

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath

both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into **your** house, neither bid him God speed:

For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.



"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

PILGRIMS IN THE WILDERNESS

(It behooves us to read the heavenly road map well, so we keep on the route to gloryland. Are we able to tell all traffic signs at a glance? Let us have a good trip.)

After the children of Israel were redeemed by the blood of the lamb, they began a journey to the land of Canaan, and every poor sinner who comes under the shelter of the precious blood of Christ has started on his way to the Father's house. The Israelites' journey made them pilgrims in the wilderness, and strangers to all in the land of Egypt. They could no longer enjoy Egypt's refinements, any more than they could serve in its brickmaking. They were strangers to the one, as well as to the other.

Every Christian occupies a similar place here—he is a stranger and a pilgrim, and is on his way to a better land. May the sight of its glories, and of Him who is its glory draw our hearts thitherward.

“. . . let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” Christians still have an old nature, that if allowed will readily indulge in things that are unworthy of Him who has called us. Just as the Israelites lusted after the leeks, onions, melons and garlic of Egypt, when they lost their relish for the manna, so can we enjoy the things of the world when our hearts grow cold toward Him who is the true Manna—the bread which came down from heaven.

The Lord taught His disciples to pray, “. . . lead us not into temptation”. The disciples in the garden were told, Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Lot got into Sodom by degrees. Declension is always gradual. He first lusted after it with his eye, then pitched his tent near it, later got into it—out of his tent and into a house . . . all to his sorrow. Will not the borderline dull the Christian's senses, until at length he comes to not be vexed by the things that would shock anyone of spiritual sensibilities?

If the lawless deeds and foul sayings vexed Lot's righteous soul from day to day, what did they do for his children? The demoralizing effect on them was great. Some were lost in Sodom, and those who were not became a shame and a disgrace.

The contrast to this baneful influence was found in the plains of Mamre. There Abraham, the friend of God, lived in separation from Sodom. There he enjoyed communion with God. Would not he have been defiled if the words and ways of the sinners of Sodom had been in his tent? Would he then have been in a fit condition to receive the Lord as his guest? And would not his family have suffered also?

Youth is the time that is yours to help mold them, and to instruct them in the ways of the Lord. Shall these fleeting days be lost? while instead of truth, they become acquainted with fiction and fable, crime and horror? You shield their precious bodies from chemical poisons. Shall you do less for their impressionable minds? Suppose you can control deadly poison, are you willing to take a chance? The results will produce either a frighten-

ed, unhealthy state, or a cold calloused indifference, and a reckless disregard for all virtue.

May God give us to have the balances of the sanctuary with which to properly appraise the things that meet us in the last days. You have a more difficult task today in bringing up your children in the right ways of the Lord. Special grace and wisdom will be needed from above. God's instructions are, “. . . bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”.

How can Christians forget the character of this world? We presume that Sodom had some “good” things also—perhaps some things pointed to with civic pride, but it was all under the sentence of judgment, and was only deluding its populace.

Such like things are found on the “clean” side of the broad road. That road is broad enough to accommodate its “clean” and its filthy side. This world has murdered the Son of God—your Saviour and mine. Shall we then relish its attractions? Satan is its god; by these very things he is deceiving men and leading them on to destruction. The **desires of the mind** and the “lust of the eyes” are ranked in the word of God with the grosser things of the “lust of the flesh”.

The Israelites had “light in their dwellings”, while the Egyptians had nothing but darkness. You, dear Christian are a child of light, and should be marked by the light of God being there. Beware of the devil's bait. “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

HALEIWA, HAWAII

Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

We are so thankful for the love & protection God does give us. Sharon & I are residing here in Hawaii. I am presently assigned to the Tripler Army Medical Center.

Bros. Jim and Denny Fehr from West Bend were also stationed here. We enjoyed fellowship with them on Sundays and Wednesday nights, as God has said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” They were recently reassigned to Japan and are now home

on leave. We are happy for them, that they will be able to attend church in Japan, although we are sorry to see them leave Hawaii and us.

August 5, we enjoyed the morning and lunch with Friend Mary Bradle from Roanoke, Ill. who was here on a tour with Caterpillar. August 11 and 12, six sisters from Bluffton were with us: Carolyn and Kathy Gerber, Delutha and Diane Moser, Lorene Geisel, and Alice Troxel. We had services with them Sunday morning, and spent the remainder of the day in Honolulu. Monday, they were guests at our

cottage. We appreciate the blessings God does afford us, giving us opportunities to fellowship with others.

We welcome vacationers or servicemen on R and R to contact and visit us. Our telephone number is 639-747. Our address is 61671 Kam Hwy, Haleiwa Hawaii 96712.

“Aloha” is a lovely Hawaiian word which has several meanings. It can mean “greetings or welcome”; it can mean “farewell or good-by”; and last, but not least, it can mean, “love or with love”. This past month we have been able to experience all the meanings of “Aloha.”

How happy we were to greet Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock at the airport, on their return from Japan! And we were glad to have our friends, Walter and Ruth Chang and their son, Brayson, with us to welcome them with a cheerful Aloha.

Then on August 27 we experienced the love of God, when He blessed us with a baby daughter, Rachel Lyn. Truly there is love in our hearts for this precious little child. Her grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Nathan Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois, and Bro. and Sis. Harold Blunier of Roanoke.

Then after only four and a half days with Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock, it was time to bid them a farewell aloha, as they left for Phoenix. Their visit was a blessing to us.

We wish you all the spirit of aloha and God's richest blessings.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

We are sorry to lose from our congregation Bro. Verne and Sis. Leona Lehman and family, who have moved to Bremen. May the Lord's blessing be upon them in their new home.

Visiting ministers the past few months have been Bros. John Bahler and Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville, Dale Eisenmann of Chicago, Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka. We are always thankful to these brothers for their efforts in bringing us the word.

Hospitalized have been Mrs. Marceille Furrer for surgery, and Charles Lehman for observation and treatment. May the Lord grant speedy recovery to both of them.

My mother, Sis. Emma Kropf wishes to thank all those who remembered her with cards and gifts on her 80th birthday. May God bless you all.

MEMORIES

When the request came some months ago for the Memories feature, my thoughts went to two strong pillars in our church, who were taken from life so suddenly eight years ago, namely Bro. Will Furrer and Sis. Tillie Stoller. Their passing left a great void in our congregation.

Bro. Will was our faithful minister for many years, and Sis. Tillie a faithful worker and leader whenever the sisters were needed in any way. To both of them, their spirit-

ual life meant much, and it was their desire to serve their God and the church to the best of their ability. It was with this aim that Bro. Will stood Sunday after Sunday proclaiming the word, without respect of persons. It was on a mission for the Lord, going to bring the word to the boys at Ft. Sam Houston, that these two were taken out of life in an accident.

In conversing with members of Bro. Will's family and others in the church, we have recalled bits of wisdom which he left in the hearts during his walk among us. Raising a large family, he no doubt had many trials and problems, but was never one to complain, and no matter how busy he was with his labors, always had time to lend a helping hand or a listening ear to all, be they members of the church, friends or neighbors. He taught his children, that when there were differences in opinions, the one who took the short end would be blest.

On Wednesday mornings before going to the fields he would say, "Boys, remember, this is Wednesday, and we will quit early so we can go to church." When the appointed hour came, all the tractors were stopped.

If something did not get done on a certain day, he would say, "There'll be another day, and if there isn't, we won't need it anyway."

Some things that he brought out in his sermons were, that we should never hide behind the church and say, "The church doesn't permit this or that, but say, the Bible says so." In talking to new converts, he would say, "Never forget the promises you have made to your God."

At the close of many sermons, he would use these words:

The shadows of darkness are growing long,
The sun of grace is sinking low;
How long will the Lord have mercy,
How long till the Lord returns?

At a family gathering some time before his death, he prayed, "Should the family circle be broken, Lord, take those who are prepared." The Lord indeed heard and it was so.

Sis. Tillie for many years took care of her invalid mother and made a home for her single brothers. After her mother's death, the Lord had another good work for her, when she was married to Bro. Joe

Stoller, who was a widower, with a large family of children who needed a mother. Her trials, too, were many, but she was often heard to say, "My shoulders are broad; I can take it." Tillie did much for this family and has now gone to her reward.

Eight years have now passed
since that fateful day
When the Lord called two of His
children away.
We cannot forget them, though
time passes on;
Fond memories are with us, though
their faces are gone.

The examples they showed us by
word and by deed,
Were ways that the Lord was
sowing the seed.
May we who are left here treading
this sod
Follow in the "Footsteps" that led
them "Home to God."

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Mrs. Edison Gutwein

"Mother has gone to be with Jesus." Yes, our dear Sis. Marlene Erb endured many years of hardship. . . But her one determination was, "Jesus, I will never leave Thee". Her dear husband, Bro. Don, and sons, Craig, Todd and Roddie received great comforting words by Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Elmer Bucher, that they never will forget. . . . And in all their years to come, they can play over the recordings of these words and the very touching songs that were sang by our men's sextette.

This little "Mothers Day" poem was from her sons, written by the middle one.

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To A Very Nice Mother, On Mother's Day

Dear Mother, I love you with all my heart.
Even if you can't walk, you try I know,
But you just can't do it.
But I won't say, I don't love you.

And as it was said, If you could have seen the writing, it would still be more touching." Our whole church is going to continually pray for these "four loving Erbs".

The Bro. Dale Wards wish to thank God for the baby girl He has entrusted them with, to love and to care for her.

We pray that God will grant new strength and health each day to Melvin Gudeman, as he had to have back surgery at Mayos.

Bro. Morris Eshleman was able to be in church again. When one is absent for a while, we say they are the most welcome person.

Reunion: Some Who Were In Service

"Londoneer's Day" . . . Many know what a joy and blessing that is . . . And among them were Bros. Elmer Witzig (Gridley) and Norman Stoller (Ft. Wayne). Francesville sure wishes to thank them all, who came from so many places, and brought their great "love" and blessings".

A reunion also brought us Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka), who told us so kindly, to try and follow the teachings of all our Christian fathers and mothers.

Tread softly. You are on holy ground. Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont), Henry Beer (Milford), and Edwin Bahler (Remington) told us to do this as we enter the church, and then be careful what we say.

We thank God that it was His desire to send Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Alabama) into our midst. Also Bro. Henry Kilgus (Forrest) was drawn here by love, to meet him. Bro. Henry said he has never heard a church so quiet, as when Bro. Lavoyd spoke. He was so humble and loving.

Closing—We need good people whose lives reflect God's love in all they say and do.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

"Lord, I care not for riches, Neither silver nor gold.
I would make sure of heaven; I would enter the fold.
In the book of Thy kingdom, With

its pages so fair,
Tell me Jesus my Saviour, Is my name written there?"

Many people today strive for honor and for wealth. A title is of great importance to multitudes. However, no title compares with that of brother or sister of our Lord. This thought was conveyed to us one Friday night, when Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Walter Anliker visited our congregation and brought to us God's living word. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:6.

On a beautiful Sabbath afternoon recently, we traveled together back to Calvary, and there felt the suffering of Christ on the cross. To refresh our memory of this supreme sacrifice our Saviour made there so many years ago, and to again renew our appreciation of His great love for us, we were served Holy Communion by our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. Bros. Edward Lanz and Raymond Banwart were our visitors on that same Sunday and brought to us wonderful words of life and love.

This is the month that many are returning to school. It is with humility and enthusiasm that we begin. Humility, because we realize the tremendous responsibility, and enthusiasm, because we see the challenge and hope ahead. May we be instrumental in helping to mold the lives of children in such a way that is pleasing to God.

Those returning to college are: Toni Thiebaud to K.S.C., Pittsburg, Ks.; Sis. Joan Banwart to School of Nursing in Pittsburg, Kans.; Wayne Marti and Tim Frieden to Springfield, Mo.; Larry Marti to Southwest in Joplin, Mo.; and Sis. Janice Frieden to Practical Nursing School in Nevada, Mo. May the protecting hand of God ever be near them.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

Among the ill: Scott Myrlie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Myrlie had hernia surgery. Your reporter (Sis. Emelie) is recuperating from surgery. Sis. Lydia Nester is home, following observation; we are happy to report they feel she can be relieved by medication. Bro. Wilbert Knobloch has been ill, but is much improved. Lexia Wysong, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jack Wysong, had a tonsillectomy.

Sis. Pauline Schambach has moved to our community from the

Chicago congregation. We wish her God's blessings in her new home.

David Moser left for Germany, following his furlough after spending 13 months in Thailand. Gary Feucht returned to Great Lakes Naval Station for further radar schooling. John and Sis. Ione De Haan took Tim to Great Falls, Montana for more schooling in the Air Force.

Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman spent several days in our community. We thank them for expounding on the precious word of God.

Several from our community spent vacations in Oregon and California; some went to assemble with the loved ones in Canada. Those that reported feel they need the fellowship, and if anyone has the opportunity, it would be a blessing.

We had many loved ones call on us enroute on vacation. We want to thank all loved ones who paid us a visit.

With the school season opening, we resume our Sunday School. I was replaced by Sis. Iola Knobloch, Bros. Phil Mogler and Freddie Metzger were chosen, all on rotation basis. I must confess, there were wonderful experiences and teachings during the years I taught, but do feel these duties and experiences should be shared by all. May the Lord be with those loved ones who must labor for Him. There is a wonderful feeling when loved ones turn to the Lord through the word which was taught to them.

We were privileged to host the 16th annual Ft. Sam reunion here. August 10 and 11. There were 65 families present from over 25 different congregations. Among them were five ministering brothers: Bros. Arthur Bauer, Princeville; Verlin Stoller, Ft. Wayne; Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Robert Pohl, Burlington; and Roy Grimm, Taylor. A blessed day of love and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Vander Woulde, a son Tony Scott—May 28; to Bro. and Sis. Eugene Nester, a daughter, May 12.

Sis. Knobloch is at present recuperating from major surgery. In her behalf the following words from a poem are printed:

"My Thanks!"

"People everywhere in life . . .
Have given me so many things intangible and dear,
I couldn't begin to count them all or even make them clear. . . ."

I only know I owe so much to people everywhere
 And when I put my thoughts in verse it's just a way to share
 The museings of a thankful heart, a heart much like my own.
 For nothing that I think or write is mine and mine alone. . ."

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Mrs. William Haggenmaker

Over Labor Day week end, Bro. Lavoyd and Sis. Doris Moore visited with the brethren at Francesville. We at Athens had visiting brothers and sister, and were very glad to have them. We trust by the grace of God that they had a safe trip home.

Bro. Henry Perry is back with us for which we are very thankful. We certainly miss our dear ones when they are absent.

We've begun to have choir practice at 6 P.M. on Sunday evenings at our church. It is a great blessing to us who love to sing praise to the Lord. We still have our regular preaching service at 7 p.m.

My father, Ronald Amerson, a friend to many of you is ill at this time and requests your prayers. He had a stroke two weeks ago, and has just recently come home from the hospital. The doctors say his recovery will be very slow, as he has brain damage and he may not recover completely. He needs much encouragement at this time, and it would be deeply appreciated if friends would send cards or letters to lift his spirits. His address is: Ronald G. Amerson, Chapel Hill Road, Decatur, Alabama.

Adoration

For as much as there is none like unto thee, O Lord, thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power. I love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth. Put with Haleiwa, Hawaii

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Births: On Aug. 7, a son, Jeffrey Paul, to Bro. Paul and Sis. Phyl Dotterer; on Aug. 19, a daughter, Michele Ann, to Friends Dewayne and Mariann Moser.

Shut-Ins:

Sisters, Martha Liechty and Mrs. Ezra Reinhard; Bro. Henry Drayer.

Engagements:

Sis. Nancy Neuenschwander to Bro. William Cottrell of Quincy, Illinois; parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Wm. Neuenschwander Jr. and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Cottrell. Friend Mary D. Schladenhauffen to Mr. Michael G. Meade; parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Harold Schladenhauffen and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis C. Meade.

Visiting Ministers:

During the past month in Bluffton were: Bros. Willis Ehle, Al Fisher, Joe Zimmerman, Roy Luginbill and Merle Bucher.

Weddings:

Aug. 11, Sis. Cathy Gerber and Bro. Rick Stucky were united in marriage.

Aug. 25, Sis. Debbie Baumgartner and Bro. Ted Neuenschwander were united in marriage by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Sept. 1, Sis. Vicki Aschliman and Bro. Steve Bucher were united in holy matrimony.

May our loving heavenly Father bless your holy marriage.
 Fill your cups to overflowing with Thy spirit so that you
 May love unselfishly, constantly,
 and loyally.

Open your eyes to the best in each other, and let
 patience reign supreme in your hearts.

Let forgiveness be the cornerstone of your union,
 and may understanding be the mortar of your years.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Verna Roth

Our visiting ministers were Bros. S. Wagenbach and A. Aberle of Tremont, Bro. E. Gudeman, Bro. J. Broquard, and Bro. Ed Hohulin.

This coming Sunday, we will welcome our university students.

If anyone knows of a loved one coming to this university, we would appreciate if you would send their new address to Bro. Dave Weigand, Box 473 Urbana, Ill. 61801. This

would help our congregation to be of some service to a newcomer, as well as previous students.

One of Bro. Dave's impressive words in his sermons was: "A Christian has a right to point his finger, if he is sure he has his finger pointing only at himself."

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

This morning I took my youngest to school! It seems only yesterday that she was a precious bundle in my arms. "Mommie's gonna cry at home all by herself"—And I know it will be empty without her here! And as we walked along, with her little hand in mine, I had to think of mothers who can not share "this day" with their little ones.—

I thought of a page in a scrapbook during a lengthy illness, where a mother looked forward to seeing her firstborn enter school, but never lived to experience this day (our Joyce's mother)—I thought of cousin Annabelle, who had so few days, and yet her great concern was for her children—I thought of the dear one in Francesville, who was laid to rest just last week. In her last moments, her concern for her children was relieved by the words of a dear one, "Just close your eyes; we'll take care of your boys", and then she could close her eyes to look forward to that eternal rest she was awaiting—And then I thought of our neice, Peggy Metzger, who was taken from time into eternity so quickly with "no time" to worry or ponder over the welfare of her little one!—Surely, as parents, it behooves us to use well EVERY PRECIOUS MOMENT God grants us to live, to teach our children the ways of the Lord, for we have no promise for tomorrow.

The words of Bro. Norman in his prayer last Sunday come to mind, as he prayed for the afflicted. . . Hospitalized were Sis. Florence Pulver, medical, and Roger Stoller, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva, for road burns following a motorcycle accident—We are thankful they are both home again. He prayed for those in the service and their families. . . Dan Pulver, son of Bro. Les and Sis. Florence, who talked with his mother on Thursday, Aug. 29, and was scheduled to leave California that evening for Viet Nam. The following day their son, Bill, received his discharge from the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia. It surely was good to have him in our fellowship

again, and I feel his happy smile and cheery greeting revealed his joy also. . . He prayed for those soon leaving for service. . . Bro. Edwin Stoller was inducted into the service on September 3. May the Lord be ever with him, and especially his recent bride, Sis. Cindy, and with all those who are experiencing this separation from home and loved ones. He prayed for those on leave. . . John Lieberenz, son of Floren and Sis. Edith, was in our assembly while spending a two-week furlough with his parents. . . . And Norman prayed for those going back to school. . . We think not only of those returning to classes of higher learning in the colleges, but also of our younger children, who have already begun another year of study and learning, after a summer of fun and play.

We were happy to have Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan in our midst on Friday evening, August 9, and thank him for his message. Sharing the pulpit that evening was Bro. Walter Rager of Toledo, whose parents are Bro. and Sis. Carl and Louise of here. Our other visiting minister was Elder Bro. David Bertsch of Leo.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva Stoller have enjoyed having their grandson, Doug. Jr., and his mother, Brenda, with them, and we know they will be missed by all the family as well as in our assembly. They have returned to their home in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Ronald Fulkerson, son of Bro. Sy and Sis. Velma, was united in marriage with Kay Oser, daughter of Mrs. Leonard R. Oser of Ft. Wayne, on Saturday evening, August 24. May God bless this union.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Marlene Erb of Francesville, and especially do we remember her parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Lillian Levy of our congregation.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

A recent addition to our teaching staff in Sunday School is Sis. Mary Ann Haab. She fills the vacancy left by Sis. Rosemary Reckhemmer's resignation. Mary Ann had taught for many years and was on a two-year vacation as a result of our rotation. We were glad she was willing to resume the teaching duties again, as she was the elected choice of the present staff of teachers.

Sis. Rose Haab is still hospitalized, following the surgery men-

tioned in last month's report. She is making steady improvement, for which we are so thankful, and we are looking forward to her return to her home in the near future.

Bro. Mike Zimmerman has returned to his home in Milford from Mayo Clinic, where he had major surgery. He has made a satisfactory recovery, and we are thanking God for His answer to our prayers in his behalf.

Bro. Andy Beer and his faithful wife of sixty-three years, Sis. Bertha have passed another anniversary. The congregation sang in their honor two verses of the wonderful hymn, "The Union of Hearts". The words brought into clear focus the beauty of two lives joined in this threefold chord with God. We thank them for their example, and wish them continued health and happiness in their life together.

Another young couple joining their hands and hearts in marriage the 28th of this month are Ted Speicher and Sandy Yoder. Ted is the second son of Bro. Lou and Sis. Miriam, and Sandy's folks are the Lyle Yoders of nearby Nappanee. They plan to make their home south of Milford. We wish them God's blessings and much happiness as they plan their future together.

Nancy Hunsberger, daughter-in-law of two of our dear friends, Dick and Melba Hunsberger has been hospitalized in the Cleveland Clinic for the past several weeks. She is dependent at this time on the artificial kidney machine, and prayers are asked in her behalf that she might soon return to her home where two little sons, Nick and Ned, and her husband Norman would welcome her.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Carl Joos

Bro. Herman and Sis. Eva Jean Schaefer are the parents of a little girl. Angela Jean was born on June 25 and came to live with the Schaefers on August 9.

The hospital patients this month were Ed Heil, Linda Stettner, Emma Spohr, Todd Hemming and Bro. Anton Schaefer. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We enjoyed the following visiting ministers this month: Walter Koehl, Fairbury; Arthur Gudeman, La Crosse, Ind.; Noah Miller, Minneapolis. We thank them for their visit.

REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

We are happy to report that Terry and Beverly Millers and Gene and Diane Waibel are repenting. Terry's folks are Bro. Henry Millers of Gridley and her folks are Bro. Elmer Schmidts of Winthrop. Gene's folks are Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel of here.

Jesus paid the price of our redemption, and those who receive Him need not pay the great debt of their sin. They may freely take of the water of life, and the wine and milk of salvation, without money and without price, by the fact that it has been charged to the Saviour's account. Isaiah 55:1.

My sisters and I went to Peoria recently, to see some of our friends and relatives whom we have not seen in a long time. My sister, Louise went to a reunion of a group of girls she used to associate with when she worked in Peoria. They have neglected getting together in recent years, so hardly knew some of them.

Some of us from here were privileged to be in attendance at the Forrest Open House. It is thrilling to note that some of our churches are growing to the extent that they have need of enlarging their churches.

Sis. Esther (Walter) Bahler is home from the hospital after surgery. Sis. Amelia (Albert) Schini is in the hospital for tests.

Bro. Elmer Bahlers took Sis. Eliza Getz and others to Athens, to meet Bro. Eldon Getz there, who was moved to a Georgia camp. It means a great deal to any of the boys to meet their own, even though far away from home. Coleen (Claus) Culp was able to meet her husband in Hawaii for a few days recently.

Bro. John and Sis. Tillie Wittmer, their two daughters, Sis. Wilma and Sis. Dorothy and some of their families from Eureka were with us over Labor Day week end. They lived here 11 years and were neighbors to us, when we lived on the farm. From here they went up to La Crosse to see his sister, Sis. Ida Yergler, who has been in the hospital for some time.

Sis. Mary Bahler is able to attend church again. She gave up her apartment, had sale of her household goods, and is staying at Sis. Nathalia and Sis. Marie Schinis' home.

The passing away of Sis. Sarah

Buckley of Ft. Scott brings memories to us, as for a short time she was in the valpo-bath business, the same as we are, but before she started, she came here and stayed with us awhile, to learn how we took care of our patients. We have kept in touch with one another over the years. She used to say, when one can't sleep, spend your time in praying.

Memories.

Sis. Mary (Bahler) Mrs. Andy Nussbaum, our cousin, passed away in April of 1958, and we still think of her often and miss her. She loved the church and its people. She was always ready to lend a helping hand, no matter what the need, be it sickness or sorrow, cooking, canning or sewing. She started to sew when she was very young, and used to come to our house to sew for we four girls and stay several days at a time. So she knew us all very well from babyhood on up, and she always seemed very close to us all.

We live in the house where she and her folks lived for many years. They had lots of company and used to invite lots of us in for singings. She and her father, Uncle Robert, loved to sing. In fact, most of what I know about singing, he taught me, as we did not have music in school like they do now. I still often long to sing some of the songs he used to sing, we neglect to sing today. I can still hear him read songs that use to convict me, and remember lots of things he used to preach. He was one of our ministers here from as long as I can remember. Not many of us have the ability to be as active in the church as they were.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

We are thankful for the blessings brought by the visiting ministers, Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma; Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix; Bro. Ed Frank of La-Crosse; and Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield.

Bro. Chris Hauter and Sis. Marie Kaufman were united in marriage August 7 by Bro. Russell Rapp.

Little Melissa Krantz, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold Krantz, was hospitalized for several days, as were Sis. Edna Hirstein Fite and Sis. Katie (Mrs. George) Belsley.

Bro. Joe E. Hauter remains a patient at the Methodist Hospital, Peoria, having had major surgery.

Sis. Marie (Mrs. Clarence) is a

patient at the Methodist Hospital, Peoria, having had major surgery.

A son, Todd Andrew was born to Arthur and Sis. Adeline Stoecker Stetzler, on September 1.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." I Peter 1:22, 23

The engagement of Sis. Ruth Klein, daughter of Sis. Edna Klein, and Bro. Randy Kellenberger, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger was announced to our congregation.

Sis. Frieda Feucht and Chris Feucht announced the engagement of their daughter Ardeane Kay, to Gary L. Ruckle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ruckle of Peoria.

Linda Marie Messerli, daughter of Bro. Daniel and Sis. Miriam Messerli, and Douglas Wesley Trew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trew, East Peoria, were married July 21.

Joyce Lynne Haefli, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Dorothy Haefli, and David Lloyd Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Snider, Kewanee, were married August 9.

Paula June Schwenk, daughter of Herbert and Sis. Ida Schwenk, and William D. Rogers, son of Mrs. Mildred Hitt of Christopher, were married August 24.

Sis. Vicki Dawn Roche, daughter of Bro. Orval and Sis. Doris Roche, Tremont, and Bro. Steven Sauder, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder were united in marriage August 25.

We're grateful for each dear soul that finds grace to repent and forgiveness for their sins. Mary Ann Herman has been announced for proving and baptism. She is the daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Mathilda Sutter, Eureka.

We welcome Sis. Nettie Owens and her son, Bro. Edward Owens, from the Oakville church to our assembly. They moved to 3112 N. Bigelow Peoria, Ill.

The Curtis Zuercher family have moved to the Tremont area. We will miss them in our assembly.

It was so good to see Sis. Shirley Klaus in church again this past Sun-

day. She has been discharged from the hospital and is now at home with her parents.

Sis. Emma Helwig has moved to the Eureka Home.

Bro. Walter Koehl and Bro. Noah Herman were guest ministers. We appreciate their labors of love.

Ground-breaking ceremony was held August 10 at the site of the Fellowship Hall on Route 150, 6 miles west of University Street, where a 5-acre plot has been donated for the purpose of fellowship activities of our precious faith.

Sis. Anna D. Novakow, a resident of Peoria most of her life, died August 21 at the home of her daughter, Mary Lou Ackermann, Morton. She had been there the past eight months. Her husband, Bro. Louis R. Novakow, died in 1955. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Emanuel (Mary Lou) Ackermann and Mrs. Ken (Ann) Bartel; three sons, Adolph, Glen and Mel Novakow; one sister, Sis. Dorothy Schneider; one brother, Ben Daetwyler; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Sisters Lydia Freidinger and Kathryn Wieland have moved to a new residence. Their new address is 3343 Wilder Rd., Bay City Michigan 48706. We wish them much enjoyment in their new home.

We had our Sunday School picnic, with very good attendance. We had the pleasure of being hosts to the Latty Bible Class. It wasn't only a pleasure to have Latty as our guests, but also to see so many of our young people gathered together to get acquainted with one another, and also to hear all the young voices raised in song, praising our dear Lord and Saviour, on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning it gave the heart such a lift to see so many of our youth sitting in the front benches of our assembly, and hearing their voices helping to sing. To see so many of our young people gathered together. What a wonder it would be if each one would give their heart to our blessed Lord and Saviour. We need these young people; they are our future church. Please friends, give your hearts today while there is yet time, and grown-ups, please show kindness and love to our youth.

On this week end, we also were very happy to have with us Ministering Bros. Ernest Graf of Akron

and Loren Stoller of Latty, and many others. It was a very blessed week end.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

How wonderful it will be when the word spoken by Isaiah the prophet will be fulfilled. "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Isaiah 2:4

Sis. Minna W. Emch fell on their concrete patio, causing a fractured rib, and much pain has followed. She has been able to attend church again, for which we are thankful. Sis. Ethel Hafely is in the Youngstown Hospital Northside, Youngstown, Ohio. She fell as she misjudged a step, and broke her hip. She is doing as well as can be expected. Friend Carl L. Emch Sr. is in the Youngstown Hospital, Northside. He has had several X-rays and tests, but as yet the doctors are at a loss to know what is his trouble. Sis. Marie Lewis was a patient in the Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Warren, Ohio, where she underwent surgery on her hand. Sis. Mary Beard is home again, after being in the hospital the second time. Her health is not good. Her home address is 200 Belmont Ave. N. W., Warren Ohio. A card would be much appreciated. Friend Grace Stoll is a patient at the Virginia Beach Hospital. She, with several of her family, were vacationing at Virginia Beach, Va.; while there, she became very ill and required surgery. Grace is the widow of Bro. Orie Stoll, who passed away in October 1967. Mrs. Robert (Mary) Saylor is a patient at the Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio. Mary is a daughter-in-law of Friend Charles and Sis. Esther Saylor. Bro. Lorentz Emch has had a long seige of trouble with his back and leg. He was hardly able to get around for awhile. He says there has been considerable improvement lately. We wish all the grace of God to bear their affliction, and a speedy recovery, committing all to the Lord.

A son, Benjamin Joseph, was born to Friends Lloyd and Lillian Emch of Clinton, Ohio, and is a welcome guest. They have four other children. Lloyd is a son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Alma Emch. Lillian is the daughter of Sis. Jennie Walters.

The George Abraham Emch family reunion was held August 25 (Sunday) at Harding Park, Hubbard, Ohio. The weather was nice and there was a fairly good attendance.

Our visitors during August were from Milford, Rittman and Wooster.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

No tears in heaven, no sorrows given,

All will be glory in that land;
There'll be no sadness; all will be gladness,

When we shall join that happy band.

"The ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. . ." Isa. 35:10

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Karl Oesch, whose brother, Fred of Alto recently "joined that happy band." Bro. Fred will be missed by us all, as we remember his kindly manner in which he ministered to us on his many visits to our congregation.

We appreciated the sermons from our visiting ministers, who were Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury (who was with us for evening services on Monday, August 12) and Bro. Henry Beer (who was with us for both morning and afternoon services on Sunday September 1, when he came to our city to attend the Beer reunion.)

"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." I Chronicles 29:13. When Bro. John Oesch learned he is a victim of leukemia, it was naturally a deep concern to his family, as well as to our entire congregation. How thankful we all are that the Lord has answered the many prayers which were offered in Bro. John's behalf, as he is responding to medication and seems to be feeling somewhat improved.

Bro. Byron Rice was hospitalized for eye surgery; we are also thankful that he has again been able to worship with us.

Shirley Graszl (Mrs. Richard) is in critical condition, following major surgery. As she is a young mother with three little ones to care for, we believe she is yet needed in her home, and we join in prayer that the Lord would be with her, and if it be His will, restore her to good health.

Sis. Donna Steffen has returned

to her home in Alto, after having resided in Mansfield for several months. We will miss Donna, but welcome her to visit with us often.

He leadeth me, O blessed tho't!
O words with heav'nly comfort
fraught!

What'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

We were blessed with a visit from Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorene Herman from Tuscon, early in August. Bro. Noah was truly inspired and brought many interesting teachings to us. In the Bible we find four gospels, which are four different accounts of the life of Jesus, each giving an incident most impressive, as all looked at it differently. This was compared to the new edifice being erected directly behind our present house of worship. It has four sides, and each side presents a different picture, depending how you look at it. A bit of good advice given by an older brother years ago and still beneficial to us today was, to seek God in the cool of the morning, as it is the best time before the cares of the day crowd in and rob us of a blessing. Where will you spend eternity? Everyone faces in eternity one of two places; a place of joy and blessing, or a place of despair and sorrow. Drink of the fountain of grace often, for we are greatly in need and will then reap of the great reward of eternity in heaven. Often we must go against our own nature, just as Jonah did after his experience in the belly of the whale, where he prayed in earnest to his God and had the privilege of God hearing his prayer and delivering him to safety.

We were pleasantly surprised to have a visit from Bro. Harvey Grimm recently, when he came to attend a meeting. His humble inspiring messages gave us much food for thought, and made us all want to do better. We were reminded to not let our love diminish in this fast-moving world. Advice to the friends, warning that the only way to gain a safe end is by repentance, confession, baptism, and stay close to God and His people. Have peace with one another, and take time to listen and to talk with Him.

There was rejoicing in the home of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold when their son, Michael, returned from duty in Vietnam and is

now discharged and at home. We too are thankful for God's protection of Mike, and trust he will not forget to be thankful to God.

Bro. Herman Stahl was a hospital patient for a few days for observation, but has returned home and is getting along satisfactorily. Sometimes it is hard for us to understand that there is not more placed on us than we can bear, but must trust this is true. John Hager had the misfortune to break his leg in March and was in the hospital the last of August. He was home only two days when he broke his hip and had to go back to the hospital. May he find comfort and courage, to know we all remember him in our prayers, and encourage him to seek the Lord in prayer. He promises to be near all those who ask of Him.

Bro. Silas made known to the congregation, September 1, of the faith of Bro. LeRoy Huber and Sis. Clara Stoller to have their engagement made known. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

During the past few weeks, many were vacationing in various ways; some to visit relatives and friends, and some to view God's handiwork. New and precious friendships have been made in visiting other churches and having visitors in our own church. We are always thankful for such privileges, and find it such a joy to meet one another of like faith. Do we appreciate our bond of love that ties us together, enough? How wonderful it is to be one of His own. We go to a church where we are not acquainted but never feel strange, for as soon as we enter the door, there is always someone to greet us and make us feel welcome, making us one of them. How will it be when we get to Heaven's door? Will the Lord still recognize us as the innocent lamb when taken into the fold, or have we picked up along the way, that He won't know us?

Isn't it a joy to behold God's great and marvelous creation? One must marvel at His glorious handiwork, and one can truly feel close to Him and never tire of looking at the beauty He has created. How majestic the mountains, and how deep the canyons. On a recent Sunday evening, we could behold the most beautiful rainbow I think I have ever seen. The colors were so vivid and so bright that it reflected above, making a double arc across the eastern sky. Many times we are reassured that God still keeps His

promise. Perhaps we pass through a dense forest, where the trees are tall and upright and so close together that they must stretch up to the light and grow straight. Do we stand straight and tall to stretch heavenward, and do our lives reflect like the beautiful rainbow?

Isn't the greatest joy in arriving home? It is such a joy to be with your own loved ones again, and how thankful we all are to have shared His beauty and fellowship and then permitted to arrive home safely. Do we look forward to our eternal Heavenly Home, where we'll meet all the loved ones who have gone on before? It makes us all want to strive more earnestly.

Summer is gone, and the fields are getting ripe for harvest. Friends, God's fields are so ripe for harvest. We are indeed thankful for the few who enjoy the pleasures of living for Jesus, and are fed up with the husks of this life, but there is so much room for all those who are passing each day without their Lord, and we invite them to partake of the blessings of God. May we who have made a beginning shed a good light, so we can be an example and pray for a bounteous harvest of soul-saving.

SARDIS, OHIO Doris Indermuhle

Haste and seek your soul's salvation; Heed the word of God today!

We are happy that Friends Bill Brake and John and Paula Figel are seeking salvation for their souls, while the Lord is still extending the time for dear souls to turn to Him. May many more see the light before it will be forever too late.

Delmos Figel has begun his basic training in the service. Like all servicemen, Delmos appreciates mail. His address is with the service addresses.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Ed Aeschleman

The sudden death of Friend Walter Kaegi brought sorrow to our congregation. Walter was 64 years old, lived in Union City, and was the brother of Sis. Elsa Welti, for whom our prayers go to God for the only true comfort. Services were held August 19, with Bro. John Diggleman officiating.

We look forward to having Philip and Janice Webber worship with us. Formerly of Chicago, they will be located near Philadelphia, where Philip is going to continue his

studies. May God bless them in all their efforts, especially in those things which are spiritual and lasting.

We had visitors in August from Bay City, Rockville and Chicago.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacobs
Mrs. H. G. Bucher

Our friend, Lowell, and Sis. Evelyn Bucher became grandparents of twins. Their daughter, Kathy and Chuck Turner of Kalamazoo, Mich., have twin boys. Their four-year-old son, Jay Thomas, welcomes them home.

Our son, Bill, and Jody Jacob Jr., of San Francisco Calif., are parents of a son, Brian Edward. His two-year-old sister, Paula Gayle, welcomes him home.

Our dear Lord has called Bro. Clarence Morris to his rest, after much suffering. Bro. Clarence repented and was baptized only a few months ago. He was looking forward to meeting God on yonder shore. What a blessing when we are prepared to meet our Lord. The services were held at our Valparaiso church. Bro. Harry Bucher officiated. God is with you in all you do. (Gen. 21:22). Whatever we have to meet today, let us remember that God is with us; we may have challenging experiences that bring about change in us, in our thoughts, feelings and actions. We then discover that these experiences which seem to demand so much bring us the greatest blessings.

We rejoice for Carolyn "Ames" Lester, who is seeking the Lord. We wish her God's grace and blessings. Her parents are Friend Dillar and Sis. Mildred Ames.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

Two of our aged ones have been taken to be with the Lord, Bro. August Greiner, age 95 years, and Sis. Minnie Spohr, age 85 years.

"When our work here is done
And the life-crown is won,
And our troubles and trials are o'er,
All our sorrows will end,
And our voices will blend
With the loved ones who've gone on
before."

We had two guest ministers from Japan in our midst, Bros. John Clauss and Willis Ehnle, and we received many inspiring messages from God's holy Word. Bro. John

and Sis. Betty came to the home of Bro. and Sis. John and Wava Steffen, where quite a number of us enjoyed seeing John's pictures and hear his comments about Japan. It gives us an insight of the Orient, and we were especially impressed to hear what a large city Tokyo is, so many millions of people living there. We thank them for this privilege afforded to us. Then, too, we enjoyed having Sis. Betty come back to her hometown for a visit, after quite an absence. They are now back in Japan, and may God give them courage and strength to carry on this important work in the Harvest-Fields over there, and that they may with the help of the Lord, and our prayers, continue to preach the gospel to those in darkness. Even if they sometimes feel that the fruits of their labor are not plentiful, yet we are told that one soul in the sight of God is worth more than the whole world. May God bless their efforts in all their ways. Sis. Betty's parents, Bro. and Sis. George Haas also were so happy to have the Clauss' come to be with them for awhile, but it seems that the time passes so fast and the time of parting comes so soon.

On August 31, Kay Scheitlin and Ronald Meiss, from Hancock, were united in marriage. May God bless them in their future life together. We had quite a number of visitors who came here for the wedding.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Sylvia Meyer, in the death of her sister, Mrs. Jesse (Mahilda) Gannon, who passed away recently.

Bro. LeRoy Leman was selected to be a new Sunday School teacher, to replace retiring Bro. William Gudeman. May God be his help and guide in his new duties.

Carol Schurter, daughter of Harvey and Sis. Ruth Schurter, was united in marriage to Lawrence M. Secrist of R. 3, Elgin, by Bro. Al Fisher, at the home of her parents. They will reside in Urbana, Illinois. May God bless them in their life together.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

Sis. Leah Koehl is still confined to her home, after spending several days in the hospital, where she went for tests and observations. Sis. Carrie Leman is again in the Fairbury Hospital after taking a series

of treatments in Carle Hospital, Urbana.

Dale Zimmerman, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred, is reported on his way home from Ft. Lewis, Washington, having been discharged from the armed forces. Richard Kupferschmid has returned to his home here, after completing his time in the armed forces. Rich repented during the time he was gone, and hopes to be added to the brotherhood soon.

Our Bible Class was host to the Elgin Bible Class this month. We are sure our young folks had an enjoyable day together.

We rejoice to see four more young people turn to their Lord in repentance. They are Mattie and Dorothy Wenger, daughters of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Miriam, also Bill and Mary Masters; Mary is the daughter of Ed and Sis. Mary Ann Plattner.

A special thanks to our visiting ministers this month; they were Bros. Ben Maibach, Detroit; Walter Anliker, Eureka; Sam and Earl Kilgus, Remington; and Irvin Lehmann, Wolcott.

An open house was held on Aug. 25, to show the recent addition to our church building. Our new dining room, kitchen, and nursery are on the upper floor. The dining room has 8 horseshoe tables, with seating capacity for 128. The downstairs has 9 new Sunday School rooms and 2 storage areas. The old dining room is used as an assembly room for the Sunday school children.

When the original church was dedicated in 1950, the Sunday school attendance was approximately 75 children. Today the attendance record shows 234 children. We presently have 11 Brothers and 6 Sisters teaching our young people, with Bro. Harvey Ifft serving as superintendent.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

To My Son—in Viet Nam

Dear Son, I think of you so much,
And I am so concerned . . .
Ever since you left the States
My heart has ached and yearned.

I wonder where you are each night
If you are cold or warm,
Or if you ever are afraid,
Of danger and of harm.

I wonder if you're lonely there,
And if you're treated good,
Or if you get enough to eat . . .
And all the sleep you should.

I've counted all the days and nights,
Since you have been away,
And every night, before I sleep,
For you, dear son, I pray.

I hope **you** don't forget, dear son,
To pray, for He is there.
Our Heavenly Father understands,
And He will answer prayer.

Oh, may He keep a tender watch,
Wherever you may be,
That someday, somewhere, son of
mine,
We'll reunited be.

Your mother

Word was received by Mrs. Eloise Meece that her son, Bro. Mike Meece, was wounded in Viet Nam. He has been evacuated to an Army hospital in Japan.

Sis. Mida Knapp (Mrs. Mike Knapp Sr.), was hospitalized again this past month, but has returned home and is hoping to assemble with us again soon.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Youth Fellowship was again held at Forrest Park Camp, Topeka. Attendance was from the area churches. Bro. Ben Maibach was the guest speaker. May the Lord add His blessing, as the teachers put forth much time and effort.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Francis Rother, Morton; Roy Luginbuhl, Rockville; Dale Eisenmann, Chicago. Their families were with them. We enjoyed their visits and invite them to come again.

Sisters Janette Strahm and Marilyn Rokey are going to Practical Nursing School in Topeka. Their address is 614 West 9th St., Topeka, Kansas.

Bro. Alpha and Sis. Lena Strahm have a new grandson, Brian John, born August 13 to Clayton and Merriam Strahm. Two sisters and a brother are in the home to help care for him.

Hospital patients, due to illness, surgery and injuries, have been; Bro. Morris Rokey (appendectomy); Kristy Sue Hertzell, the year-old-baby of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth, with a high temperature; Louis Jon Meyer has a hand in a cast, due to a broken bone. Elmer Isch had a broken shoulder pinned, caused by a fall from a truck.

On Aug. 31, Sharon Meyer, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis, and Carl Morris were married. They will make their home in

San Diego, California, as the groom reports there for Navy duty.

Sept. 1, Susan Wittmer and Steven Traw were married. Susan's parents are Harlan and Alice Wittmer. This couple will make their home in Emporia, where both are seniors at Emporia State Teachers' College.

Petition

I ask not, God,
That I be great
In what this world can give;
I only ask
That Thy great love
Shall guide the life I live.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Martha Kieser Delores Duckworth

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" were the words brought forth by Bro. Walter Rehklau, when he visited us Sept. 1. We were also privileged to have quite a few young "soldier boys" with us that day, who had come for the Ft. Sam reunion. On another Sunday, the boys who were together in Korea several years ago gathered here. These boys surely have a close tie with one another. When so much evil and sometimes danger surrounds them, they can find a comfort in being with those of like mind and faith.

Our friend, Dick Tanner is spending 45 days with his parents, Bro. John and Sis. Margaret, on leave from Viet Nam. It is good to have him in our midst.

Today, Sept. 7, marks the birth of a little boy, Jon Allen, to our ministering Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehnle. Gary, Karen, Mark and Donn will welcome him home.

Bro. Dan Siebenthal had surgery, has recovered nicely, and is again gathering with us. Bro. Herman Dietz had surgery at Mayo Clinic, and is getting along as good as can be expected; however, it will take quite awhile for him to fully recover. He expects to return home soon. May God grant him much patience and courage. Bro. Dean Stahl has returned to the hospital.

Sunday School has been resumed, after a two-month summer vacation. Sis. Lucille (John) Endress has been chosen as an additional teacher.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Ann Zimmer — Becky Coombs
Summer time is over, and the children are back to the routine of school. Everyone enjoys a vacation

as a time of refreshing . . . But we can each be refreshed every day by spending time with God and His word.

Bro. Willis Ehnle was with us for a message, and some slides. He impressed us with the importance of pressing forward in our service to the Lord. Many of the Milford congregation gathered with us at that Wednesday evening service.

Our congregation has enjoyed our many visitors this summer, and extends an invitation to all to worship and fellowship with us in the future.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Our visiting ministers were: Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix. He left many good teachings. We were reminded to accept what God has in store for us. Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville reminded us, God worketh slow but sure. Bro. James Ringger of Bradford said, "There is no middle way, but God wants the whole heart" Bro. Henry Wackerle told us what a wonderful thing repentance is, and not to leave the first love and peace. Bro. Roy Grimm from Quincy reminded us to make preparation for that Great Day. We thank them for coming and hope they visit us again soon.

Engagements: The engagement of Sis. Alta Zbinden to Bro. Ron Kaufman. (Sis. Alta is the daughter of Joe and Miriam Zbinden, and Bro. Ron is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Clara Kaufman.) Sis. Sue Kupferschmid to Bro. Robert Beebe. (Sis. Sue is the daughter of David and Sis. Margaret Kupferschmid; Bro. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beebe.

Sis. Lena Feller was able to leave the hospital and is staying with her daughter, Sis. Priscilla Knapp. Sis. Elizabeth Martin was able to leave the hospital and is recuperating at home.

On Aug. 18, our Bible class was invited to Christian Fellowship at Lake Bloomington. The churches that participated in this program were Morton, Roanoke, Peoria and Cissna Park. In the afternoon, four different classes were conducted. These classes were conducted by Bros. Leroy Hartman, Michael Weyeneth, Eugene Bertschi, and Russell Rapp. In the evening, an inspirational program was enjoyed by all who attended. The four Bible classes each sang two selections.

Then Bro. Ben Fehr spoke on the subject, "I will come again."

There is one sad truth in life I've found

While traveling east and west,
The only folks we really wound
Are those we love the best.
We please the fleeting guest
And deal full many a thoughtless blow

To those who love us best.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle
We were privileged to have several visiting ministers with us.

Bro. John Klaus, visiting from Japan, had evening services on Tuesday, Aug. 6. In his gentle manner, we could feel his love for God as he spoke to us. We enjoyed visiting with him and his wife, Sis. Betty. May they continue to serve God as He directs them.

The following Sunday, Aug. 11, Bro. Willis Ehnle ministered unto us. Those who attended were moved by the zealotness with which he spoke. We also enjoyed his interesting slides of Japan, which he showed us Sunday evening. Accompanying him was his wife, and also Bro. and Sis. Henry Beer, of Milford. Truly it was a blessed week end, as we fellowshiped together, bound by faith and love in God.

On Aug. 18, we were so happy to have Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia Bahler and Bro. Al and Sis. Gladys Schneider, who flew here from Rockville to spend the week end. Again we were blessed as they preached the precious teachings of our Lord, in its truth and simplicity.

We thank all these dear brothers who labor in God's vineyard, and wish them God's grace to continue in His work.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." St. Luke 24:45-47.

We rejoice that Evelyn Polk, daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Alice, has answered the call of the Lord to repent. May he grant her much grace and wisdom to continue to grow in this most precious faith.

Our dear brother, Dimitru Segadi, passed away Tues., Sept. 3, at the age of 89 years. Although unable to

attend church services for several years, unable to hear, and able to see only dimly, Bro. Segadi never lost faith in his God. Those who visited him in his latter years communicated by printing very large on paper. He was always glad to see us come, and always sent greetings to the church when we left. He will be greatly missed, as we left we received a blessing by visiting him. Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 6.

Karen Sue is the name given to the new daughter of Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner. Baby Karen, born Sept. 5, has a brother, Kenneth and a sister, Joanne.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Our visiting ministers have been as follows—Bros. Noah Herman, Tuscon; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Al Langhofer, Wichita; and John Klaus, Japan.

Bro. and Sis. John and Betty Klaus and family, who had been visiting in the United States, and with their relatives, have now returned to Japan. May God bless them in their work among the Japanese people, and may their love cause many to turn to Jesus, the loving Saviour of all mankind.

Our beloved elder, Bro. Leroy Huber, has returned from the hospital and is improving. May God heal him, and help him so that he may soon be able to assemble with us in the house of worship and be our teacher and shepherd, as we do surely miss him.

Sis. Della Anliker has gone to the home of her daughter, Sis. Mildred Hodel (Bro. Harold's), after leaving the Eureka Hospital. She is getting along good. Sis. Nima Zimmerman has returned to her home, after having eye surgery in a Bloomington Hospital.

August 18, Kay Jacob and Walter Knecht were married. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Fred and Emma Knecht.

Engagement: Sept. 1, Sis. Clara Stoller from Princeville and Bro. Leroy Huber were announced. May God bless them on this pathway of life together.

Our friends, David and Mary Ginzler were proved on a Saturday evening recently. Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria performed these duties. The next day they were baptized, and are now our new brother and sister in faith. May our great God

ever be with them, as He has been their helper thus far.

Card of Thanks—My heartfelt thanks to all relatives and friends, for the lovely get-well cards, gifts, prayers, and many acts of kindness shown to me while in the hospital and the Rest-Mor Nursing Home, and also since returning home.—Sis. Lucy Kempf.

The birthday of Pfc. Edwin L. Kupferschmid is Oct. 1. Like to send him a card? The address is with the service addresses.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

“. . . There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother . . . or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold . . .” Mark 10:29, 30. Sis. Nancy Roth of Fairbury, who has left this for teaching in Japan, rejoiced to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Roth, arrive in Japan. The Roths spent some time with Sis. Nancy, and also visited in the Philippines.

“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him . . .” Ps. 91:14. We rejoice that Harvey and Nancy Steffen have set their love upon the Lord, turning to Him for their personal Saviour, and God will deliver them from any bondage.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Myrna Moser were blessed with a baby, Douglas Eugene, born Aug. 17. Also happy for the baby brother are Marsha, Bonnie, and Janis.

Bro. Roger and Shirlene Bachtold were blessed with a baby, Loraine Ruth, born Sept. 4. Welcoming the baby sister are Dorothy, Roger, and Jonathan.

Bro. Carl Widmer is home from the hospital in Champaign; and Bro. Chris Huetten had a cataract removed at the hospital in Bloomington.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Art Gudeman.

FT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Barry Isch

Just as the Lord has promised that wherever two or three shall be gathered in His name, so shall He be in their midst, have we here at Ft. Sam been blessed with His blessed Presence.

Among those bringing us those precious moments were Bro. and Sis. Herman and Oleda Menold from Morton and Bro. and Sis. Jerome and Mary Witzig from Gridley.

They came to see Tom Menold, who has been with us since February, but is now taking additional training in Tacoma, Washington; we thank Tom for his loyal support as a Friend. On that same week end of Aug. 4, Bro. Wendell Anliker from Francesville and his parents, Bro. and Sis. Eli and Priscilla Anliker and Elaine were here. Bro. Wendell has recently completed his tour in Viet Nam and is now stationed near San Antonio, at Randolph Air Force Base; we welcome his support as a brother-in-faith. Bro. and Sis. Aaron Bauer were also here visiting, from across the miles.

The next week end, we were again blessed spiritually with the words spoken by Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton, who was here with his wife, Sis. Lela and Vickie. Others who shared their love and fellowship were Bro. and Sis. Reo Strahm from Sabetha, and Bros. Roger Reimschisel, Gary Schladenhauffen, Jon Aschliman, and Ed Schwartz, all from Bluffton. Visiting their son, Bill, were Bro. and Sis. Al and Wilma Wiedman from Morton and with them were Bro. and Sis. Dan and Marie Kaufman, also from Morton.

On Aug. 25 we received an inspiring message from Bro. Raymond Banwart, who was in our presence with his wife, Kathryn, and sons, Convert Lonnie and his twin Donnie, from Ft. Scott. Dan Kaeb, who is in training at Ft. Sam, welcomed a visit from his parents, Bro. and Sis. David and Mary Kaeb, Beverly and Billy, from Fairbury. I too received a visit from loved ones, as Bro. Hubert Isch, Sis. Minnie Isch, Bro. and Sis. Ken and Carlyne Isch and Jeff and Jodi were here from Bluffton. This week end was also the last weekend for Convert Rich Kupferschmid from Forrest. Rich has made many sacrifices to be with us from Ft. Hood, but we hope he will receive his reward, as he has found his Saviour. His sister, Sis. Marilyn was here to accompany Rich on his homeward journey.

Many pleasant memories were once again made on Labor Day, as Bro. Ron Koehl was visited by his parents, Bro. and Sis. Leroy Koehl, and also Bro. Carl and Bro. Herb Bachtold from Forrest. Others here were Bro. and Sis. Wayne Miller, Connie and Evelyn, and Bro. and Sis. Lyle Fischer from Ft. Scott.

We can never express our thanks enough to our visitors, and as we may never be able to repay their

deeds of kindness and love, may the Lord be their eternal rewarder.

Bro. Eldon Getz from Remington has also departed from our midst and is now stationed in Ft. McPhearson (Atlanta) Georgia, for several weeks of training yet. We miss the presence of Bro. Eldon, and hope that we will all be able to meet him again.

The ministers for October are scheduled from Lamont, Kansas on the 13th and from Cissna Park, on the 27th. Anyone desiring information before coming to San Antonio should feel free to write one of us here at the apartment.

"Let us labor for the Master from
the dawn to setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love
and care;
Then when all of life is over, and
our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Wanda Kraft—Marie Zaugg

Sis. Sarah Buckley passed away at the age of 86 years, on August 25 at the Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha. She had lived at the Home for the past six years. Her husband, Fredrick Buckley preceded her in death. Surviving are her brother, Bro. Jacob R. Pfister; her sister, Sis. Lydia Farney; and many nieces and nephews. Bros. Samuel Anliker and Ben Aberle conducted the funeral services here on Tuesday, August 27. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Marguerite Stoller

We welcome Bro. David Klopfenstein back to our congregation, after completing his two years of service in the Army, one of which he served in Viet Nam.

New births to report are: A son, born August 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Horney. She is the former Nanette Schlatter. They have one other son. Bro. Chuck and Sis. Debbie Dunham are the happy parents of their first child, a son, born August 26. Born to Bro. Jack and Sis. Mary Gerber, Aug. 27, were twin sons, one of which God chose to take home. The surviving son remains in the hospital, but will soon go home to his parents and two sisters. Graveside services were held for the infant twin the following day, by Bro. George Sinn.

Our visiting minister in August

was Bro. Willis Ehnle, Aug. 13, from the Shioda church in Japan. He gave us a very inspiring message on the importance of time; that we must not waste our time, for God hath not promised us tomorrow.

We again were blessed Sept. 1, when Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen, came to minister to us. Bro. Joseph Waibel, Bay City, and Bro. Kenneth Sauder from Mansfield were here for evening services.

Bro. Merrill and Sis. Dolly Laukhuf wish to announce the engagement of their son, Rodney, to Edie Ramseyer, from Bay City. Edie is the daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer.

Our prayers are for the sick in our congregation who are hospitalized. They are Sis. Rosa Guingerich and Bro. Jesse Gerber, who was transferred to Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne, where he is undergoing more tests.

In memory of my dear husband, Raymond R. Stoller, who passed away one year ago, Sept. 17 '67.—Mrs. Emma Stoller.

Rest In Peace

You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.

We miss you now; our hearts are
sore.

As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face.
No one can fill your vacant place.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser Ruth Dapper

A miracle was again performed by the Hand of God. Kent Muehlhauser, son of Lavina (Dapper) and Kenny Muehlhauser, injured his left index finger while operating the lawn mower. His finger is in a cast, but the extent of the damage will not be known for a couple of months. We are so thankful that Kent didn't lose a finger, and truly thank God once again for His Almighty Hand of protection.

Sis. Nettie Locher wishes to extend her thanks and appreciation for all the cards, prayers, and thoughtfulness shown to her during her illness. She was able to assemble with us last Sunday (which was the first Sunday she has been able to come to church in several months), for which we are very thankful. We pray that God will

watch over and protect her, that she may continue to improve.

Sis. Eva Fuhrer spent two weeks visiting her daughter and grandchildren in Great Falls, Montana. We are thankful the Lord protected her, and brought her safely home.

The last night of Bro. Willis Ehnle and family, before leaving the United States for Japan, was spent in Altadena. We thank him for taking time and effort to minister the true word unto us. He spoke on our obligation as Christians to be more loyal or faithful, as the true believers were in the Bible; even so, we should be faithful in all things to God first, and then to our country, fellowmen and even ourselves.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Alma and Gus Baum

It has been some time since you have heard from us . . . This having been a busy summer—find it difficult to grasp that three-fourths of 1968 is behind us. See many signs of autumn here in our Northwoods. Cool days and chilly nights make us aware of the season; frost has been reported in some low areas as early as mid-August. Birds are migrating, many trees already adorned in their fall colors, the third week in September usually being the time when our outdoors is in its height of beauty. We are thankful for the privilege to enjoy this lovely creation . . . Above all thankful for our Creator, who shares with us endless blessings, and has made our salvation possible.

Our little congregation rejoices with the adding of two souls, Kenny and Vera Schmidt, who gave their testimonies and were baptized.

We welcome Bro. Ray and Sis. Millie Schmidgall and their family, who have moved to the Minneapolis area.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Harold Messner, from Winthrop; Maurice Frank from Chicago; and Cleo Rinkenberger from Pulaski. We thank them all for their willingness and interest to serve us.

New Church Hours: 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

We were blessed with massages and visits from the following ministers: Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester, Paul Fehr of Morris; Bros. Carl Feucht and Wayne Gerber of

Lester, and Art Gudeman of La Crosse. We extend our heartfelt thanks for remembering us.

Ervin and Sis. Amy Banwart observed their silver wedding anniversary, with an open house attended by many. May the Lord bless them with many more years together.

The engagement of Bro. Jim, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, and Sis. Sharon, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger, has been announced.

Bro. Jim Fehr, Bro. Dennis Fehr and Cloyce Gress have been home on furloughs, before going on to serve in foreign lands for the government. Bro. Leland Metzger was home for a week-end with us. May the Lord grant an extra blessing to all our boys in the service.

We rejoice that friend Janet, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Nathan and Lillian Mogler, has turned to the Lord in repentance. How thankful we must be for such a merciful Saviour who is still inviting souls to come.

Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Judy Schmidt have a new son, Joel L., born Sept. 2. He has three brothers to welcome him home.

Barb Banwart, Wayne Grimm and Bro. Dale Banwart have enrolled in colleges of higher learning this fall. May we always remember the highest school of all, that of heavenly learning, and try to gain more of its knowledge.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

**Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey**

The annual Witschey reunion was held here at City Park on Sunday, August 25, and was well attended, with relatives coming from many distant points to spend the day.

The annual Homecoming for the pupils, teachers and friends of the Limestone School was held on Sunday August 1. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon, and a brief program given, with Paul Riggenbach, President, in charge. Recognition was given the oldest pupil, Mrs. Elizabeth Riggenbach Isinghood being the oldest. Mr. and Mrs. Will Riggenbach were recognized as the couple being married the longest, and the Barth sisters and brother being recognized as the family having the most members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Froelich of Phoenix and Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer of Rittman visited with

relatives and friends here on August 27.

Miss Pearl Frei attended the funeral of Lewis J. Hafely in Rittman, on August 26.

Mrs. C. O. Wade accompanied her daughter-in-law and two grandsons to Daytona Beach, Florida on August 12, and made the trip back home by bus.

Walter Emch remains a patient in the local hospital, but has shown some improvement recently.

Webster Goddard has been removed to his home on Limestone Ridge, after being a patient in the hospital for several days, following a cerebral stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., visited with relatives here over the Labor Day week-end and attended the Limestone Homecoming.

Mrs. Priscilla Anthony, wife of L. E. Anthony, passed away in the local hospital during August. Funeral services and interment took place here.

Alvin Renner is a patient in the University Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron and Mrs. Freda Durig of Girard visited with relatives here over the Labor Day week-end and attended the Limestone Homecoming on September 1.

Edward Bachman of Sardis was a medical patient in the local hospital the first week of September.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

We are sorry to lost the Bro. Dick Gerst family. Bro. Dick has employment at Grand Rapids, Mich., and he and their daughter, Connie, who is going to college, are living there now. We are glad to have his wife, Cleo, and children with us until they can find a place to live.

We welcome Bro. Ron and Sis. Kayleen Heiniger in our midst. Bro. Ron is teaching in Junior High, and Sis. Kayleen is a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Quincy. They are both from Morton.

Sunday School vacation is over, and the children were glad to get back to their classes. This is also the time when they will be promoted. Bro. Norman Haerr read letters from Fanny Angelou, the Sunday School's adopted daughter from Greece. She appreciated everything that is being done for her.

Sunday School teacher's election was held. The retiring teachers are

Bro. Marvin Weigand, Sis. Charlene Sutter, Sis. Elizabeth Sutter (who finished the term of Sis. Kathy Haab). Sis. Ruth Cottrell asked to be relieved, because of her work at the hospital. The teachers elected are Bro. Perry Yackley, Sisters Elizabeth Sutter, Emma Dee Hoerr, Linda Heimer and Loida Hodel (to finish the term of Sis. Ruth Cottrell).

Five-year-old Amy Hoerr had her tonsils and adenoids removed and is getting along fine. She is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee Hoerr.

Bro. Eli Sutter has returned home, after many weeks at the hospital, and is getting along quite well. He was so thankful to be able to worship with us again.

The Sutter Reunion was held at Iowa City, Iowa Aug. 24, and because Bro. Eli was unable to attend, his sister, Sis. Marie Blunier, Roanoke, and his brother Bill and wife Bessie, West Union, Ia., came to spend the week end with him.

Bob and Marilyn Frieden and daughters, Kristie and Kelly, returned to their home at Santa Ana, Calif., after spending two weeks here with us. They came because of Bro. Eli's serious illness. Bob grew up in our home as one of our children. Our daughter, Sis. Joyce and Bro. Bob Pohl and family were also here.

The engagement of Bro. Bill Cottrell, son of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell, to Sis. Nancy Neuenschwander, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander, Bluffton, was announced on Aug. 25. We wish them the blessings from God in their future together.

Sis. Sue Henning returned home, after spending a few days with her husband, Bro. Russ, who is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

"How Long? How Wide? How Deep?"

A pattern of living, styled for the Christian women.

Measurements: How wide is your understanding? How long is your patience? How deep is your love?

Notions needed: Elasticity. Interfacing of forbearance. Lip zipper. Backbone stiffening.

Planning the layout: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Cutting instructions: Cut out all unkind criticism, gossip and fault-finding.

Seam allowance: Give others the benefit of the doubt: "... man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."

Pieces required: Joy, goodness, peace, meekness, gentleness, love, faith, temperance, longsuffering.

Lip Zipper: "... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Facing the task: "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works ..."

Finishing detail: "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith".

If followed perfectly, will require no ripping. The pattern is a good one.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA
Marilyn Graf

Our congregation was blessed with the visit of Bro. Willis Ehnle and family from Japan! Bro. Willis showed some slides of Japan, after bringing us God's message. They left then the next day for Japan.

Our hearts rejoice over the repentance of several friends. John and Wilma Pulfer have been announced for proving and baptism in the near future.

Annual election has been held for new Sunday school teachers and trustees. The teachers are Bro. Virgil Graf, superintendent; Bro. Bill Witzig, Sis. Judie Bittner and Sis. Rhoda Minger. The trustees are Bros. Bill Witzig, Emery Minger and Virg Graf.

Bro. Steve Aberle has returned to Kansas to complete his last year of veterinary medicine. He was living here this summer and working on an internship program.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA
Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

Elder Bro. George Gramm and his wife were here for midweek services. We thank him for his efforts.

The congregation rejoices with the provings and baptisms of our dear friends. Dick and Mary Lou, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt, and Kenneth and Vera Schmidt of the Minneapolis congregation, son of Sis. Emma, gave their testimonies Saturday evening and were baptized following the Sunday services. The visiting ministers for this blessed day were Elder Brethren Leo Moser, Paul Fehr and Paul Banwart, and Bros. Noah Miller and Noah Gerber. May the grace of God be with them in their new walk of life.

The Lyle Schmidts, son of Henry and Sis. Celina, are the parents of their first child, a boy.

Deanna Messner (Marvin) was a hospital patient.

Henry Schmidt is hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital for surgery.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Alvin Manz

Having given testimony of their faith before many witnesses, our six friends were baptized Sept. 1. David, Donald, Kenneth and Emily Manz, sons and daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn; Dorothy and Margery Schlatter, daughters of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet. Elder Bros. George Sinn, Joe Waibel, and Noah Bauman were with us for this important work. We are thankful to the Lord that we are still living in the day of grace.

Dedication services for our new House of Worship were held August 25. Bros. with us on this Sunday were George Sinn, Sam Aeschliman, John Bahler, Frank Woertz, Theo. Beer, Noah Bauman. Again we wish to thank all those who have helped us in so many ways.

"... I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually." I Kings 9:3

Elder Bro. Josh Broquard was

with us on Open House Sunday. We have been blessed with many visitors, for which we are very thankful. Other visiting ministers: Bros. Irvin Stoller, Merle Laukhuf, Lauren Stoller, Latty; Henry Sabo, Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis; Joel Souder, Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Jess Schrock, Congerville; Henry Beer, Milford.

The Old and The New

Our old church house, it stands no more,
high up on the hill;
but in our hearts its memory lingers with us still.

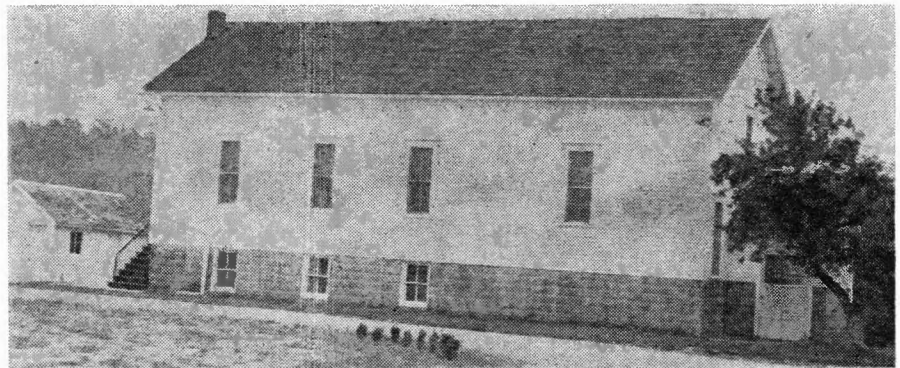
In it we spent many days,
some happy, sad, and blessed;
we recall the days of baptisms,
and of loved ones laid to rest.

In it many passed their life,
and others there were wed;
some their hearts to Christ did give,
and unto sin were dead.

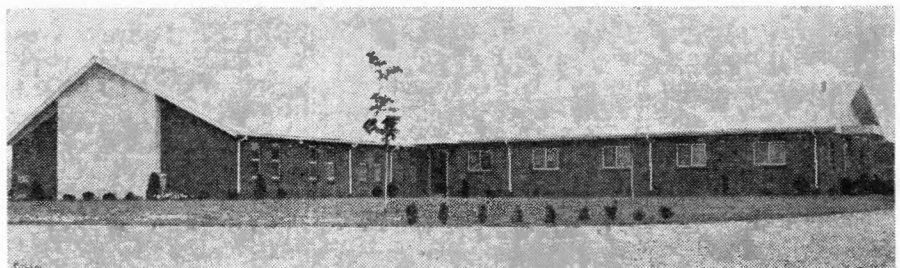
For our new church we are so thankful to the Lord,
and may we always worship there in love and one accord.

Oh may our children herein find the things that we have found,
and may the love and grace of God forever here abound.

Written by a member of the Junction congregation.



The old Junction Church building



The new building

ALTO, MICHIGAN**Loretta Steffen**

Visiting ministers were Bros. Willis Ehnle of Japan, Henry Sabo of Mansfield, and Joe Ramsier of Rittman. We appreciate and thank them for sharing the Lord's holy word with us.

Ferd Grawburg, son of Fred and Sis. Katherine was married August 17 to Jane Morris.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Ellen Oesch announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy to Dallas Beland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beland of Lake Odessa. The wedding date has been set for Dec. 7.

Sammy Oesch, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva, narrowly escaped injury when the tractor and wagon he was driving overturned in a ravine.

When we think of precious memories, we think of Bro. Fred Oesch. He was born in Switzerland and came to America at 18, settling in the Alto vicinity. Here he repented and found peace with his Saviour. He married Sis. Lucy (Wingeier), and to them were born 7 children. The last 2 were a set of twins. One twin died soon after she began to walk, causing them much sorrow.

Bro. Fred often spoke of it, and said he felt a longing to meet this loving child again. This yearning gave him courage to go on, when the way seemed impossible.

Bro. Fred was a chosen vessel in the ministry for the Lord. He preached the word in season and out of season, loving gracious words of invitation.

A phrase which he spoke so often that all his hearers must remember was this: Steep and thorny is the way leading us to full perfection . . . and for this, Bro. Fred fervently strove. Another phrase which was so impressive to us, one morning he stood at the pulpit and with tears in his eyes he said, "Let us thank the Lord for this, another day of **grace.**" How true, and yet how often all of us fail to be grateful for another day of grace.

Bro. Fred spoke in a soft voice, and the hearers had to be attentive . . . But never did we leave the Lord's house without our spirits refreshed.

Fred's wife, Lucy preceded him in death 8 years ago, and since then, whenever we would visit with him, he spoke of his yearning to go **home.** He spoke of meeting and greeting his precious Saviour and other loved ones there.

In the last year, Fred was not well and was often confined to his home. He also retired from the ministry, due to his health. Although he no longer preached, he sat in the pews and affirmed what the ministers spoke and nodded his head in agreement. There were many times that he could not be present at services, but we knew his prayers and support were there, for Fred's thoughts were constantly concerned for the Lord's work.

Until his dying breath, he was still speaking and begging loved ones to surrender their hearts to the Saviour.

Fred always thanked us for our visits, but when we left, we found ourselves refreshed and ready for another battle. It seemed we could gather strength just by speaking of spiritual things with him.

Bro. Fred died August 28, 1968, at the age of 80.

He is survived by two sons and four daughters: Bro. Joseph, Bro. Ernest, Mrs. Lloyd (Sis. Eloise) Blough, Mrs. Derry (Sis. Virginia) Schutte, Mrs. Carl (Sis. Kate) Wheeler, Mrs. Doug (Marilyn) Byam; one brother, Bro. Karl of Mansfield; one sister, Elise of Switzerland; 18 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Also, our whole congregation shares in the loss of our beloved brother.

It seems to me this song would be fitting, for it was surely Bro. Fred's feeling.

When a Christian dies,
Precious is the prize!
Lasting joys for days of sorrow,
Rest from conflict on the morrow
Follows when he dies,
Follows when he dies.

When a Christian dies
In repose he lies.
As in slumber, worn and weary,
He in silent grave will tarry
Until called to rise
By our God all-wise.

Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf conducted the funeral services, and he stated that Bro. Fred always stood for what was right, no matter who it concerned. Now we feel he's at rest, waiting for the Lord's return. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Theo. Beer and Noah Bauman also shared in the funeral services.

LAMONT, KANSAS**Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader**

Our congregation has enjoyed the

attendance of many visitors this summer. When sporadically throughout this world there are flare-ups of unrest and struggles for earthly freedom, while those in power only subdue and seek to oppress, it makes us appreciate our freedom to come and go as we wish and, above all, to worship God in peace and not under oppression.

Among our recent visitors were Bro. and Sis. Dale Eisenmann and Bradley of Chicago and Bro. and Sis. Earl Feller of Cissna Park. We were especially blest with Bro. Eisenmann's meditations on Thomas, the doubting disciple, how we are to be faithful and not unbelieving. We can put our complete trust in Christ and never be disappointed or let down, for true faith in Christ does not demand physical proof.

The announcement of Sis. Mary Beyer's engagement to Bro. Floyd Isch was made by Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker. We would wish them much happiness and joy in the Lord in their future life together. Sis. Mary is from the Gridley congregation.

TUCSON, ARIZONA**Anna Thomas**

Although we are only a few of us here in the summertime, we have had many blessings.

Sis. Martha Blessman and her son and family have returned from their vacation with relatives.

We recently had Minister-Bro. John, and Sis. Charlene Somerhalder, and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Berry of Phoenix.

Bro. Noah Herman and Sis. Lorraine have returned, after spending the summer in Illinois. Bro. Allen and Sis. Lois Herman came with them for a few days visit. We enjoyed their fellowship.

We wish to thank all those who gather with us to make our fellowship that much more blessed.

A few of us assembled with the Phoenix congregation to hear Bro. Willis Ehnle, a few weeks ago.

We think of Thee with joy and pleasure,
And nations bring their thanks to Thee;
Throughout all the coming ages
Resounds our praise eternally.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth**

Visiting ministers were Bro. John Somerhalder and Bro. Roy Farney, of Phoenix. Their timely messages were certainly appreciated.

Marlene, daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott, and Keith, son of Bro. Frank and AnnaBelle Kisling, were united in marriage by the bride's uncle, Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, at the home of the bride's parents Aug. 17. May they share the Lord's blessings through their married life.

Sis. Elizabeth (Betsy) Diel was proved and baptized by Bro. Roy Farney Aug. 18; she was joyfully welcomed into the fold as a new sister-in-faith. We are also happy to report of another new convert, Janice Springer, daughter of the late Bro. Claude and Sis. Mabel Springer. This serves to make us believe that the word is still falling on fertile hearts, where it can grow and bring forth fruit.

Bro. Wayne Kircher has been a patient in the hospital following a heart attack; he seems to be slowly improving.

The Ten Commandments in Verse
 Above all else love God alone;
 Bow down to neither wood or stone;
 God's name refuse to take in vain;
 The Sabbath rest with care maintain.
 Respect your parents all your days;
 Hold sacred human life always.
 Be loyal to your chosen mate;
 Steal nothing, neither small nor great.
 Report with truth your neighbor's deed,
 And rid your mind of selfish greed.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp
 The weather has been ideal the last few weeks . . . wonderful, cool nights and nice sunny, warm days. We did have several weeks of very hot, humid weather. The crops look nice, and the corn and beans are starting to dry. Fall will soon be here. Time seems to pass so quickly. We have had several nice showers lately . . . Think the lawns have been mowed every week this summer.

We had several visiting ministers: Bros. Nathan Stoller, Bradford; John Klaus, Japan; and Henry Grimm Sr. of Morton. We thank them all for their visits.

On Aug 14, Michele Louise was born to Vernon and Judy Wettstein. She has one sister, Rhonda Sue. Bro. John Wettstein of Eureka and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont are grandparents.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Norma Stahl have a new, little adopted daughter.

She has been named LeAnn, and was born Aug. 13. Bro. Merion and Sis. Esther Miller, and Bro. Emil and Sis. Della Stahl, all of Congerville, are grandparents. Little LeAnn is a fortunate little girl to find such a good home and loving parents. There are so many poor, unfortunate children in this world.

Grade and high school students are back in school, and regular Sunday School started last Sunday. The college students have gone back to their classes too. We wish them all a successful, prosperous school year.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

The engagement of Sis. Mary Louise Beyer and Bro. Floyd Isch of Lamont was announced.

Sis. Doris Bahr resigned as preschool Sunday School teacher, due to her health. Sis. Nadine Kraft was elected to fill her term until election time.

Sis. Lydia Young suffered a heart attack on their return trip from Colorado (visiting a daughter there). She is out of the hospital and progressing nicely. Friend Sherri Ellis was hospitalized for a week. Bro. Loren Strahm is able to be doing light work at the lumber yard now. Sis. Lydia Bahr was home for the week end . . . the infection in her hip is making slow progress at this time.

The farmers again have been blessed with good crops this year. We finished filling our trench silo to overflowing this morning. The Lord can bless you with good crops and food, but we must work to put it up . . . I'm always so glad when the canning season is over—this year we picked the first "crop" off the peach tree we planted some 10-12 years ago . . . the past several years they froze. Rudy and the children picked gallons of wild plums for jelly, one evening after supper at the neighbors . . . there weren't any last year. Yesterday, after an unsuccessful hunt for some new house dresses, I happened to notice another woman looking, too, that I knew. She is also tall, and since I knew she had enjoyed sewing for her granddaughter that was in my class several years ago I said, "Well, I guess we'll have to go home and sew." And she replied, "I can't anymore—look at my hand." Someone gave her an electric scissors, but she couldn't use that either—it was too crippled with arthritis . . .

I complain I don't have enough time to do all the things I want to do . . . and I came away thinking I should be more thankful that I can use my hands.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Lucille Heiniger

Visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Perry Zimmerman of Forrest; Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton; Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield; and Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton. We always enjoy the visits from our ministering brethren. May God bless each one for their untiring efforts, to bring us the wonderful words of life.

Jerry Yergler, son of the Ralph Yerglers, left Friday after spending a leave with his parents. He is to be sent to Viet Nam very soon.

Bro. Ezra Meiss and Sis. Ida Yergler are among the sick that have been hospitalized. Sis. Ida returned home from the hospital this past Friday, but Bro. Ezra is still in the hospital and is slowly improving.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Janet Nuest and family have returned to our community from Pulaski. We welcome them back home.

A number from here attended the wedding at Bluffton of Bro. Steve Bucher from here and Sis. Vicki Aeschleman.

A number of students are leaving for their respective colleges, to begin their classes for the year. May God keep them all in His Care.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. David Schamback

Mrs. Carol Virkler

We were greatly blessed recently with a visiting minister, Bro. Merle Laukhuf and his family from Latty. We received many wonderful teachings and were greatly uplifted, as God's word was expounded in such a loving way.

Other visitors were from Rittman, Fairbury, Rockville, Princeville, Eureka, Bluffton, Elgin, Bay City and Detroit. We have enjoyed a very blessed fellowship from everyone who has visited us.

Bro. Ralph Beyer is home again, following surgery, and has been able to assemble with us some, for which we are very thankful. Bro. Jerome Farney is again with us following surgery. Sis. Irene Farney was hospitalized for tests and is feeling quite well again.

Sis. Inez Snyder and Sis. Edith Herzig are hospitalized. Bro. Sam Virkler has returned to the hos-

pital. The following poem was sent to him:

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying Love

Many of our youth are again returning to schools of higher learning, some go for the first time. We wish that each will remember the good and lasting teachings they have learned in their youth, and never turn from them.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Sis. Vickie Schlipf has returned to her home, after spending several weeks in Japan with her husband, Bro. Dale, who is stationed in Korea.

Bro. Roy Hodel is a patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, after sustaining injuries in a farm mishap. Last reports are he has a fractured vertebra, and will be laid up for some time.

Bro. Henry Ringger has returned home from the hospital, after undergoing gall bladder surgery. We are glad to report, he is recovering satisfactorily.

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein is able to assemble with us again, after being shut in with a heart condition.

We want to extend our sympathy to Sis. Marie Stoller in the death of her mother, Sis. Caroline Lehman of the Forrest congregation.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Yoder and family, who have moved to Gridley from Roanoke. Their home in Roanoke was destroyed by fire in July. We are glad to have them in our congregation.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Nancy Blunier

Even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Times have changed, we hear so often, when things are moving so fast we cannot keep up with them . . . But the same God we pray to today saved

Noah in the ark, Moses in the Red Sea, David from Goliath, Daniel in the lion's den, and three men in the fiery furnace.

The young girl today can choose to serve the same God as Ruth of long ago when she proclaimed, "thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God".

The young man in the service today can trust in the same God who told another soldier, Joshua, to "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

The loving mother today can also praise the same Lord Hannah rejoiced in, when she willingly offered her only and long-awaited for son in His service.

And the faithful father today can humbly follow and submit his will to the same God Abraham trusted in severe trial, believing "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering".

No matter how many changes take place from our grandfather's time to our grandchildren's time, our God is the same **yesterday, today, and forever.**

The past month, we only had Bible Study a few times during the short post session. Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson visited us on August 15, and Bro. Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke on August 22.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Mary Hoffman — Norene Herbst

We received many inspiring messages from our visiting ministers. It is a privilege to be able to visit other congregations of our brethren, and to be visited by our brethren from other congregations. It is evident that we are still enjoying freedom of worship and fellowship under the protection of a benevolent government. We have been visited by many from various congregations, but will only name those serving us in the ministry. They were Bros. Eli Somerhalder (of Burlington, Okla.), Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville), Edwin Bahler (Remington), Nathan Steffen (Elgin, Ill.), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), and Mike Weyeneth (Peoria).

Funeral services were held Sept. 6 for Sis. Clara Diggelmann, with Bro. John Bahler of Rockville and the local ministers officiating. We had hoped for Sis. Clara's recovery, but knowing she suffered the affliction of illness for several months, we could only wish her rest. We

truly sympathize with Bro. Ernie and their children, Bob (of Milwaukee Wis.) and Janet Ellis (Normal), as well as her brothers and sisters. She had one grandchild, Diane Ellis.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma Rinckenberger are the parents of a son, Douglas Alan, born Aug. 19. He is their first child.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie to Jim Braker of Remington. He is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker.

Marjorie (Mrs. Wayne) Blunier has found grace to repent, and is to give her testimony in the near future. She and Wayne live at Cullom, Ill. She was formerly Marjorie Himstedt. There are several others who have answered the call, and we are hoping the way will be open for them to also give their testimonies soon.

Sis. Anna Herbst is in the hospital for tests and observation.

A daughter, Rachel Lyn was born Aug. 27 to Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger. They are in Hawaii, where Bro. Keith is serving in the Army.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Jean Hoffman left last week, and Bro. Tom Hoffman leaves next week for Ft. Lauderdale, where Tim and Tom are going to school.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

We are thankful for the visits and messages brought to us by Bros. Roy Sauder, Peoria; Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke; Dave Keiser and Art Baurer, Princeville; Noah Gerber, West Bend; and John Klaus, Japan. We can learn much from their teachings, and each of the brothers who ministered left us something over which to ponder. The words these brothers brought us, however, were far from new, but we were again reminded that even though it has often been told, it never grows old. It is the LIVING word of God.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Sandy Dill are the parents of a new son, Kyle Robert. Kyle was born on August 29. No doubt he has brought many blessings to their family circle.

On August 25, Sis. Vickie Roche and Bro. Steve Sauder of Peoria were united in marriage by Steve's father, Bro. Roy Sauder. We trust the Lord will bless them as they walk life's pathway together.

Sis. Lizzy Dill is presently hospitalized, but we were pleased to learn that she is getting along quite well and will soon return home.

We certainly welcome Bro. Curt and Sis. June Zeurcher and their family to our congregation. They have moved from Peoria. We are also happy to have Sis. Gloria Kaeb of Fairbury assemble with us. She has accepted a teaching position in our school system.

Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God, your Maker, asks you—Why?
God, who did your being give,
Made you, with Himself to live.
He the fatal cause demands,
Asks the work of His own hands—
Why, ye thankless creatures, why
Will ye cross His love and die?

Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God, your Saviour, asks you—Why?
He who did your souls retrieve,
Died Himself that ye might live!
Will ye let Him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why ye ransomed sinners, Why
Will ye slight His grace, and die?

Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God, the Spirit, asks you—why?
He who all your lives hath strove,
Urged you to embrace His love;
Will ye not His grace receive?
Will ye still refuse to live?
Why, ye long-sought sinners, why
Will ye grieve your God, and die?

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

We were fortunate indeed to have a number of visitors from out-of-town congregations. A number of members and friends from Mansfield and Toledo gathered with us for Sunday services and for a picnic supper afterwards. Bro. Kenneth Sauder and Bro. Aaron Steffen were our visiting ministers for the day—we enjoyed hearing the word expounded by them.

Bro. John Bahler of Rockville was with us for a mid-week service—we thank him for his efforts toward us.

Sis. Bessie King passed away August 10, after a lengthy illness. We will miss Sis. Bessie's ready smile and cheerful greeting, but know she is with the Lord. Bessie was the widow of Marion E. King. She leaves Mrs. Marjorie E. James, her daughter with whom she made her home, and several nephews. Services were in Billow Fairlawn

Chapel, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mark Fritz, son of Harold and Esther Fritz, is serving in the Coast Guard. Mark's stationed at Cape May, New Jersey. We wish him the Lord's protection each day.

Bro. Ned Baumgartner was hospitalized this past month, but is much improved.

The annual church picnic was enjoyed by a good number of our young folks, as well as many of the adults of our congregation. It seems to this reporter the picnic bids farewell to our summer season here—and how swiftly the years are passing by! It seems only a short time since our picnic of last year, but already another year has elapsed.

We are glad to say some are making good use of these years and are turning their hearts to the Lord. Richard and Evelyn Baumgartner are seeking the Lord in repentance—a cause for rejoicing for all of us.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. Paul Eisenmann

Mrs. Paul Wagler

We were pleased to have Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse minister to us Friday evening, August 16. He was passing through Burlington on his way to the West Bend, Lester and Morris congregations.

Instead of having our monthly singing on September 1, we enjoyed having Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City here for church services. We thank God for the messages brought to us through these brothers.

On September 1, we witnessed the proving and baptism of Pamela Stichling, daughter of Sis. Mildred Stichling. What a joy it is to us each time a loved one is brought into the fold.

Bro. Lloyd & Sis. Edith Massner are the parents of a baby girl, DeYona Mae, born Wednesday, September 4. They also have another daughter, Carolyn Rose.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

This morning my brother, Arthur, left for the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. We have been very much concerned about his physical well-being. About three years ago, it was discovered at this clinic that there was trouble in the lymph system. This trouble responded very well to the treatments which were given. We feel that our Heavenly Father certainly blessed

the work of the specialists. Of late his condition has become more apparent; medication was advised, and he informs us that he is feeling some better, due to the treatment. This is the day of his clinic appointment. We do pray that all things will work out according to His will.

We wish to report that both Clarence Thoman and Bro. Jacob Gehring, who underwent surgery at the University Hospital at Iowa City, are doing quite well and are at their respective homes.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Billie Jo Harville

The old clay house, in memory of Sis. Bertha Harville, who passed away Jan. 10, 1967. I am sure many of you have heard her recite it.

When I get through with this old clay-house of mine; when no longer, through its windows the beacon lights shine, Just box it up and lay it away With other clay houses of yesterday. Just study this house. No tears should be shed; it's like any clay-house when the tenant has fled. I have lived in this house many days all alone, And now I am waiting for the final call. Don't misunderstand me, this old world divine With love, birds, flowers and glorious sunshine, Is a wonderful plan, And a wonderful, wonderful gift to man. Yet somehow we feel when the cycle's complete, There are dear ones gone on, whom we are anxious to meet. So when I am through with this Old House of Clay, Just box it up tight, and lay it away . . .

. . . If we build poorly, of course, 'tis our loss. You ask "what material is best to select?" 'Twas told you long since by the Great Architect," "A new commandment I give unto you . . ." So the finest material to send up above Is clean, straight-grained timber of brotherly love.

Sis. Anna Klopfenstein and granddaughter, Gloria and her husband, Gary Volk, were in our Sunday evening services. We sure enjoyed the fellowship we had with them.

Sis. Barbara Simmons is in Colbert County Hospital. We would like for each one to remember her in your prayers.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carolyn Dotterer

Sunday, August 18, the Sunday School picnic was held. We enjoy fellowshiping with those of all ages.

Faith Lemons, daughter of Bob

and Betty Lemons, was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy and has made a complete recovery. Her grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Floyd Banwart.

We welcome back to our congregation Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall and family. During the past year and a half, they have made their home in the midwest.

Also returning to Phoenix are Bro. Dan Roth and Carl Richardson, both of Fairbury, and Lori Wirtz, of West Bend. We are glad to have with us Sis. Edna Grossenbacher, from Rittman. She is planning to work at a hospital near Phoenix.

We have enjoyed the messages and visits of three visiting ministers. We thank Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle and family, Bro. and Sis. Joe Schrock of Congerville, and Bro. and Sis. John Klotzle and family of the Altadena congregation for visiting us.

Our prayers are with our Bro. Carl Blumenschein, who is in the hospital. May God be his comfort.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

We welcomed Bro. Albert Aberle Tremont, on Sept. 1. He brought us many good teachings, especially exhorting us to guard against becoming lukewarm in the spirit.

Sis. Minnie Getz is home again, convalescing from surgery. She is getting along as well as can be expected. We hope that she will be able to return to church soon.

Sunday School starts again Sept. 8. Our new teachers for the following 2-year term are: Bro. Bill Funk (superintendent), Bro. Russell Wuthrich, Sis. Verl Funk and Sis. Leah Schaer. We wish them the Lord's blessings, as they sow the seed in these tender hearts.

The corn and bean fields are drying up. Soon will be harvest. This is a very rewarding time of the year, reaping the fruits the Lord has blessed us with.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Francis Rother, Morton; Earl Banwart, West Bend; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill.; Roy Luginbuhl, Rockville; Ben Maibach, Detroit; and Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas.

Our Bible class, along with some of the parents and teachers, at-

tended Youth Fellowship in Topeka on August 17 and 18. Also attending were the Bible classes from all the Kansas churches and Lamar. Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit, was the guest speaker. He also showed his pictures Saturday evening, taken on his trip to Japan.

We used our new Fellowship Center for the first time on August 17. It is located just west of the church in Sabetha. We invite all to come fellowship with us.

Friends Rita Terry of Kiowa, Kansas, and Delwin Meyer were united in marriage on August 3. Janell Plattner and Roger Locher were married on August 31. We wish both couples much happiness, as they start their wedded life.

We again lost two residents of the Apostolic Christian Home during this past month. Sis. Sarah Buckley passed away Aug. 24, at the age of 86 years and 8 months. A short service was held at the funeral home in Sabetha on Sunday evening. She was then taken to Ft. Scott, where funeral services were held on Tuesday the 17th. Also, Marie Wenger, widow of Bro. Alex, passed away on Sept. 2, at the age of 80 years. Surviving are one son, Melvin of Sabetha; one daughter, Mrs. Irene Lowenbach, Fairfax, Va.; and four sisters. Funeral services were held Sept. 5 in Sabetha, with burial in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Connie Marie Hartter was born to Sis. Ilene and Bro. Roger on Wednesday Sept. 4. She is their first child. Paternal grandparents are Sis. Marie and Bro. Virgil Hartter.

David, Douglas, James and Teresa Hartter were all in the hospital for a short stay, for tonsillectomies. They are the children of Sis. Marie and Bro. Virgil.

I am happy to report that we were privileged to be present to hear the testimony and to witness the baptism of our friend, Daryl Meyer, son of Sis. Vila and Bro. Velmer Meyer. We welcome him as a dear brother in faith, and trust the Lord will lead and guide him on his future pathway.

We are also happy to say that Friend Shelby Meyer has made a good beginning toward that heavenly goal. She is the daughter of Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer.

Pvt. Carrol Plattner has been transferred from Ft. Sam Houston to Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.

Our Sunday School started again today, Sept. 8.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Robert and Janice Sutter

On August 10, Friends John Yergler, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Carolyn, and Peggy Bistline, daughter of Mrs. R. A. Bistline were united in marriage. We extend our well wishes, that their days together may be filled with joy and that together in love they may find happiness.

We welcome the following dear ones into our small congregation: Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner and family from Bluffton, Bro. Tim and Sis. Jean Hoffman from Roanoke, and Friends Arthur and Marie Keller from Morton.

In a small congregation, where one soul's absence is felt, new arrivals such as these encourage and uplift those of us who make our permanent homes here. Therefore it is with much gratitude and thanksgiving that we extend our hand and heart to these loved ones.

In our travels we, along with many from other smaller congregations, have had the pleasure of visiting large churches of our faith. In them we find that there is such an abundance of people, that we cannot meet or know them all. To have so many of like faith meeting together is no small blessing, especially if you are one of those that come from a congregation like ours, that rejoices when only a few souls are added unto it.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Visiting ministers were Bros. Verlyn Stoller, Ft. Wayne, and Andrew Virkler, Bay City. We appreciate their willingness to expound God's word in its truth and purity.

Bro. Albert Wiegand has been given the duties of Sunday School Superintendent for the current teaching year.

Friend Andy Moser, son of Bro. Roger and Sis. Mary Moser, suffered minor injuries in a car accident. We are thankful he was fortunate to have escaped anything more serious.

Friend Dan Stoller, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Ione, has been called to duty in the armed forces of our nation. We hope he will reach San Antonio safely, and that he will be protected by our Lord throughout his term of service.

We were pleased to have Margaret Vogel from Ludwigsburg, Germany, visit us in Oakville. She has been in the States for a few

months, and came to see Friend Wayne Gerst, who was stationed in Germany during his tour of duty in the service.

Melissa Ann is the name given the newborn daughter of Friends Randy and Carol (Barth) Lee of Morning Sun, on Sept. 6. Maternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ursul (Grimm) Barth.

Friend Rick Vierling is now recuperating at home, after spending a few weeks in the hospital at Iowa City, following a truck accident in which he was injured. We are glad he is able to be at home with his parents, and we hope and pray that he may regain his health. Surely the many prayers of those who know and love him have brought him thus far.

Wednesday, September 25 is the date of the first service at Iowa City for the fall term. The first service for the term in Ames will be held Sunday, October 13. As in past years, we hope everyone will endeavor to support these worthwhile meetings, which enable our college students to assemble with those of like mind and faith and hear the word of God expounded.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

God is ever present! We could testify to this when, on Sunday, four of our dear friends were baptized. They are Marcia and Wayne Kupferschmid, Virgene Schneider and Paul Foote. All presented good testimonies, clearly proving that it was the love of God that had moved them to decide on the wonderful conversion they made.

An innovation (in these present years) was created in our church, when one of the converts, Paul Foote, a 32-year-old family man, a respectable negro, gave a good account of convincing proof of God's wondrous impartial love, that God is no respecter of persons. He related how by searching, and through prayer (which his father and family had always done) and by his own determination to find the true way unto salvation, he was led to our faith.

He opened his Bible at the mid-week service, Bro. John Bahler told the church, where he read, that God was no respecter of persons:

But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted By Him. Acts 10:34, 35. Bro. Ted Scheitlin, when asked for his feeling, who too at one time knew nothing of this church, said: **It would be impossible for one to accomplish what he (Paul) did if it were not from the Lord!** The church was in full accord.

Bro. Joe Waibel of Michigan was present and very kindly assisted our elder, Bro. John Bahler.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Hospital patients were Sis. Hattie Farney and Douglas Farney. Hattie broke her hip again, where a pin had been placed from the previous break. She is home now and able to walk with the aid of a walker. We hope she will soon be able to assemble with us again. Douglas, son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie, was taken to the hospital with a convulsion. Tests are being run now to try to determine the cause of the convulsion.

We enjoyed having Elder Bro. Roy Farney minister to us one Sunday evening. There were several that came from the Burlington (Oklahoma) church. It was a blessed evening for those who gathered.

There were two births. Heidi Marie was born to Janet and Dick Cooper. Heidi is welcomed home by her brother, Clyde. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Gussie Wullschlegler. Maternal great-grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Dora Young. Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie Farney were blessed with another little boy, Todd Vincent, born August 11. Todd is welcomed by his two brothers, Craig and Doug, and his sister, Sharyl. Grandparents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney and Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Eli Souder

Bro. Eugene Bertschi and family of Roanoke spent one of the Sundays in August with our congregation. One of the teachings in his service was about the disciples casting their nets for fish, trying all night, yet catching none. Then when Jesus came, He told them to

cast their nets on the other side. When they obeyed, their nets were filled to the brim. So some times we may be casting our nets on the wrong side when we are not successful.

Bro. and Sis. Theo. Beer, of the Milford congregation, spent Sun., Sept. 8 with our congregation. Bro. Theo. assisted Bro. David Bertsch in our Communion Service. One of the things Bro. Theo. told the church, he remembers, when Bro. Henry Souder (Sr.) served Communion to their church, he said, Salvation has come to this house today. As we took the walk to Calvary with our Saviour and remembered him, He forgave even the ones that killed him, it should be a small thing to forgive one another the errors we all make.

Sis. Leah Conrad spent several days at the Park View Hospital, and went to her daughter, Dortha Winzeler's home to recuperate. Bernice Getz Conrad also was very ill with a virus infection, and spent some time at the same hospital. She is better again.

James Winzeler, son of Pearl and Raymond, is our serviceman in the Navy. We hear he has been scheduled to go to Viet Nam.

School buses are running again, and we find the student occupied with school work.

Lynn Klopfenstein is teaching at New Haven High School. Joyce Schlatter will be closer home this year, as she is attending college at Winona Lake. Steve Bollier, Mark Souder and Carolyn Miller are going to Indiana University here in Ft. Wayne.

Terril Stoller left for IU in Bloomington.

THROUGH THUNDERHEADS WITH HAPPINESS

Far out on the eastern horizon, clouds towered in distant height. We were going someplace we liked to go. As one looks back, the memory of fear is warmed by memory, good to hold on to. Grandpa Getz saw the clouds, what he called thunderheads. His was

A life that glows,
Ageless in loves sweet anthem.
A treasured tomorrow
Family's hearthside,
Without sorrow.

In a far off yesterday, Bro. Ed Getz went along to Morton. The weather was hot. We headed for

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Write us, or tell one of the reporters, if so.

Chicago, after Morton. The boys would meet grandpa near there. He would go back home. On the eastern horizon it seems, were the clouds.

Ed Getz was the first one of our brotherhood to settle in the Bremen area. The year was 1906 or thereabout. His farm was at the north-west corner of Dogwood and Riley.

How few the years! How brief when past! If we could work in this arithmetic of God, a mighty lesson would be gained. Jesus said that he must work while it is day. The time comes when no man can work.

How His holy pioneers have left treasures, which a wise person will use. The deeper personal traits are passed on to one who will glow. Yes, we do see the glow that was so beautiful yesterday. The children are like the parents, deeper than we realize, when in the ways of God.

Before the little country church came, Milford was the closest place of assembly for Bro. Ed. The horse and buggy would be taken, and travel would be 20 miles, for the delights found in obedience. Ida and Lydia, the two oldest girls, would take turns going.

Sweet bosom of fellowship
That transcends the years.
Reaching into Tomorrow
Without tears.

The friends, Ed Hersteins came to live in the area. It wasn't long Grandpa Gerber came, and Will Lemans. Bro. John Gerber helped build that little church in the country.

The love in John was remarkable. One sweet little girl had passed on. She was dearly loved. The little one was carried to another home. So quick can life be unexpectedly done. Grandpa Gerber came. Could he console his eldest daughter, Lydia, and all? He marched in with a victory walk. **MORE FORTUNATE THAN THE WEALTHIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!** And it is true.

Years later, my mother—Lydia's daughter had a beautiful vision or dream. She saw her mother, with lovely little ones like pansies round about. The color was beautiful. There was no trace of care, only lovely smile on that sweet mother.

John Gerber was a minister. He had a loud clear voice. Everyone could understand. He was brief as needed, and to the point. Certainly wise is that speaker of whom it need not be said, That the best ending

was somewhere before the spoken finish.

Bro. John prophesied also in the quiet. Two young friends, near to him and whom he loved, were decked out in what they thought highly of. The inward needed some wise words. Grandpa says, he smells something bad. "Hochmut." Pride. Words of the wise urge us to the lovely.

He was gentle and kind. He found the genuine faith, and earnestly guarded it. He did not partake in giving godspeed to someone not deserving. He loved his Lord. He also taught the beautiful, and so free from many an unneeded care, **Judge not.**

A certain woman had died. She seemed good, was hard-working, took care of her children. She was not of our brotherhood. Her minister referred to her, when dead, as "our lukewarm sister". Grandpa Gerber would not judge. His thoughts were, We might be surprised who all we shall see there (if we finish in faith).

On a cold day, approximately a mile from home, a young girl, eleven or less, was through with school for the day. She didn't have to walk that day. There was Grandpa, with horse and sleigh. He tucked her in. Away they went, with the snow-covered fields stretching away.

The clouds on the horizon would soon be over. The storm broke; the pain hurts. The doctor said, if somebody had wrenched the heart out, it wouldn't have been more painful. Those clouds, though, mingled with some fear are on the far eastern horizon forever. The sweet anticipation of going somewhere we like and to someone we like abides with us.

He dearly loved the gospel hymn, "I know that My Redeemer Lives" (in the Gospel Hymns, 298). Little Marie would sometimes sing. His Redeemer divided the fierce flood with grace sufficient.

One year this man had been around Bremen. They knew him. This gentle, friendly person was respected. Bremen closed down that day of the funeral, for the man who had a smile for everyone.

There's no dark valley then;
The Sun of Splendor shines,
And home is saint in holiday.
My treasure's always Thine!

The old mint distill on the Ed Getz farm was fired up for distill-

ing. In wagonloads were brought the plant, from tended rows. The large vats would be tramped down. Filled, on went the steam. The precious oil would separate, and was guided into container. The smell would fill the air with peppermint aroma.

Life's moments are like that. In tribulation's press can be found sweet drops, distilling. This day also will pass. Many a wagonload of moments fill the Master's will. The commonplace is place for dawn of the glorious.

Bro. Ed's wife, the mother of that household, was Sis. Lydia. She too had learned in grace—kindness and patience. Her voice was very gentle and friendly. She had a deep concern for her family and others.

A certain woman had done a lot of good. She had a large family. Now she was deathly sick. Wild and delirious, a certain amount of fear was struck in those present. It was night. The children were crying upstairs. They were afraid to go to their own children. Sis. Getz said, I'll go in the name of the Lord. She went and looked after those little ones. She didn't see anything, nor did anything hurt her.

A way to pray she taught her daughter, Lydia, to ask that God would send his angels with rods of fire. Her father, Bro. Gerber also taught this.

What was her hope? It was Jesus, her Redeemer. She loved hymn 17 in the **Zion's Harp**. She was indeed of the flock. She drank of deep flowing life. How fortunate to be a lamb of Jesus.

When death drew nigh for a lady, she gave a message. If you see my father in heaven, give him my greetings. One time she thought she died, but she came back. She was sorry she came back.

She tended the rows of duty very well. She was immaculate in cleaning, hated dirt. Many guests came. She was a good cook. Pa would say, **Mom, you got to go and dress those chickens.** She was great for hospitality.

She knew how to mend. Her daughter, Mrs. Elias Souder (now of Grabill) would hear her singing, while she did this chore. She knew the great things of forbearance and gentleness. Often, things don't come together right. Two and two does not always come out four. She taught, On this earth nothing is perfect. When once one is perfect, he won't be here anymore.

She lived a godly life. She is in the heavenly home. The body rests in the cemetery, in Leo. Her deeds go on. To her son Oscar she said, **Don't wait too long.** This kept coming to him, and he didn't.

When she was ill one time, her daughter, Lydia told her, Mother, when you go, I'm going to lose the best friend I have in this world. She said, You'll come to, and I'll meet you at the gate.

The lightning flashes, on further cloud. The faith and hope is as beautiful, abundant and happy, as in yesteryear. Ahead is the happy meeting!

**WORDS SPOKEN BY BRO.
JOHN GERBER**

**At Peoria, in September, 1896
(When Of Fairbury)**

**From a book from
Bro. Will Stettner**

When our Lord and Saviour was here on earth, often in wonderful ways did He teach the people and tried to show them how they could be redeemed and saved from sin and death. Jesus tried to show man the true conditions of his heart.

We read of a young man who came to the Lord and asked Him: What must I do to be saved?

The Saviour told him: One thing is needful; sell everything that you have and give it to the poor and then come and follow me. Then you will have a treasure in heaven. . .

Therefore, it is well for everyone of us to become loose from the things of this world, not to fasten our hearts and souls on that which is earthly and worldly. For the time may come for each one of us, when the Lord will try and test us if we can leave everything and all for Him. Then, if our hearts are loose from the world, and we love God above all, we can lay down everything for Him and His sake, even that which may seem dearest to us in this life. But, should we be carnal minded, and our hearts and minds bound to that which is earthly and worldly, then we would be like this young man.

April 9, 1963

Dear Editor of the Silver Lining,
Greetings:

I'm sending some poems. . . If you see fit to publish them, if not O.K. . . Just as you see fit is O.K.

Guess you remember me. Bro. Norr and you took dinner with me one time, some time ago. Every-

thing is so lovely and green, putting forth new life, budding and blooming. My yard is all aglow with lovely flowers. I have took flowers to church each Sunday since March the 10th. We have nice crowds at church. . .

In Christian love, Bertha H.

Sis. Harville of Alabama has passed on to the ageless realm. How joyful to think of her as a wonderful gem in the Master's upper garden. Such hope will show how rewarding it will be for all the toil and givings we have done for others.

Is there some loved one you should be sending the Silver Lining?

The love through the Silver Lining can go miles when perhaps you can't.

If you should want to know how to obtain the Silver Lining, many of our reporters are willing to be of service.

If your address is or will be different, please let us know.

The Editor.

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REST

Your editor

The lake mirrors the beautiful color of the sunset. Day is ending. Night is coming on. The tasks may have been tiring. The day has been full. The evening means slumber is near. Beautiful sleep, from God.

Lovely is the way Jesus tells about another rest: "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." Now words like **Died, Passed Away** do not show what He is pointing out. Jesus gives His beloved sleep.

Sleep, the body taking a rest, is a refreshing: Not all is uneventful. A soft quiet dreamland is good entrance. Jeremiah says: ". . . my sleep was sweet unto me." Even so is the sleep Jesus talks about, concerning Lazarus.

Jesus has His way of giving. He knows the strain, tiredness of the body, and the need of the soul. His answer supplies, in delightful repose.

The apostles had returned from the mission Jesus had sent them on. It was the very day when the news shocked them. John the Baptist had been killed. Jesus saw their need. He understands the strain, the shock, all the cares. "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: . . ."

A beautiful rest. Out there near that lovely shore, they could feast on His words. They could see this wonderful Jesus, with glorious power. Then, He provided the feast, delicious bread and fish. The night came on, but the faithful would know, without end, the nourishing bread of life. Delightful, and satisfying.

Rest . . . fullest knowing will dawn in the great awaking. Now Jesus wants us to fully have the re-

joicing of hope. . . And to know the sweet dreams that are real of those asleep in Jesus.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." God had worked six days; then He rested on the seventh. Jesus rose on the first day, and brought us entrance in eternal Sabbath. There are beautiful rays on Sunday morning. Jesus arose and lives beyond time's limit. That first day of the week is a new morning, a holy Sabbath. Not anymore just day, time, but hope, spiritual rejoicing, an eternal Rest.

Remember Stephen? He saw heaven opened, and there, Jesus. The living hope would carry him through the crushing rocks, the bleeding and the dying. He was going to God's Place: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Ah those are beautiful words, true living, to go to . . . "he fell asleep."

There was Paul. Heaven was real. "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven." It was really real. He didn't know if he was in the body or not. Going to God is wonderful. It was so overpowering, over raying. (And it is going to be great to hear, to listen in heaven.)

Paul wrote in chapter 5, II Corinthians, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."— So is written in beautiful Hebrews. What makes a vacation delightful?

A teenager in Christ, Bro. Mark

Souder, brought out, about doing what you want to do, not being pressed by feeling there is something to do next. Rest. A joyful, **WE'RE HERE!** Always happy, delightful. We shall in His time receive in full all we want, and be so happy. What pleasant release, the ceasing from the tour of duty, the stop of the press of time, the freedom from concerns and cares, without a deadline to meet.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." The senses of the body are not the place to look. A chart of physical well-being is not the key. We wear away. Sometimes we feel fine, and sometimes we don't. God shows the beautiful things of eternity in His word. Deep within, comparing spiritual with spiritual, we grasp wonderful things. There we move to be happy.

Heaven and home have so many, many things. Take the absence of sin in any form . . . and the presence of holiness. How joyful is purity. What wonderful treasure to see God. What it will mean to sit in God's presence, and talk to Jesus!

There's music to hear . . . harmony and perfection, more than you can dream. There's fellowship and friendship of kindred hearts. Love that holds, and fills and soars your spirit endlessly. Pure sweetness and warm gladness. There's things to do, glad things. Things to see lovelier than earth's loveliest.

The Sabbath of our God, ages without end:

That is Rest. Joy supreme, happiest delight.