don and Carolyn Ott were baptized. We welcome them into our fellowship and wish them God's continued guidance, encouragement, and lasting peace. Bro. Don's parents are Clayton and Sis. Margaret Ott.

We are so happy that Peggy Knapp has been able to attend Sunday School again, after several months absence, due to being ill with rheumatic fever. Peggy, whose parents are Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge, is still too weak to attend regular school.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Yesterday we visited with Sis. Lydia Bahr at Wichita, and she seems to be coming along O.K., after having had about 2-week setback in the hospital, where they had to operate again to remove an infection . . . everyone being most thankful that the infection was not in the bone joint, where they operated. She expressed the desire to be "back home and in church". The doctor will not let her leave until the incision is completely healed. She is at the home of her daughter, Sis. Ann Greiner, and is able to walk with a walker.

The Sunday School classes were promoted the first of September. Some new folding tables and chairs have replaced the old school desks that remained in the Sunday School for years.

Mrs. Loren Strahm read Galatians 5 in a recent sermon, and brought out the meaning of emulation. The dictionary gives the meaning as thus: effort or desire to equal or excel others; syn.-competition, rivalry. In everyday language, it plainly means Christians are not to

"keep up with the Jones" or be "Jones" in our everyday walk of life.

Because of the abundance of rain and cooler weather than "normal" for August, we weren't in the midst of silo-filling when the annual Ft. Sam reunion was held in August at Roanoke. It certainly was a most uplifting blessing to meet, greet, and have fellowship with Christian brethren from so many places that we had not seen for a long time. I wonder if we treasure our Christian fellowship enough . . . sometimes we feel discouraged when there are so few of our faith, but it was certainly an encouragement to us to just feel that others feel concern for their growing families, and at least we aren't the "only ones" with so-called "old-fashioned views." May the Lord bless all those who put forth so much effort and time to make it possible.

We are happy to have Sis. Sarah Beyer move to Gridley from Madison, where she will be closer to all of us.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst

Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma Rinckenberger have moved to our community. Bro. Steve is on the high school faculty.

Bro. Everett and Sis. Beverly Hari are the parents of a son, James Allen, born August 26. They have two other children, Steve and Gale. A son, Jeffery Charles, was born to Harlan and Sue Zobrist, Sept. 7. They also have a daughter, Lisa. Waldo and Sharon Remmert are the parents of a son, Kurt Warren, born August 16. They also have a son Kent.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Al Fisher, Chicago; Fd Aeschleman, Union City; Raymond Roth, Burlington Okla.; Al Langhofer, Wichita; Loren Stoller, Latty; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Lester Huber, Francesville; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill.; Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; and Walter Anliker, Eureka.

The 15th Annual Ft Sam Reunion was held August 12-13. There were 84 brothers registered, with their wives and children making approximately 225 attending. Twenty-eight churches were represented. This group is the first Ft Sam group, which includes servicemen of the Korean War to January 1, 1956.

Several of our congregation were hospitalized, most of them for a

short duration. They were Sisters Rose Minger, Violet Schafer, Joan Bertshi; Bros. Merlyn Getz, Vince Hodel and Joe Rassi. Sis. Edna (Mrs. Curtis) Sauder is hospitalized, having had major surgery. Sis. Carrie Hodel met with a fall in her home, but has made a quick recovery.

Bro. Keith Kellenberger of Elgin Ill., and Sis. Sharon Blunier of this congregation were united in marriage Sunday, Sept. 10. Bro. Keith is the son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kellenberger. Sis. Sharon is the daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier.

ALABAMA

Lynn Klopfenstein

Sis. Ora Kelley has returned home from the Nashville hospital, where she was confined for about 10 days. Ora is improving slowly, although she is still bedfast.

Mrs. Ida Vibbert passed away Sept. 5 at Athens-Limestone Hospital. She is survived by her husband and ten children, including a daughter-in-law, Sis. Hazel Vibbert.

There were 41 present at recent Wed. night services at the Hillsboro church. The Bible study is presently in the book of Ephesians.

We are thankful for the recent visit of Elders Bahler, Graf and Bauman. During the visit, Bro. Junior Hale was ordained deacon, to lend additional assistance in carrying out the duties of the local churches. The week end was a blessed one, and we thank the Lord for His guidance and presence.

Organizational meetings have been held of the Alabama churches, and trustees have been elected: Athens—Bros. Henry Perry, James Goode and William Haggenmaker. Landersville — Hillsboro: Bros. Chester Simmons, Richard Frost and Carl Naylor.

We welcome Sis. Mary Pulver, who has moved to Alabama to assist in the work of the church.

Birth: a girl, to Coleman and Betty Campbell.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Ray Martin

For ever be praised,
God's Spirit of grace,
That from Thee I learn
How friendly my Saviour
To sinners doth turn.

We are happy to report that two souls have turned to the Lord in repentance and have been announced

for proving. They are Friends Bill Wuthrich and his wife, Ernestine. May God's grace and richest blessings be with them.

We have had Bro. Gerald Sutter as guest minister this past month. We want to thank him for the many teachings he brought.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna Steffen — Loretta Steffen

On Aug. 7, Darryl and Mary Schutte became parents of a son, Luke Arthur.

Sis. Kathryn Grauburg and her husband, Fred, were in an automobile accident and were hospitalized for several days. They are home now and recuperating, with the help and grace of our Lord.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Wiegele are visiting relatives in Germany.

The Alto Sunday School recently enjoyed the fellowship of a group of young people from Bay City. Our sympathy is extended to the family of Minnie Wingeier, who passed away at the age of 69. She was the wife of Simon Wingeier, son of our late Sis. Mary.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Susan Root, one of our repenting souls, whose husband was killed recently in Viet Nam. Sp4 Roger D. Root, 20, was killed by sniper fire Aug. 21.

It is hard for us to imagine the experience in the battlefields. In one of his letters to Susan, Roger wrote . . . "today is Independence Day, but not a very happy one. I write this letter with a heavy heart because to me I not only lost a friend but you might say a brother. You know the kid who I wanted you to have someone write to? . . . he is dead . . . We got 18 wounded and 8 killed.

"Yes, sure it keeps going over and over in my mind that he is dead. I keep thinking he is just gone for a few days and will be back, but he won't! He only had 90 days left and he said to me the other day yet, he was sure he was going home . . ."

"Our squad is down to six men . . ."

"Yes, Sue, it sure gives you a funny feeling. In fact even though we're supposed to be men it makes a guy cry when you come back and have to pack up their stuff to send in."

"I got Jim's camera and am going to send it to his parents because just last week yet I took a bunch of pictures of him. It sure makes you wonder, Am I going to make it,

but only God knows."

Roger often spoke of God in his letters. Bro. Ben Maibach, along with Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and George Sinn held the funeral services. Bro. Ben, in his service, read part of another letter that Roger had sent to the Alto Sunday School:

"You know friends, going to church, going to Sunday School, having Christian parents, singing—we kind of take all that for granted. At least, I know I did. And really that is a great privilege. Just thank God for what you have back in Alto because we sure have a lot to be thankful for."

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HISTORY AMERICAN ELDERS

Roanoke (Continued)

Weyeneth, Benedict. Born in Switzerland June 2, 1819. Ordained elder in Switzerland. Served until 1887. Died Dec. 11, 1887.

Fehr, Conrad, Roanoke. Born in Eglisau, Switzerland, Oct. 31, 1831. Ordained elder in 1887. Served from 1887-1902. Died Feb. 4, 1905.

Mangold, Michael, Roanoke. Born in Alsace Lorraine, April 6, 1859. Ordained elder approximately 1902 by Bros. Rudolph Witzig, Gridley, Ill.; Jacob Honegger, Forrest; and Chris. Gerber, Fairbury. Served from 1902-1930. Died April 19, 1930.

Mangold, David, Roanoke. Born in Roanoke, April 27, 1892. Ordained elder Oct. 16, 1934 by Bros. Emil Schubert, Peoria, Carl Rassi, Morton, and Peter Bach, Forrest.

Bertschi, Eugene. Born at Roanoke April 12, 1918. Ordained elder November 20, 1966 by Bros. John Bahler, Noah Bauman, Joe Waibel, Silas Leuthold and LeRoy Huber.

The first meeting-house in Roanoke was erected in 1864. Bro. Benedict Weyeneth served the congregation as elder. (He moved from New

York to Iowa in 1851, and moved to Peoria in 1853. He farmed in the Tremont and Morton area and settled in Woodford County near Roanoke in 1857.)

The congregation flourished, and the work of salvation was blessed by the Saviour, so from the time Bro. Weyeneth began his labors in Illinois about 100 years ago, approximately 860 souls were baptized, according to the records at Roanoke.

The Roanoke church was served over the years by the following elders: Bros. Benedict Weyeneth,

"The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the word in our life and thoughts. . . . The first three years after conversion I neglected the word of God. Since I began to search it diligently the blessing has been wonderful. I have read the Bible through one hundred times, and always with increasing delight. Each time it seems like a new book to me. Great has been the blessing from consecutive, diligent, daily study. . . ."

Conrad Fehr, Michael Zimmerman, Michael Mangold, Elias Winzeler, Emil Schubert, J. W. Schmidt and David Mangold.

Bro. David Mangold had also had the oversight of the congregations in Gridley, Fairbury, Forrest, Peoria, Eureka, and Elgin (Iowa).

Tremont

Reuter, Michael, Tremont. Ordained elder in 1854. Served from 1854-1881. Died 1881.

Knapp, Carl, Tremont.

Getz, Ludwig, Tremont. Born in Wurttemberg, Germany, Jan. 26, 1830. Ordained elder approximately 1881. Served from 1881-1898. Died Oct. 22, 1898.

Winzeler, Elias, Tremont. Born in Wauseon, Ohio, April 8, 1858. Ordained elder approximately 1911. Served from 1911-1939. Died April 11, 1939.

Koch, Dan. Born at Tremont, January 2, 1926. Ordained elder December 11, 1966 by Bros. Noah Schrock, Roy Sauder and Silas Leuthold.

Seven young men emigrated from Germany and came to Tremont in Decemehr 1857, Ludwig Getz, John Getz Sr., Christian Pfloderer, Chris-

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tian Schmutz and Jacob Woertz (the others are not known).

The first meeting-houses in Illinois were at Morton, Roanoke and Tremont. Bro. Michael Reuter, who had come with Andrew Braun, served there as elder until his death in 1881. In 1870, the first Tremont Apostolic Christian Church was

built just north of Dillion, Ill., near the home of Bro. Michael Reuter, who was one of the first ministers and elders. It was a small rectangular building, which soon became inadequate for the needs of a fast-growing group.

In 1881, a larger church was erected on the Kasper Koch farm,

1½ miles south of Tremont. In 1909, a large new building was erected in the town of Tremont.

Tremont Church was served by the following elders: Bros. Andrew Rapp, Morton; Emil Schubert, Peoria; Carl Rassi, Morton; and Joe A. Getz, Morton.

(To be continued)

L I F E

What is life? "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy . . ." Life is to know the Father and the Son. . . It is awareness of His things, aliveness of spirit, always—forever and ever. Life opens the eyes of the soul to the city of God.

" . . . my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." Promises in Him become real, alive. Life is lived in promises. Life is love. . . Boundless, bringing ceaseless joy. His gifts bring matchless enabling power and constant blessing. "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;" Yearning, earning friendship comes in life. Friendship spans the miles and burns brightly of remembrance. How fragrant is its garden! Paul's love glows: "Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;" How great is life? What riches! Long more for its great sweetness, greatly desiring. The presence of another causes chimes beautiful.

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." Some talk about human masterpieces of art. The creations of the Master are wonderful. They glow with life. They are living works that endure forever.

"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." The beautiful lay-

ing on of hands brings God to be at home in the heart. That is life. How great He is. To see, to hear with the inner man is living with dimensions eternal, unconceived of natural senses.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Fear and worry mean everything is not perfect. For faster driving, we press down the speed. For life-giving promise, press in prayer. Even only a tiny grain of faith God sees. His Spirit will command. We strive toward the dawn, and praise at midnight!

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;" Suffering some . . . Some pain . . . Some hurt. Ask for grace to carry, power to cast.

Paul continues, showing the beautiful life of God. Where, but there, could we find such living! "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," How beautiful is always. Look forward. Such immeasurable personality in an all-wise One! To sit in His presence will be delight. Wonders will unfold in ages to come. What glorious voice will His be, to sit near and drink.

Beautiful calling, once secret, "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel;"

Death really gone? Now Exit here, entrance there. Jairus' little girl was not dead, only sleeping. Her spirit came again to her, when Jesus called, and He commanded to give her something to eat. Beautiful life.

There is a plan; God carefully organizes. Paul's life was programmed better than a computer . . . perfect.

"Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles." Ours, each tiny part, also is carefully, there with God. If we ask, we will see.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Heaven's safety deposit guards perfectly. Do we see the limitless power? Beyond the horizon's of our human feeling is a vast, beautiful realm. It is organized in precise, gospel-described order.

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." Health is present. We dare not dangerously expose a child to disease. A run-down body is an invitation to trouble. The surgeon, clean, careful care are patterns of success. Sound words are the ramparts of the soul, the isolation to disease, and the separation from much trouble.

"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us." God is in charge, when we seek His keep.

Life spans all seasons, and there in eternity are kept good memories to come.

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