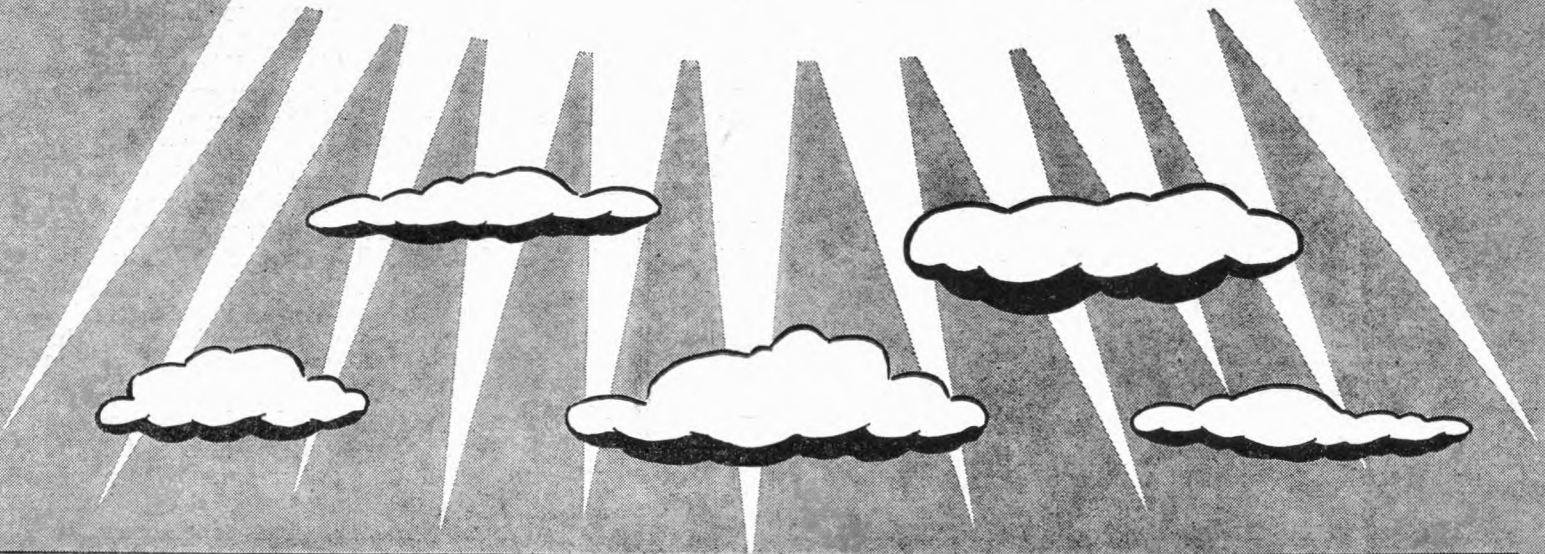


Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these **things**, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that **he is** strong in power; not one faileth.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My

way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

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



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

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A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

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EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING . . . A CHRISTIAN HAS A CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS, AND HOW DEEP DOWN IS THE JOY OF GIVING! IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

Give Bibles! Give New Testaments!

UNDER ORDERS

From The American Bible Society Magazine

"Good morning, One Tooth. I see you've been answering many questions among the outpatients," said the doctor as he prepared to examine an old woodcutter whose nickname reflected the fact that his upper jaw contained only one tooth!

The old man lived in a Papua village in the highlands of New Guinea. He earned his living by cutting firewood for the ovens . . . Being a new literate and a Christian, he gave part of his time to reading God's word to fellow Papuans who came to the hospital as outpatients. The Bible Society in Australia supplied the mission with Scripture.

"Yes, doctor," said One Tooth, as he underwent one of his regular treatments for an eye infection. "My people become excited when they hear that God has made Himself known to them. But you can't imagine the joy I receive from reading God's word to them."

"Oh?" said the doctor.

"I'm a simple woodcutter. Here at the hospital I have made two discoveries. I have found God, and I have learned to read. Because I can read, I can serve God by bringing His message to all who cannot read but who will listen. To see my people, young and old, coming to know the Lord Jesus and doing as He tells them gives me great joy."

"You are making a most valuable contribution to the work . . ." injected the doctor, who hesitantly turned the conversation to his patient's physical condition. "One Tooth, I'm afraid I have some news for you that isn't good."

"Am I going to have to wear glasses?" One Tooth asked.

"For a little while glasses might help," said the doctor.

"For a little while?"

"Yes . . . and then you will lose your sight!"

"Doctor, oh no . . . blind . . . old and blind . . . and useless . . . just when I had found a good work to do. Doctor, can nothing be done to save my eyes?"

"I'm sorry, my friend, there is nothing I can do. All I can think to say is that you remember the words of the Apostle Paul: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose."

The next morning the old woodcutter did not report for work. Instead he sent a young replacement, who informed the doctor that One Tooth had left the village for an unknown destination.

Eventually the doctor learned that One Tooth was living in a taboo and desolate spot—the tribe's

burial ground. His source of information was a youth who was supplying the woodcutter with food. One day the youth led the doctor to the hiding place . . . where a meeting with the now-blind One Tooth took place.

"What are you doing here? Why did you not stay at the hospital?" the doctor asked.

One Tooth replied: "Since the day you told me that I would soon be blind, I have been here alone, reading God's word and memorizing as much as I could. I've memorized the passages describing the Saviour's birth, His wonderful miracles, the Sermon on the Mount, the cross and the resurrection. I've learned some of the psalms and the Old Testament stories. You ask the boy. He's been listening to me as I repeat from memory what I've learned. The last few days I've been repeating and repeating to make sure I've got it correctly."

"Soon I'm coming back to the hospital, doctor," exclaimed the old woodcutter, now motivated by new orders. "I won't be able to chop the wood, but I will be able to tell the outpatients about Jesus. When you told me that I would go blind, I thought my work of sharing the message of the Bible was finished. But God has shown me that my work is just beginning. This I must do for God."

Give time and hours . . .

THE FATHERLESS

W. R. E., Japan

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James writes in the last verse of his first chapter, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." To care for the orphans

and all such who are less fortunate than ourselves is a noble work. But how to really help in the best and most meaningful way is a problem that must be prayerfully considered, for temporary monetary gifts may only create appetites for

better things which cannot be continuously supplied as a gift. Even if gifts can be continuously supplied it may cause the personal incentive and motivation of the recipient to be stunted or destroyed. When gifts are given, insofar as

possible it is desirable to give through those of our own faith.

Adoption is a way of helping orphans, and it is a concept and an experience that should be very dear to the heart of every Gentile believer. God has graciously adopted us into His family through the Lord Jesus Christ and has made us joint heirs with Christ of eternal treasures. ". . . ye have received the Spirit of adoption . . . And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ".

The ultimate purpose of orphanages and stop-gap institutions is to place the child in a good home situation as soon as possible. Every child needs a father and a mother

to love him, care for him, instruct and correct him. Many of our brethren have adopted children into their hearts and homes to be their very own and have found it to be a very rewarding experience. In addition to helping these children physically, emotionally and socially, there is the most important aspect of the spirit. Being reared and nurtured in our homes, Sunday Schools and churches would certainly have an influence on the children, and there is the hope of their repenting, surrendering their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, and finishing their course on earth abiding in Him. This is the greatest treasure of all, for the world passeth away and the lust thereof,

but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

There is another benefit to adoption. The adopted child helps the parents and family who have adopted him to be less self-centered . . . In the joy of helping someone, one helps himself. The adoption of children by our brethren is encouraged.

Where to give for Scriptures, if you want to send: American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York NY 10023; Northern Bible Society, 715 W Superior St., Duluth Minn 55802; The Gideons International, 2900 Lebanon Rd., Nashville Tenn 37214.

WICHITA

Dave and Barbara Hangartner

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress . . . my God, my strength in whom I will trust . . ."

Sis. Ruth Yackley has had surgery, and is in the hospital in Halstead. Bro. Jeff Frieden was in the hospital with a slipped disc; he is now home. We wish them both a speedy recovery and will remember them with prayers.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Ernest Graf and Bro. Sam Huber. They brought us many timely words of exhortation and inspiration.

Floyd and Eva Beyers' daughter, Barbara, was married to Richard Smith, Oct. 9. They are living in Colorado Springs.

Don and RoiAnn Burns of Hutchinson, Kansas were blessed with a son, Jerry Michel, Oct. 3. Grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Ann Warner.

MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander Mrs. Kenneth Getz

Visiting ministers were Bros. Merle and Elmer Bucher and Henry Beer. Henry of the Milford congregation presented his religious material in an interesting manner.

Willis Belsley, who suffered the loss of a leg, is now at Restmor Nursing Home in Morton. He wishes to thank every-one who remembered him with cards and deeds of kindness during his three months' stay in the hospital.

Our congregation welcomes Connie Maibach Kahler, the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Belsley Maibach, who married Roger Kahler, son of Ervin and Sis. Edna Dietz Kahler. We wish them God's blessings in their new life together.

Ed and Sis. Sally Witzig Fritz are the parents of a son, Douglas Edward. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Edward and Sis. Dorothy Schlipf Witzig of Gridley and Sis. Martha Aberle Fritz. A daughter, Erika Lynn, was born to Bro. Brent and Sis. Donna Bowald Pflederer. The grandparents are Lloyd and Margaret Stetzler Pflederer and Bro. Richard and Sis. Mardell Blunier Bowald of Roanoke.

Those in the hospital or convalescing at home are: Sisters Emma Kaufman and Rose Getz and JoAnn Mathis Knapp; Bros. Wm. B. Hauter, Dana Taufer and Ben Kaiser; and George Ackerman and Sam Roecker.

Arch Bartelmay Sr., 88, died at Restmor Nursing Home Oct. 12. He is survived by his wife, Salome McCormick Bartelmay; five sons, Bruce, Dale, William, George and Jack; three daughters, Mrs. Howard (Marian) Salyer, Mrs. Richard (Alma) Axness and Mrs. Alden (Della) Scoggin.

Sis. Sarah Rein Rassi, 85, died Oct. 25 at her home. She is survived by seven sons, John, Chris, Bro. Ben, Clarence, Ernest, Alphonse and Daniel; three sisters, Mrs. John (Sis. Lydia) Kuntz, Sis. Lena Kuntz and Sis. Emma Glaser; and two brothers, Bros. George and

Charles Rein.

Samuel Huette, 79, passed away Oct. 20. He is survived by his wife, Carrie Spahr Huette; one daughter, Mrs. Marion (Helen) Litwiller; one sister, Sis. Sarah Huette, and one brother, Henry Huette.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Elizabeth K. Kaisner

Thankfulness:

Among the things to be thankful for is a thankful spirit. Some people would grumble at the accommodations in Heaven if they ever got there. They take their blessings here so much as a matter of course, that even a day of general thanksgiving once in a year is more than they feel any need of. Another class really desire to be thankful, but they are naturally despondent. They go through the world in a deprecating spirit, hoping things may turn out well, yet fearing for

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the worst, not realizing **THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.**

By The President of the United States . . . 1789.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty GOD, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty GOD, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the People of this country, previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies . . .

This year, 181 years since the **PROCLAMATION.** we will again observe **THANKSGIVING** on Nov. 26. Let us be thankful everyday and observe the Day set aside for us.

Sis. Betty Yeges is quite uncomfortable in her affliction.

The Sunday School classes had an outing and picnic on Oct. 31.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

Bro. Curt Bahler, Bro. Edwin's son, was home 14 days on furlough. These few lines can be comforting and strengthening for him and to everyone — The light of God surrounds me; The love of God enfolds me; The power of God protects me; The presence of God watches over me; Wherever I am, God is.

Bro. Edward Frey, 81, passed away Oct. 25 after a lingering illness. He was married to Lillie Huber in 1915, who survives with seven daughters and 2 sons: Lloyd and

Wallace; Sis. Velma Wilson, Sis. Norma Wasner, Sis. Lois Bahler, all of here; Sis. Evelyn Lehmann—Hollywood Calif., Sis. Mabel Pelsy of Francesville, Sis. Marjorie Stoller and Carolyn Bahler of New Haven, Ind. Two brothers survive, Bro. John of Morton, and Bro. Henry of Eureka; five sisters, Sis. Mary Meister, Sis. Sally Streitmatter and Sis. Julia Frey of the A. C. Home at Eureka, Sis. Rose Bahler of here, and Sis. Kathryn Gude-man of Francesville.

His nephew, Bro. Wendell Gude-man of Francesville held the services. July 25 Ed was baptized, and 3 months later on the day he could go to be with the Lord. No doubt he could testify that as soon as he was submissive and willing to do the Lord's bidding, his battle was over.

Conquered by grace I bowed my head,
Forgetting myself, I humbly said,
Whatever comes, His will be done!
And in that moment Peace was won!

Bro. Erwin Bahler has been laid up with a severe attack of sciatica.

A house-warming was held for my nephew and wife; Bro. Ralph and Sis. Helen Waibel, as they moved into their new home some months ago. They built it themselves, and say they wouldn't mind building another. His father and hers gave them a helping hand.

On Sun. Nov. 1, the Nick and Fred Waibels had their reunion at the Fellowship Hall. All of the Nick Waibels were here, and all of us the Fred Waibel Family that live around here, the first time we've ever all been together.

GIRARD, OHIO

Caroline Emch

We have enjoyed fellowship with many visitors, and want to extend a hearty welcome to anyone who can come, to spend the day with us.

Another one of God's faithful servants has been taken from our midst. The poet has said, "Faithful until death remain." We believe this has been fulfilled when God called Bro. Henry Sabo from life here. His labors have come to an end, but because of his love for others and his desire to serve God he will long be remembered. Our congregation will miss his ever wel-

come visits and the God-inspired messages.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio Uchida

May God's richest blessings be upon you brothers and sisters in America. The brothers, sisters and friends at the Shioda Church are living in God's blessings.

We have started a new term at our kindergarten and elementary school, but this year we have no kindergarten teacher. Sis. Lois is teaching, but with her household duties as well, I worry that she will become sick. Therefore, we wish to ask everyone's cooperation in securing a teacher. Bro. Willis is teaching mathematics in the elementary school and goes to Tokyo for his work, which is difficult. Please remember them in your prayers that they might be helped.

Our daughter, Hatsune, arrived in Yokohama on Oct. 12, after completing a long stay in America. We wish to express appreciation to Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock. We further express sincere appreciation to all the brothers, sisters and friends of the Congerville Church. Hatsune is working for the Stars and Stripes U. S. Army newspaper in Tokyo. May God's blessings be upon you for fulfilling Christ's teaching and command to love our neighbor as ourself.

I have been asked to extend greetings from all of us in Japan to Sis. Marie Neihouser, who formerly taught elementary school at Shioda and who is presently teaching at Francesville. We would also like to meet Sis. Nancy Schrock and Sis. Nancy Roth Pfeifer again if there would be the opportunity.

At church today before services started, Tommy Ehnle, who is only a second grader, selected two hymns for us to sing. We know that God is also guiding the little ones.

There is an abundance of grapes in the fields surrounding Shioda. It is too bad there are such few workers in the vineyard of the

Lord. We recall the words **The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few.**

We plan to have the church painted and the eavespouts repaired. To keep up God's house the church building, is the responsibility of us brothers and sisters. Please do pray for our three churches.

Translated by Willis R. Ehnle

TAMAHATA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

Yesterday, November 1, at the church services at Tamahata, I opened the Old Testament Scriptures to Isaiah, 14th chapter. Verse 12 begins with the words, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" I felt led to speak on Satan, his power, craftiness, deceitfulness and ultimate doom. I turned to the New Testament, II Thess. 2, where we read of the man of sin, whose coming is after the working of Satan. It might even be that this individual's conception will be by the power of Satan, as Christ's conception was by the power of the Holy Spirit. In any case it is well that we recognize the reality and power of Satan and the utter horribleness and hopelessness of being lost forever. Things don't seem to be getting any better on earth. Let's set our sights on a house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Bro. Hisato Inoue is still in the hospital for hot baths and therapy, although over one year has passed since his automobile accident. Let us encourage one another to pray before we sit behind the wheel and then to drive accordingly. Automobiles are deadly weapons; when I was in the army, I told the Regimental Commander during basic training that I was opposed to deadly weapons. He said that he supposed a fire-cracker could be a deadly weapon. It is something to think about. **Are we really consistent in our convictions** is a question we might well ask ourselves. It behooves us to be consistent with our profession of faith and our convictions in all areas of our lives.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Our visitors were as follows:
Bros. Will Gudeman—Elgin, Willis Wiegand—Goodfield, Dale Eisenman—Chicago, Harvey Grimm—Bern.

Levi Anliker was a patient in Eureka Hospital for a check-up. Sis. Matilda Wittmer is a surgical patient in Proctor Hospital in Peoria. She is Bro. John's wife.

We are rejoicing to see more souls turning to the Lord in repentance. They are Janet Leman—Bro. and Sis. Sam and Aldine's daughter; Walter Knepp; Wayne Knepp and his wife, Jody (they are sons of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Frieda); Bonnie Wuthrich, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Flo.

Saturday evening, we were privileged to hear the testimony of two dear souls who had repented; they were baptized Nov. 1, Shirley Knepp, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda, and Joyce Getz, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Mabel. It was so good to hear of the experience they went through. May God help us all to stay close to Him.

Engagement—Sis. Nancy Blunier and Bro. Gary Knepp. Her parents are Henry and Sis. Wilma; his folks, Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda.

The death angel has called Sis. Martha Martin, age 75, to her heavenly home. She passed away unexpectedly Sat. Oct. 31 at her home. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Andrew, four sons and four daughters: Lester and Lewis, El Paso; Nelson, Eureka; and Harvey, Metamora; Mabel Belsley, Morton; Helen Wiegand and Verna Hartter, Eureka; and Loretta Rumbold, Wyoming, Ill. All of her children are members of our precious faith—How wonderful! Five sisters survive. Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit conducted her funeral service Nov. 3. May God comfort the family in their sorrow.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mary Wiegand Nancy Musselman

In a baby's eyes
The wonder of creation shines,
The miracle of new life from
heaven,
Of a new soul God has blessed.

On Oct. 30, Bro. Bill and Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich were blessed with a baby boy, Montie J. He has a sister, Kristy Kay, to welcome him home. His grandparents are

Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich, and Bro. Ed and Sis. Frieda Gerber of Lester.

Little April Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. Ronald and Sis. Janice, was hospitalized a few days due to an asthma attack.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

"Thanksgiving Then and Now"

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, our thoughts many times turn in reminiscence of those early Pilgrims who had come to worship as they wished. It might seem strange and long ago, but to those people it was a real undertaking. Three hundred and ninety years ago next month (December) 104 men, women and children crossed the North Atlantic and landed on a land that was to show the way for the millions that would follow.

You can imagine them standing on the deck, looking westward, with their high hats and buckled shoes and clutching their Bibles. It was nine weeks, on a ship bobbing like a cork, twisting and turning, mostly they huddled in a compartment 50 feet long and half that width. They became violently sick and terrified. Mothers clutched their children . . . They were poor people, roughly dressed in anything they happened to own and that wasn't much. They were different people, in religious outlook and in what they sought. The Saints, the separatists from what they considered the ostentation and license of the Angelican Church, were the pilgrims, the wanderers who sought a place to worship as they wished. They only numbered 41. The others were strangers, the adventurers, hired hands, servants, who only joined because they wanted anything that promised something more than the misery and uncertainty of England.

Upon landing, they scrambled ashore on a rock, and it was just that. It was Christmastime and cold, and they chose a place on a hill which rises sharply behind the rock to construct their first building. It was to be a common house, for all to keep warm and rest. It was also a morgue. Many were dying now, some from exposure, some from disease, from filth, perhaps from weariness. As the year 1620 turned to '21, they passed away, sometimes two and three a day in January and February. The ones

who were left, if they had strength, buried them on the hill. . .

The first winter half of the company died, especially the old and the children . . . And the mothers, fourteen out of 18 mothers did not survive. The terrible winter was now over, and with spring came hopes . . . with summer came promise, and with autumn harvest. They had survived, some of them, and more would come with the arrival of ships . . . The tiny grasp on the rocky shore of New England, where they had first stepped ashore, was now firmer for the Pilgrims.

Those who did not believe in celebrations thanked God for what they had by holding a great banquet, inviting their friends, the Indians, who now had become friendly. Upon taking count of their blessings, Edward Winslow, in a letter to a friend back in England wrote, **BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE SO FAR FROM WANT, THAT WE OFTEN WISH YOU PARTAKERS OF OUR PLENTY.**

There were two funerals here. One was that of Bro. Carl Erismann, 91, who passed away at a convalescent home. He had been a patient for several years. Survivors are three daughters, Sis. Rose Erismann, Esther Gruening and Hulda Dobos; two sons, Ernest and Walter Erismann. Burial was at Ellington. Harris E. Ludwig, 55, died at a local hospital. Besides his parents, Hazel and Bro. Edward Ludwig, he is survived by four sisters, Sis. Charlotte Trench, Mrs. Grace Psrtelo, Mrs. Hazel John-drow, Mrs. Esther Schofield; three brothers, Norman, Edward Jr., and Donald Ludwig. His death occurred Oct. 2; burial was at Ellington.

Two arrivals: Jason Keith, to Bro. Keith and Sis. Mary (Luginbuhl) Kloter . . . a little girl, Gwen Marjorie, to Bro. Dale and Sis. Harriet (Welti) Zahner. Grandparents of the infants are: Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl; and Bro. Walter and Sis. Madeline Zahner and Sis. Ida and Walter Welti, respectively.

Two marriages: Bro. Daryl Luginbuhl to Sis. Norma Diggelman. Bro. John Bahler, our elder, invoked God's blessings on their union. They are now residing here.

We wish them God's blessings. Bro. Curt Zahner was married at Bay City.

We were happy to have with us Bros. Joe Aberle, Kansas, and Harry Sutter, Florida, his first visit to Rockville. It is a pleasure and indeed gratifying to be numbered with those who still have the privilege of hearing sound doctrine.

WOLCOTT Arles Kropf

Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville was our visiting minister on Oct. 11.

Sis. Virginia Oberlander had the misfortune of breaking her wrist in a fall.

Bro. John Anker, 77, passed away Oct. 26 after an illness of 2 years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Priscilla; two daughters; three sons; two sisters, Sisters Madeline and Irene Anker; two brothers, George Anker and Bro. Dan Reel. Funeral services were conducted on Oct. 29 by Bro. Alfred Bahler, with burial in the church cemetery.

Ron and Donna Kyburz are enjoying a furlough with relatives, and will then be stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta Steffen

Bro. Joe Kaisner was our guest minister the evening of Oct. 13. He brought us many blessed teachings.

Edwin and Mary Lou Grawburg are happy to announce the birth of their first baby, a boy! Born Oct. 23, he is the first grandchild of Fred and Sis. Kathryn Grawburg.

On Nov. 1 Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach were here and our congregation was able to partake of the special blessings of holy communion. We enjoy and appreciate their love and care for us. Our elder brethren have many duties which we often overlook. They are to care for the flock, instructing and chastening us. We then should accept in love and in the fear of God.

Whenever we are unable to attend church worship because of health reasons, it leaves us with an empty feeling. I'm sure many shut-ins have experienced this. To combat this we have our own little collection of type-recorded sermons which we resort to whenever we are unable to attend church.

Wed. evening was a stay-at-home evening for us, so we gath-

ered by the recorder and were filled with blessings as we received the inspired word of God through a taped sermon.

One thing that especially impressed us that was spoken was this: As an employer would we be satisfied with an employee who did nothing at all just to keep from doing anything wrong? No, of course not! And neither is the Lord. We are employed by Him when we enter the covenant of salvation; then we must work and labor for Him with all our might, praying that He will forgive us our mistakes and shortcomings. We must put forth effort or we can never expect the reward eternal life!

BREMEN, INDIANA Emma Unsicker

"Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him . . ." Dedication for our new Sunday School and Fellowship Hall took place on Oct. 25, just one year from the time of groundbreaking ceremonies. The dedication message, given by Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, recalled to our minds the building of tabernacles and places of worship during the Old Testament days as related in the Bible. Whenever people love God, they prepare a place for worship and thanksgiving.

The Sunday School, under the direction of Bro. Gene Sauder, presented a very meaningful program consisting of readings portraying the church builders, and the adult choir singing "Bless This House." We concluded the program by singing "In The Service of the King".

Much time and work went into the building of our new Sunday School, and we truly are very grateful to everyone who gave of themselves in any way to make this necessity a reality.

My son Mark left last Sat. for the east coast, where he will spend six months in the Marine Reserves. His address will be in the next month's **Silver Lining**. I'm sure he will appreciate the prayers and letters from his many friends.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Bro. Roy Sauder and Bro. Charles Hemmer from Peoria worshipped with us, reviving our souls with new courage. Charles spoke on the importance of **TIME**. "To every **thing there** is a season, and

a time to every purpose under heaven . . ." Time to do God's will in our everyday life, time to thank God each morning and evening, to trust God through the dark shadows of night, to teach other's of our precious faith, to pray for the unfortunate. Time if spent to the honor and glory of our Creator is one of the greatest assets in our possessions. It is an asset that silver and gold cannot buy, but can be used by each of us as it is allotted to us. May none of us waste this precious time, but submit every moment to the will of God.

Friends Donna Heyerly, daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Lavera, and Wm. Steffen, son of Bro. Russell and Sis. Alice were united in marriage Oct. 11. Marriage vows were received Oct. 11 of Sis. Kathy Gerber and Bro. John Clough of New York. Parents of the couple are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Clough. May God bless these marriages.

Our congregation was thankful to have visiting with us the Gridley Sunday School class. It is inspiring to find young friends traveling to our churches, desiring to enjoy the fellowship and to hear the word of God. May God protect and bless each one who made the journey.

There are some brethren who cannot worship with us due to surgery or sickness. Those recovering from surgery are Bro. Clarence Steffen, Sis. Vi (Raymond) Ringger, Sis. Carolyn (John) Meyer, and Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Two have suffered serious strokes: Bro. Andrew Hackenjos and Sis. Goldie Kehr. Others hospitalized were Sis. Martha Liechty, Bro. Nile Bucher, Sis. Leah (Calvin) Rauch, Sis. Lydia Kaehr and Bro. Sam Kaehr. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart . . ."

Bro. Sam Aeschliman received so many nice cards and gifts and appreciates all the prayers and thoughtfulness offered in his behalf. He and his wife wish to thank all who remembered him during his hospital stay.

"Ring the Bells of Heaven, There is Joy Today"—the feeling expressed by all of us when three dear friends were added to the fold. Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville came to share his loving

talents and assisted Bro. John with the provings. Our new sisters are Darlene Neuenschwander, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander; Pat Reinhard, daughter of Bro. Alphonse and Sis. Lucille Reinhard; and Rhonda Steffen. Her parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Eileen Steffen. We welcome them to our fellowship.

The engagement of Bro. Art Ringger to Sis. Susie Bucher of La Crosse was announced. Bro. LaVerne and Sis. Rosella Ringger and Bro. Art and Sis. Esther Bucher are the parents.

Sis. Linda Tonner made her betrothal known on Oct. 25 to Bro. John Klopfenstein of Leo. Bro. and Sis. Curtis and Jeannette Tonner, and Bro. and Sis. Bill and Nancy Klopfenstein are their parents.

Funeral services were conducted at the Goodwin Funeral Home on Sat. Oct. 24 for Mrs. Aldine Steffen. Her husband, Sam survives. Bro. John Yergler held the services.

Another brother, Jerry Drayer has returned home safely after serving his time in the army, much of it in Viet Nam. We are thankful for the Lord's protection over him and also our two friends Rod Maller and Ralph Aschliman.

Give thanks to God;
Fill well your part.
Let love divine
Possess your heart.

Give thanks to God;
His bounty see.
Be still and know,
And grateful be.

FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

God bless you, happy new parents!—Bro. Robert Wuethrichs with their darling son Andrew, the Richards Overmyers first joy in having a son, Gary, and the Elden Gutweins (Carl) with their fourth healthy son, Cary, to love.

We ask God to bless our Sis. Annabell (Yaggie) Messer, who had surgery hospitalization, and Bro. Irvin Yaggie, who suffered three fractured ribs from a machinery mishap. We pray that these two, who are brother and sisters in two ways, can soon attend our church's wonderful fellowship again.

Our dear minister gave me a

closing idea, as in his service he read different verses of songs. "In The Sweet, By and By, We shall meet on that beautiful shore", that is where we will again meet our loved ones—would say my parents, Bro. Otto and Sis. Bertha Norr and my husband's parents, Bro. John and Sis. Mary Wuethrich. So often their names are repeated by us, as Mrs. Otto Wuethrich's husband, our son's name is Otto John, and one of our daughter's name is Mary Bertha. You also have beautiful memories of your parents and grandparents who have gone on before you. Heaven seems almost more precious when we think of loved ones there.

Be kind and be gentle,
To those who are old,
For kindness is dearer,
And better than gold.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

Thank you for the "Miracles"

we are much too blind to see,
And give us new awareness
of our many gifts from Thee,
And help us to remember
that the key to life and living
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of
Thanks
and every day Thanksgiving.

We have been blessed with a good attendance every Sunday. Ministering Brothers visiting us were, Edwin Bahler from Remington, Theo. Beer from Milford, Norman Stoller from Ft. Wayne, Wendell Gerber from Bluffton, and Elmer Bucher of Francesville. A short thought with a lot of good in it was left us by one of the brothers, Fear God and do my commandments.

It was announced that we would have no services the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

We heartily welcome everyone to come to Indianapolis. Starting time for our services are 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

LEXINGTON, KY.

The Lester Hubers

May we take this opportunity to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and support toward the work of the Lord here—for making it possible to continue week by week, sowing the seeds of the gospel in the hearts of those who come to learn

and worship with us. Needless to say, it would be impossible for them to thank you personally, so in their behalf we extend our appreciation to God and to you for what you have done to remember this cause. Several have expressed a desire to make their surrender and commitment of their lives to the Lord. Pray for them that this may be accomplished. Our hearts have been encouraged many times to see interest growing little by little—the many who took part and interest in Vacation Bible School and sharing in the ministries of the Nursing Homes, etc.

In closing, may we extend an open invitation to come and worship with us, and may our God give sufficient grace in these last days, that we not come short of our goal of eternal rest for our undying souls.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Emily Heinold — Linda Laidig

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We were reminded on Oct. 7 by Bro. Verdon Feldman from Bremen, that studying the Bible and the life of Christ should come before our other studying. He emphasized the fact that we do have a purpose here on earth and that our job isn't over once we become Christians.

The Purdue group had its annual picnic on Oct. 13. We all enjoyed the evening of food, fellowship, and singing.

On Oct. 21 Bro. George Yergler from La Crosse encouraged us to keep in mind the great sacrifice Christ made for us. We were glad to have Bros. Kurt Bahler and Ardie Bucher with us for the evening. They were both home on a two-week leave from Ft. Sam Houston.

We were all happy to hear of the engagement of Sis. Suzanne Bucher, from La Crosse, to Bro. Arthur Ringger from Bluffton announced on Oct. 11. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Arthur Bucher and Bro. and Sis. LaVerne Ringger. May the Lord bless them richly in their future years together.

TOLEDO

Diane Reineck

Harvest is past once more. Our barns are full to overflowing. At

this season more than ever we should thank our Father God for the many blessings He bestows on His children.

When thou hast truly thanked thy God

For every blessing sent,
But little time will then remain
To murmur or lament.

Our visiting ministers were Joe Kaisner, Forrest, and Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit. We received a double blessing from these two brothers, as they both ministered to us the same Sunday.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Teresa Hufford
Susan Zimmerman

"Dear child, God does not say today, Be strong,
He knows your strength is spent;
He knows how long
The road has been, how weary you have grown,
For He who walked the earthly roads alone,
Each bogging lowland and each rugged hill,
Can understand, and so He says,
Be still,
And know that I am God. The hour is late,
And you must rest awhile, and you must wait
Until life's empty reservoirs fill up.
As slow rain fills an empty up-turned cup.
Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill.
He only asks today that you be still.

Our congregation has been richly blessed by visiting ministers. We thank Bro. Ben Fehr (Roanoke), Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury), Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley), Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley), and Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park). May God be their rewarder.

We welcome Alan Schweigart from Tremont as a brother in Christ. "What glorious state to be a Lamb of Jesus . . ." Alan is a student here.

The engagements of Bro. Gary Knepp to Sis. Nancy Blunier (both Eureka); and Bro. Mark Alt to Sis. Kai Kaufman (both Cissna) have been announced.

With thanksgiving upon us, it behooves each one to "Count your many blessings, name them one by

one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." Truly we have countless blessings if we only stop to look around us, and should be ashamed when so often we murmur.

Prayer is a hand-clasp with God.

AKRON, OHIO

Katherine Ries

Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf reports a safe return after a week-end with the young men (and a few wives) at Ft Sam Houston. This is a worthwhile journey, since these brethren and friends are exposed not only to the physical, but also to spiritual dangers, and need to be edified by the preaching of the word of God."

Thanks to our visitors Oct. 11 from Toledo, the Junior and Senior classes of the Sunday School and Bro. Walter Rager, who served us with many good teachings. Thanks to the many Rittman brethren who attended our first Sunday of the month evening hymn singing and to Bro. Jos. Ramsier for his message to us.

We welcome Bro. Stanley and Ann Francis, who have returned to our community from Phoenix.

Our prayers are for those in sickness and in hospitals: Sis. Margaret Gruenig is improving (after surgery) at her home, 1102 St. Micheals Ave., Akron O 44320; Susan Ritzman (wife of Jerry) has been hospitalized for three weeks and is now improving at Sis. Marie Ritzman's home, 3126 Clubside Dr., Barberton O 44203.

Fred Burr (husband of Helen) is in St. Thomas Hospital; while awaiting surgery he suffered a heart attack. Home address: 1355 Roslyn Ave., Akron O 44320. Sis. Esther Graf (wife of Bro. Ellsworth) had surgery at Akron General Hospital Nov. 5 . . . expects to be hospitalized several weeks. Home address: 1080 St. Micheals Ave, Akron O 44320. May God bless them and speed their recovery.

We extend our sympathy to Fred Grawunder (husband of Eva Wenhardt) and his family, whose father, Heinrich passed away in East Germany, while Fred was visiting there. Our sympathy, too, to the family of Katie Lucas, who was laid to rest Oct. 31. Services were held by Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf.

ALTADENA**Freda and Rhoda Minger**

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions . . . For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me . . . Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

A repentance such as this is beyond the reach of our own power to accomplish. It is obtained only from Christ, who ascended on high, and has given gifts unto men. We rejoice with Linda Witzig, who was proved and baptized Sunday Oct. 18. Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix helped in this important task.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney have arrived from their summer home in Burlington Okla., and will spend the winter months here.

Sunday, Nov. 1 we had our election of Sunday School teachers. Bro. Emery Minger was voted in as Sunday School teacher. Emery was also voted as trustee for the coming year. We wish for him a willingness to seek God's help, to stand fast in whatever work he is called.

We look forward to enjoy Thanksgiving Day, when people give thanks, with feasting, and prayer in their hearts for the blessings they have received. The first Thanksgiving Days were festivals, or days for thanking God for plentiful crops after the harvest days in the fall. We should continue thanking God for all blessings and appreciate our land of plenty.

ATHENS**Irene Haggemaker**

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."

On Oct. 25, Bro. Lloyd Moore was ordained a deacon by our Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman and David Bertsch. It was one of the most Spirit-filled services I have ever attended, as the prayer of consecration was being said. It seemed you could reach out and just touch the hem of His garment. There just aren't words to explain the feeling of pure humble joy we all felt at this great event.

Our elders were so careful to remind us of how very important their jobs are in keeping the flock.

We thank God for giving us men like these, and for giving them understanding and patient wives.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS**Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss**

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee, Through Thy blest sacrament which we partook. Bros. Joshua Broquard and George Gramm were with us to share in this sacred feast.

A group of young people of the Congerville and Goodfield Sunday Schools and their teachers visited us. Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend, visited us on that day, and ministered unto us with messages from God's holy word.

On Oct. 19, Laurene Watson of California, daughter of Sis. Nettie Schurter and sister of Harvey, passed away. Funeral services and interment were here. Since then, on Nov. 5, Sis. Nettie Schurter passed away. Funeral services were held here. Nettie lived in Elgin for quite a number of years, having come here from Oklahoma. She has been living at Memorial Manor at Cherokee, Oklahoma for about two years, where she passed away. Her husband, Bro. Sam, passed away 17 years ago. We extend our sympathy to the bereft family.

Bro. Fred Wahl, who is stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, spent some time with his mother, Sis. Ida, and with our church circle.

Birth: A son, Evan Jay, was born Nov. 7 to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ruth Ann Ramseyer Getz. They live at 426 South St., Elgin Ill. 60120.

A daughter, Shannon Lee, was born Oct. 27 to Joseph and Janice Kellenberger Flannery, 478 Franklin Blvd., Elgin Ill. 60120.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Dixie Ringger**

The dedication of our new church was held Sept. 13, and was a most blessed day for us. We calculated an attendance of 1,000, including a host of visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach held dedication services.

Our monthly Hymn Singing was a blessing to all who attended, and we especially appreciated the efforts of the 3rd and 4th grade classes who sang special numbers. On Oct. 24-25, the Bible Class traveled by bus to Bluffton and spent a very enjoyable week-end with the Bluffton Bible Class.

Beth Ringger, daughter of Bro.

Alvin and Sis. Dorothy Ringger was struck by an automobile as she was leaving school, but thanks be to God she was not seriously injured.

Bro. Ezra Stoller was hospitalized suddenly, but is now feeling much better.

BERN, KANSAS**Esther and Stella Moser**

Bruce Dodd arrived Oct. 1 to take his place in the home of Jack and Ardena Kuenzi along with twin brothers, Brent and Blaine. Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. Darrel Stoller (Bro. Harlan, Sis. Pearl), Ft. Polk, has a week to spend with home folks.

Sis. Mary Plattner (Bro. Lee), Sis. Katie Grimm (Bro. Paul) both had short stays in the hospital. Bro. John Lehman's stay was longer, as he had pneumonia.

"Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep." Two of our dear sisters were called into that blessed sleep within two days. Sis. Martha Bauman Oct. 12, and Sis. Marie Leuthold Oct. 14.

Martha, daughter of Elias and Mary Reinhard Moser was born near Bluffton, on Mar. 17, 1883 and passed away Oct. 12, age 87 years, at the A.C. Home, where she had resided the past six years. Sept. 12, 1906 she was united in marriage to Joseph Bauman, who preceded her in death Oct. 20, 1950. Surviving are three daughters, Lela Trull, Sabetha; Elma Ehrsam, Bern; Sis. Etella Moser, Sabetha; one son Iris Bauman, Morton; one sister, Sis. Mary Ann Gerber, Bluffton; three brothers, Bros. Edwin and Meno Moser, Bluffton; Bro. Eli Moser, Ft. Wayne. Martha faithfully attended services as long as she was able. Our ministers held services Oct. 15, with burial in the church cemetery.

Marie Locher was born at Lamar, July 21, 1903 and passed away at the Axtell Hospital at the age of 67 years. On Feb. 11, 1925 she was united in marriage to Benjamin Leuthold. To this union were born a daughter, Benola Anderson, Seneca; one son, Benjamin E., who died in infancy. She is survived by Bro. Ben, who so faithfully cared for her during her many years of failing health, the daughter Benola; two sisters, Louise Sherrard, Seneca; Sis. Leola Lehman, Sa-

betha; four brothers, Bro. Andrew—Hawthorne Calif, Bro. Theo. and Joe—Sabetha, and Reuben, Oneida. Marie turned to the Lord early in life. She loved to come to church, and after she was unable to walk, Ben brought her in her wheelchair. Bros. Lester and Carl Hartman held services Oct. 17, with burial in the church cemetery.

A farewell pot-luck supper was held in the church dining-room for Limon Bemis, contractor for our new church building, and Loyd McGinna, his foreman. Work on the building is now to the place where the building committee feels we can go ahead with local labor (However, a long way from complete).

In humble meditation
For the blessings that you share,
Offer God on bended knee
Your thanks in solemn prayer.

For health, home, and family
And all that you possess,
Thank God with all your heart
That you have so been blessed.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder — Wilma Young

We have begun midweek services, alternating with the Lamont congregation each Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Bible discussions are being held every third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. With these opportunities to serve our Lord let us remember the advice: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Visiting ministers Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, Bro. Roy Wernli and Bro. Samuel Huber. We wish to thank each one for sharing God's holy word with us.

May the Lord bestow His blessings on Sis. Karen Huber and Bro. Martin Beyer on the announcement of their engagement. Until recently, both were of our congregation. A church shower was held for Sis. Susan Kraft and Bro. Bill Emch, at the home of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen Bahr.

Annual church cleaning was held. Due to the shortage of help, it required two days. Several brothers helped with window washing, scrubbing, and painting.

Bro. Joseph Somerhalder was

hospitalized five days due to a blood clot in his leg. He's able to attend church again. Gary Beyer, son of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer is in the Topeka Hospital, due to a fractured leg. He has two pins just above the knee, also a cast on the entire leg. He hopes to be on crutches soon.

Our oldest sister, Alice Raaf, ninety-four, remains at the Golden Age Lodge, where she was taken a year ago. She is bedfast, except for once or twice daily the nurses place her in a chair.

As one observes the natural scenes, such as our trees painted in gorgeous colors, a continuous array of beautiful flowers from March through November, it's obvious our God is a lover of beauty. . . a small foretaste of how beautiful heaven must be.

FT. SAM HOUSTON

Walt Steffen

Words of inspiration and enthusiasm for the Lord were delivered to us by Bros. Walter Steffen, Rudy Graf, and Ernest Graf. We thank each for his willingness to travel far to bring us God's word.

Bro. Wendel Anliker was discharged from the Air Force and returned to his home in Francesville. His tireless efforts in helping all of us adjust to military norms will never be forgotten!

Ralph Endress, who spent the last 14 months at Ft. Sam, has left for Korea, and Bro. Sherman Lanz has left for his duty station in Hawaii. Bro. Bob Meiss will soon leave for Thailand, as Bro. Jerel Schmidtgall leaves for Vietnam. May each have fond memories of being overseas and share one of God's best gifts to us, spiritual opportunities.

Anyone who is planning to visit San Antonio or is awaiting induction into the Army should write in advance and tell us when he expects to arrive, so we can make accommodations for him. Write: Apostolic Christian Church Apt., 463 Eleanor St., San Antonio Tex. as 78209; Phone: 824-9803.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Jerry Meiss

This has been an exciting and rewarding month for many of us here. On October 15, we were glad to welcome a brother familiar to us all, namely Uriel Gehring. He told us of our glorious redemption

and that the world has only pollutants and husks to feed on, whereas we should be feeding on the manifestations of the Spirit. The next week, Bro. Joe Schrock ministered unto us. We received many timely warnings, not only for our day to day living, but also for our spiritual lives. We all appreciate his untiring effort in laboring here for nearly a decade and a half. Ministers on later dates have been Bro. Nathan Steffen from Elgin and Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oakville. Nathan pointed out five vital areas of which we should be careful. Harvey reminded us that this earth is nothing more than a place of preparation. He posed the question as to whether or not we are dedicating our lives to God without reservation. Are we? Bro. Ed Alt of Cissna brought the services to a close with a prayer.

We were going to have several colleges visit us before winter, but our cluster decided against it, because it is too late in the year. We are going to buy some more hymnals and sing in a home for the aged in the future. We want to thank all those who gave so freely during our recent collection.

We had the newly-initiated "Freshman Day" on Sunday Oct. 11. We ate at The Sinorak; about 100 people were there. Our president, Keith Funk, was master of ceremonies as all of the new students introduced themselves and their parents.

We appreciate the use of the Normal church for that festive occasion and wish to thank them for their love and hospitality shown unto us.

LAMAR, MO.

Evelyn Marti — Bonnie Braker

A blessed day was enjoyed Oct. 18, when Elder Bro. Sam Anliker brought us much food for thought. May the Lord richly bless him for his efforts.

The engagement of Wayne Marti, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arlene, to Becky Spears of Springfield Mo. has been announced. A December wedding is planned.

Our dear friend, Luisa Rentch celebrated her 90th birthday Oct. 22. She has been confined to her home since breaking a hip. Her daughter Anna was here to celebrate it with her mother and sister, Sis. Lydia Rentch, who makes

her home with and cares for her mother.

Sis. Lizzie Remm is still confined to her home. Sis. Leona Kraft of Gridley, Kans., and Sis. Carrie Lehman are with her.

We extend sympathy to Jack and Betty Thiebaud; Jack's mother, Mrs. Lydia Thiebaud passed away at the age of 98.

LATTY, OHIO

Delores Grant — Iva Stoller

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." We have rejoiced in hearing the testimony of our dear friend, Shirley Stoller, daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Edith, and welcome her into the fold.

We are thankful that another friend has found the need of a Saviour and has answered the call. He is Ray Stoller, son of Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite.

We were happy to have Lydia Ann, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham, attend afternoon services with us. She has been convalescing from brain surgery and is doing quite well. We are so thankful. Bro. Charles has also been hospitalized for pneumonia, but is home again.

Maidie Laukhuf is a patient in the Van Wert hospital and is quite ill. Sis. Christine Stoller, daughter of Bro. Irvin and Sis. Marie, was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic for tests.

Dwain Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, is now home from the service. He had been stationed in Germany.

Jim Price, son of Bob and Aldean will be completing his training in the National Guard and will return home shortly.

Special Notices:

It has been reported that a ladies dark, double breasted coat (a Jane Hunter Original) with white gloves was left at our church here.

For Latty

Sis. Mary Gerber is requesting that all Silver Lining dues be paid to her before Jan. 1.

MINNEAPOLIS

Alma Baum — Gus Baum

Thanksgiving Day — "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." On this national day set

aside for giving thanks for a bountiful harvest, let us never cease to remember **only** the material blessings, but much more the great gift of eternal life.

We remember with gratitude the brothers who faithfully served us: Duane Metzger, West Bend; Leroy and Harold Messner, Winthrop; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; and Joe Schrock, Congerville. Our thanks to them, and to Him who provides servants to proclaim the word, and ever renew our desire to be living examples in this, our most precious faith.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

The Bible mentions some historic runaways—among them Adam and Jonah. The prodigal son was a runaway. He demanded his portion of his father's wealth, took it to a far country and there wasted it in riotous living. Satisfaction came to him only when he returned in penitence to his father. Instead of running away from the Lord we should run to His open arms in response to His gracious invitation: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow . . ." If we will come to the Lord Jesus in repentance and place faith in Him, we shall be forgiven and justified, and then we can sing:

Once as prodigals we wandered
In our folly far from thee;
But thy grace o'er sin abounding
Rescued us from misery.

On October 24, three souls gave their testimony. Baptismal services were held on Sunday for Mike Schmidgall, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia; Ron Meiss, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann; and his wife, Kay, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill. We thank Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Herman Kellenberger for their assistance to Elder Bro. Paul Fehr. We thank Bro. Herman, Bro. Leo, and Bro. Al Scheitlin for the inspiring messages. Among the many visitors were Kay's parents, sisters, brother, and grandparents, and Ron's grandmother, Sis. Bertha Meiss of Cissna Park.

Ron has left for duty in Korea, and Kay and their son Troy will live with her parents in Elgin. May their faith in the living God sustain them in their lonely days.

Our hearts are filled with praise

and thanksgiving to the Lord as he has called three more souls to repentance—Arnold Koehl, son of Bro. and Sis. E. O.; Peg Gramm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold; and Lois Moser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alpai.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

We spent a blessed week-end with Elder Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern in our midst. We were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of four more dear souls who have decided to turn their backs to the world and serve their Lord and Saviour. They are Mike Heiniger (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola), Don Schmidgall (Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian), and Gary and Roger Schulz (Bro. Myron and Sis. Dorothy). We rejoice with them in their new walk of life.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Sis. Evelyn Klein, daughter of Sis. Edna Klein, and Bro. Eugene Heinold, son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold of LaCrosse, were united in marriage Oct. 11. We will miss Evie, but we wish for her and her husband much happiness and God's rich blessings in their home in LaCrosse. There were many guests at the wedding, among those whom we especially thank for their labors of love, words of wisdom and exhortations are Bros. Duane Metzger from West Bend, Art Gudeman from LaCrosse, and John Steiner from Oakville.

We welcome our new brother-in-faith, Richard Hermann, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lydia Hermann. We are so thankful when one more dear soul finds grace to repent and wishes to live as God directs him. His daughter Lorie fell and suffered a skull fracture the same Sunday evening that Rich was baptized. She spent some time in the hospital, but is home and doing well, for which everyone is so thankful.

Sisters Lydia and Eunice Kammerer moved to Peoria from Gridley. We welcome them in our assembly.

Bro. Henry Beer from Milford paid our congregation a visit one Sunday afternoon. It's always so inspiring to be around Henry, he's

always been so full of zeal and loves to work in the Lord's vineyard. It was mentioned by one of our ministering brothers on Friday evening at the Fellowship Hall, where Henry had set up some samples of his "Book Shop", that he was one of the brothers who translated our **Zion's Harp** songs from the German to the English language.

Ron and Sis. Mary Ann Herman are the parents of Amy Renee, born Oct. 14. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman of Tucson, and maternal grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Mathilda Sutter of Eureka. David and Karen Dunbar are the happy parents of twin daughters, Julie Ann and Jennifer Lee, born Oct. 29. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Perceda Eberhardt.

Sis. Pauline Meier had surgery and is in the hospital. Sis. Rose Langjahr had been a patient in the hospital, but is recuperating at our church home. Sis. Ida Otto has moved to the A. C. Home; her address is 7023 Skyline Drive, Peoria Ill. 61614.

Samuel Aupperle, 66, died Oct. 26. He was married to Marie Gunther in 1936, and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Arlene; two brothers of Gridley, Ill.; and one sister of Tremont. Bro. Michael Weyenth held funeral services at the Wilton Mortuary.

Bro. Will Herbst, 87, died at the Eureka Hospital Nov. 1. He lived in Peoria after he married Elizabeth Altorfer in 1950, and lived here until after Sis. Elizabeth died in January 1968. He had been living at the A. C. Home in Eureka.

Note of thanks: I want to humbly thank all who remembered me during my illness with the many cards, letters, gifts, flowers, visits and prayers. God bless each for their love and kindness; all was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. Sis. Elizabeth Hartman.

RITTMAN

Janette Blough Florence Hartzler

"Haste and seek your soul's salvation, heed the word of God today! Haste to flee His condemnation; seek the straight and narrow way." It's so wonderful when we hear of the dear ones who have answered this call. We rejoice with our new members (and their families) as they are added to the fold.

We welcomed to our most blessed brotherhood these new members: Eva VanNostern, Carol Patterson, Marian Walder, Lois Walder, Diane Maibach, Terri Gerber, Karen Rigggenbach, Virgil Gasser, Marvin Dotterer, Richard Steiner. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted our elders, Bro. Noah Bauman and Bro. Rudy Graf in this most precious time. We want to thank Leroy for his inspiring message brought to us through his teachings, and also thanks to Bro. Robert Meyers who gave us much food for thought. The thought of these new "lambs" may be: "Now grant to me Thy power so that I may not waver, and bless me every hour, O my beloved Saviour! Thus shall I safely fare upon this blessed way, and reach the city where thy peace shall reach for aye."

The Rittman church will host the World Relief Meeting: this includes the Ohio, Indiana, Michigan area. We pray the Lord will bless each one who has helped in any way this past year to make this work of love a success. We wish to thank you all!

The engagement of Ellen Rigggenbach and Jerry Gasser has been announced by Ellen's parents, Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Rigggenbach. Jerry is the son of Bro. Robert and the late Sis. Elda. The Lord bless you with love for one another.

We are thankful for God's healing touch and that many who have suffered can now be at home. Bro. Robert Gasser has been to church, following major surgery. Sis. Emma Rigggenbach is home, for which she is very thankful. Others able to be home are Sis. Linda Zollinger, Sis. Walma Steiner, Jerry Gasser, Marion Bauman, Bro. Don Stoller. The news came today that Bro. Elmer Zollinger has suffered a heart attack and will require hospital care for a few weeks. Bro. John Bauman is also hospitalized.

"Man bends his back, and breaks the sod, and produces his food with the help of God!" Now that the harvest is past, and the gardens have given up their last food, we give thanks to One who has made all this possible. Let's do what the Pilgrims did so many years ago: Give God thanks for all these blessings received from him. Let us ask ourselves this question, Just what am I thankful for? We can list a great many things, but important is for freedom of religion, and the

gift from God: His love for all mankind!

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We enjoyed having Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton visit us. They spent the day with us in Sabetha, where Henry brought us the word of God. A pot-luck was held Sunday afternoon at the Fellowship Hall. Then we assembled again at the Bern church, where Bro. Henry again had services. May the Lord richly bless him for his labors in the vineyard.

Sis. Karen Huber and Bro. Martin Beyer of Lamont had their engagement announced. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Pinkerton, Wichita, announce the birth of a son, Craig Douglas, born Oct. 2. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm of Sabetha.

A group of us met a couple of days to clean our church house. The task is made easier when we can work together in love.

Carl and Sharon Strahm are the parents of a boy, Thomas Jay, born Nov. 6. He is their first child. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. August Feucht of Lester.

TAYLOR, MO.

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

We appreciated having our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock come to serve Communion. We were taken in spirit to Calvary, where the Lord shed His blood for the remission of our sins. May we always show our appreciation by being obedient.

Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, spent a Sunday with us. We are always glad to have Bob proclaim His word to us.

There has been some progress made in the remodeling of our church, but there is still much to be done.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Anticipation of an enjoyable visit with friends and relatives was abruptly reversed to pain, suffering and submission to surgery in a strange hospital, in a short while. Could this bring forth thankfulness? YES, with the help of the Lord a child of God can find comfort and thankfulness in counting his blessings. The children from this congregation of Bro. Chris

Kellenberger wish to express deep gratitude to all at Fairbury (especially the Meiss families), for their many deeds of kindness during their father's hospitalization there.

Donald, son of Judy and Roger Zehr was hospitalized for a broken arm, but is getting along fine.

On Oct. 11, funeral services were held for Levi J. Frieden, son of the late Ernest and Sis. Martha Frieden. He passed away at the age of 67; while at work, he suffered a severe heart attack. Surviving are his wife, Leona; one son; two daughters, two brothers and one sister. May God comfort his family.

Ministers visiting us were Bro. Lester Braker of Lamar, Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Bro. Harvey Grimm—Bern, and Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin. We thank them for their efforts, and hope to put their timely teachings to use.

A wedding reception was held for Bro. and Sis. Gary and Sue (Feucht) Schneider. May the Lord bless this union.

After a season of many weddings, it was pleasant to see how a "Marriage in the Lord" can withstand the trials and joys of life. An open house was held for Bro. and Sis. George and Emma (Traub) Sauder, in observance of their golden wedding anniversary. It was especially appreciated that all nine of their living children and all of their grandchildren were able to be present. They wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it so memorable. May the Lord continue to bless them.

Many of us now have a better understanding of the **Home for the Handicapped**, since the informative visit of Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern and Bro. Phil Mogler of Lester. We want to sincerely thank them.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Delores Duckworth Martha Kieser

The visits of Bros. Vernon Le-man, Eureka, and George Wagenbach, Princeville, were very much appreciated. May God bless them.

Mark Ehnle is doing real well and is able to gather with us again. Bro. Clarence Knobloch was laid up, due to a fall from a ladder.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Charlotte Stahl, Roseanne, Wendell, Weston and Deann welcomed Darwin Neil into their family on Oct. 9. Grandparents are Bro. Wm. and Sis.

Violet Elsasser and Bro. Herman and Sis. Lillian Stahl of Princeville.

We continue to rejoice, as the Lord has called more dear souls out of darkness into His marvelous light. Connie and Randy Ehnle, daughter and son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey; and Gary and Carol Ehnle, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna, have turned their backs to the world and want to live for the Lord. Truly Ben and Audrey can say, **As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord**, as their other daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Sam Plattner of Goodfield are also repenting.

The engagement of Bro. David Knobloch, son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys to Sis. Judy Klopfenstein of Chicago, daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine, has been announced. Dave is now serving in Viet Nam. We sincerely wish them God's nearness and blessings.

Sis. Mary Alyce Witzig from Gridley is teaching in Princetown, near Bradford. We welcome her to gather with us whenever possible.

Our midweek services have resumed. They are held at 7:30 on Wed. evening. We welcome anyone to gather with us.

CHICAGO

Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, was with us on Oct. 11, to assist Bro. Al Fisher install a new minister. The lot fell on Bro. Lenard Meyer. We wish Bro. Lenny and Sis. Charlotte the grace of God, to help them in this important duty.

Other visiting ministers for October were Bro. Elmer Schrenk, Alto; Bro. Art Gudeman, La Crosse; and Maurice Frank, Leo. May the inspired messages they gave be remembered and taken to heart.

On Nov. 8 Bro. George Yergler from La Crosse assisted Bro. Al with the communion service. George spoke in German, to enable a greater understanding to the several members who have a difficult time understanding the English.

Bro. Dale Eisenmann was appointed deacon in charge of the charity fund.

Sis. Emily Miller has retired and is now making her home in Fairbury.

Sis. Judy Klopfenstein, now attending the University at Normal, was announced to be married to Bro. Dave Knobloch of the Brad-

ford congregation. Dave is now in Viet Nam.

Friend Herb Gray has expressed his desire to be baptized, because of his experience and his belief in the atoning blood of Christ. We pray that many more could come to this realization.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

No salve or ointment will sooth the pain as a kind deed of a loved one in time of despair, so we pray that the Lord may guide our thought and action, so that our lives may be a shining example to those around us. Funeral services for Hazel Landes, age 63, were held Oct. 20 at the Knapp funeral home, Bro. Ezra Feller officiating. She leaves to mourn her loss one brother, Harold Landes; Sisters, Mrs. Florence Cowger, Mrs. Erma Larson, and Mrs. Steve Sobak. She was laid to rest in the Cissna Park Cemetery. Hazel was a niece of Sis. Ida Eisenman. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Sis. Arlene Stock was a medical patient. Sis. Lena Rocke has been a hospital patient, having had eye surgery. They are both home.

Pauline Ann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moser on Oct. 15; grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Arlene Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eooley; this is their first child.

Sunday certainly was an enjoyable day when Bro. Theo. Beer spent a day with us. We were reminded how we need to strive for the goal, always to look forward and never to turn back.

The engagement of Sis. Kay Kaufman was announced to Bro. Mark Alt. Kay is the daughter of Albert Jr. and Ruby Kaufman. Mark is the son of Bro. Ed. and Sis. Marge Alt. Our best wishes are extended to them.

Let us offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay our vows unto the most high, that he so abundantly has blessed us with spiritual gifts, as well as earthly, not only at Thanksgiving time but every day anew. Lord God we honor thee And praise thy mild compassion That Thou so gracefully dost hear our supplication. Thy love is truly great Thy mercies are untold; Thou givest food and drink For spirit, flesh and soul.

Bro. Ervin L. Walder, age 51, passed away Oct. 20 at Iroquois

Hospital, where he had been admitted earlier that day. Survivors are his wife, Sis. Lucille; one daughter, Sis. Ann; sons David, Dennis and Arthur; brothers, Bros. Harry Melvin Donald Lester Dale Charles and Robert; two sisters, Sis's. Lillian Maibach and Delores Walder. Funeral services were held Oct. 23. Bro. Frederick Knapp and Bro. Joshua Broquard assisted our home ministers. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

We would like to express our most sincere appreciation to all who took part in our great sorrow in the departure of our dearly beloved. Mrs. Ervin Walder and family.

Home is our soldier,
Home from the strife;
Home from the battles
Of this weary life!

His life had its problems;
Much sorrow he bore,
But now he is waiting
On yon golden shore!

Yes, dear Ervin's in Heaven
With Jesus, his guide,
Waiting our coming
To be by his side!

The parting brought heartache;
It brought many tears,
But God is our comfort.
We need not have fears!

His faith in his God
Was firm and secure,
An example to us
Who must here yet endure!

The courage he held
In the days of his youth,
While serving his country,
We know of a truth . . .

Was truly bestowed
By the Father Above
Who protected and kept him
In arms of His love!

May we too now take courage,
Though hard it may be;
We'll meet him in Heaven
And together we'll be . . .

Forever with Jesus,
Our Saviour and Friend,
Singing His praises,
Joy, without end!

Written in loving memory of
Bro. Ervin Lloyd Walder by a cousin.

LA CROSSE Lucille Heiniger

The harvest season is here. Harvest seems to be well along, with many already finished. It brings to mind another harvest which is much more important, the spiritual harvest. The gathering in of the saints will truly be a golden harvest, when we go to be with our Lord in that heavenly home. Let each one of us examine ourselves carefully, to see that we have made ourselves ready and not find ourselves wanting as it says in Jeremiah 8:20. The harvest will be past, the summer ended. We should be always thankful to God at all times for His wonderful mercy. We should not wait until Thanksgiving Day to give thanks for all His blessings, and when he answers our prayers we should never forget to thank him for his untold love and blessings. Our Thanksgiving program was held Sunday evening.

A boy, Chad Evan was born Oct. 8 to Dale and Nola Stewart. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Doyne and Dorothy Stewart. Great-grandmother is Alice Heinold.

Open house was held at the home of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace, for Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Heinold who were married at Peoria Oct. 11. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their Christian home together.

Vic Heinold, son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth, submitted to surgery. He is at home and able to assemble with us again. Others among the sick are Sis. Lydia Moser and Bro. Eli Stoller, who are recuperating at their homes.

An announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Sis. Suzanne Bucher, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Esther, and Bro. Art Ringger, son of Bro. Laverne and Sis. Rose, of Bluffton.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville, Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke, Bro. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso and Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

One of the sisters in faith gave me this poem she thought so appropriate for the season:

Give Thanks

For all that God in mercy sends,
For health and children, home and friends,

For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk . . .
For everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes
with night,
For the returning morning's light.
For the bright sun that shines on
high,
For the stars glittering in the sky,
For these, and everything we see,
O Lord! our hearts we lift to Thee.
For everything give thanks!

We have two loved ones who have felt as it is written, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." They are Jerry and Susie Leuthold. We wish them God's blessings. We are so thankful for the three dear souls who have received God's grace to find themselves lost and receive peace. They are Madonna Wulf, Lila Meyer and Margene Metzger.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doorneweerd announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Danny Banks, son of David Banks of Brandon, South Dakota. Wedding in January is planned.

Among the ill: Grandmother Leuthold and Sis. Mary (Ernst) Knobloch have been hospitalized for observation. Bro. Chris Kellenberger has been flown from Fairbury Hospital where he had emergency surgery while on a trip, to Rock Rapids Hospital. Bro. Adolph Moser had a couple fingers cut and crushed. Arlyn Metzger had a finger injured. Andy Leuthold is hospitalized for treatment. Scott Moser has been home, after breaking his leg at school. David Moser had his hand injured in a auger accident.

We want to thank these brothers for the spiritual food they shared unto us: Bros. Herman Kellenberger, John Steiner, Simon Wagonbach and Noah Schrock.

May the beauty of this fall season, and the gathering of the harvest make all rejoice; such is the pleasure of the Lord when he can gather in His loved ones. We have received several inches of moisture this month, considerably more than was anticipated with the drought.

Lynn Doorneweerd and Gary Feucht were home on leave.

Carol Wulf, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wilhelm Wulf, has announced

her engagement to David Lee Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Maurice Knapp of Eureka.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Then He shall come gently, Lead us by His hand
From our weary journey to the Father-land.
There when strife is over, Praise to God we'll bring,
With the righteous chorus **Hallelujah** sing!

After many months of illness, Bro. Henry Sabo was led from his earthly journey to the Father-land, on Oct. 22; funeral services were conducted by Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf, Joe Waibel, Josh Broquard and Theo. Beer on Oct. 26. Our love and sympathy is extended to Bro. Henry's family: his wife, Sis. Louise Steffen Sabo; his daughters, Sis. Ruth Domka (Steve), Sis. Clara Zimmer (James), Sis. Dorothy Gerber (Wayne); his son, Raymond; his brother, Joe; and his sisters, Sis. Mary Sabo, Sis. Martha Enderle (Henry) and Ella Harmon (Ed). Henry served our congregation as minister for 34 years, was interested in the little children as well as the aged, and devoted many hours to visiting the ill and shut-ins. We will miss our dear brother, but are thankful the Lord relieved him of his pain and suffering.

Those who have been hospital patients are Sis. Mary Sauder (Will), who underwent major surgery and is confined to the hospital, Sis. Wilma Sauder (Bob), Sis. Dorothy Stavenik (Ben), Rachel Domka, and Terry Sauder (son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Carolyn).

Duane Dotterer, son of Bro. Lavern and Sis. Christine, had the misfortune of injuring his right knee while having a fire drill aboard the USS Nev. Until conditions improve, he will be in the Naval Hospital at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. May our Lord be with each one, whether in our own or in foreign lands.

Sis. Theresa Stier has moved to our church home, as ill health had made it difficult for her to remain at home. Her address is now c/o Apostolic Christian Home, 2 N. Illinois Ave., Mansfield.

Sincere thanks to our visiting ministers, Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, John Dapper of

Maywood, and Rudolph Graf of Akron.

We thank Thee, Lord, for wind and rain
For peace that follows after pain
For planting time and harvest grain.

We thank Thee for the sunset glow
For seasons swift that come and go.
We thank Thee, Lord, for friends we know.

For life's full cup, for length of days,
For joy and love that guides our ways
For everything we give Thee praise!

ROANOKE

Norene Herbst Marilyn Weyeneth

Larry and Sharon (Hodel) Neukomm are the parents of a daughter, Michelle Lynn, born Sept. 26. They are living at Portsmouth, Va., where Larry is in service. Martin and Rachel (Minger) O'Malley of Chicago are the parents of a son born Oct. 6. He has been named Theodore John. Mr. and Mrs. John Beer of Broadview are the parents of a son, Joshua Matthew, born Oct. 14. Twins were born to Bro. Tim and Sis. Jean (Moser) Hoffman Oct. 20. They have been named Kimberly Jean and Kirk William.

Sis. Lena Minger is a resident at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka.

Bro. Dave Fehr passed his 93rd birthday. He is still enjoying reasonable health and is able to assemble with us every Sunday.

Doug Fehr, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Madeline, has been inducted into the military service and has been sent to Ft. Lewis, Wash. Jim Rechkemmer, son of Bro. Ray and Florence Rechkemmer, has also left for the service.

Bros. Gerald Sutter (Taylor), Robert Pohl (Burlington) and Walter Anliker (Eureka) were our visiting ministers.

Bro. William A. Herbst, 87, passed away Nov. 2 at the Eureka Hospital, where he had been a patient since Oct. 12. The funeral services were held here Nov. 5 with burial in the church cemetery. Surviving are three sons, Clarence, Pontiac; Dr. Robert, LaGrange; Harvey, Washington; four daughters, Mrs. Elsie Zimmerman, LaGrange; Mrs. Frances Schertz,

Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Ruth Smith, East Peoria; Mrs. Edna Morris, Amherst, Mass.; four brothers, Fred E., Ernest (Nick), Roanoke; Raymond G., Frank T., Washington; four sisters, Cora Schumacher, Esther Klaus, Eureka; Mattie Leman, Anna Hodel, Roanoke. He was a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka since March.

Services for Sis. Caroline Fehr, 77, who passed away Nov. 3 at the Eureka Hospital, were held Nov. 6. She was a patient at the hospital one week. She was born in Roanoke March 2, 1893, a daughter of Gottlob and Marie Schlupp Spahr. She married Benjamin J. Fehr June 24, 1914. He died in 1964. Surviving are two daughters, Thelma Hodel, Roanoke; Laveille Yoder, Gridley; one son, Walter, Roanoke; two sisters, Emma Sippell, Pasadena, and Lydia Remmers, San Francisco; one brother, Edward Spahr, Morton.

Samuel Funk, brother of Sis. Lena Martin, passed away Nov. 2 at the age of 71 years. He and his wife were living at Manito, Ill. Relatives of the Eli Aeschleman family received word of the death of his daughter, Mrs. Violet Whitney of Ottawa, Ill. She was a sister to Lewis, Raphael and Mrs. Myrtle Stevens.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Gail Gasser

We enjoyed the fellowship of Ministering Bro. Ben Hartzler, ministering Bro. Paul Gasser, who visited with us on their way to New York.

We spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon with James and Willa Steiner and daughters, Susanne and Julie. They have recently moved to Berkeley Heights, N. J.

Steve and Kay Weideman and daughters, Jennifer and Jill, are now living in North Wales, Pa.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester) brought Elder Bro. Noah Schrock (Oakville) to our congregation for evening services. After an inspiring sermon, Bro. Schrock told of his deep concern for our small flock and of his fond memories of 50 years ago, when he first came to serve at Winthrop before there was a church building.

Many attended mid-week serv-

ices, when Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger served us. He told us we should take heed and go to the Lord for guidance. His wife, Sis. Della was traveling with him. She is our father's sister. They lived and attended church here before moving to Elgin, Ill.

We are ever reminded how short the time is before the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many are troubled, but do not take heed to the word. To those that know the way and reject it, much shall be required. Now is the time to come to Christ, and not "almost but lost". The signs and times of the Bible are being fulfilled before our eyes. **And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a SNARE shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

The Thanksgiving season is upon us. We are always thankful for the good things of life, but what about dreary days? The Lord gives them to us to try our faith, so we will grow in faith and lean upon Him. One then appreciates the beautiful weather God gives after dreary days, or we would take them for granted. Sickness makes us realize what a remarkable body God gave us, and pain is a good hardener for us to face what might be ahead. Failure makes success that much greater to appreciate, and causes us to thank the Lord. The sorrows and sadness of life humble us to be more thankful for our Lord Jesus, who carries us through.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Hospitalized and returned home are Sis. Florence Herzig, Wendy Petzoldt, daughter of Donald and Sis. Rita Petzoldt, and Jack Virkler, son of Bro. Asa Virkler. Pam Herzig still remains in a Syracuse hospital. Bro. Ezra Lehman and Bro. Asa Virkler are in the Lowville hospital.

Sis. Edith Schwartz fell at her home, injuring her shoulder and suffering a cut on her head. She is hospitalized.

Our aged Sis. Cora Beyer remains in fairly good health at her home. She is not able to go in and out, but can get around with the aid of a walker, is cheerful and will-

ing to accept God's will as to our lot on earth.

We enjoyed visiting ministers Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman and Bro. Paul Gasser of Akron. Their meditation and good teachings will remain with us as a joyful remembrance.

We extend our best wishes and God's blessings upon the marriage of Bro. John Clough of Naumburg congregation to Sis. Kathleen Gerber of Bluffton.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

It is Indian summer in Iowa. The vivid red and bright gold leaves have turned to somber hues of copper and brown. Farmers are busy harvesting their corn crop. Shelled corn runs in streams of gold from the grain conveyors. Viewing the afterglow of the sunset caused me to reflect on how our Maker has placed so many lovely scenes for His people to enjoy. We can well join the songwriter in saying, **What a beautiful place heaven must be.**

... spent quite a few days in Iowa City, while my husband was having a general check-up at the Veteran's Hospital. We sighted men (patients) who represented the I and II World Wars, the Korean and the Viet Nam conflict. Some are being discharged from the hospital with good reports and others remain suffering with a terminal illness. Our hope and prayer is that none shall leave the earth without the assurance of meeting their Saviour in the realms above.

Fortunately for us, while in Iowa City services were held in the chapel; Bros. Shrock and Heiniger conducted the meeting. We wish to thank the members at Iowa City for the warm welcome George and I received after our arrival.

Tho't: A cheerful heart and a smiling face put sunshine in the darkest place.

FORT WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

As we think of Thanksgiving Day, our thoughts turn back over bygone years and the many reasons for which we remember this day. I have been reading through some Thanksgiving cards I have received. Surely they bring back many memories!

"Thanksgiving—season of thankfulness for life and health and all

things good, for daily blessings and fond remembrances, a time when friendships seem especially dear." "Friendships make life happy." "May you always have a rich harvest of life's finest things." "A warm little prayer when Thanksgiving is here—God bless you abundantly now—and all year!" "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High".

Some lingering thoughts from precious words ministered unto us I'd like to share with you—"What would you give in exchange for your soul?" "How much dearer is Heaven with Mother up there!" "No matter how much we would desire to WILL SALVATION to someone dear, we cannot!" Each of us must do that ourselves!

Our Ft. Wayne Bible classes enjoyed an evening of fellowship, when they were joined by the Bremen Bible class last evening at the home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ilene Pulver. How precious are the friendships we make in our youth that last into eternity!

A little song goes like this:

Make new friends, but keep the old;
The one is silver, and the other gold.

And how true! For we all like to make "new" friends, but we need those tried and true dear "old" friends.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

Cold rain beats on the window, winds howl, and soon, we know, it will be winter . . . But we are warm within our homes, safe and protected, because we have prepared ourselves; a roof, four walls, and enough fuel to see us through the winter. Have we been as concerned with our souls? Have we sought God as our protector from the storms of life, and do we have enough faith to see us through? No one would dream of not being prepared for winter, yet how many neglect the greatest preparation of all, for that of our eternal salvation?

Many wonderful teachings were brought to us from our own and many visiting ministers. With us on several occasions were Walter Recklau, Toledo; Ben Manz, Junction; Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; Elmer Shrenk, Alto; Art Gudeman, La Crosse; and Morris Frank, Leo.

Two weddings were performed in our congregation. On Oct. 18, Bro. Roland Manz, formerly of Junction (son of Bro. Emmanuel), and Sis. Ardith Hodder (Jess and Sis. Mildred) were united in marriage. We welcome Roland to our congregation, as they will be living here and assembling with us.

On Oct. 25, Bro. Curtis Zahner of Rockville (Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Clara) and Sis. Sally Schlatter (Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret) became husband and wife; they will make their home in Rockville. We will miss Sally, and pray that God will bless and keep them and bring them often to visit.

Our dear elderly Sis. Rose Lambert has been hospitalized several times, and is now being cared for in a nursing home. We pray for God's strength and comfort for these dear old souls who fall ill; we must never forget their guiding light in the church when they were well—even now they still have words of wisdom for us.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Virgil and Shirley Funk

Visiting ministers include: Dan Koch, Tremont; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest; Joe Schrock, Congerville; James Hoerr, Peoria; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Joseph Zimmerman Jr., Morton; Nathan Stoller, Bradford; and Fred Knapp, Congerville. We wish them all God's blessings for their efforts.

Sis. Barbara Meiss was hospitalized about 10 days; however, we are happy that she is able to assemble with us again.

We had an unusually large crowd on Oct. 11, as many of the university freshman and their parents assembled with us.

BURLINGTON, IOWA Rosella Obermann Verna Woodward

We are very happy to have Lela Applegarth and her stepmother, Margaret, as our newest sisters-in-faith. Sis. Lela spent a few days in the hospital, but was able to assemble with us Sunday morning.

Sis. Lillian Massner is hospitalized.

It seems so nice to see Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Pohl assembling with us. They have returned to make Burlington their home, after several years absence while Richard was employed at Bloomington.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth

Worship services were held at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home Nov. 8. We have several of our church members and friends who are among the residents: Bro. Eli and Sis. Ollie Frieden, Pete and Sis. Marie Farney, Sis. Marie Riedel, Bro. John Diel, and now Sis. Rose Schubach, who has just recently become a resident.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ronald Nelson, one of our ministers, and his family in the death of his father, Nels Nelson of Alva, Oklahoma.

Sis. Katie Schubach passed away at a nearby rest home; services were held Oct. 12 at the church. Sis. Nettie Schurter entered into eternal rest, with services being held Nov. 7 at Elgin. She passed away at a nearby rest home. Sympathy is extended to the families of Katie and Nettie.

Hospital patients have been Vern Schurter, husband of Sis. Marie Schurter, Sis. Edna Ried, and Sis. Marie Diel.

CONGERVILLE

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

This is a day the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein.

Bro. Jess and Sis. Lillian Schrock had the privilege of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, with a family dinner and gathering. They both enjoy quite good health. Jess has been our ministering brother for many years. May the Lord continue to bless and provide for them.

Another couple who has reached the golden anniversary year blest with reasonable health are Bro. John and Sis. Ida Rocke. An open house and reception was held, with many in attendance. John has served our church many years in the capacity of trustee. May the Lord's blessings continue with them.

Our Bible Class spent an enjoyable week-end, Oct. 3, Nov. 1, as guests of the Elgin Bible Class.

Bro. Jess and Sis. Lillian Schrock wish to thank their many relatives and friends for the cards that were sent and the good wishes extended on their 50th wedding anniversary.

DETROIT

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

Linda, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley, and John, son of

George and Sis. Marie Reardon were united in marriage Oct. 9. The ceremony was performed in California, where he is serving in the Marines. We wish them much happiness in their life together.

Ministering Bro. Paul Butikofer from Elgin visited here Tuesday evening, Oct. 13. In his message we were reminded that our spiritual foundation and cornerstone is Christ, and how we build thereupon shall be manifested and revealed by fire. May we strive to grow in the spiritual wisdom of God rather than the wisdom of this world.

Bro. Floyd Wieland is home now, following surgery. We are thankful that the Lord guided the surgeon's hands and is granting Floyd a speedy recovery. We have missed his presence in our small congregation and welcome him back with us.

It was truly inspiring to all who had privilege of hearing, Sat. evening, Oct. 24, the testimony Beverly Maibach, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene, gave of her conversion. We heard how the Lord had called, granted her grace to repentance and peace with God. Baptismal service was held Sunday afternoon. We especially want to thank Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha for ministering to us. Joe very appropriately read and meditated on the ten commandments and the New Testament reading in St. John, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Wiedman have returned from a 31-day trip to Europe, where they toured in 10 countries: Holland, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Capri Islands, France, and England, and spent time with relatives in Germany.

Sis. Lavina and Sis. Viola Moser, Sis. Lorene Broquard, and Sis. Mary Beth Maurer joined some others for a vacation in Hawaii, having left Nov. 1. Sis. Kathleen Steffen and Sis. Mary Lou Ott earlier this fall flew to Hawaii for a vacation and returned.

Bro. Dan Huber, 82, passed away, with funeral services Sunday, Oct. 25. He had been residing at Fairview Haven, as his wife,

Sis. Tillie Roth, passed away 5 years ago. Surviving are 3 daughters, Sis. Margaret Ott, Congerville; Mrs. Irene Hoffman and Mrs. Nola Wilson, Fairbury; 2 sons, Bro. Jessie, Fairbury; and Ralph, Highland; a brother, Bro. Edw.; 2 half-brothers, Herman, Sam; 4 sisters, Sis. Minnie Stoller, Sis. Bertha Stoller, Sis. Carrie Hodel, Sis. Lillie Frey.

On his mother's birthday, Brett Duane was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stoller. Other children are Jacqui, Debbie, and Chip. Bro. and Sis. Orie Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin are the grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fehr have a new baby, Darren Scott, with sister Angela welcoming her baby brother. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Clarence Koehl and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Fehr.

Bro. Chris Steffen, Sis. Mary Koehl and Bro. Fred Feldman have been hospitalized. Bro. and Sis. Chris Kellenberger and Sis. Viola, of Iowa, started on a vacation, stopping here for a visit with their granddaughter, Sis. Jane Meiss, and family. On his way, Chris took ill, was taken to the Fairbury Hospital; surgery was needed. May God undertake for all their needs.

FORREST
Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider

This year is drawing to a close;
Thanksgiving Day is here,
The day the Pilgrims set aside
For gratitude and cheer.

Thanksgiving Day . . . a fitting day
For each one to express
Our love for God and gratitude
For all that we possess.

It has been our blessed privilege to partake of the blessed sacrament of communion. Bros. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Josh Broquard of Fairbury assisted our Elder Bro. Henry Kilgus, in reminding us of the suffering and agony that Jesus bore for each of us. Let us be strengthened in our faith that we may tread the narrow way of life. Also visiting were Bros. Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Dan Koch, Tremont; and Bro. Roy Grimm, Taylor.

Bro. Joe Metz is able to assemble with us, after submitting to surgery at Fairbury Hospital; Sis. Karen Honegger spent some time

there, but is home again. Bro. John Koehl, Sisters Tillie Rieger and Earlene Hamilton remain patients at the Fairbury Hospital. Our prayer would be that God could grant healing and strength to all who call upon Him.

A dear old soldier of the cross has laid her armor down and has gone to meet her reward. Sis. Leah Koehl passed away on Oct. 28, after much suffering. She is survived by her husband, Bro. John, and 5 sons, Elmer, Tempe, Ariz; John, Plainfield; Dick, Sam and Dean, all of Fairbury; 4 daughters, Mrs. Ruth Vaughan, Huntington Park, Calif.; Mrs. Leona Bentley, Tempe, Ariz.; Sis. Lydia Eisenmann and Sis. Esther Hodel, Cissna Park; 2 brothers; and 2 sisters. May God's comfort rest upon this family.

Bro. Perry Zimmerman officiated at the marriage of Linda Bachtold, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Wilma, to Ronald Kinder of East Alton on Nov. 2. They will make their home in Chenoa. On Nov. 8, Sis. Janice Honegger and Bro. Kenneth Steffen of Fairbury repeated their vows before many witnesses. Bro. William and Sis. Esther are Janice's parents and Ken's parents are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Aldine. May God bless these unions with love, peace and understanding.

Two little boys: Jeffrey Alan was born to Richard and Jackie Rieger; Robert Lee was born to Ronald and Diane Rieger—both grandsons of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marion Rieger. Daren Lee was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol Metz; Kimberly, 2, and Brad, 1, welcome their little brother, as well as grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Orie Aeschleman of Roanoke, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Metz of our congregation. On Oct. 24, a new joy and blessing came to the home of Bro. Duane and Sis. Juanita Schneider in the form of 4-day-old adopted Kathy Jo. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Oscar Schneider of Forrest, and Ben Miller, Wolcott. We hope and trust these little ones may be a blessing in all of these homes.

Thank you: Bro. Joe Metz wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who remembered him with cards, flowers, and gifts while he was in the hospital. God bless you. **Thank you:** My sincere thanks for all cards, gifts and prayers during my illness. Ruth Schlatter.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
Howard and Joyce Baumgartner

Visiting ministers have been Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne, Leonard Meyer from Chicago, Al Schneider and John Luginbuhl from Rockville.

We are happy to see some of our winter visitors are starting to arrive. For those who have never been here, we are located at 850 N. W. 46th Avenue. We extend a warm welcome to all.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS
Ida Sinn

The Master Painter has been at work in our area. In the spring the trees budded: during the summer, the leaves afforded shade from the sun. Now they have turned to beautiful colors of every hue. Only the Lord could create such a picture. Soon these beautiful leaves will lie dormant on the ground. May our Christian life be such that it will reach a beautiful maturity ere we fall.

Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Gene Marti were with us on Oct. 11 and served Holy Communion. So long as we live we should break the bread and take of the cup in remembrance of Christ's suffering. Other visiting ministers during the month were Bro. Albert Scheitlin from Elgin, and Bros. Sam Huber and Carl Hartman from Sabetha.

The engagement of Sis. Nancy Kraft and Bro. Tom Sinn has been announced. Nancy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold and Wanda Kraft, and Tom is the son of Bro. and Sis. Gus and Ruth Sinn.

Bro. Joe Muehlbauer was found drowned in a well on his place in Richards, Missouri. Joe came to this country from Austria when he was a young man. Prior to 1920, we assembled in the homes for church services, and Joe was the first to be baptized in our old church on Scott Ave. He reached the age of 84, and doesn't leave a living relative that we know of.

GOODFIELD
Elna Grimm

Dear Father, help me to appreciate the "little joys and privileges" afforded me each day . . . which I tend to take for granted, and which in reality are the greatest and richest blessings of life. The right to come and go as we please; the gift of good health; the ability to see, to hear, to smell and feel; the satis-

faction of being able to work, to love and be loved . . . Oh things unnumbered! Please, help me, dear Lord, to value these precious joys and privileges now — and not to wait until Thanksgiving Day, or until they are withheld.

Our friend, Hulda Helderle is a patient at the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Julia Leman, also in the Eureka Hospital is still confined to her bed. Sis. Nettie Knapp has returned to her home after a long hospital stay. We pray His blessed nearness.

Bro. Norman Stoller from Ft. Wayne and Bro. Art Bauer from Princeville were our visiting ministers. We were admonished to not be merely spectators in the church, but to be active in working for our Lord . . . and that false humility in refraining to take part might indeed be one of the worst forms of pride.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, was our guest minister. The first chapter in Joshua was one of the chapters read. How often it appears in this chapter that we should be strong and of a good courage! "Have not I commanded thee? 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."

A large number of our members and friends gathered one Saturday to fall clean our church. Many willing hands worked together. This would be a good time to look into our hearts to see if they are clean too.

Several of us enjoyed very much the World Relief meeting near Rittman. May we be more thankful for our many blessings, after hearing how some of the people must live. It was brought out, "What if the tables were turned, and we were the ones that needed help?" This would be possible if the Lord willed it so. We had our first World Relief meeting this fall. We enjoy getting together, old and young, to work for the poor.

Little James Kevin has left the home of Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz. We hope he is placed in a nice home.

Sis. Lydia Wahl has sold her farm and moved into her new home in Paulding near Bro. Ulrich Kipper, her brother. We wish her God's richest blessings. Although she will

attend the Latty congregation part of the time, we hope she assembles with us often.

We enjoyed a visit from the Mansfield Sunday School. We gathered together for supper at the log cabin at the Grover Hill Park. That Sunday, one of our sisters overheard one of our kindergarten Sunday School scholars "teaching" some of the little visitors at noon in the Sunday School room. She told them, "We don't make bets in this church." How much do our little folks see and hear of the things we do and don't do in this church?

Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) was home several days from Massachusetts, from college.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

The time of Thanksgiving is at hand. May our lives be one of perpetual thanksgiving to God—for our Saviour and His plan of salvation, for our loved ones, for all things good and edifying, and for the trials which help us grow in grace and faith.

We have had more good news—the engagement of Sis. Karen Huber of Sabetha to Bro. Martin Beyer was announced. We wish them God's blessings in this step.

Our friend Mrs. Ben Ott was a surgical patient at Newman Hospital, Emporia. She is at home and recovering nicely. Another friend, Sam Enz, has been a hospital patient and is home. We would wish for these dear friends an extra measure of the Lord's care and healing.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them". These were a few of the words read to us by Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest at our October meeting. Is it not true, dear ones, that as the higher powers of our land continually speak of peace, we must be prepared . . . Bro. Harvey Heiniger closed our meeting with a solemn plea to "watch and be sober."

The first of November marked a special day for those of us in Iowa

City. It was the first time we had services here on the Lord's Day. Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, brought us many teachings of wisdom, as he read from Zechariah, and explained some of things we can expect to see with the return of Christ Jesus. Although we have been holding services at the Danforth Chapel in the past, it has become too small for us, so all of our future meetings will be at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, at the intersection of Melrose Ave. & Sunset St. We plan to have services the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m., and will still hold our evening services the third Thursday of every month. Visitors are always welcome. We trust God will continue to bless us as we gather in our new place of worship.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Mrs. Daryl Meyer

We again have reason to rejoice at K. State, as another dear friend has turned to the Lord in repentance. He is Ronnie Menold, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Tillie Menold of Sabetha. We want to wish Ronnie God's richest blessings in his new walk of life.

Wed. evening, Oct. 7, several members and friends gathered at the apartment of Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Heiniger for a picnic, which was enjoyed by all.

Wed. evening, Oct. 14, we gathered at the Danforth Chapel for singing. Elder Bros. Lester Hartter, Bern, and Gene Marti, Sabetha, and Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, were present. It was decided along with the elder brothers to meet the second Wednesday of each month for Bible Study, and the fourth Wednesday of each month for services. A schedule has been made, giving the Scriptures to be covered, and who will meet with us. The Gridley, Wichita, Lamont, Bern and Sabetha congregations will take turns supplying the ministers. We want the ministering brothers to know we sincerely appreciate the efforts put forth, as it means so much to us.

Wed. evening, Oct. 28, a Bible Study was held in the Danforth Chapel. Elder Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, conducted the study from the book of St. Matthew.

We are happy to have Louis Meyer, son of Bro. Louis and Sis.

Mavis Meyer, Bern, back with us. He has been in National Guard training for the past four months. Louis and his wife Cathy are students at K. State.

Several members and friends gathered at the apartment of Bro. Daryl and Sis. Susan Meyer on Monday, Nov. 2 for ice cream and cake in honor of the birthdays of Bro. Randy Kellenberger and his twin brother, Rick.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

We're glad to have our friend, Dale Beer back in our community. Dale is the son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth and was employed in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the past couple years. He has now accepted employment in South Bend.

Representatives attending the World Relief meeting at Rittman were Bros. Henry Beer, Fred Schori, Art Haab and Sis. Mary Ann, Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella Beer and Sis's. Laura Kammerer and Naoma Beer.

Making wedding plans for the end of November are Jim Beer, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Ruth, and Debra Jessop. Also planning a November wedding are Bruce Hunsberger, son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Melba, and Vicki Voss. We wish both of these young couples blessings from above, as they enter into this wonderful phase of their lives.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Flossie Hartter are grandparents again. A son was born to their youngest daughter, Connie, and her husband Joe Jessop. May this little boy's life be enriched with love and God's blessings. He has an older brother, Randy.

Kermin D. Jessop, father of the above mentioned Debra and Joe Jessop, died this past week at the age of 46 years, after an illness of five months. He was a nephew by marriage of our Sis. Edith Baumgartner and Bro. Ted Baumgartner. We extend our sympathy to Debra, Joe and to his entire family.

Sis. Emma Graff remains confined to her home, where she is lovingly cared for by her husband, Oliver. We ask God to grant them both courage and patience. We miss her as we assemble each Sunday. Oliver is able to meet with us from time to time, as he is relieved by members of their family.

Bro. Andy Beer has been admitt-

ed to the hospital for observation and tests. He has been able to assemble with us frequently, and we are hopeful this can continue. Sis. Mary Bauer is staying with Sis. Bertha during this time.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Wilma Pulfer

Sis. Lena Vege, and her sister Emma Schultz, have moved here from Elgin, Illinois. We welcome them both to our congregation. Their new address is 9801 North Central Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.

NEW MARTINSVILLE Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Berger were honored with a celebration on Sunday, Oct. 18, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. Many relatives and friends attended. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Timmis of Wheeling celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 18. Mrs. Timmis is the daughter of the late Jacob and Viola Hassig, and was born and raised on Limestone Ridge. They are the parents of two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Pearl Schupbach Zink, a former resident, passed away on Oct. 31: she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Martha Deiterich Schupbach. She leaves her husband, one sister and four brothers.

Mrs. Daisy Emch has been a patient in the local hospital. Mrs. William Witschey is a patient in a hospital in Huntington, W. Va., having undergone surgery on Nov. 2. W. E. Riggenbach of Paden City has been a patient in the local hospital for two weeks; his condition is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Frank Barth had the misfortune to fall in her home in Parkersburg two weeks ago and injured her back; she has not fully recovered from a stroke in May. She is back at her home, after two weeks' stay in a hospital. Walter Emch remains about the same in the home of his sister, Mrs. Grace Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., were the guests of the Gus Weltz family on Nov. 5. Mrs. Freda Durig accompanied by friends spent Nov. 7 here with the Barth families. Jessie Hassig of Akron visited with relatives the week of Nov. 2.

Our sincere sympathy is extend-

ed to the family of our good friend, Henry Sabo of Mansfield. He was a welcome guest in our home many times, and we will always remember his kind words and good counseling.

PORTLAND, OREGON Connie Steffen

Treasured friendships, precious ever,
Heaps of wealth that perish never.
Gold may glitter, silver shine,
And offer wealth from out the mine;

But such treasure soon may fail us.
Canker, rust, and turn to rail us.
True friendships wealth will multiply

And give us hope that will not die;
And Christ will make our friendships sweet,
Softener, tender, make complete.
For Christian ties will reach above,
Sustained and sheltered by God's love.

Those words help express the feelings we have when we think of the many people who visited us this past summer.

Sis. Lottie Bartel (Burlington) was visiting her nieces and friends in Oregon. We really enjoyed having her here again, talking over "old times" with all their happy memories.

We welcome Bros. Clarence and Gus Dietrich of Elgin, Ill. to our area, and look forward to the time when they are settled and bring the rest of their family out to be with us. It is such an encouragement to the Silverton and Portland churches to have them here, and pray the Lord will richly bless them. These times of separation of families can seem very long, as quite a few of us know, but Clarence said he once heard, "Absence is to love what wind is to a fire; if it's small it will go out, but if it's established it will fan it to a greater flame".

One thought: There are 1440 minutes in a day. How many do we spend with God in prayer?

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

We were so pleased to have Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott spend a Sunday with us. We were especially thankful for the sincere, humble teachings Vernon shared with us. The story of Nicodemus was told. He went to Jesus by night to ask the way of salvation. How

wonderful the Spirit of God works. Even though it is not something we can grasp in our hands, it is something we can feel within ourselves.

Another Sunday, Bro. Robert Grimm and some of his family were with us. His precious words have lingered in our minds. Through our faith we should stand up for our beliefs. We should always be a light to those around us. No matter how popular one becomes, what great title he may have acquired, what fame or wealth, it will mean nothing when we die. Only the deeds done for Christ will last and will be of benefit when we meet judgment.

On Oct. 18 a little son, Darin Eugene, was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce Blunier. Happy grandparents, both for the first time, are John and Sis. Edith Stahl and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier. Great-grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Carrie Hodel.

After enjoying some beautiful weather with the beauty of the colored leaves, we are now nearing our winter season. Many of the trees and bushes are bare. Even though the harvest is normally completed, there is much yet to be garnered in, as we have had so much rain. We have so much to be thankful for. If we only take time to appreciate all, I'm sure we could find contentment in the little things in life. There are many needy ones who would appreciate a visit or perhaps even a note from time to time. Just knowing someone cares is cause for thanksgiving. Let us all be thankful for all God has given us, and each day try to strive a little harder to be more thankful for what we possess.

Sis. Ida Huber was able to leave the hospital, and is happy to be at home. She is able to be up only part of the time. Sis. Marie Endress is gaining strength very slowly and spends most of the day in bed. Sis. Ruth Streitmatter is gaining strength at her home, after submitting to surgery. We know these dear sisters appreciate the prayers of us all, and a short visit will help to shorten their day. May God give them strength to carry their cross and help them to regain their health.

SARDIS, OHIO Doris Miller

We have enjoyed fellowship with many who have come to worship

with us this especially beautiful time of the year.

Sis. Martha Indermuhle has recovered well from gall bladder surgery. She wishes to thank all who remembered her.

Wayne Riggenbach, son of John and Sis. Hazel, is hospitalized with a broken leg. Wayne was in an automobile accident, while he was home for a week-end from his studies at Akron University.

We laid to rest our friend Lewis Riggenbach. Lew has two brothers surviving, Bro. Harry Rittman and Bro. Fred, Sardis.

As the daylight hours are shortening, let us not forget that our days of service to the Lord are also getting short.

A blessed Thanksgiving season to all!

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

Sis. Marlene Kaiser underwent surgery, but is able to be up and out again. Sis. Hannah Pflederer is in the hospital.

Our Bro. Will Unsicker is now making his home in Restmor Nursing home in Morton.

How richly were we blessed with visiting ministers: Bros. John Steiner, Oakville; Dave Wiegand, Champaign; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Dave Kieser, Princeville; and Jim Hoerr, Peoria. Each brother brought out the Bible teachings in perhaps a little different manner as the Lord revealed it unto them and all spoke the true words of the gospel. Just as the words of one song state, there can be a thousand tongues to sing of our great Redeemer's praise, and yet all are assisting our gracious Master to spread thro' all the earth the honors of his name. We thank all our visitors and ministers for coming and hope we can all meet soon again.

How blessed it is when a sinner can completely sell out his old life and turn unto God for a clean start. We now accept Jim Wagenbach and Alan Schweight as our brothers in faith, sons of our heavenly Father, and brothers unto our Saviour. Bros. Ed Hohulin and Dan Koch announced this high honor upon each; but only they, with God's help can now reverence this standing and keep themselves clean and right in our Lord and Saviour's sight, as all of us must strive to do.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella

Steiner welcomed Todd Joseph in their home. He was born Oct. 27 and has sister Joan, and a brother, Glen to help him along life's ups and downs.

Our thoughts and prayers go with our Bro. Jim Wagenbach, as he again goes to the armed service to finish his tour of duty.

Sis. Doris Rocke wishes to include this note: I wish to express my thankfulness for the Christian love extended to us during these months of confinement. The visits, food, gifts, cards and other deeds of kindness were so appreciated. If it's the Lord's will, and when for us to do so, we will surely be ready to lend our hand. Our thanks and may God bless you. It seems a very long time now, but I am very grateful to be able to enjoy some church services and patiently await to full recovery if it is the Lord's will. Doris Rocke.

TUCSON, ARIZONA Tucson Sewing Circle 954 So. Magnolia

On Oct. 4, the church in Tucson enjoyed a visit from their elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix. Roy always brings a warm and enlightening message. Ministering Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale supported Roy in the services. We all felt we had a blessed day of fellowship in the Lord. May the Lord bless them for their labors of love.

The entire Tucson congregation enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship in the church dining room. A turkey dinner was served, and the evening was spent in singing hymns.

Andrew Herman passed away. Funeral services were held in Phoenix on Oct. 1. He is the brother of our ministering brother, Noah Herman. We extend sympathies to his widow and family.

James MacLachlan passed away suddenly. We extend sympathies to his widow and son. He is the father-in-law of Laurie Herman MacLachlan.

LEO Mrs. Elias Souder

"Oh come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms . . ."

The lines were copied out of the

Bible my husband left us and were marked.

Bro. David Bertsch solemnized the wedding ceremony of Bro. Wm. Hartman and Sis. Janet Klopfenstein. William is in service in Colorado, and he and Janet plan on being there until he has completed his time.

One of our servicemen, James Winzeler, son of Raymond and Pearl, has been on leave at home with his parents.

Russell Troxel, brother of Pearl Troxel Winzeler has been very ill but much improved. Sis. Jenny Klopfenstein is improved over her illness and can be around again. Sis. Louise Schlatter suffered a stroke and is critically ill in the Park View Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Norman and Verlin Stoller helped at the Butler rest homes this month.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Bro. John Klopfenstein, son of Wm. and Nancy, and Sis. Diana Tonner of Bluffton. We were happy to hear they plan on making their home at Leo.

Our Sunday School children and their parents enjoyed a picnic Sunday, Nov. 8.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Alma Morris

"... if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

Not one alone, but two to bear the burden;

Not one alone, but two to share the load.

Thus he ordained, so Jesus planned it.

This is the secret of prevailing prayer.

Not one, but two, in earnest prayer contending;

Two souls united in one earnest plea,

So we approach the mercyseat this knowing,

That we shall find an audience with Thee.

We were blest with messages from Jack Bollier; it gave our minister a day of rest.

Bro. Harry, Sis. Lena Bucher, and Jeannie and Alma Morris went

to open house in Bremen. It was very nice. It gives one courage to see what can be accomplished when people stay together and pray together. We wish them the very best.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

David A. Kaeb

As autumn has come, so has outdoor activities. Another weiner roast and campfire singing was enjoyed by American and German brothers and friends.

We were all pleasantly surprised this past Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rieger of Forrest. They had been touring Europe and decided to spend a Sunday with us boys and the Maurer family.

Moving? Drop a card ahead. Tell both old and new address. Give plenty of time.

SERVICE ADDRESSES

Do a good deed? Write some kind thoughts to someone away.

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There's such beautiful promise in God's word. Ever, when we listen, we can hear the happy merriment of home. Across our path falls the golden glow of a perfect happiness. We can only picture in part.

If we would see now as we will then, we would buy the opportunity. In God's word, we are given that very view: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Reaping is something we carry in, a return. Many investments here are profitable; there are gold mines. Earthly riches cannot compare with the real return. To reap everlastingly, what will this mean? Something will be always flowing from blessed giving. The way we impart is the way it will come back. Our capacity for love here becomes our measurement of blessed reaping there.

There are truly delightful values. Who can measure the worth of God's opportunity? Everlasting

means a ceaseless compounding of perfect happiness. Yet, God wants it to come of a free will. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

There are so many places we can see the wealth and beauty of God's plan. The wonder of His prudent wisdom certainly rejoices our heart. That's the way we want it. He has created a holy people. How much this means to us. How refreshing it is. How good is its freedom. He has created a willing people. They want to. We like to. What a fellowship is this, free and willing hearts!

There is no fear in perfect love. That is what we strive for. Though clouds come, yet the radiant splendor shines. God does not break His promises. We must have faith to ask and receive . . . faith comes by hearing His word. He will supply everything needed to one who believes. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in

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