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AUTHENTIC THANKSGIVING

That first Thanksgiving in November 1621 was **real!** It was born out of suffering. The Pilgrims had reaped a good harvest from the Indian corn they had planted. The English pease they brought with them did not germinate. 47 out of their original group of 102 had died. The weather during those winter months had been hard. Their relationships with the Indians had been frighteningly uncertain. Because of suffering, there was a note of authenticity in their celebration. They had been through that crisis of suffering, without which there can be no initiation into the realm of the truly authentic.

You and I would probably have spared them all that they went through that first year. If I had been in a position to advise the Lord what to do, I would most certainly have recommended that He give them a mild winter, unusually good health, and acceptance with the Indians. Had not they acted on

principle? Did not they deserve some encouragement? Had not they earned the "blessing of God," namely peace, security and plenty of food? That is not what He gave them. He plunged them into crisis after crisis. It is suffering like theirs, however, that gives birth to reality.

God's word has said over and over again that true thanksgiving is born of suffering. David said it in Psalm 116. Only when his soul had been delivered from death, his eyes from tears and his feet from stumbling was he ready to pay his vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people. Only when his bonds had been loosed was he ready to offer thanksgiving. David could have gone through the motions of celebrating Thanksgiving and probably would have done an excellent job. He was a fine musician and could have entertained with his lyre; he was a poet and could have written a special poem for the day. That is

not what makes Thanksgiving real.

Only when we suffer can we know that we have nothing to boast of; only when we know that we have nothing to boast of can we be truly thankful. What is the call that comes to us on Thanksgiving Day? To put ourselves into the hands of God. We are not to try to protect ourselves from whatever trials and difficulties God may bring our way. Most of us have defense mechanisms we have developed over the years to protect ourselves from situations we do not like. Every time we put them into operation, we deprive ourselves of the opportunity of having God initiate us further into the priceless order of those whose lives are purged by His fire, and therefore are filled with His Spirit. Let us set these mechanisms aside and let God deal with us as He wants. The result? A real Thanksgiving Day.

A HAND REACHES TO YOU

Who is your neighbor? A billion human beings are undernourished. Could we see a little one nearby without food, we would pity. We are **very** nearby. Lives hang in the balance. Things are happening, the touch of mercy. It was written, that the largest armada of ships since D-day were used to carry grain to India.

God can change things, yet He predicts sad events. The outlook is grave. Sizable surplus are nowhere. Of six great food exporting regions, only two remain. World population is greater and greater. From the flood, it took till 1830 to reach 1 billion. The 2nd billion came in 100 years or about, 1830-1930. The 3rd billion in 1960. The prediction is, 1980 for the 4th billion. Food production is not keeping up. A million new mouths to feed each week! Will

famine be a greater heart-rending catastrophe? One soul writes, It is scary. It is a challenging thing. By 1990, it is thought it will be over. So will many an opportunity.

Translate this into a child, looking at you. Listen.

Apostolic Christian World Relief
Heifer Project Inc.: To Americans, a cow may seem like a strange gift, but to Dominicans whose children get only a quart of milk a week, it is welcome. In addition to milk to drink, a cow gives milk to sell and a calf every year, providing both nutritious food and extra income. The first calves, however, will not be sold, but given to other needy families. Those families in turn will do the same, creating a chain of "living gifts".

Bro. Edwin Haas (Bro. Bill Klopfenstein accompanied him): We left

on a trip through the Andes to view former Heifer project shipments and how the program is administered. We were to get our taste of seeing poverty, primitive agriculture, life expectancy of 35 years . . . Prior shipments included pigs, sheep. After crossing the equator, we stayed at the town of Tulcan . . . These people need and appreciate the little that our church has given them. These people are living between 9000-12000 feet above sea level, trying to exist where it takes a whole year for corn to mature, and if they receive a yield of 7 bushel per acre, it is a good year . . .

We visited several Care projects: school lunch programs, sewing machines, school supplies, the building of the school with our church furnishing the material . . . The highlight, at least to me, was the

visit to the only orphanage in the country . . . It was very crowded . . . Three little children approached the head-lady with a letter, begging for admission, the oldest about six, the other girl five, and a little 2-year-old brother. Here they stood with tattered clothes, bare-footed and hungry, tears in their eyes, pleading they be accepted. Their 16-year-old uncle had led them for about 150 miles, walking, deposited them at the gate and disappeared. Both their parents were dead. They had nothing. The head-lady turned to us and said, "We have no room." She made room, and told us how often this happens . . .

From a letter signed by Bros. Jim Hoerr and Bill Heimer (Bill has since entered the glorious rest):

. . . We were very impressed with the manager of the Heifer Project program (Santo Domingo). His day begins at 4:30 and does not end until late at night . . .

The cattle will be kept at this farm for six months, which will give them an opportunity to get the first calf off to a good start . . . Education seems to be a vital part of the program. Classes come to this farm, ordinarily six or eight boys . . . The hogs for the most part had been put into other areas. One of these places was a small city . . . Here again they bring local people in and after suitable training, these hogs are put into rural areas.

The native people were very appreciative. They do not want us to feel that we are giving them only a relief program, but it means more when they feel they are given the opportunity to earn something . . .

Haiti: We found a people who

never have breakfast, never have lunch, and if they are lucky they have a bowl of beans or rice at supper. This can be less than 2 hours by air from our homeland . . . They would like to do, but have nothing to do with, and never any opportunity to succeed. The economic situation is still worsening. The people wonder how much yet they can stand before mass starvation is their end. We had the experience of being confronted by multitudes of people, begging for anything that we could give. These people either beg or they die.

Guided by the reports and recommendations from the brothers that investigated previous shipments of animals for self-help, the committee recommended a shipment of animals to the needy in Ecuador.

Ecuador: Average annual income, \$200 a person. 90% of people undernourished, nearly two-thirds of the children die before they are five. Life expectancy, 32 years.

Heifer Project has learned that a good way to help is by importation of quality livestock. One of the best ways to carry out this is through 4-H. These rural boys and girls are eager to accept new ideas and are more than anxious to improve their livestock.

Bros. Mel Steffen and Edwin Haas' June-July 1967 trip: . . . We arrived in Quito, unloaded the sheep on a truck and the pigs on two smaller trucks, and delivered them to the quarantine station.

Our first stop was at the town of Archidona, located at the headwaters of the Amazon . . . (Bro. Bill Klopfenstein and I delivered these

cattle, but did not see their final destination.) The cattle were thriving in the hot, tropical jungle terrain; all had a calf by their side. We reviewed two schools; we visited an orphanage with about 140 children. Here is where I had the opportunity to see three orphans that arrived when we were visiting. They were very healthy looking, compared to their condition—upon arriving . . .

The next country was Paraguay; again poverty is everywhere . . . The natives do not have a balanced diet; malnutrition is prevalent in nearly all the children. Many have swollen faces, large distended mid-sections, and then the symptoms in the final stages, spindly legs and arms. Care is providing without charge a balanced noon meal for all school children; however, many never attend school; about 80% never go beyond the 3rd grade . . .

Columbia, Honduras, Belice were visited. The people are very thankful for the self-help tools, seeds, agricultural hand tools, sewing machines, food, clothing, and medical supplies—given to the clinics and orphanages spread through the countryside . . . At Belice City, another orphanage was bursting at the seams . . . Seventy-five children, living in a home about the size of a single family dwelling in the States. Every orphanage we visited received their entire budget from donations; not one was very affluent. They had to make clothes out of flour sacks. Nothing went to waste . . .

We could say the need is very great . . .

The apostle Paul: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good . . ."

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

We had mostly fine weather when the American brothers, Noah Schrock and Ben Maibach were in our country. We surely appreciated that which our heavenly Father has blessed us with through the advice and encouragement.

In Tokyo, we held several special services, besides regular Sunday morning services. A number of people were attending and showed their interest for the Lord. I believe that it's pretty sure that our brethren really encouraged them, and so they will think more about the Lord and

spiritual things.

In the country churches, Shioda and Tamahata, they also had a blessed time. On Oct. 7, Mr. Toshio Uchida was baptized in Shioda church, and his daughter, Hatsune Uchida, showed us about her spiritual desire by her daily life and her attitude. We hope she will repent and be baptized. Mr. Uchida said, "I really thank God that I could be baptized at this time and feel surely responsibility for the church in Shioda and also my own family." Many brothers and sisters attended his baptismal service at Shioda church.

At Tamahata, Bro. Akito's young-

er brother, Hisato Inoue, and younger sister Junko Inoue, were both baptized in the river near the church, on Oct. 15 in the afternoon. The service was really wonderful, and the Lord's blessings were with us. Fairly many people went to that river and watched the baptism. After the baptismal service, we brethren surely greeted them by holy kisses in the Tamahata church. No doubt most of our brethren from Shioda and Tokyo churches were attending that service and were blessed very much and encouraged by His grace. Bro. Akito Inoue and those new members were crying for

His blessings. It is no doubt no one can taste of those blessings except we true Christians. We surely thank God for His wonderful gift of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

After 3 weeks work here in Japan, the dear brothers left Tokyo airport at 9:30 P.M. on the October 23, Monday evening. Twelve of us brothers, sisters and friends meet off the brothers at the airport that night.

Our dearly beloved sister, Anna Haas, was visiting here and gave us real wonderful testimony. We had real wonderful time with her, and our brethren and friends like her very much. She left Tokyo on the October 18 Wednesday evening. We surely hope to meet her sometime in future if it is the Lord's will.

We also enjoyed the visit of Dave Moser of Lester (from Thailand) on Oct. 21, 22. May God watch over him until he returns to his home.

May the Lord bless us both, American and Japanese brethren, and keep and guide us—for all eternity—till the time where we meet together in our heavenly home. Amen.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA Velta Laukhuf

Church services will be held this winter in the Women's Club Building, at the corner of Palm Ave. and Park Ct., starting Dec. 24. Services are at 1 p.m. EST. Remember **afternoons only**, as another denomination with almost our same church name is there in the forenoon. If the good Lord is willing, Bro. Philip Wingeier will be staying at 3824 Bee Ridge Rd.; check information for his telephone number. Bro. Wingeier plans to be in Sarasota sometime near the middle of December. All visitors are welcome to assemble with us. Bro. Philip extends a special invitation to ministering brethren to partake in the church service.

Chris Knochel had the misfortune of breaking his leg on his farm here in the North. We hope Chris is well on the road to recovery and in their Sarasota home by now.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Standing out under the canopy of the heavens we are equal. God made us all! We are next-door neighbors, everyone of us, no matter where we have seen this celestial constellation of stars dotting

the heavens above. We see the same sight. Our earth becomes rather small and shrinks, as we think of the limitless universe—each star and planet in its course.

No intelligent person can afford, nor would he want to we believe be anything but reverent and humble knowing this. The Psalmist felt so, as he viewed the stars and exclaimed, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" The beauty, the vastness and the wonder of it all reduces the conceit in us into nothingness. We look in amazement. These are the same stars and planets that numberless other human beings have beheld centuries upon centuries before us!

Great instruments have revealed still greater wonders than the eye of man has ever suspected and with newer and larger ones coming, reveals even newer discoveries far beyond man's imagination! How can anyone disbelieve in a Supreme Being and a Superior Mind over all! The planets and the trillions of stars, there is no displacement there. Order and continuity of events are ever before one's eyes. Over and over again does that line come to one. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

On his recent visit to Rockville, Bro. Sam Aeschliman commented on **How beautiful heaven must be**. He said, "Man is travelling constantly; he goes and comes and marvels at the sights and wonders he sees," yet to use the words of the Scriptures, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has awaiting the Christian. It is sad that not more people know God, or can nor will believe in the promised reward to the true believer!"

Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton, his first visit to Rockville, accompanied Bro. Sam. Our fellowship together was most pleasant and uplifting; our thanks sincerely to them for their nice visit. We thank Bros. Ray Gerber and John Baumgartner, both song leaders for many years, with their wives, for a recent visit here. We especially thank Bro. Baumgartner for the beautiful lines he composed for the new Gospel hymnals, which can be found on the first pages under the heading **FOREWORD**. "May God be honored and glorified wherever these words are read and the melodies sung" are in his last lines.

This is important, we agree.

The Bertsche sisters, Elise and Martha, who have been on a two-months' sojourn in the States, have now returned to their home in Basal and Zurich, Switzerland. While in Rockville, they spent most of their time with a brother, Ernest and their niece, Sis. Helen (Emanuel) Kloter.

A little girl, Kimberly Alice, on Oct. 10 was born to David and Ruth (VanHorn) Reutter. They have one other little girl; she is fourteen months.

Ted Neuenschwander of Bluffton, now stationed at the Submarine base in New London Conn., has spent several week ends with us.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME EUREKA, ILLINOIS August Mueller

Oct. 25 . . . We at the Home mourn the passing of mother Klaus. She, with many others, was waiting for the hour to strike when she could lay down the armor and get one of those mansions of which Jesus spake of when He was among the people in this world and time. Sis. Klaus will be buried tomorrow.

Sis. Klaus was met with harps of gold, which sound from one end to the other, and a new name will be given her, which nobody knows but herself. A new hymn will be sung, which only those know that are clean. Let us work in the vineyard of our heavenly Father, until the time comes when we will celebrate what we call here, Have a party.

Yesterday at the funeral services, we heard where John was told that he should write. He saw a new heaven and a new earth. The one we are living in was gone. It could

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not be found anymore; everything was new. So it has to be fulfilled yet. It is so important that we be found with those that are found in the first resurrection.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli and Carol Messner

Bro. Donald and Sis. Bernadine Miller and children have left to farm near Northfield. They attend the Minneapolis-St. Paul church. A farewell singing, with pot-luck lunch, in honor of Millers was held at the Ray Schmidgall home. Their family and fellowship will be missed by all of our congregation.

Sp4 Steven and Linda Howk's month-old baby underwent surgery in Minneapolis. The baby is now home and recovering nicely.

Soon our harvest will be garnered in and the Thanksgiving holiday will be observed. On this day our country gives special thanks for all that we have, but we know that thanks should be offered every day, for our material gifts as well as our spiritual gifts. Without the Lord, life means nothing.

Thanksgiving Day has come again
With its golden harvest-time.
Our season's handiwork is blest;
We enjoy these gifts of Thine,
And in the comfort of our homes
Happy family circles dine.
Oh God, we give Thee thanks.

We live in a land of plenty
And from childhood have been
blest.
May freedom of worship we cherish
Continue without molest.
Jesus, the dearest of blessings,
Brought hope of eternal rest.
Oh God, we give Thee thanks.

Remember those in poverty
Whose blessings are so few.
May we with them our bounty
share,
And think of those in sorrow too.
For parents who did sacrifice,
And loved ones dear and true,
Oh God, we give Thee thanks.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

In the past month, the Detroit Sunday School has entertained two visiting Sunday Schools, Milford and Latty. The young people seemed to enjoy themselves; we hope more of these wholesome activities will follow.

Visiting with the Latty Sunday

School was Ministering Bro. Merrill Laukhuf and family. Bro. Andy Virkler and family from Bay City spent a Sunday here. We hope the Lord's blessings will follow for these brothers who so willingly served us.

Bro. Ben Maibach has returned from Japan, after a busy but very blessed visit. Several souls were added to the fold during his visit; holy communion was served. Visits from our American brothers seem to renew our Japanese brethren; they welcome the fellowship and counselling.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

All of my family and Lee Blunier of Eureka took a trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, in connection with our business and on the way spent a night with Sis. Clara Heiniger, near Hillsboro. We always enjoy helping her with her many duties. Would that we all had the burden for souls that she has and have the ambition to work harder to spread the gospel where we are.

She has many trials and hardships to endure, where we as a minister said recently, "have it so nice that we are on dangerous grounds, for each one seemingly is concerned mostly for our own material welfare". We even forget to be busy praying for others, which could be the least we could do, as James 5:16 reminds us ". . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We were very thankful to arrive home safely on Sat. night, and on Sunday to have Bro. Donald Sauder from Roanoke assemble with us. Would that we could remember the contents of the beautiful services. An aged brother said at one time, "We can't expect to remember it all, which gives us the desire to want to go to the Bible and church to hear more, from time to time."

Sis. Mary Bahler has been on the sick list for a number of weeks. Trust is that she is on the road to recovery.

Coleen Clauss, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred was married Sun., Oct. 8 to Mickey Culp, at her grandparents home. Bro. Ben Anlikers, by Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. A reception followed at the Fellowship Hall. May they strive to make their home a Christian one.

Young people and parents from

Gridley, Ill., spent the day with us, with supper at church and a program in the evening. We trust each one received a blessing, as I am sure we were blessed to have them in our midst.

Joe Lynn Schneider left for 6 months training in the Army. He is son of Sis. Anna. May God's protective hand be over him.

Harlan Braker, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, was married Oct. 20 to Martha Sheetz. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall.

Bro. Henry Kilgus and others were with us Oct. 29.

Rube Scharlach again has been to the Hospital a week. Trust he will regain his strength and soon be home.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding . . ." Proverbs 3:5

Visitors were from Akron, Lisbon, Mansfield, Rittman, Sardis, Fairbury, Forrest, Roanoke. We want to thank you Bro. Henry for ministering to our congregation on Monday, Sept. 18.

Those who were hospitalized: Bro. Ernest Hafely was in the hospital for a few days, is home again. Friend Ruth Emch was in hospital for several days and is home again. Robert Saylor's wife, Mary was in the hospital for surgery, is home convalescing. Sis. Elizabeth Games has been hospitalized for several weeks due to a broken collar bone, caused from falling down the cellar stairs. We wish all God's blessing and help to endure patiently.

God has taken two dear brothers from our midst, in such a short time. Bro. Louis H. Mauser died of a cerebral hemorrhage Sept. 5, after a four-day illness; he was 67 years old. Funeral services were held at the Weller Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 8 by Bro. Jesse Emch, assisted by Bros. Noah Bauman and Robt. Stoll. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Louise Hoefler; a brother, Fred J. Mauser; several nieces and nephews. On Sat., Oct. 21, Bro. Orrie Stoll was stricken with heart attack and died within a few minutes, at the age of 78 years. Orrie was always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. On this Sat. morning, he had gone to help his son, Don. Funeral services were at the church. Bro. Rudolph Graf officiated, assisted by Bros. Noah

Bauman and Lorentz Emch. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Grace, of Mineral Ridge; two sons, Bro. Robt. of Girard, Bro. Don of Rodgers, Ohio; one step-daughter, Mrs. Edward May; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two brothers, Bro. Wesley and Durlin of Parkman, Ohio. Both brothers will be missed so very much by all of us.

Sat. evening, Oct. 14, Friend Joan Benner was given an opportunity to give her testimony. This is always a time when we can think back to the time when we had this privilege. Sunday, Joan was baptized by our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf. Both Saturday evening and Sunday were filled with many blessings at the hand of God. We wish Joan much grace in her new way of life. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the shepherds who offer themselves so willingly to serve us.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

Our guest ministers were Bros. Jesse Schrock, Henry Beer, Al Fisher, Carl Hartman and John Widrick. No matter if they come from far or near their messages are so sincere, the admonitions for God's children and the loving and kind invitations to the friends of the truth to come into the ark of grace while the door is still open. May God bless them for their efforts in expounding the word of truth. We sang,

"Our lot is found in pleasant places,
A goodly heritage is ours;
To Him whence come all gifts and
graces,

Let us give praise with all our
powers.

He chooses us of His free grace
And makes us His peculiar race."

And we are thankful for this; especially now with the Thanksgiving Season approaching, we have much to be thankful for, spiritually and materially. We were reminded that God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and not many mighty, not many noble are called. Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father . . . that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes . . ."

Sis. Donna Sherman from Eureka has come to Elgin and is employed at Cook's Publishing Com-

pany. We welcome her to our church circle.

Carl Schmidgall is thankful to all who remembered him in his illness with cards, gifts and prayers. It was much appreciated.

Births: A daughter to Bro. Norman and Sis. Virginia Schock, Sherri Lynn born Nov. 1; a son to Bro. Wm. and Sis. Sandra Kinsinger, John Paul born Oct. 24.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

Our first thoughts are of a darling little 4-year-old Georgey, whom God suddenly called to heaven. His parents who often embraced him in their arms are Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Stefan. They have the promise to again live with him, and when his brothers and sister say their evening prayers they can also pray that some day they can be with him also. Heaven is such a wonderful place to look forward to.

Dear Bros. John Dapper, Henry Sabo, George Stefan and Henry Beer, we are so thankful to God that you came and read from the Book of the truth, and then talked to us in the truth. We cannot be thankful enough for all these blessings. Now is a special time that we all want to wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Our dear departed Bro. Philip Gutwein would be so thankful that our church has provided a place for loved ones, when they are in need of special care, as his wife, Sis. Christina is at the Apostolic Christian Home at Eureka. All our church wish to thank the loved ones there who help care for her.

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Vicky Anliker are so happy for a baby son, Curt Douglas.

Dennis and Linda Leman have brought cheer to our church again as they returned home from the service.

Another joy we had when so many dear college students visited here and know this is what they would say—

God is great

God is good

Let us thank Him for our friends.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

It has taken authors hundreds of words to say what Jesus summed up in three words: "God is love". "And now abideth faith, hope,

charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Cor. 13:13. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. Lord make us instruments of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. May the light of our faith so shine that it will illuminate the heart of another.

Tim Frieden is home, after having completed his stay in the armed forces. We were happy to see him in church again Sunday.

Bonnie Braker spent several days in the hospital for medical attention and undergoing tests. Kent Marti was hospitalized as a result of an arm injury on the farm.

We extend our sympathy to the family and loved ones of Sis. Clara Marti, who passed away Nov. 1. May God richly bless those who so patiently cared for her during her illness. She was a dear aunt to many of us here. She was dear perhaps because of her humility both in appearance and action, and at the same time she always met us with a cheerful smile. It is truly a priceless virtue. Only in a true and faithful heart can true meekness dwell. She loved flowers and her home was always filled with them. They brought much joy to her and the numerous people she so tenderly cared for through the years. She spread light wherever she went with her cheerful ways. We shall always have many rich memories. Sis. Clara turned to the Lord in her youth and was a true witness for Him. She was gently laid to rest in the little country cemetery beside the members of her family, who have gone to peaceful resting, all of whom had known and loved the Lord as Sis. Clara had.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

Bro. Bob and Sis. Pearl Miller returned from the annual Brotherhood Conference so encouraged by all the blessed fellowship shared with them that we felt they were actually dividing it among all of us! It seems this conference must have been the Lord's blessed answer to the thousands of fervent prayers which had been offered on its behalf. What an unspeakable heritage God has given us to preserve,

and at the same time, to **share**. The servant whose **pound** was kept wrapped in a napkin certainly did incur the Lord's wrath and displeasure; why should any of us ever hoard the marvelous gift of God when ". . . my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. According to **His** riches—can we put any bounds on His riches? Some of us feel limited by our character weaknesses, some by our physical infirmities, but we must remember **He** is able to supply all our need in what short time we may yet have to work for Him. We must "dig" into the riches of His Word—the Bible holds the key to greater faith, which is the victory! Reread Ephesians 3:16 to end of chapter.

By last Sunday's visit of our dear Sis. Golda Ditch from Medford, I am constrained to remind all of us to be faithful in our prayers for believers who are scattered and "alone", on whatever part of the earth they may be. Many of us also met Sis. Irene Baer when she was here from Germany; now may all of us remember to keep her in our prayers. May we take time to pray on behalf of all lonely ones, shut-ins, and those in temptation and persecution, remembering that these hours are among our greatest investments. May God help us never to squander precious time He has given us!

Sis. Clara Kaufman is currently in a rehabilitation hospital in Portland for therapy. May the Great Physician add His blessing to the efforts made to help dear Clara.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

There was rejoicing in the home of Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl Rumbold Oct. 7 as their son, Eugene, had safely returned from Europe, where he had served 15 months with the Armed Forces. This was on Saturday. Sunday, Eugene was so happy to meet his relatives and friends in the house of worship. Tuesday afternoon the death angel came to claim this dear young soul. He was oiling the combine and in some way fell or was pulled into the hopper. His father came home and noticed the motor running, so shut it off and went to the house to ask where Eugene was. After looking for him he was found in the machine. It took about an hour to free his lifeless body. Funeral serv-

ices were held Friday, Oct. 13 by our local ministers, and he was laid to rest in the church cemetery. He is survived by his grief-stricken parents; one sister, Patricia Pullen; three brothers, Russell, Howard and Richard; his grandfather, Bro. Sam Grimm, and many other relatives and friends. May the bereaved ones take courage to pilgrim onward and find comfort in God's word. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

We are grateful to report that six souls in our congregation have surrendered their lives unto the Lord, and we feel many more hearts are troubled. We encourage them to heed the call and enjoy peace in their hearts.

We have been permitted to sit in heavenly places as were privileged to have several visiting ministers with us. We have received the old yet new teachings of what we must do to inherit eternal life, our duties here on earth, how we should not judge nor be deceived. We must walk the straight and narrow path, and not again pick up something we have laid aside. At the end of the path is a restricted gate. If we have gathered something of the world along the way, there will be not enough room for us to pass through the narrow gate to meet Jesus, who is waiting at the other side.

One Sunday, Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington and Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott proclaimed the word to us.

On Monday evening Bro. Dapper of Maywood and Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend stopped to have services, while on the way to the conference. After the conference Bros. John and Corbin Bahler of Rockville and Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka came for services, Friday evening. How thankful we are for God's precious word spoken through these loving brothers, who came from the West coast and the East coast. Do we fully appreciate the blessings we are enjoying in this troubled world?

This has been a dark, cold, cloudy month, with quite a lot of precipitation and already two snows, the first measuring four inches. Even though the weather is dark and stormy, let us keep sunshine in our hearts and count our many blessings.

A number of our Bible Class students, teachers and parents joined

young people from Eureka and went by bus to Cissna Park for an evening of spiritual singing, early in the month.

A son was born Oct. 25 to John and Judy Girard. Bro. Phillip and Sis. Mary Musselman are the maternal grandparents.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We welcome our new brother and sisters in faith, Doug and Myrna Schwenk and Rita Koehl. It is so refreshing and reviving to hear the testimonies of conviction, forgiveness, faith and love which each one experiences in this most important step in life. They were baptized Oct. 22.

The engagement of Sis. Ella Thomas and Bro. Paul Wagler was announced. Bro. Paul is from the Burlington (Ia) congregation.

Eldon and Irene Stahl are the parents of Linda Kathleen, born Oct. 8. Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty Miller are the parents of Elizabeth Jean, born Oct. 13. Morris and Carol Leman of Dallas, Texas are the parents of Sean Arthur, born Oct. 16. Bro. Art and Sis. Cora Leman are maternal grandparents. Jerry and Marie Hoerr are the parents of Bruce Prescott, born Oct. 30.

Ron and Sis. Janet Blumenshine have adopted their second child. Chad Christopher was born Sept. 11.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Esther Herman and Sis. Miriam Messerli. Their father, Bro. Henry Endress of Princeville died Oct. 4.

Paul J. Wiegand died Oct. 5 in an airplane crash in Canada. He was a son of John and Regina Streitmatter Wiegand. Surviving are his wife, Doris (VonBergen); a daughter, Paula; and a son Steven Paul; four brothers and seven sisters. Funeral services were held at Wilton Mortuary, with Bro. James Hoerr officiating.

Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. Alvin Domnick. His mother, Sis. Emma Domnick died Oct. 19 at Rest-Mor Nursing Home in Morton.

We appreciate the spiritual food and drink which is provided by our ministers and thank Bros. Dan Koch, Eugene Bertschi, Carl Kinsinger, Edwin Hohulin, Elmer Witzig, Henry Manz, Carl Hartman, Harry Sutter and Hartzell Kaisner for their labors of love.

Among the dear ones who have not been able to assemble with us due to illness, hospitalization, etc. are Sisters Lydia Siebenthal, Elizabeth (Mrs. Ben) Vogel, Elizabeth Hartman, Mary Martin and Dan Hoerr.

The Morton-Aires assembled with us at our November monthly hymn-sing. We enjoyed hearing their lovely selections and thank them for their visit.

PULASKI, IOWA **Mrs. Dave Wiegand**

We had two visiting ministers, and they both had special seasons to come. Bro. Carl Kinsinger, from Calif., was here Oct. 29. He was born here, and lived here until he was in his twenties. He has been back often, and we are always glad to see him.

On Friday evening Nov. 3, Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop was with us. Bro. Harold's grandfather used to proclaim the gospel here. There are only 4 left who were here when he was minister. They are Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Sisters Hattie Miller, Minnie Getz, and Lydia Wuthrich. Harold has wanted to come for a long time and was happy when the way was open. So were we, and we hope he'll come again.

We have had rainy weather here, so harvest has been at a standstill. We murmur and complain, but there is a reason for this delay in getting our crops out. If we trust in the Lord, he will provide. He always has and always will.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay Bertsch **Noah Herman**

The Sunday of Oct. 22 will always be remembered in the history of the Tucson church. We were blessed with the first convert being baptized, in the Lighthouse YMCA, by Elder brother Roy Farney. Bro. Jack Sutter will make a wonderful addition to our assembly. We wish him many days of peace and happiness as a servant of the Lord. We appreciate the efforts of the large group who came from Phoenix to add to our blessings. In the opening meditation, Bro. Clarence Yackley reminded us, in the 19th chapter of the Acts, how 12 men were baptized twice. The first time was not to the Holy Spirit but to John's baptism, the second time, in the name of the Lord. The Spirit came with the laying on of the

hands by our beloved apostle Paul. It increases our faith to see that our church is carrying on in the very footsteps of the apostles. Bro. Roy Farney in the spirit of love explained some of the reasons for the ways of our church, for which we were thankful. It was truly a touching moment, as we stood under the open sky around the water to sing his praise, for his goodness to the children of men, led by Bros. Dick Berry of Phoenix and Dave Koch of Tremont. We covet the prayers and concern of all our churches for these faraway places.

We are sending the address of Bro. Jay Bertsch's son-in-law who is in Viet Nam. If anyone wishes to send him a friendship or Christmas card, we know he'll be glad to know he is remembered. His address is: S/Sgt. W B Griffith AF53112075, 460 AEMS Box 7232, APO San Francisco Calif. 96307. Mrs. W. B. Griffith and daughter, Peggy, are living in Tucson at 5030½ E. Baker St., while he is in Viet Nam.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart

Sorry for this error—Last's month's news item should have read, Bro. and Sis. Duane and Peggy Metzger have a new daughter, Sara Jean, born Oct. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart Jr. had a new daughter, Anne Elizabeth, born Oct. 8. A brother, Ray helped welcome her home.

Bro. John Gerber was laid to rest on Monday, Oct. 23, after a lingering illness. For some time he had been residing at the Good Samaritan Rest Home in Algona, Ia. He was born Nov. 7, 1877 at Bluffton. On July 24, 1902, he was united in marriage to Emma Aeschliman of Eureka. He was baptized in April of 1916. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Emma; 4 daughters, Sis. Tillie Mogler and Sis. Clara Bruellman of West Bend, Sis. Helen Strohm of Sabetha, Mildred Scuffham; and one son, Ervin, of Algona. There are 28 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Joe.

Hospital patients have been: Don Zaugg, son of Sis. Rosa Zaugg; Dennis, son of Bro. and Sis. Dwaine and Lucille Schmidt; Steve, son of Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Evie Bruellman; and Ray Frieden. All are home again and recovering satisfactorily.

It made us all thankful and

brought to mind how quickly things can happen when the car Sis. Elma (wife of Bro. Ervin Mogler) was driving was involved in an accident, which completely demolished both cars. The occupants received only bruises and slight injuries.

Our faith was strengthened anew when we were privileged on a recent Sat. evening to hear the testimonies of four dear souls: Philip and Katherine Fisher, and Kathy and Wayne Fehr. Elder Bros. Paul Fehr of Morris and Leo Moser of Lester conducted the provings, and the impressive baptismal services on Sunday which were witnessed by many brethren and friends.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Elder Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern united in marriage Sis. Ilene, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber, and Bro. Roger, son of Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Marie Hartter, also of Bern. May the Lord bless this important undertaking and grant them many happy years together.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA **Arles Kropf**

A blessed evening was enjoyed early in October when our Sunday School children, teachers, parents, and grandparents gathered at the White Co. 4-H Building for our annual picnic. After the meal, song service was enjoyed by young and old, seated around the fireplace. Bro. John Schmidt, who has been unable to gather with us for over a year due to ill health, was also privileged to enjoy the fellowship with us. Although he cannot speak, his smile revealed to all the joy it brought to him.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosie (Oberlander) Stoller recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their children arranged a reception for them on Oct. 22 at the Wolcott House. They are both in good health, and we wish them many more "golden" years.

Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler are parents of a new baby girl, Sandra Elaine. She is also welcomed by her brother Jeffrey and sisters, Patsy and Melinda.

An error in last month's news stated that Charles Lehman was a student at Ball State. It should have read Tri-State at Angola, Indiana.

Donna Lehman, daughter of Bro. Irvin and Sis. Dorothy was married on Nov. 4 to Frank Snider. We sincerely wish them the Lord's

blessings. They are making their home at Elkhart, Indiana.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Our dear sister, Ida Hasselbring, has passed out of this life into the arms of our dear Lord and Saviour. We will miss this dear sister who spent her summer in Bay City and her winters in Morton. Ida was a person doing things for others, and she also enjoyed herself in everything she did, but just think how much better off she is now, with her worldly troubles and woes left behind.

Dear friends, do not close your eyes and wait too long. The signs of the times are showing us; there is not too much longer to float along with the tide of the times. Turn to your Lord before there will be grace no more. Come while He is still calling.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Oct. 8 twin boys, Brent and Blaine were born to Ardena and Jack Kuenzi. Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuenzi are the grandparents.

Oct. 22 was a beautiful fall day, a perfect day for the wedding of Bro. Wilfred Strahm to Sis. Verona Hartter, Sabetha. We extend our best wishes. Bro. Wilfred had a little home all ready for his bride, in Bern, and we are happy to welcome Sis. Verona into our Christian fellowship.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Harvey Grimm and family with the death of his nephew, Eugene Rumbold, Princeville; also to Sis. Arlene Esslinger in the passing of her grandfather, Bro. John Gerber, West Bend.

Stanley Strahm was hospitalized with near pneumonia.

Our ministers—Bros. Hartter, Grimm and Strahm, Sunday School teachers, Bros. Leonard Baumgartner (superintendent) and Harlan Stoller attended the conference.

Bro. Harvey Grimm expects to fly to Ft Sam this week-end (Nov. 12). Our prayers and well wishes are with him. May he return safely home.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber Let us give thanks to God upon Thanksgiving Day. Nature is beautiful and fellowmen are dear; duty

is close beside us, and God is over us and in us.

Shut-ins: During the past month were Sisters Esther Kipfer, Ida Gehring, Mrs. Floyd Groh, Jean Clark; Brothers, Richard Yergler, Sam Kaehr and Elmer Gerber.

During the past month provings and baptisms were held for the following dear friends: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tonner, David Gilliom, Keith Baumgartner, Art Ringger, Diane Steffen, Jenny Fiechter, Mary Jo Troxel, Sue Yergler and Ron Frank. Elders Theo. Beer and George Yergler assisted Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler.

Funeral services were held during the past month for Bro. Adolph E. Geisel, age 84. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Helen Harris, Gladys Geisel, Lorene Geisel, Mildred Baumgartner, Delores Maller; four sons, Olen G., Everett W., Harold E. and Vernon L. Bro. Samuel Aeschliman officiated the services.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Mrs. Don Duckworth

We were happy to have as evening visitors Bro. Robert Miller, Portland; Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; and Bro. Floyd Graves, Croghan. We thank them.

Weston Chris is the name chosen for the new son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Charlotte Stahl. Weston has a brother, Wendell and a sister, Roseanne.

We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Eugene Rumbold, Princeville.

An accident, two tractors side-swiping, took from this life Dan Endress, age 45. Funeral services were held here, the first one in our church. Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria and local ministers officiated. Dan leaves his wife, Sis. Lois Miller Endress; four sons, Fred and Gary in college, Keith in high school, 2-year-old Billy Joe; 2 daughters, Judy and Joan, in grade school. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Louie (Sis. Anna) Rumbold, Mrs. Herman (Sis. Hilda) Dietz, Mrs. Phillip (Martha) Elsasser and Mrs. Ed (Sis. Lucille) Knobloch, and two brothers, Bro. John and Bro. Levi. We can only put our trust in God and say what He doeth is well done.

We rejoice with 3 dear souls who have turned to the Lord: Joan and

Nette Knobloch, daughters of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma, and David Knobloch, son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys.

Richard Tanner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Margaret has spent a 30 day leave at home, after spending the past three years in Germany. He leaves now for a tour of duty in Viet Nam. May our Heavenly Father be his protector.

Know Each Other Better

We thought it might be interesting to know our ministers and their families a little better.

Bro. Jim Ringger, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringer of Gridley (Ill.) married Sis. Lyola Feucht, daughter of Sis. Lydia and the late Wm. Feucht of Princeville. They have three children, Sis. Barbara, a student nurse; Bill, in high school; and Susan in grade school.

Roy Ehnle, son of Sis. Julia and the late Bro. Louie Ehnle of Peoria, married Donna Price. They were not converted until they were married a number of years. They have four children, Gary in high school, and Karen, Mark and Donn in grade school.

Bro. Nathan Stoller, son of Sis. Elizabeth and the late Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville, married Sis. Martha Menold, daughter of the late Bro. Albert and Sis. Louise Menold of Princeville. They have three children, Vicki, in high school, and Teresa and Nathan in grade school.

We are thankful for these brothers who proclaim to us God's word, and to their wives who so willingly support them. We hope that by this you have learned to know them just little better.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We are thankful for the out-of-state elder and ministers who had come to Illinois for the Conference and visited with us, giving us inspiring messages: Bro. John Dapper of Calif.; Bro. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis; Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield; Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont; and Bro. Ernie Gerber of Rockville.

Roger Bachtold testified that it is wonderful to have peace in his heart and freed from the things of his former way of life. Roger is rejoicing in the Lord, was baptized, and entered the precious standing of being a child of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stoller were blessed with a baby boy, Chip Duane. Two sisters, Jackie and Debbie, also welcome their brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Martin and family returned home from almost 3 years service duty in Turkey.

Dale Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Orie Stoller, returned home from overseas duty, and received his discharge.

Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville & Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley ministered to us Sun., Oct. 29, bringing to our attention the urgency of doing things for the Lord. As with Lazarus and the Rich Man, it was not the things that the Rich Man, had done, but it was the things for the Lord that he failed to do that caused him to go to the place of torment. Since God has not changed, they said, today there are still miracles performed when there is faith in a living God.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Those who are in the hospital are Sis. Elizabeth Bittner, surgical patient; Bro. Dan Wiegand, surgical patient; Sis. Donna Wettstein was a surgical patient for a couple days (she is Bro. Art's wife).

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Robert and Verna Wettstein a baby girl, Marlene Sue, born Oct. 6; a sister and two brothers are at home to love her. Bro. and Sis. Eldon and Ida Mae Rocke are the parents of their fourth daughter, born Oct. 24; she has been named Gail Renee. Bro. and Sis. Roland and Delores Martin are the parents of a girl, born Oct. 30; they now have two boys and two girls. Her name is Janice Lee.

Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus passed away at the Apostolic Home Oct. 24, at the age of 91 years. She is survived by the following sons, Henry (Peoria), Caesar Jr., Bro. Joseph, and Benjamin, all of Eureka; seven daughters, Sis. Emma, Eureka; Sis. Anna Sorg, Bloomington; Sis. Elizabeth Herbst, Washington; Sis. Marie, Eureka; Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker; Kathryn Weyeneth, Lillian Frerichs, Eureka. Two sisters survive, Lillian Beery and Emma Maibach of Rittman. 65 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren were her survivors also. Her husband, Bro. Caesar passed away in 1948. Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Henry Beer (Milford), conducted the funeral serv-

ice on Fri., Oct. 27. "Grandma", as many people knew her, was well-known in Eureka and the surrounding area, and she will be missed by all her loved ones, especially Sis. Emma and Sis. Marie, who lived in her home and took care of her. May God bless you for all you did for your mother. Many people in the world are not so fortunate to be able to have mother with you this many years, as you have had.

Howard Moser, the son of Bro. and Sis. Aaron and Caroline, was discharged recently from the armed forces.

Our elder, Bro. Leroy hasn't been well, but we all hope and pray that he will soon be able to be in our midst again for services. May God grant special strength and grace to him so he can carry on, for we know that he has a great concern for the church and all the members.

A large group attended the Conference which was held here in Eureka. Many things were discussed and spoken on, so now it is up to one and all to try to be obedient children of God.

On Wed. evening those on the pulpit were Bros. John Bollier (Leo), Ben Hartzler (Rittman), Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield), Harold Gramm (Morris). On Thursday the church was filled to capacity. In the evening, services were held again. Those on the pulpit were Bros. Geo. Yergler (La Crosse), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), Ernest Luginbuhl and Corbin Bahler (Rockville), Al Langhofer (Wichita).

Most of the ministers from our churches were present, and we would welcome all to come and visit us again.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

In 1893, six families came to Ft. Scott from Arkansas. (These formerly lived in eastern states.) Adverse weather conditions in Arkansas brought them. One was the Sinn family. In 1900, three more families came from Arkansas, one Pfister and two Kellenbergers. They held church services in their respective homes for a time, and then in one house where no one lived. Around 1920, five families moved here from Minnesota: Zaugg, Hohulin, Reber, and two Banwarts. A vacant church building was purchased soon after that, which has been in use until this present time

—47 years later. In Sept. 1966, work began on a new building. October 15, 1967 found us gathered in our new house of worship for the first time. It was with humble thankfulness that we raised our voices in the first hymn sung there, No. 236, "All come and Thank the Lord." May God richly bless all who have contributed and worked to help build, and we pray He will bless and increase our assembly here. Elder Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha, and Bro. Charles Marti were our visiting ministers and served us well. We also had visitors from other places, some expected, some unexpected, and we rejoiced to meet and become acquainted with others of like faith.

A dear one in faith, Sis. Clara Marti, passed away Nov. 1, after nearly a year of illness. She was born June 8, 1889, at Elgin, Iowa. Her funeral was Sunday, Nov. 5. A nephew, Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha officiated, assisted by Bro. Wayne Miller. Burial was at Lamar, where she formerly lived. She is survived by one sister, Sis. Louise Banwart; one brother, Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar; and fifty-one neices and nephews. Sis. Clara will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

It seems good to see the sun today, even if we're squishing in mud, as a result of many wet dreary days. Other than a few loads of milo, we have all of our beans, maize, and corn to harvest yet. A few were not able to harvest their wheat because of the wet and then weed condition—unusual for Kansas. Others have not been able to plant wheat this fall.

Our home has been blest with the visitation of grandmothers the past several weeks. Grandmother Sis. Lydia Bahr's stay with us was unexpectedly shortened after a week, when the infection in her hip recurred. She was put back in the hospital for surgery (the area being packed; the doctor wants it to drain for 2-3 weeks). She was released from the hospital and must stay in Wichita for an undetermined time, close to the doctor. Mail can be sent to her at 742 Lulu St., Wichita Kansas 67211. With the aid of a walker she is able to move about—the infection is in the muscle. Grandmother Schifferer came for

her annual fall visit, not knowing Grandmother Bahr was gone—we had planned to go together for a routine check at the Wichita doctor's later that week, so we went to visit at Wichita anyway for a short time.

How those visits were looked forward to by us all, especially the children. It had been June since Grandmother Bahr was in Gridley, and our 5-yr.-old knew that we planned to have her come, but it had been "so long" he couldn't believe it and when he saw her he said, "She come'd" Jon was grandmother's "extra arms", as she had to use both hers on the walker . . . what a privilege for a little boy left home "alone" all day while the others are in school . . . then, he got to watch Grandmother Schifferer "spank" the coffeecake batches. Time goes swiftly, and tomorrow we take Grandmother Schifferer to the train for her home in Elgin. Grandmothers and grandfathers give gifts of themselves which are priceless treasures for our children . . . they are enjoyed while God has given the opportunity . . . our children haven't had the privilege of knowing "grandpa", except through a picture, a wagon he painted red . . .

Sam and Carol Kraft are parents of a son, born Oct. 30. Matthew Lynn Kraft is a grandson of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Esther Kraft.

Our college students were marked with Ft. Scott instead of Gridley in the last issue. They were Ralph Rodgers, Karesa Bahr, Marcia Beyer and Janice Beyer.

LATTY, OHIO Dolores Grant Marguerite Stoller

We had some from our congregation who have had accidents, and we are thankful that God spared them. Bro. Dennis Klopfenstein suffered a serious leg injury when he fell on a combine auger, while combining beans. Sis. Laura Dunham suffered severe burns about her legs, when hot grease was spilled. Sis. Edith Stoller and two of her children escaped with minor injury in an auto collision. On the hospital list was Eddie Wenninger, son of Bro. Donald and Sis. Josephine, who had an emergency appendectomy.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Lester Huber, Francesville, and

Norman Stoller, Ft Wayne. We experienced a blessed day.

It is again time to bring to your attention your Silver Lining dues, which should be paid before the first of the year. Contact Bro. Jesse or Sis. Mary Gerber.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Among the ill: Bro. Dennis Warner had surgery on his ankle, and is at home recuperating. Sis. Lena Maurer had a fall and was hospitalized for several days. Little Joni Gerber had surgery and tests, which were not serious; we can be thankful. Bro. Jacob Metzger has been ill and was unable to assemble for a few Sundays. May God grant a speedy recovery and patience during recuperation.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Popkes, a son, John Wayne, Sept. 21. To Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Knobloch, a son, Virgil Glen, Oct. 8. To Bro. and Sis. Donald Metzger, a son Nov. 5, John Stuart.

Gary and Ray Metzger, sons of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Metzger, have both been discharged from the National Guard. Earl Meyer was discharged. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Schrock showed their slides of the Holy Land, the week end of Sept. 24.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo were with us Nov. 5.

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Eugene Rumboldt at Princeville. His mother was born and lived in this community before moving to the Princeville area.

We enjoyed a blessed week end when Sis. Irene Baer from Germany visited with us, sharing her life and experiences in her homeland. It really is wonderful when we can have such fellowship.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18.

Sing praise to God, all ye who love the Saviour;
Extol His actions; praise His faithfulness!
Sing praise to Him, Who first showed us His favor;
His lovingkindness in your song express!

On Sunday Oct. 15, many from the Francesville congregation worshipped with us. After services we reassembled at a local pavillion, where the Francesville choir sang praises to God by presenting a program of beautiful hymns. We also enjoyed the spiritual fellowship with our visitors, as we shared a pot-luck supper with them.

It was indeed a blessed evening when Bro. John Dapper ministered to us at evening services on Oct. 19. As Bro. John and Sis. Julia were formerly from Mansfield, prior to going to California to make their home many years ago, we are always pleased when they return for a visit.

How blissful the rest in that city so fair,
Where, dwelling with Jesus, the soul has no care!

This hymn was sung at the funeral services of our dear Sis. Christine Wentz Reiser, who entered that blissful rest on Oct. 19, at the age of 78. We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Daisy Bidinger, her sister, who so recently also lost a brother, and also to Sis. Reiser's children and her brothers. We offer our sympathy, too, to Bro. Martin Kleshinski, whose sister passed away after a lengthy illness.

Several who were patients in the hospital are Sis. Caroline Domka Beard and Bros. Alvin Beer and Ted Witschi.

Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Vont, who exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 28. The bride, the former Becky Beer, is the daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Lena.

We rejoice with the two converts who have given their lives to the Lord. Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were with us on Sunday, Oct. 29, for the baptismal services of Sis. Karen Ramsier (daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen) and Bro. Gaylord Dotterer (son of Bro. LaVern and Sis. Christine).

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works." Psalm 26:7

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Our congregation was certainly blessed, when Bro. LeRoy Hartman and his wife Elsa from Peoria visited us Sunday, the 5th of Nov. We want to thank God and LeRoy for his messages, and pray that he will visit us again very soon.

Bro. and Sis. J. B. Moser Jr. are the parents of a baby boy, Paul Allen; he is their first child.

We have had hospital patients. They are Bro. Joe Moser Sr., Sis. Mary Luthi, Sis. Pearl Moser, Lawrence Luthi (Ray), Ed Heil, Doug Wulf (Leonard), and Gary Moser (Alphai). We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We Thank Thee

We thank Thee for the beauty of
the mountains
For golden harvest of the fertile
plain;
For Thy impartial love and tender
mercy
That fell upon us as the gentle rain.

Another year, You showed the
lighted pathway
That let us onward to our destined
goal;
Another year has kept alive the
vision
Of freedom and liberty of the soul.

We thank Thee for another year's
protection
From threat and peril of the
present days;
With humble hearts we count our
many blessings . . .
With grateful lips we now declare
Thy praise!

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Ministering Brothers Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Oklahoma; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Robert Grimm, Goodfield, and Dan Koch, Tremont, were with us for the proving and baptism of Brent Pflederer, Janet Stetzler, Christine Baer, Cindy Rassi and Lori Warren.

Bro. Otto Baum, who was seriously injured in a car accident in France (he went to visit relatives in Germany and Switzerland); was flown home and is now in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, where his broken leg and hip will be reset.

Our community was saddened to

hear of the death of Sis. Ida Hasselbring, 73, of Linwood, Michigan, as she maintained a home here about six months of the year and was loved by so many.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18 for Alpha Zobrist, 45, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Mary Birkey Zobrist. Surviving are his wife, Shirley Kruse Zobrist; five children; five brothers, Bro. Raymond, Calvin, Lloyd and Willis of Morton and Noah Jr. (with the U.S. Air Force in Thailand); and four sisters, Doris Brecher, Ruth Reinken, Fern Greider and Marilyn Ericson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 27 for Sis. Hannah Welk, 78. She was the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Lena Hirstein Welk, and is survived by three sisters, Sis. Lydia Welk, Sis. Emma (Mrs. Jack) Steiglitz and Sis. Eliza Belsley. Our home ministers conducted the services.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20 for Sis. Emma (Mrs. Noah) Domnick, 84, who was a patient at the Rest-Mor Nursing Home. She was the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Roth Smith. Bros. Eli Somerhalder, Henry Grimm and Russell Rapp officiated. Surviving are five sons, Bro. Alvin and Lloyd of Morton; Floyd of Burlington, Oklahoma, Howard of Enid, Oklahoma and Kenneth of Stillwater, Oklahoma; one daughter, Sis. Barbara (Mrs. Richard) Schupbach of Phoenix. Burial services were held in Burlington.

Funeral services were held Oct. 28 for Bro. Emil Fritz, 71. He was the son of John and Christiana Braun Fritz of Spiegelberg, Germany. Surviving are his wife, Martha Aberle Fritz, and three daughters—Sis. Miriam (Mrs. Charles) Sauder, St. Joseph, Missouri; Mary (Mrs. Walter) Gasser, Detroit; Sis. Martha of Morton; two sons—Edward and John of Morton. Bros. Henry Grimm, Russell Rapp and John Rockey (Goodfield) officiated.

Funeral services for Sis. Mayme Kipfer, 69, were held Nov. 3. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Chris Kipfer, who resides at the Rest-Mor Nursing Home. She was the daughter of Henry and Maria Hartman Hagemeyer. Bros. Henry Grimm and Russell Rapp conducted the services.

We were thankful and blessed with the precious teachings of our

visiting ministers, Bro. Lester Harter, Bern; Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha; Bro. Carl Kinsinger, Altadena; Bro. Earl Banwart, Lester; Bro. Ronald Nelson, Burlington (Okla), Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit, and Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor.

Sis. Clara Welk is a patient at the Pekin Hospital, Pekin, Ill. Sis. Ruth Rapp is convalescing at the Rest-Mor Nursing Home.

Bro. and Sis. Don Bertschi, who had been in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, are now living at 504 Carol St. in Morton, where he will be employed at the Rest-Mor.

Bro. and Sis. Ted Staker are the parents of their first child, Karen Pauline, born Oct. 18; grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Willis Sauder of Tremont and Bro. and Sis. Sam Staker. A daughter, Beth Ellen, was born to Jerry and Jacqueline Hauter, Sept. 28; grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Albert Stoller of Bloomington and Arthur and Lois Hauter of Morton.

Seemingly the October news was lost or mislaid, but will here mention the death and burial of our dear old Sis. Louise (Mrs. Ben) Hauter, daughter of Wm. and Barbara Metz Voelpel. Surviving are four daughters, Sis. Mary (Mrs. Frank) Hoffman, Sis. Ida Bauman, Sis. Anna Hauter and Sis. LaVerne (Mrs. Alvin) Heiniger; five sons, Bros. Wm. and Joe, Philip, Arthur and Benjamin, and four sisters, Ida Brenkman of Ogden (Utah), Lillian Voelpel of Peoria, Bertha Frank and Mary Alt of Morton. Services were conducted by Bro. Arthur Gudeman of La Crosse, assisted by Bro. Silas Leuthold, Bro. Joe Schrock and our home ministers.

Bros. Roy Sauder, Walter Koehl and Dan Koch assisted Bro. Russell Rapp with the baptism of Glenn and Wilma Stieglitz, Ted and Jane Witzig and Fred and Greg Kaiser.

Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park and Bro. Robert Pohl of Burlington (Iowa) were with us Sept. 24 when Kay Birkey, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Birkey, and Bill Gudeman, son of Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Gudeman, were united in marriage.

Mary Elizabeth Belsley, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Marie Hirstein Belsley, and George Neureuther, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Neureuther Sr., were united in marriage Aug. 26.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Dan Witschey was able to be taken home from the hospital during October and was cared for by his two daughters, but on Oct. 31 he had to be returned to the hospital, where he remains a patient and is quite ill at this time. Mr. F. M. Tuttle, a very well-loved neighbor and quite aged, has been a patient in the hospital for several days and is also quite ill.

James L. Wade of Cleveland, O., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, recently. Mrs. Robert Witschey of Charleston visited the Witschey families on Nov. 6 and 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg left in late October for Florida, where they will spend several months.

Miss Callie Schupbach underwent surgery in the local hospital on Nov. 6 and is reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Ruth Mullett is under a doctor's care for a back ailment, but is reported to be improving.

Don Hanna, son-in-law of Frank Barth, left Oct. 23 for Japan, where he will be spending several months as a representative of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. John Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., visited recently with his father, Dan Witschey, and sisters Margaret and Elizabeth.

The hills of West Virginia have been very beautiful, with all the colors of foliage, trees etc., but with heavy frosts and light freezes (up to this time), most of the leaves have come down and the picture is not quite so beautiful.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY
Ed Aeschleman

Bro. Don Bertschi made a final visit to our church before he was discharged from his army duties at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. We wish Bro. Don God speed.

We missed our ministering brother, John Diggelman, and Sis. Mary, while they were gone on vacation. It is good to have them back.

SABETHA, KANSAS
Mrs. Joe Steiner

Sis. Verona Hartter and Bro. Wilfred Strahm were united in marriage on Oct. 22 by Bro. Eugene Marti. They will live at Bern.

Sis. Ilene Gerber and Bro. Roger

Hartter were also united in marriage on Nov. 5 at West Bend. They will make their home in Sabetha.

We wish for both couples the Lord's richest blessings.

Patients at the local hospital were: Sis. Katie Leiser, Sis. Ollie Strahm, Sis. Fanny Bahr, and Bro. Alex Wenger.

TOLEDO, OHIO
Mary Ann Weigele
Emily Frautschi

We were blessed with the visits of several ministering brothers lately. On Oct. 29, Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne was with us. He cautioned us not to think, the things we don't do will get us to heaven (don't smoke; don't drink etc.) but that the things we **do** are important too (what have we done to help others see the Light, to help the poor etc.) Too often we become complacent and think we are good because we refrain from certain things, and don't concentrate enough on doing good deeds.

On Nov. 15, Bros. Floyd Wieland of Detroit and Orville Ringger of Bluffton were with us for the day.

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

We have been notified that Bro. Jack Bucher has entered Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, due to ill health. May God watch over him.

Our dear Friend Clarence Morris is also ill, but he is convalescing at home. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Bro. (Cpl) Dillar O. Ames, is stationed at DaNang, "Marine Air Wing" Postoffice.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
Louise Akel

The Sunday School had a special collection, to be used in sending the orphans in Viet Nam a large assortment of candies, goodies and usable items. Bros. Bud Klopfenstein and Bob Yergler mailed the package. They are now looking over the prospect of helping the migrating workers, who live under very poor conditions. These are both very worthwhile projects. May God bless their efforts.

We had some visiting sisters who sang so beautifully that it lifted all our spirits; we thank them. Ministering Bro. Al Schneider was here from Rockville.

No Man Can Serve Two Masters

Friends and children of believing parents—If you have not yet found salvation, you have an opportunity to choose one master or the other. There is no such a thing as just sliding through life peacefully, and then because people say you were good, all will be well. Not so! Unless ye repent, ye cannot enter. I did not go to church for many years, and my calling came suddenly. As I look back I wonder "What moved God to save a soul so deep in sin as I was?" I always loved God, never was ashamed of Him, never denied Him, but at one time I consoled myself with the thought: "Here I am, serving two masters", while I lived in sin. My mother, who was a member of the Nazarene Apostolic Christian church, heard that Elder Bro. Ernest Graf was visiting in Union City. She came to see him and asked. Why it was that she had eight children, and not one had turned to the Lord. I'm sure he prayed over the matter, and it also must have taken father's many prayers (Bro. August Mueller, who now resides in the Eureka Home for the Aged.) I am still thankful to the members who through the years pray for the children of Thy children. What a sweet expression! Bro. John Bahler had just been appointed elder, and he came so willingly from Conn. to talk to me. Bro. Sam Aeschliman from Bluffton was at the proving. In my heart and with all my strength I try to impress all, "This is the way." Unless one does as our church requires, it is not safe. God has always picked a chosen people, and it is not wrong to say, "We are a chosen, peculiar people." He does not want us to intermingle. We promised to be true to our calling. Let us abide by it, or lose it to another.

LEO, INDIANA
Mrs. Elias Souder

"Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: **thou art my God, and I will exalt thee.**

O give thanks unto the **LORD**; for **he is good**: for his mercy **endureth** for ever.

Our guest ministers for this month: Delbert Indermuhle from the Sardis church, Ben Stavenik and Robert Beer from Mansfield, Merle Bucher, La Crosse. They were accompanied by their wives.

Guest teachers in Sunday School were Albert Schini from Remington church and Lynn Feller from the La Crosse church.

Our shut-ins are: Sis. Mary Troxel who spent some time at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne and is at home with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Winzeler. Sis. Rose Conrad is in the Parkview Memorial Hospital. Rose had the misfortune of falling, while cleaning the lawn. Both are on the mend.

Mrs. Frank Klopfenstein is in the hospital.

We enjoy having Virginia Von Tobel of Francesville with us and hope she will enjoy being here.

Our Sunday School children gave their program Sun. evening, Nov. 5. Their theme was Thanksgiving and Harvest.

God is not glorified by our groans, but in our Thanksgiving.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

The Thanksgiving season is with us once again. All of us, each day should be thankful for the blessings we have received from the Lord, but it is the customary thing to set aside a certain season for thanksgiving. Among the most precious single blessings is each new day which is ours upon awakening from a night's rest. Just think what each one of us can do with the hours before us!

Today is my day,
My day to do the things I should,
My day to help, if I but would,
My day to list to no falsehood;
Today is my day.

Today is my day,
My day to think a kindly thought,
My day not to be overwrought,
My day to act as I was taught;
Today is my day.

Sam Wells underwent major surgery. We trust the Lord will be with him in the weeks ahead and grant him a speedy and complete recovery.

A number from our congregation attended the Conference in Eureka on Oct. 31 — Nov. 2. We are sure all who attended received many blessings and a new understanding of our faith.

Bro. Adam Schuckert's new address: Winchester Nursing Home, 50 Winchester Rd, Mansfield Ohio.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

We are very thankful for the Lord's protection and safe arrival of Bros. Ben Maibach and Noah Schrock from Japan. They arrived in Los Angeles on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, and ministered to us that evening before returning to their respective homes, in Michigan and Iowa.

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney are back in California for the winter months.

Herman Hack (Hackenjoes) passed away suddenly this past month. Our sincere sympathy to his dear family—his wife, Signe, daughters, Dorothy Burnett and Dolly Von Hook, and to our Ministering Bro. Glenn Hackenjoes, his nephew.

Sis. Mary Ann Maibach. Rittman, visited with relatives here before meeting her husband, Bro. Gary, in Hawaii. He was on R. & R. from his station in Vietnam.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Marge Zeltwanger

On Oct. 21 Bro. Dan Clauss was accidentally run over by a combine. He suffered severe injuries and was listed in critical condition for approximately a week. Recovery has been faster than anticipated, however; he and his family are still in need of our prayers.

Three families were blessed with new babies this week: a daughter, Shana, born to Don and Diane Meister; a son, Timothy Lee, born to Bro. Verdon and Sis. Becky Feldman; a son, Mathew Eugene, born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Zimmer.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward

Elaine Eisenmann

Visiting ministers included Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski, Jesse Schrock of Congerville; Roy Farney of Phoenix, and John Wagenbach and Noah Schrock of Oakville. We are thankful for God's word that they brought to us.

We are glad to have our elder, Bro. Noah Schrock back home after a recent trip to Japan.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Edith Massner are the parents of a daughter, Carolyn Rose, born Nov. 4. This is their first child.

Bro. Ernie Anliker is back among us again, after spending some time at the Mayo's Clinic at Rochester. We hope he is feeling better now.

Several of our members attended

the Brother Meeting in Eureka. We are thankful that we can still meet with those of like mind, to strive to keep our faith and do the Lord's will.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Millicent Frieden — La Verne Roth

We have several hospital patients to report. Sisters Kathryn Miller and Matilda Schupbach and Bro. John Schupbach have each been hospitalized; Bro. Schupbach is quite ill at this writing with a heart ailment. May God restore their health to the fullest measure, if it be His holy will.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Diel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. As they have trod life's path together for these 60 years, perhaps the Lord will give them many more happy years together.

Sunday, Oct. 22, funeral services were conducted for Sis. Emma Dornick of Morton, formerly of our congregation. Bros. Ronald Nelson and Raymond Roth officiated. Sis. Emma passed away Oct. 19 at the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton, at age 84. Her husband, Bro. Noah, preceded her in death in 1958. Surviving are five sons, Bro. Alvin of Peoria, Lloyd of Morton, Floyd of Burlington (Okla.), Howard of Enid, (Okla.), Kenneth of Stillwater (Okla.); one daughter, Sis. Barbara Schupbach of Phoenix; 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Sunday, Nov. 29, Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix was in our midst. He brought us kindly words of inspiration, as well as warning to steer away from the wiles of Satan. A Christian must watch carefully to guard against the many temptations the world has to offer.

A Thanksgiving thought: Let us remember to thank the Lord for spiritual blessings as well as material ones. Which number the most for you?

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We could again rejoice, when we could hear the testimonies of our converts—Ross Vogel and Wayne Laubscher. They were baptized Sun. Oct. 29. We welcome them into our brotherhood. May God be with them throughout their pilgrim journey.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Elias Somerhalder, John Dap-

per. Joe Schrock and Maurice Frank. They brought us much food for thought. We thank them for coming.

Our aged sister, Lydia Scharlach will have her 97th birthday this month. Several of our members were to sing hymns for our aged brother Lou Landes. He enjoys visitors very much. Let us remember our shut-ins. Sis. Lena Feller was hospitalized. Sis. Ida Frank entered the hospital for observation.

A son, Gregory Alan was born to Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rose Martin on Nov. 5.

Thanksgiving

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" . . . We always feel glad when Thanksgiving Day comes around. There is an official proclamation for gratitude. We are thankful the government has set this day aside, for Thanksgiving.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

We were privileged to have as guest ministers the following brothers: Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; John Rokey, Goodfield; and Nathan Steffen, Elgin (Ill.) This season of Thanksgiving should remind us to be especially thankful for all of our ministers and their unceasing labors on our behalf.

Sis. Lena Schieber is hospitalized due to a mild stroke. We are pleased to report that she is rapidly improving and hopes to return home in the near future.

THANKS TO GOD

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all
Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem-
'ry; Thanks for
Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant balmy spring-
time; Thanks for
dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten;
Thanks for
peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast
answered;
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have
weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!

Thanks for pain, and thanks for
pleasure,

Thanks for comfort in despair!

Thanks for grace that none can
measure;

Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside;

Thanks

for thorns their stems contain!

Thanks for home and thanks for
fireside;

Thanks for hope, that sweet
refrain!

Thanks for joy and thanks for
sorrow,

Thanks for heav'nly peace with
Thee;

Thanks for hope in the tomorrow;

Thanks

through all eternity!

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

Bro. Henry Kaeb is a patient at Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Sam Honegger has returned to his home, following a short stay as a medical patient.

Dale Zimmerman spent a 15-day furlough with his parents, Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred, to help with the harvest. He has returned to Ft. Lewis where he is stationed.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin Kupferschmid are the happy parents of a new daughter, Barbara Ann. They also have a son, Todd.

A new daughter, Kara Sue, was also welcomed into the home of Gene and Sis. Velma Schladenhaufen. She has 3 sisters and 1 brother.

Larry Ifft, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma, has repented and is confessing peace.

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion at our mid-week service recently. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Josh Broquard assisted our elder, Bro. Henry Kilgus. The same evening we welcomed Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn Steidinger into our Brotherhood.

We thank the many ministers, and those who came with them, who visited us during the week of the conference in Eureka. The following Sunday, Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley (Kan.) spent the day with us.

Mrs. Nora (Nussbaum) Rieger, 81, passed away at Fairbury Hospital, where she had been a patient for six months. Beside her husband, Fred, she leaves four daughters, Miss Elda Mae, Mrs. Aldine Nuss-

baum, Sis. Leah Honegger, Sis. Clara Honegger; five sons, Donald, Fred Jr., Marion, Herman, and Philip; a brother and a sister, Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Nussbaum; 27 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Our local ministers conducted the funeral services.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Steve Gerst

I had a dream last night. I dreamed that all my relatives had gathered together for the last family reunion. It was so wonderful seeing all my loved ones again. We missed each other as we sojourned through life each in our own way. We thought everyone was present about now—the meal was getting cold. The mothers and older sisters prepared the meal to the last detail. They gathered the little youngsters together, each to his family. The older ones tarried to their places at the table. Grandfather asked that all be silent, while one of the uncles said the blessing. All were silent, but there were a few vacant chairs. Then to Grandfather's amazement, he declared, "Who are missing!" Each aunt and uncle thought all their family was present. Uncle George said, "we should take roll and see who is missing." The mothers counted their children's heads and to their astonishment, there were a few missing!

"Oh, yes," said Aunt Susie, "Jon is in college. He couldn't get away; he said he had something better to do . . . A football game, I believe."

Grandfather said, "We'll have to forget about him. It's too bad he was busy; we would liked to have had him, but it's too late now." As his final words **too late now** whirled in my mind, I awoke with a start! I was so glad it was only a dream. Yet its message is worth consideration. When time runs out, the "last reunion" of this world is held and we appraise our lot, will we be found worthy? How surprised we will be to see the vacant places, if we were worthy. Perhaps even our chair will be empty. ". . . hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

Visiting Ministering Brethren: We were privileged to sit under the sound of the holy word as proclaimed by Bro. Jesse Emch of Girard, on the week end of the 22nd of Oct. We were taught many lessons essential to our spiritual growth and strength.

Army News: We do not have any new service boys this month. A few have received their new assignments: Bro. Lyle Wettstein of Gridley (Ill.) has orders for Viet Nam; Friend Duane Schieler of Fairbury has Viet Nam orders also. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they go to their new duty station. Friend Ernest Graf of Akron has orders for Europe, and Friend Jerry Gasser of Rittman is to stay here at Ft Sam. There are others waiting patiently for their new assignments. It would be a good deed for us to remember those in foreign lands, away from their loved ones, with letters of love and encouragement.

Visitors: Sisters Elaine, Evie, and Linda Klein of Peoria visited their sister and brother-in-law, Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonya Banwart, on Oct. 1. The week end of Oct. 15, Bro. and Sis. Loren Schlipf and daughters of Gridley visited their son and his wife, Bro. Dale and Sis. Vicki. They brought much warm fellowship, which we can experience throughout our congregations. It is indeed a blessing to travel through our great land and still feel the warmth and love of our brethren. We have something lasting which the world cannot see. We wish to extend an open invitation to all.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

In memory of our beloved sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Alf Stoller.

Our hearts are sad and lonely
With sorrow and grief bowed down,
But what a consolation
They will wear a golden crown.

Up there in the beautiful mansions
They are singing the song of the blest,
Reaping the reward of the ransomed,
And enjoying heavenly rest.

While here they were a light and example,
Ever striving to do what was right;
In love they walked hand in hand together,
And ever their lights shone bright.

But Oh how much we miss them,
No matter where we go;
They were loved by all who knew them

In church, communities and home.

They say time heals the heartache,
But it seems it even grows worse;
If we would not have God to go to,
How could we bear this great loss?

Oh if we can only follow their examples

Of love, charity and peace . . .
Lord, grant us all grace to do so,
That we too may rest in peace.

By Sis. Eunice.
Sadly missed by all.

We had several visiting ministers following the recent conference: Bro. Robert Miller of Portland, Brothers from Rittman and Winthrop, and Bro. LaVoyd Moore of Athens. Bro. Robert grew up in our community and also repented, previous to moving with his parents to Portland. His father, the late Bro. Guy Miller, ministered to our Gridley congregation before going to Portland.

Our friends, Elaine Schlipf and Rachel Funk have repented and found peace with the Lord. Elaine is the daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf, and Rachel is the daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Verle Funk. Our five friends who have confessed peace will be given their opportunity for testimonies on Sat., Nov. 17. They are Robert and Jerry Meiss, Cleve Klopfenstein, Elizabeth Punke and Jack Gramm (who will be on leave to give his testimony).

Curtis Stoller, 8-year-old son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Marie Stoller, had his cast removed from his leg, which he factured in a fall. Curtis since had his tonsils removed. Our friend, Chester Stortz was taken to Mennonite Hospital with a severe heart attack. He has sufficiently improved to be removed from intensive care, where he remained several days. Friend Rose Aupperle was taken also to Mennonite Hospital, where she remains in serious condition. We wish all a speedy recovery.

We have lost another dear sister out of our congregation, by sudden death. Sis. Sally (Gram) Schlipf will be greatly missed. She was loved by everyone, always a smile for whom she met. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Joe who survives. Also surviving are Bros. George and William Gramm and a foster-sister, Nellie (Gramm) Lambert. She will be missed as a good

pillar of the church and congregation.

In Memory of Aunt Sally Schlipf (May 26, 1893-Nov. 4, 1967). Just a week before her death, this poem was such a comfort to her.

I Could Not Do Without Thee

I could not do without Thee, O Saviour of the lost,
Whose precious blood redeemed me at such tremendous cost;
Thy righteousness, Thy pardon,
Thy sacrifice must be
My only hope and comfort, my glory and my plea.

I could not do without Thee; I cannot stand alone.
I have no strength nor goodness, no wisdom of my own,
But Thou, beloved Saviour, art all in all to me.
And weakness will be power, if leaning hard on Thee.

I could not do without Thee, for years are fleeting fast,
And soon in solemn silence the river must be passed,
But Thou wilt never leave me, and though the waves roll high,
I know Thou wilt be near me, and whisper "It is I".

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Sue Ann Kupferschmid

A car can be likened to the Christian. As we travel the road of life, we should be careful to watch the signs. They are easy to understand, will warn and give information. If we pay attention, they will tell us when we are near our goal. We realize that our car must be kept in good order or we will not make it to that goal; we check it often.

The outside appearance of the car should be kept clean and shining as an example for others. It does not matter how old the car is or whether it is the latest model. If it is kept in good condition inside, it will get us there. We must not run out of gas, so we "fill up" often with the living word. If we have a flat tire we must fix it and be on our way; many troubles might temporarily hinder us, but with grace we can overcome them. Our lights must be kept shining brightly to help others. The steering wheel might be likened to our mind, which must be controlled to keep us going down our narrow road.

The rear-view mirror, or daily prayer helps to forewarn of dangers which might slip up from behind and take us by surprise. Following our road map, the Bible, we know we will reach our goal.

It is uplifting to us to see so many turning to the Lord. We wish much added grace and blessings to Christine Baer, Morton; Barbara Hodel, Roanoke; and Ross Vogel, Cissna Park, students here who were recently baptized.

Bro. Merle Kaiser read to us from Matt. 26. He told us that there is such a thing as spiritual sleepiness. If we brush a little thing off, later will brush a little more off and our conscience will become calloused. Prayer is the weapon. We must pray or we will become careless.

"God's commandments are a test to our faith. This faith bringeth forth courage and trust." These words were spoken to us the following week by Bro. Edwin Ringger. "We must practice this faith daily and not wait until a severe trial comes; many a mountain can be levelled with faith in the living God."

Oct. 26 Bro. Simon Wagenbach was with us. He told us, "When people are lost and don't know where to go, the only place I can direct them is to the Lord." He reminded us of our duty to pray for loved ones yet unsaved.

Matt. 24:1-35 was read by Bro. Bob Pohl on Nov. 2. He reminded us that we have many evidences of the coming return of our Lord. "We do not know but that tomorrow may be eternity. These are momentous days to be living in, to be alive when He returns. Are we ready? This thought should be with us everyday, so that we will be ready and be able to share in this marvelous rapture.

Purdue and Indiana State University students spent Nov. 4, 5 with us. Services were held in the University Union Bldg. on Sun., with Bros. Dave Kieser and Joe Schrock ministering to us.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Howard and Louise Getz

Brisk November weather has arrived. The crisp clean air is invigorating and makes the Christian thankful for life and energy to dedicate to the Lord. As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let us appreciate not only our material possessions, but much more that most

priceless spiritual possession of eternal life.

We are thankful for the inspiring and encouraging messages brought to us by these visiting ministers: Oct. 22, Vernon Schwab (Wolcott); Oct. 29, Wendell Gudeman (Francesville); and Nov. 5, Edward Frank (La Crosse). We enjoy the blessed fellowship shared with us by the families and students who come to Indianapolis.

New residents of Indianapolis arriving from Morton are Earl and Pearl Martin. We welcome them to our small congregation.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter are parents of a new daughter, Christine Joy, born on Sept. 17. She has five sisters and six brothers to welcome her.

We were recently blessed with a visit from Bro. Delbert Indermuhle and his wife from Sardis. Bro. Indermuhle spoke about the parable of the talents, and we were reminded that we should use wisely the talents which are entrusted unto us.

The work on our new church is progressing and the brick laying has been completed.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen Schrader

Our Sis. Katie Fankhauser, wife of Bro. Pete, is now at The Meadows, a rest home. She no longer requires hospital care, but is not able to be in her own home. She has recovered partially from the stroke she suffered several months ago. Her address is The Meadows, 315 So Commercial, Emporia Kan. 66801. We wish her the Lord's continual presence.

It is indeed a privilege to witness how the Lord is a Sustainer and a Comforter for our dear Sis-in-faith, Judy Isch. She was recently admitted to Newman Hospital, Emporia Kan. 66801, and is gravely ill. She is a source of inspiration to all who visit her, for the indwelling Christ shows so clearly in her countenance and life. May our Heavenly Father be a source of comfort at all times for her husband, Bro. Floyd, her son, Bro. Ronnie, and the other members of her family.

Lord, throughout my pilgrim journey
Let me find Thee by my side,

And when evening shades are falling

Do Thou still with me abide,
And in holy benediction
Lay on me Thy hand of love,
Saying: Son, thy course is finished,
But through faith thou'lt live
above!

Stay Thou near me when the shadows

Of chill death are drawing nigh,
Like the frosty breath of morning
Ere the dawn in rosy sky.
When the darkness falls around me
Then illuminate my soul,
As a traveller home returning,
May I reach my heavenly goal.

Our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Sis. Kathryn attended the conference in Eureka. While in Illinois, they visited with their daughter. Sis. Ione Broquard, Bro. Donald and children.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

We have been richly blessed with visitors! We enjoyed having the West Bend Bible Class on the last Sunday of Oct.

Following the meetings of the church brethren in Eureka, we were privileged to have a number of ministers and elders visit us: Elder Bros. Roy Farney, Phoenix, and John Bahler, Rockville; Bros. Henry Manz (Junction), Robert Beyer, (Croghan), Corbin Bahler (Rockville), and Jess Schrock, (Congerville). This was a Sunday we will long remember.

Sis. Elizabeth (Gust) Scheitlin is recuperating at home, after spending some time in the hospital. Bro. Henry Ellenson is in Mercy Hospital in Burlington. We wish them a speedy recovery with the Lord's help and mercy.

Our friend Charlen Schrock, who is attending school in Ames, has been announced for proving. She is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Schrock. It is our constant prayer that others will seek the Lord while there is yet time.

Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger from Pulaski and Bro. Robert Pohl from Burlington joined Bro. Harvey Heiniger of our congregation in conducting services at the Danforth Chapel in Iowa City (held once monthly). It is encouraging to all of us to see all the benches filled at these meetings!

PURDUE UNIVERSITY**Shirley Frank — Mary Heinold**

Since the beginning of this school term, our student fellowship hour has been hosted by these churches with their ministering brethren; Bluffton, Bro. Orville Ringger; Milford, Bro. Elmer Hartter; Leo, Bro. Jack Bollier; and at our last meeting, on Nov. 1, Remington, Bro. Earl Kilgus. We appreciate their efforts to meet with us and are thankful for their encouraging and strengthening messages.

This year our student organization officers are: Bob Honegger, President, Richard Woerner—Vice president; and Suzanne Bucher—Treasurer. Again this year Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington is in charge of our evening meetings. We would like to welcome our new students and invite them to attend our fellowship hour. They are Barry Bahler, Remington; Clint Bucher, La Crosse; Lynn Frieden, Valparaiso; Ed Gutwein, Francesville; Richard and Sharon Meister, Ft Wayne; Barbara Pelsy, Francesville; and Bill Yergler, La Crosse.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 15, with Bremen as our host. We encourage all to attend. We have a new meeting place, the University Presbyterian Chapel located at 320 North St. West Lafayette Ind.

Schedule: (Time 7:00) Nov. 29, La Crosse; Dec. 13, Francesville; Jan. 10, Wolcott; Feb. 7, Remington; Feb. 21, Ft. Wayne; Mar. 6, La Crosse; Mar. 20, Open; Apr. 10, Valparaiso; Apr. 24, Bluffton; May 8, Milford; and May 22, Francesville.

SARDIS, OHIO**Doris Indermuhle**

The engagement of Betty Lee Riggenbach, daughter of John and Sis. Hazel Riggenbach, and Duane Hardbarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardbarger of Harrisville, W. Va. was made known. They are planning a December wedding. May they ever look to the Lord to guide them as they go through life together.

We have again been blessed with many visitors. Among them were ministering brethren, Bros. Fred Marty of Rittman and Robert Stoll of Girard. We thank them for coming to bring the unadulterated word of God.

Most of us find ourselves spending at least a part of our day out among the people of the world. A

good many of us find ourselves separated from home, loved ones, and those of like faith for long periods of time. Let's ask ourselves this question. Do we

Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose,
Dare to make it known?

SHIODA, JAPAN**Toshio and Marie Uchida**

Recently Bros. Noah Schrock and Ben Maibach visited Japan; it was God's will that three souls could be baptized. My husband, Toshio, was baptized here at our Shioda Church, and it is a great joy to me that that for which I have long prayed has been granted by God.

At the Tamahata Church, about 12 miles from here, Junko Inoue and Hisato Inoue, brother and sister according to the flesh, were baptized and thereby became brother and sister in faith.

The brothers from the States performed the baptisms, served Holy Communion and gave us many teachings from God's word, for which we thank them.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI**Mrs. Eli Sutter****Mrs. Bill Heimer**

Bro. William Cottrell returned from the hospital at Iowa City. He is getting along quite well, but it is necessary for him to wear a brace to support his back.

Corn and bean harvest has been delayed by rain, which has been plentiful all summer. As Thanksgiving is approaching, we are thankful for the bountiful harvest and are thankful to the Lord for the sunshine and rain. Without those blessings our efforts would be in vain. We are also thankful for the spiritual harvest, as two more souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. May many more heed the call, while it is still time and day of grace.

The Farmer

Behold the man who tills the soil,
For he walks hand in hand with
God,
Upon his lips are praises sweet
For one who guides his earth-bound
feet.

He drops the seed and as he sows
He marks his fields in nest-green
rows;

His eyes are filled with thanks and
love
For fertile blessings from above.

When summer's growing days are
past
And crops are garnered in at last,
Within his heart a harvest song
Is singing praises all day long.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS**Josephine Schaefer****Mary Jane Leuthold**

We were deeply inspired and received many good teachings through the labors of the following brothers who so willingly ministered unto us. They were Bros. Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Elias Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson, Burlington (Okla.); Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke; Philip Sauder, Cissna Park; Robert Beyer, Naumberg; Dave Kieser, Princeville; Uriel Gehring, Burlington (Ia.); Robert Miller, Portland; Burt Butikofer, Elgin (Ia.).

Bros. George Frank and John Schweigert were hospitalized, and Sis. Rose Kahler is at the Restmor Nursing Home.

The engagement of Lois Wagenbach of our congregation to Jim Metzger of Lester has been made known.

It was a joyful day when Les and Wilma Pulfer and Eileen Roberts were added to the fold. According to their testimonies, they have experienced that the world and Satan, who had them bound for so many years, had no lasting satisfaction to offer. They have now found new joy and happiness in their new walk of life, and we trust it will grow sweeter as the year's go by.

WICHITA, KANSAS**Mrs. Larry J. Farney****Mrs. Harvey Smith**

We have received the first snow of the season. It was a strange but beautiful sight to see the brilliant fall flowers dotted and sometimes covered with a blanket of soft white snow.

We are happy to report that there have not been any hospital patients this past month. Sis. Hattie Farney is slowly improving and recovering from her broken hip. She is able to put some weight on her foot and moves about with a walker. Sis. Lydia Bahr was able to join us for services. It certainly is nice to have her able to assemble with us.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS**Mrs. Bob Grimm**

We were blessed with visiting brethren from many parts of the country. On Wed. eve., Nov. 1, Bro. Alpha Strahm from Bern and Bros. Carl Kipfer and Wendell Gerber from Bluffton were here. The following evening, Bros. Ronald Nelson and Elias Somerhalder from Burlington (Okla) and Bro. Henry Manz from Junction ministered to us. On Tues. Nov. 7, Bro. John Widrick from Croghan was with us.

Friends Kenneth and Phyllis Rokey had their fourth child, their third little girl, on Sun. Oct. 29. She has been named Debra Lynn. Bro. and Sis John and Ruth Rokey are the paternal grandparents. Bro. and Sis. Adolph and Esther Tanner are the maternal grandparents. A baby girl was born to our friends Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hunzicker on Sept. 14. They named her Jody Ann. She has a one-year-old sister, Jana Lynn. The paternal grandparents are Joe and Clara Hunzicker.

Sis. Nettie Knapp, wife of Bro. Kores, was hospitalized but is home again.

Jerry Binkele, son in law of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Esther Hohulin, returned home to his wife, Ann on Oct. 20, having fulfilled his duties in the service.

MILFORD, INDIANA**Marguerite Hoerr**

A new little son, Jon Paul, has blessed the home of Bro. Ray and Sis. Paula Haab. His older sister, Jill helped to welcome him home.

The last Sunday in Oct. was a memorable one for our congregation, as we witnessed the baptism of our friend, Linda Beer, and rejoiced with her as she was received into the fold. Following this heart-warming occasion, we gathered at the Lord's table and were made aware of His suffering on the cross, as He shed His blood for our sins. The sacrament of Holy Communion, shared with our loved ones in faith, is a rewarding experience, made especially so on this occasion, as we had just witnessed the joy of another soul who had found salvation through His suffering and shed blood.

Earl and Bonnie Kammerer and their daughter, Lori were involved in a traffic accident, which resulted in both Earl and Lori being hospitalized. It was not necessary for

their stay to be long, however, and both are recuperating nicely at home.

Mike Roberts, who is spending his R. and R. leave in Hawaii, will be experiencing a happy reunion with his parents, Helen and Ralph and his wife and small daughter, as they flew to be with him for ten days.

We welcome the Leroy Lehman family back to our community, who just recently moved from Iowa. We especially welcome Lou Ann, Jane and Robin back to our Sunday School classes.

Sis. Ginny Beer is arriving home today after a two-year stay in Brazil. She will be helping out at home while her mother, Sis. Katharine enters the hospital for major surgery.

Max Beer's college address was inadvertently left out of the list of college students. He goes to Michigan State University.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**Diane Olson**

Our congregation was blessed with teachings from Bro. Harold Gramm, Morris, and Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

"But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or a busybody in other men's matters." I Peter 4:15. We were recently reminded how we should be careful of the words we speak. The busybody was listed, as was the murderer and thief.

We extend an invitation to all to assemble with us. Church is held at the YMCA, 1845 E. Lake, Minneapolis. Singing 9:30, Sunday School 9:45, Services 10:30.

Now as Thanksgiving is again upon us, we can look about and realize how much we have to be thankful for. Even as a man is trying to say God is dead, we can see how the following disproves this:

You ask me how I know it's true
That there is a living God—
A God who rules the universe
The sky . . . the sea . . . the sod;
A God who made the seasons—
Winter, summer, fall and spring,
And put His flawless rhythm
Into each created thing;
A God whose mighty handiwork
Defies the skill of man,
For no architect can alter
God's Perfect Master Plan—

What better answers are there

To prove His Holy Being
Than the wonders all around us,
That are ours just for the seeing.

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

Those inclined to disbelieve the doctrine of the two destinations of the soul after death should re-read the account of the rich man and Lazarus. From Hell the rich man expressed concern that others might be spared the torture that he was experiencing. The converted souls are concerned with what the rich man cried. They look with despair and exasperation over a hard-hearted, fun-bent generation. They would be inclined to grow weary at sounding the alarm were there not such as Margaret and Mary Jane Beery, daughters of Bro. Karl and Sis. Ruth, who heed the warning. Their cousin, Sis. Gail Spangler, also heeded the call and was added to our brotherhood.

Expanding the family circle were Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Blough, with Allan Robert on Oct. 23. Bro. Robert and Sis. Joann Widmer, with John Clarence; and Bro. John and Sis. Marjorie Zollinger, with Daniel Joseph, on Oct. 31.

United in marriage were Gerald Gasser to Deanna Rowe on Nov. 4, Norman Beery to Audrey Pendlebury on Nov. 4, and Rex Young to Carol Garrison.

Hospitalized are Sis. Lillian Beery, Bro. Joe Winkler, Russell Mathys, Karen Riggensbach, Jane and Denise Curie. The last three were spared serious injuries, following a three-car accident.

KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

Callie Rufener, daughter of John and Mary Ramsier Rufener, was born Aug. 21, 1883 near Sardis. On July 31, 1906, Callie was united in marriage to Allen Schar, and in 1912 they came to the Sterling-Rittman area to make their home. In 1913, she and her husband repented and were baptized.

To this union were born six children, three sons and three daughters, all living in this area except one daughter, who lives in the Columbus area. There are also ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Sis. Callie's dear husband passed away in 1956. Her health is not so good. She has not been able to attend church for more than 2½ years, and has been con-

finished to a wheel chair for 2 years. Her daughter, Sis. Elda lives with her. May God's blessings rest upon their household.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst

Baptismal services were held Oct. 22 for Janet Blunier, Pat Rassi, Joyce Aeschleman, Alice Leman, Linda Mangold and Carolyn Fischer.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Ezra Feller, George Gramm, Al Scheitlin, John Dapper, Robert Miller, Henry Wackerle, Robert Beyer, Corban Bahler, Roy Luginbuhl, Ernest Gerber, Joe Kaisner.

Funeral services were held for Bro. Joe Hoffman, who died Oct. 22 at the age of 95. He was our oldest brother, but was unable to attend services here the past year. He had been a resident of Rest-Mor Nursing Home the past six years.

Kenneth and Judy (Rokey) Knepp are the parents of a son, David James, born Oct. 30. They also have a daughter, Cisne Rae. Bro. Devon and Sis. Laveille (Fehr) Yoder are the parents of a son, John Louis, born Oct. 17. This is their third child. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann (Blunier) Sauder are the parents of a daughter, Jill Marie, born Oct. 27. They have another daughter and two sons.

Bro. Vincent Hodel has been a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria the past four weeks. He is improving satisfactorily. Bro. Art Legel has been released from the Eureka Hospital, where he had been for some time due to head and neck injuries, received in an elevator accident. Sis. Nettie Pfau sustained a fractured arm in a fall at her home and is in the Eureka Hospital.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

It is again the time of year when voices are raised in special thanks for the many blessings God has given, as we find ourselves nearing the end of the harvest season. . . But may we not only take time for thanks and praise to our Almighty God at "Thanksgiving Time", but every day throughout our lives.

What a day of rejoicing it was for us here in Ft. Wayne when we joined in **praise and special thanks** through the singing of the beautiful hymn. "All Come and Thank the Lord" and a prayer, on Oct. 15,

to commemorate the final payment of the note on our church building. Surely God has been good to us.

On Nov. 4, Joan Martin, daughter of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Mary, was united in marriage with Franklin R. Jones of Warsaw, Indiana, where they will be at home following a wedding trip to Florida. May God bless this union.

We are happy to report that Sis. Anna Gudeman has been able to assemble with us again, for which we are thankful to God.

Know Each Other Better

Our dear Sis. Julia Simon is a housewife. Her mate, Emerick, was taken from this life in September of 1961. In 1965, she made a trip to Hungaria and also visited her brother and sister in Romania. At one time she witnessed 13 young people taken up while there, and altogether was gone a month. Julia always has a smile and is ever ready and willing to help wherever she can.

Sis. Mattie Clauss is a homemaker for her three children at home. She was married to Jeff Clauss in South Bend, Indiana in 1936. Four years later she found the grace to repent, but it was fourteen years more till her dear one answered the call of the Lord and sought and found his salvation. Sis. Mattie recalls the great joy it was for her to witness his baptism, on "Easter Sunday". (What a glorious way to begin one's life for the Lord.) However, God had other plans for Bro. Jeff and took him from this life into eternity, in a helicopter accident in July of 1960. His funeral was the first one in our Ft. Wayne church, and a year later, in July of 1961, their son, Bro. Stanley, was united in marriage with Sis. Connie Hurt, in the first wedding ceremony performed in the Ft. Wayne church. Mattie is serving on the committee for church dinners and has also been a willing helper in the Sunday School.

Bro. Levi Pfister moved to the Ft. Wayne area in June of 1966 from the Winthrop congregation. His boyhood days were spent in Remington, and as a young man he worked in Chicago, where he married Lillian Blume. Most of his married years were spent in farming in Minnesota. He and his family now reside on a small farm near Auburn, Indiana. It was soon after their move to Minnesota that Levi

and Lillian found peace with God and were added to the fold. Not long after this, Bro. Levi began helping with song-leading, which he has been doing since (about 18 years). We welcomed his support in singing.

Bro. Bill Levy has made his home in Ft. Wayne for 40 years, altho' his boyhood years were spent near Bluffton. He was united in marriage to Sis. Lillian Rassi at Milford, thirty-seven years ago. Bill is a retired sales manager for Fuller Brush Co., where he worked forty-five years. He has served as our church treasurer the past three and a half years, and we are thankful for his services to us and our church.

Bro. Carl Rager came to Ft. Wayne from the Latty congregation, and has been a farmer all his life. He was united in marriage to Sis. Louise Bertsch at Leo twenty-six years ago in February; they reside on a farm near Payne, Ohio. Carl is at present serving his fifth year as a trustee; we appreciate his efforts and willingness to serve us in the physical needs of our church. May God ever bless those who give of their time in service to Him.

These dear ones represent to me a living example of their **Love of God**, and one can surely feel this love flowing, when meeting and greeting them, whenever or wherever it maybe. May God continue to let this light shine through His children, so others may also find this great love that means so much in our lives in this time we are living in.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Mrs. David Schamback

Sis. Mae Graves and Bro. Ted Virkler were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, Oct. 8 by Elder Bro. John Widrick. The afternoon service was devoted to marriage and the virtues of a Christian home.

Sis. Leona Farney was hospitalized again for several weeks, but is now home. After a ladder accident on his home farm, Bro. Seth Schultz was hospitalized. Bro. Arthur Herzig and Sis. Inez Snyder underwent surgery. Sis. Edith Schwartz entered an Akron (Ohio) hospital for ear surgery. We are thankful that all are recovering.

A daughter, Kerri June, was born to Phillip and Louise Beyer on Oct. 29. Kerri's grandparents are Bro.

Robert and Sis. Edna Beyer and Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Jane Hirschey.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna Steffen — Loretta Steffen

We were thankful and happy to welcome John Grawburg home from Viet Nam. John still has some time to be served here in the states before being discharged.

A son, John Douglas, was born to Bro. Otto and Sis. Pat Schlatter on October 10.

Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen also became parents of a baby boy, Matthew Dean, on Oct. 15.

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How about a Zion's Harp hymnal, a present for a child, or a friend? Or one for yourself?

GLORIOUS, ETERNAL CHRISTMAS

Merchants gaily decorate for Christmas. The town takes on some different looks. At night, the light of home beams its welcome. Sometimes in some places winter white beautifully adorns.

These lights pale when compared with God's glorious home of the ages of the ages. He and the Lamb are the Light. "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

The light of the sun is beautiful. There is the full light of high noon . . . the beautiful colors of dawn . . . the warm gold and evening red, near day's end. The Light of home, God and the Lamb, is far brighter and richer. No man can approach to it. It is brilliant. God hid Moses in a cleft, and could only show him part of Himself.

This Light shines and illuminates that entire earth. Awesome. Superbly beautiful. Horizon, mountain, plain will be in light and color we cannot picture today.

"And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." Always, perfect Light. Midnight, the small hours, the gray, gone forever! Those gates will be welcome entrance to golden good-times.

"And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it." Our Lord's bride will be at home in that city. The rest of the earth will also have been developed by this Builder. The oceans, gone. Mile after mile is inhabited by those for whom God has found place. They shall love to go to the city, and

bring their gifts. What joys and surprises await?

This city hums with happiness. For lingering centuries, the mean and bad have brought their distress, interfering, influencing somewhat. One sinner can do much harm and bring much sadness. He resists the Light. He spreads his mood. He is a hindering influence to true happiness. The righteous shall shine forth, our Lord says.

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Free from all that shadowed. The skies have cleared and all is glorious and happy.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." With God and Jesus, with those waters going, falling, cascading, crescendoing, it will be wondrously lovely. From glorious heights, in splendor, a chrous plays of wondrous rays. The beautiful waters. Who can tell the picture, the pleasure?

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

The saints will enjoy royal banquet, in sweet company. The tree of life was in the Garden of Eden. It will beautify golden Broadway. It is unusual; it has more than physical properties. It is the tree of life. It is a food, a fruit corresponding

in importance, taste and nutrition to that way of life which is forever. There, everything equals God's equal sign of perfection.

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:" The groan of creation, past. Having the throne of God and of the Lamb is perfect happiness. Just think of such marvellous love revealed now. Think of the sweet, kind face that took our sorrows and sins. Think of His great beauty.

What an opportunity to serve Him! In perfect song, chorus will rise, dream-like happiness. Who knows what all is in prospect? We wait on Him who is from everlasting to everlasting. We see Him and our heart is filled with radiant content.

"And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." We can't picture all His beauty now. We shall never tire in looking. What an immeasurable thrill and joy awaits. What bonds of fellowship inseparably link, in one, Him and His own. The elect shall know the sweetness, the tie of this heavenly bond. His name shall be in their foreheads. What a prize felt and valued as only that perfect place will reveal.

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

The clouds have passed away in distancing time. All is well. Forever will have arrived, radiant joy, unexcelled. Your editor