



Look upon Zion, the city
of our solemnities: thine
eyes shall see Jerusalem a
quiet habitation, a taber-
nacle that shall not be
taken down; not one of the
stakes thereof shall ever be
removed, neither shall any
of the cords thereof be
broken.

But there the glorious

LORD will be unto us a place
of broad rivers and
streams; wherein shall go
no galley with oars, neither
shall gallant ship pass
thereby.

For the LORD is our judge,
the LORD is our lawgiver,
the LORD is our king; he
will save us.

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

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THE BLOSSOMING DESERT

Bro. Willis R. Ehnlé, Japan

When the children of Israel crossed Jordan and entered into the promised land, it was described as a land that flowed with milk and honey. As years passed and the Israelites were dispersed among the nations of the world, the once prosperous and culturally advanced community became ruins and unproductive desert.

In 1948 Israel again became an independent nation, to which dispersed Jews could return and establish their identity with their own country and say, "I am an Israeli". This caused nearly one million Palestine Arabs to move out rather than to be citizens of the new Israel state, although many remain. Those who moved out are still waiting in refugee camps for the overthrow of Israel. They have not been successfully absorbed into the state of Jordan or any other Arab state. Their leader is Yasser Arafat, who led the revolt against King Hussein of Jordan.

President Gamal Nasser of Egypt, which is one of the Arab states, had raised Arab nationalism and pride to a height . . . There were indications he had decided to let Israel exist and to try to come to some kind of settlement by negotiation when he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and died.

The problem is acute, and it is easy to be sympathetic with all concerned. Yet there is the promise of a better day coming, as Isaiah wrote, ". . . and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This will no doubt be fulfilled when Christ returns and reigns on earth for a thousand years with His saints. Revelation 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be

priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

We stand in awe at the mighty workings of God, confessing as recorded in the Book of Romans 11:33, ". . . how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" What God permits here on earth may not always seem like justice to us, but He has never required nor expected of us to understand all His ways, but to believe and obey Him and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. He has purposes of which we are not aware. Meanwhile, the desert in Israel rejoices and blossoms. The inhabitants are again well on the way to making it a land flowing with milk and honey. Let those of us in spiritual Israel not come short of the mark, but with at least equal vigor, devotion and self sacrifice, labor to strengthen and build up the church.

TO LIVE EACH DAY

The month, January . . . A young sophomore in high school has written an essay. Title, "A Visitation".

"I am walking in a forest to escape the noise of the city when suddenly the path all about me grows dim, until at last a heavy fog surrounds me. And finally nothing but deep, lasting darkness fills my entire being; yet it is strangely peaceful and I feel as though I am in the presence of Someone powerful and great . . .

"Peace, wonderful peace is now flooding my entire person and I feel no want or pain . . . Then approaching me on the path are two glowing yet very gentle eyes, drawing closer and closer . . .

"Within these gentle eyes I find peace beyond understanding. I am no longer driven with wants and duties. I feel content, secure. I fall on my knees and pray—for what I do not know. The eyes tell me to rise. Though he did not speak, suddenly I realized this was death. He seemed to tell me not to be afraid for it was an eternal, lasting place, a part of everything . . .

"As I walked home I thought of that one phrase over and over in my mind: 'It is a part of everything,' and when one thinks about it, death really is a part of everything. I fear death no longer and I feel I have a purpose in life. The great power I felt and saw must have been the Almighty Himself. I shall not speak of this until the right time, as it was much too wonderful. Yes, I will keep it in my heart until the right time, maybe even until death."

In March, Billie Kay prepared some themes for an English assignment. The title of one is, "The Last Week of My Life":

"Today I live; a week from today I die. If a situation came to me such as this, I would probably weep. As soon as I realized that there were many things to be done, though, I would try to regain my composure.

"The first day of my suddenly shortened life, I would see all my loved ones and assure them that I loved them. I wouldn't hint that anything was wrong because I wouldn't want to remember them

sorrowing but as being happy. I would ask God to give me strength to bear the rest of my precious few days and give me His hand to walk with Him.

"On the second day I would awake to see the rising sun in all its beauty that I had so often cast aside for a few extra moments of coveted sleep. I would gather all my possessions and give them to the

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needy, trying to console them as much as possible and urge them to consult God for courage.

"The third day, I would spend alone in a woods with the presence of God's creation and goodness around me. In the sweetness of nature I would sit and reminisce of my fondest memories.

"On my fourth day I would prepare my will. The small sentimental things I would leave to my family and friends. This being done, I would go to my mother and spend the day with her. We have always been close and I would want to reassure my love to her especially.

"Friday would be spent with my minister; I would speak to him of my spiritual life. I would like to go with him to see those who were ill and silently be thankful that I knew no pain.

"Saturday I would spend seeing the shut-ins I had so often put off until another day. On this night before my death, I would probably remain awake fearing my impending death, and yet also preparing for it, knowing that God was by my side.

"Upon awakening Sunday I would make all of my last preparations. Taking my Bible, I would go to my church to spend my last hours in prayer. I would ask Him for the courage to face the remaining hours that I might die gracefully. I would hope that my life had bearing on someone and had glorified His holy name. My last hours would be spent in perfect harmony with my God . . ."

Billie Kay's English paper was dated Friday, March 15, 1963.

It was finished just seven days before the accident. On March 22, about 11 o'clock, the car in which Billie Kay was a passenger was struck from the rear, rolled over two or three times, then caught fire. Billie was pinned inside and died instantly.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY

Sent from Florida

"I'd like to tell you of an experience I had. For fun, I would glance at the column in the daily paper. Nothing seemed correct in regard to my circumstances. Then, they changed writers, and all of a sudden things seemed to coincide frequently. My curiosity led me to glance in that direction.

One evening as I sought the Lord

in Bible reading, being weighed down with a problem, I opened the sacred pages, and I cannot recall the chapter or the place, but the words, **Let now the astrologers and soothsayers . . . see if they can help or save you** seemed to stand out, and that is all I read.

Next evening, that Holy Spirit, given to guide and lead us, seemed to say, "If you did not believe it, you would not read it." As long as we listen to this voice we are safe, but if we disregard the warnings and wilfully do that which we are instructed not to do, then we are on dangerous ground. Now, I almost skip the whole page and smile, because I'm so thankful God is so close and protects us from all evil, if we let Him lead the way.

Small things can cause big errors if we do not feed on good, wholesome spiritual good.

"PEACE SYMBOL"

Sent From Florida

Embossed in gold on expensive greeting cards, outlined in lights on palatial home fronts, and unmistakable on the fake stone wall used as a backdrop for Nativity scenes, the symbol once the exclusive property of the "hippie" has been embraced . . .

In California a minister to the habitues of Los Angeles' Sunset Strip has added a cross to the symbol emphasizing he says that the only real peace is in Jesus Christ.

The peace symbol, at one time associated only with the violent protestors, the draft card burner, and the flower children, has been adopted by thousands of young Americans. They wear it as a necklace, stamp it on tee-shirts, draw it on notebook covers, carve it on trees, use it as graffiti on rest room walls.

Though at first only a symbol of protest, since the Peace Moratorium against the Vietnam war in Washington it has been exclusively identified with peace.

In 1958 Gerald Holtom in London designed a symbol for the Nuclear Disarmament "Stop the Bomb" movement. He used the semaphore alphabet letters N and D enclosed by a circle to express the genetic effects of nuclear weapons on man. It came out looking like the ancient symbol for the broken cross enclosed by the old sign for the unborn child.

Actually it is an ancient symbol,

known variously as the "broken cross," the "crucified cross," the witch's foot or the crow's foot. The two cross symbols were used by early Christians and by people in the Middle Ages as a common symbol for fellowship with the devil.

The Christian cross inverted (the crucified Cross) has its cross bars broken down to indicate Satan's contempt for Christian concepts. In his book, Kock collected symbols used from the earliest times by primitive people, by the early Christians, and in the Middle Ages.

The primitive sign for man, Kock found, was a cross with its bars extended upward. With the cross bars turned downward, it became the symbol for the death of man.

In Kock's view, the message spelled out by the combined signs for the death of man and a circle is "man dies by fire" or "man dies unborn."

Many of those who wear, or demonstrate with the so-called peace symbol do not realize its actual origin and meaning. It would be best for Christians to think twice before associating themselves with this sign.

Today many Americans who profess to be Christians wear this symbol, not knowing, and perhaps little caring that it is the **broken cross symbol**.

The Communists score a triumph everytime this symbol appears, when it is woven into fabric or embroidered on jackets or other garments, or when it is manufactured as a metal trinket to be worn about the neck on a chain. Evil forces work their will among the youth of today, disguised as angels of peace and light.

Do you wear it? Many men's stores and ladies' ready-to-wear stores advertise this symbol of the atheists and sell it openly, usually ignorantly, and mostly to thoughtless people who do not know what they are buying or what they are planning to wear. Every symbol of the broken cross is noted gleefully by the godless Reds, who thus can see how vulnerable Americans really are.

However, as could be expected, youthful radicals challenged the references of the information on the peace symbol. They could not believe that their beloved insignia has a long history reaching back into the Dark Ages of medieval superstition and witchcraft.

A book of signs is devoted to a study and summary of symbols dating back into history. When the radical students voiced the opinion that this book could have been published now, for the sole purpose of slandering their peace symbol, it was pointed out that the book was written in the 1880's.

Additional evidence of the true nature of the so-called peace symbol comes from one who was ransomed from prison and persecution at the hands of the Communist secret police in Rumania (and had given testimony before Congressional committees): "This Communist peace symbol is commonly recognized in Europe as a symbol of the devil."

Thank You to All Churches

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto . . . the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Our thanks go to all who have made and donated so many lovely items to the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped Gift Shop. May God bless each of you for your kindness, generosity and helpfulness. Your continued prayers and support will always be needed and appreciated.

Do come visit the Home and stop in to see your Gift Shop. Thank you!

The A. C. Home for the Handicapped Gift Shop.

VALPARAISO

Alma Morris

Welcome to all:

To all who sin and need a Saviour;
To all who mourn and need comforting;
To all who are weary and need spiritual rest;
To all who are in doubt and are seeking for light;
To all who are friendless and desire companionship;
To all who are strangers and long for a church home;
To all who are afflicted and need the Heavenly Physician;
To all who wish for a place of fellowship and worship.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mary Stump and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moser, in the death of Mr. Edgar Stump, husband and father. May God comfort them in their loss.

Byron Frieden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frieden was married Sept. 25 to Sue Bozell; we wish them all God's richest blessing as they start their life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Susdorf have a new daughter, Karen Elizabeth. It is their first child.

TOLEDO Lydia Meister

To live with a fear of God is wisdom; To know His mercy, grace and love is spiritual peace.

Sara Reineck has announced her engagement to Douglas Longenecker. The wedding date planned is Dec. 11. Sara is the daughter of Miriam Reineck.

We are so happy to have little Kathy Marie join the babies in our church nursery. She is the daughter of Sis. Karen and Bro. John Breitweiser. Kathy Marie was born Aug. 27.

Our World Relief workers started their labor of love for others Sept. 7. It is so good to be together again, doing work for the Master. May He bless the labor of our hands, to help clothe and care for the needy. We meet two Tuesdays each month.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

We enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Bill and Sis. Mariam Brake, who are now stationed in El Paso, Texas, for a tour of duty. We are looking forward to seeing them often in the future.

Our friends, Wayne and Alana Schrenk are now making their new home at 1515B E. 10th St. in Tucson. We rejoice to have them amidst our congregation.

The Sunday School was happy to have Ruth Blessman here on a short visit. She is the daughter of Friends Harold and Eleanor Blessman and granddaughter of Sis. Martha Blessman of Tucson.

We wish to thank our Ministering Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix for his visit. He reminded us again of the greatness of God's love toward us, and how we should always remain true and faithful to the end.

I recently found this poem and thought I might share it with you.

In the center of the circle
Of the will of God I stand.

There can come no second causes;
All must come from His dear hand.

All His will! for 'tis my Father
Who my life hath planned.

Shall I pass through waves of sorrow?

Then I know it will be best;
Though I cannot tell the reason,
I can trust, and so am blest.
God is love, and God is faithful,
So in perfect peace I rest.

With the shade and with the sunshine,

With the joy and with the pain,
Lord, I trust Thee! both are needed,
Each Thy wayward child to train.
Earthly loss, did we but know it,
Often means our heavenly gain.

CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

The devil has two tricks. One is to get us discouraged; then for a time at least we can be of no service to others, and so are defeated. The other is to make us doubt, thus breaking the faith link by which we are bound to our Father. Look out! Do not be tricked either way.

It brings great pleasure to write and tell that the Lord is still calling. Mardell Grusy, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her the Lord's grace, wisdom, and knowledge, to lead her in her new way of life.

We welcome Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene Banwart to our congregation.

We were all happy to meet and greet Sis. Doris Knapp, who was home for a couple weeks' vacation from Ecuador. May the Lord guide and direct her on the remaining months of her duties in Ecuador.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Janet Schrock are parents of their first child, "a boy", born Sept. 6. He has been named Derek Anthony.

Visiting ministers: Noah Herman, Tucson; David Wiegand, Urbana; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

Lynda Schrock, daughter of Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol, had a tonsillectomy and is doing fine.

ATHENS

Zelma Young

The word of God: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

For every pain that we must bear, For every sorrow, every care, There is a season . . . But if we trust Him as we should, All will work out for our good, For God knows the reason. Where souls are being tried and tested. There God is hewing our pillars for His temple.

There was a real nice crowd Sunday for service. There is thankfulness to God for the two souls who have shown their desire to follow the Lord.

Sis. Corinne Tohouses is in the Huntsville Hospital, where she underwent surgery the 20th of September. She is doing as well as could be expected. We ask the prayers of everyone. Her sister Hazel Vibbert is in Athens Limestone Hospital. She has a new baby boy. Both are doing OK. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry. There are several around in the community sick.

We are having real nice weather for which we are thankful, for we don't give God the credit for as much as we should. We can't thank God enough for what he has done for us.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lois Kipfer — Norma Schini

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

This is the challenge that was brought to us at our first service on Wednesday evening, Sept. 22. Bro. Orville Ringger of the Bluffton congregation was our minister. Bro. Ringger challenged each of us to build with gold and silver, and not hay and stubble. He said we should not be afraid to let our lights shine. This was truly good advice for every new student here, as well as for those of us returning.

We have 21 new people here at Purdue—17 are students and 4 are working in the Lafayette area. This is the largest group we have

had. We welcome each of them, and hope they have a successful beginning in school or in their jobs.

Classes began Wednesday, Sept. 15; that evening we had a picnic. Fifty were present and we had a very enjoyable evening. The next Wednesday was our first church service. Bluffton was our host. We had a very large gathering to hear the inspiring message. We plan to have services every other Wednesday evening, as in past years, unless a later vote changes services to more than this. This has not yet been decided upon.

We want to extend our congratulations to our newly engaged couples: our Sis. Rhonda Pelsey to Bro. Craig Brown from Champaign, and Sis. Janet Levy to Bro. Bill Baumgartner. Both couples are planning weddings yet this year.

We welcome Bro. Jack Schwartz and Sis. Ruby Habegger as our new brother and sister in faith. They were taken up just this past summer. Our hearts rejoice to have a new convert, Kay Zeltwanger from Bremen, with us also. We wish each of them God's blessings.

AKRON

Katherine Ries

As we write these lines, our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf is with Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, flying over the Pacific Ocean on their way to visit our brethren in Japan. Though our Japanese brethren are a day beyond us (because of International date line), and 6500 miles away, we are brought closer together with the personal contact of our local elders and beloved brethren there. We extend further greetings to them and humbly ask the Lord's blessings upon all.

In reporting last month "condition satisfactory" with Friend Fred Burr, we now find that such is not the case. He has been advised to have further surgery. We hope and pray for our friend the needed strength and comfort to sustain him in his additional ordeal. His home address: 1355 Roslyn Ave., Akron O 44320. Ann (wife of Bro. Stanley) Francis has been confined to their home because of dental surgery. Home address: 3418 Fairway Dr., Barberton O. 44203.

Twice during the past week the Bible has fallen open to the Gospel of John, chapter 14, for our services, the second time by Visiting Minister Bro. Robert Beer. The

teachings brought forth therefrom were such that we are moved to repeat for this newsletter, and by way of introduction, use words from Hebrews 5:8.

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things he suffered".

"Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. . . . If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; . . . These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Next month (November) will be time for collection for The Silver Lining. Please contact your reporter.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

We were privileged to have Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue in our midst Sunday evening Sept. 5. For many of us, it was our first opportunity to meet one of our Japanese brethren. Our thanks to the Lord and Bro. Akito for an inspired message. Quite evidently God is no respecter of race or nationality. Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

After spending three weeks in the hospital for surgery, Charles Knapp is again assembling with us. Gary Beyer was hospitalized five days for surgery, to retard the growth on the good side of his knee. A knee injury one year ago required surgery, thus slowed the growth on one side. He has returned to the sophomore class in high school. Sorry to hear, Sis. Lydia Bahr must undergo further hip surgery. We commit her to the Lord; may his will be done.

Mary Bahr, daughter of Sylvan

and Helen (granddaughter of Sis. Lydia) was united in marriage to Bill Bowman on Sept. 5. They are living on a farm near Burlington, where he works with his Dad. A shower was held at the grade school. We wish them God's blessings, as together they walk the path of life.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Frank and Sis. Elizabeth Beyer in the passing of her brother, Rudolf Luthi, 89 years. Sympathy is extended to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft in the passing of her aunt, Elsie Gerstenberger.

Visiting ministers: Bros. Roy Wernli, Al Langhofer and Samuel Huber. Many thanks for coming. Come again soon.

The farmers are busy harvesting beans, milo and corn, also sowing wheat. In driving through the country, we noticed some wheat fields are green. The Lord has blessed their efforts with a bountiful harvest, for which we truly are grateful.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

As we are taught that there is rejoicing among the angels in heaven over one sinner that repents, so are we in our small flock rejoicing as our dear friend, Kathleen Gallatin, has turned to the Lord. May the Lord grant her much grace to overcome.

We of the Lamont congregation were privileged to assemble with Gridley and hear the message of our Japanese Bro. Akito Inoue. It certainly made one take notice, as surely we do take far too much for granted, not only as the Lord does bless us daily, but in our spiritual walk of life. May we never become neglectful in our thanksgiving to Him, but vow to serve Him more true and faithful each day. May God ever make His presence felt amongst the brethren in Japan, as they strive to overcome their difficulties.

MAYWOOD

Elizabeth Kaisner

What glorious state, to be a lamb of Jesus,
To feel the faithful Shepherd's loving grace.

Our Friend Vern Huetter, who has been very ill, has repented and been baptized. In all his suffering,

he is happy to be a child of God. We rejoice with him, that he has had the grace to find his salvation.

We have had many visitors; may God bless and protect them in their travels.

Ye who fight, do this consider:
Strive aright, and trembling stand.
Daily let your feet move onward,
Till you reach the heav'nly land.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Greetings in our dear Saviour's name to you in Japan, Sis. Marie, Bro. Akito and Sis. Tamino, your mother, whom we have learned to know and love. We have such precious memories of your wedding, Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie, and know you both will continue to serve God faithfully and happily together.

Many dear ministers were in our assembly to meet Bro. Akito, and we sincerely thank you all, and wish you to come again. After he left, we had two other loving ministers, the last Sunday in September. Bro. Charles Hemmer from Peoria really gave us delicious spiritual food, telling us to so conduct our lives, that when our race is over, that we will not fall short of making our Heavenly goal. Bro. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo was so welcome, and gave us a good thought—to live as if it were our last day here on earth, but to work for the Lord as if we could live here forever.

We heard sad news though, that Debbie Bucher, daughter of Bro. Dwight and Sis. Carol, was injured in an auto accident.

We all feel like singing, as our Bro. Harold Gutwein can again be up and around since he had to have knee surgery.

We have joys to tell you that are doubled, as the happiness of one is the happiness of the other. Sis. Rhonda Pelsy is engaged to Bro. Crain Brown of Champaign, Illinois.

A good thought—A brother was helping to sweep the kitchen floor after the noon lunch . . . and said to him, "You are doing a good job." He said, "Is a way to stay out of trouble". How true!

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Mary Woerner

We must run the race God has set before us, always pressing on-

ward and leaving the past behind, Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, advised us, as we held our final Bible Study services for post session and the 1970-71 term, on Sept. 2. On Sept. 16 we began the 15th year of Bible Study at ISU. We were fortunate to have Bro. Harry Sutter from Ft. Lauderdale with us. He reminded us of our responsibility to let our light shine here at school. Bro. Joe Schrock talked to us on "deception" when we met Sept. 23. He told us that education can be beneficial, but that we must be selective in what we choose to learn, sifting out the good and bad. Our last meeting for this month was held Sept. 30. Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, brought us the word of God. He warned us that we must not neglect our spiritual homework, for in the end, only what's done for Christ will last. Bro. Gene Bertschi, Roanoke, was also gathered with us. He spoke briefly on the Gospel of Salvation, then closed our meeting in prayer.

We thank these brothers for laboring in our midst. May God be their rich rewarder, and may we each take to heart the precious teachings that were brought to us.

SPECIAL NOTE to ISU ALUMNI: We are in the process of planning an ISU reunion. We would appreciate it if any interested alumni would send their names and addresses to Sis. Carol Ringger, 1006½ South University, Normal Illinois 61761.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

Again we are happy to report that Latty has been blessed with new converts. Bruce Stoller, son of Vic and Delores, has begun this new life in Christ. He is serving his country in Germany, and we wish him much strength and encouragement. Karen Stoller, daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy, and Dave Mielke, son of Walter and Ida Mae, have also surrendered their lives unto God. We wish them much grace in the future.

Sis. Emma Pfister of Clearwater, Florida passed away; funeral services were held here on Sept. 13. Her early childhood days were spent here at Latty.

On Sept. 22 we laid to rest a dear brother, Rudolph Wenninger, 73, who had a sudden heart attack. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Hilda,

and three children, Bro. Don, Sis. Mildred and Bro. Harold. We express our sincere sympathy to these families. **Thank you:** We wish to thank all for their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy and love shown us during our time of sorrow. Mrs. Rudolph Wenninger and Family.

The engagement of Bro. Phil Grant and Sis. Gloria Fiechter from Bluffton was announced. Phil is the son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores, and Gloria is the daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Doris. We wish them God's blessings in their future life together.

Jill Stoller, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther, was hospitalized for surgery and is getting along fine.

Mary Ann Breitwieser, daughter of Henry and Sis. Katie, will be studying music in Heidelberg, Germany for the next ten months. We wish Mary Ann and all other college students the very best. Our thoughts are with you.

Our Latty young group was invited to Morton on Sept. 25. A very good time was reported.

Sis. Minnie Stoller, who is residing in the Eureka Home, celebrated her 88th birthday on Sept. 23. The Latty congregation had a card shower and made a scrapbook for her, which she appreciated very much.

Congratulations to Bro. Jake Stoller and Sis. Bertha, who celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary. God bless you!

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

Our thanks to Ministering Bro. Harold Gramm for the following article on the Brotherhood Conference.

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

These thoughts ran through our minds when we were privileged to host the Annual Elder and Brotherhood Conference. We were thankful that so many brethren considered it a necessity to lay aside earthly interests and prove their personal concern for the futherance of our faith.

Most of the congregations in the US were represented, and Bro. Akito Inoue represented the Japanese congregations. We, at Morris, only regret that it was over so soon, and that we weren't able to have

individual fellowship with so many dear ones that had traveled so many miles. We realize though that this was not the basic purpose of the conference, and we felt God's blessings from the beginning to the end. We feel new motivation to stay close to His teachings.

The Thursday evening services were a great blessing to us. There were greetings extended after the services from approximately 35 different congregations. It caused us to think of that **Great Day**; when the roll is called up yonder, will we be there?

We could feel the deep concern of our dear elders, as they went over the many serious problems that our beloved church is encountered with. The enemy of our soul is trying so hard to deceive and mislead mankind, especially the elect ones, who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. May we all who have been redeemed strive more and more to please God and be watchful and awake at our post. May we all cooperate with those who have the authority in the church. May our dear elders be richly blessed for their untiring efforts and concerns in our behalf. May He find faith in our beloved church when He comes, and may we be found doing His will. Grace is sufficient for us all!

Bro. Dale Koehl enjoyed a few weeks at his home. He is now being transferred to Ft. Sill Okla. He will miss the fellowship and gatherings at Ft. Sam.

A daughter, Mendy Micheale, was born to Bro. and Sis. Le Roy and Judy Fehr on Oct. 1. She has two sisters and one brother.

MORTON

**Mrs. John Oberlander
Mrs. Kenneth Getz**

Funeral services were held for three dear souls.

Bro. Caleb Miller, 85, died Sept. 18. He is survived by his widow, Sis. Lydia Moser Miller; a son, Robert, and a brother, Judd of Goodfield.

Sis. Emma Oberbach Stieglitz, 76, passed away Sept. 20. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Norma) Getz; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Holmes, Mrs. Walter (Lillian) Imthurm and Mrs. Alice Lahn.

Sis. Mary Hauter Hofmann, 82, died Sept. 27 after an extended ill-

ness. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Frank; a son, Kenneth; three sisters, Sisters Ida Bauman, Ann Hauter, and LaVerne (Mrs. Alvin) Heiniger; five brothers, Bro. William, Bro. Joseph, Phillip, Arthur, and Benjamin.

Those in the hospital or convalescing are: Chris Ackerman, Bros. John Teubel and Henry Binkele; and Sisters Dorothy Hari, Eliza Rother, and Elizabeth Huetten.

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Delbert Indermuhle, Simon Wagenbach, Harvey Grimm, and Elmer Bucher.

Sunday, Sept. 26, many people enjoyed seeing the Handicapped Home. Everyone was impressed by the interior of the Home and the quiet beauty of the grounds. May God bless everyone who had a part in getting this home ready for use.

The weddings of Teresa Rapp to Bill South, and Carol Koener to Tom Schick were both solemnized by our elder, Bro. Russell Rapp. May God be with these young people as they walk down the pathway of life.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Kathy Zimmerman Heiniger are the parents of a second daughter, Wendi Lyn. Grandparents are: Bro. Art and Sis. Verena Moser Heiniger and Bro. Joe and Sis. Milly Getz Zimmerman.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Naomi Grimm Bauman wish to express their appreciation to all who remembered them during Frank's illness and their 50th wedding anniversary.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

How shall it be? Oh what this mortal vision
Can neither see, nor hear, nor understand
Of happiness and glory shall be given
To those who pass into that promised land!

On Sept. 16, at the age of 84, Sis. Elizabeth Wahl passed into that Promised Land, after many months of illness. Short funeral services were conducted in Mansfield on Friday evening Sept. 17, with additional services conducted at the Paulding church on Sunday, the body was then laid to rest in the Dotterer Cemetery. Lizzie always had a smile and a kind word

for each one, and we will miss her love among us. We extend our sympathy to her three sisters, Sis. Minnie Dotterer (Elias) of Paulding, Sis. Katherine Fuhrer (John), and Sis. Clara Wahl of Mansfield; and her brother, John Wahl of Cissna Park.

A hospital patient was Randy Sauder (young son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Carolyn), who had surgery. Although not admitted to the hospital, Scott Sauder (son of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue) has 14 stitches on the top of his scalp, as the result of bumping his head on a culvert in which he and other youngsters were playing.

Many hearts sent up prayers of thanks, when it was learned that the school bus on which two of our young boys were riding had escaped serious damage. The bus, carrying a load of children to school, among them Tom and Jerry Roberts (sons of Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley Graszi Roberts), was suddenly enveloped in a cloud of fog; a station wagon collided with the rear of the bus. The wagon exploded and burst into flames; a semi-truck entering the bank of fog did not see the accident and hit the flaming auto, knocking it away from the school bus and into the ditch at the side of the road, thereby preventing the bus from catching on fire. Sadly we learned of the death of the driver of the station wagon, but with real thanks that most of the children escaped injury.

Our best wishes to Bro. Terry Farney and Sis. Mary Martin, who exchanged wedding vows in Bern on Sept. 5. Terry had been attending our congregation while making his home with his grandmother, Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl). The young couple will now reside in Kansas, and we would entreat the Lord's blessings upon their life together.

Many thanks for the spiritual feasts with which the Lord blessed us through the services, conducted by our visiting ministers, Bros. Delbert Indermuhle on Sept. 15, Norman Stoller on Sept. 19, and Ben Hartzler Oct. 3.

PORTLAND Judith Knecht

Silverton welcomes home friends, John and Betty Kaufman and family. They spent several months in Phoenix.

Visiting us during the month

of September was Bro. George Lambert, who unselfishly ministered the word of God.

If faith produce no works, I see That faith is not a living tree.

Thus faith and works together grow;

No separate life they ever can know.

They're soul and body, hand and heart—

What God hath joined, let no man part.

A Special thank you: Words can not express the thanks that I owe to you, the brothers, sisters, and friends of the Portland and Silverton congregations for your kindness and hospitality shown to me while being stationed in the Northwest . . . also thank you for the many prayers and much needed support that was given to me. May the Lord richly reward you bountifully for all that you have given of yourselves to help me in any way. Keith D. Schmidgall.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Sis. Mildred (Robert) Clauss was in the hospital a few days. Bro. Sam Kilgus and Sis. Ida Nussbaum had eye surgery . . . always thankful when all are home again.

Betty Lou Braker, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, was married Sept. 4, to Joseph C. Vaughan. They live neighbors to us; we wish them God's richest blessings daily.

We have had several visiting ministers. They were Bros.—Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; Loren Stoller, Latty; Dale Eisenman, Chicago; John Steiner, Oakville; and Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis . . . I was privileged to assemble in the congregation there years ago with Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Nussbaum and others, before he was minister. It was in the winter, the roads were bad, and we just had services in town at somebody's home . . . enjoyed the trip, but were disappointed we did not get to go out in the country.

"Comes" of the Bible

Lazarus come forth.

The come of Zacchaeus, a sinner in need of salvation.

The Come of obedience, II Cor. 6:17. Be separate and fully surrender.

The come of discipleship, Follow me!

The come of communion: We must fellowship with Him through worship, then serve.

The come of the Rapture, The Blessed Hope of His Coming and going up to Him.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" . . . These were precious words read to us by Bro. Gary Maibach at the funeral of Sis. Emma Maibach. This dear one went to be with her Lord, whom she had served these many years. Surviving are sons: Bros. Alpha and Arthur, Fred, Robert, John, Joe, Dale; daughters, Sis. Margaret Calame, and Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber. One brother and one sister also survive.

It is sad when our loved ones are taken from us, but how much more sad it is when they are unprepared to meet their God. This may have been the thoughts of our dear friends who have turned their back on the world and are now preparing for this great event. We rejoice with the families of Larry and John Rufener, Dean Maibach, Kay Beery, and Boyd Nieman, who have answered the call of the Lord. Our friends Joe Stoller, Dick Hartzler, and Karen Miller are waiting at the door to be taken into the fold.

We pray the Lord will hear the prayers that are offered in behalf of the sick and injured. Sis. Carol Kiser is improving slowly from injuries received in an auto accident, but is still in the hospital. Her father, Bro. Henry had the misfortune of breaking his arm while at work. Sis. Martha Dotterer is a hospital patient, but is feeling some better and has hopes of returning home shortly.

Lois Hartzler, daughter of Sis. Mildred, will be spending some time in Europe. She will be going to school in Germany, then spend some time touring other parts of Europe.

Thank-you note: "I want to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness while I was in the hospital and at home. All the prayers, visits, cards and gifts were very much appreciated. May God bless all of you." Sis. Doris Gasser.

There's a light in the window of heaven;

It is burning for someone tonight,
 And the Father is watching beside
 it.
 He's keeping it shining and bright,
 For there's one who has gone from
 the homeland;
 'Tis a loved one who strayed from
 the fold.
 On the highways of sin he is
 wand'ring,
 So hungry, forlorn, and so cold.
 Lo the Father is watching and
 longing
 For the child who has turned from
 His love,
 And to lead him back home He is
 keeping
 A light in the window above.
 Oh don't grieve His heart any
 longer tonight,
 While He is keeping the light
 shining bright.
 While He is watching and waiting
 to save you,
 Won't you come home tonight?

UNION CITY
 Gail Gasser

The angels in heaven are rejoicing, and we rejoice with them, as for the first time in almost ten years we have souls seeking the Lord. They are our Friends Kay Wiedman and Larry Rufener. It is wonderful to know that there are still those concerned about their salvation. We wish them both God's grace, and invite our other friends who worship with us to also follow in His footsteps.

WOLCOTT
 Marjean Lehman
 Arles Kropf

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was held on Sept. 19. We all received a blessing by fellowshiping together and singing hymns to the glory of the Lord.

We have found a need for additional Sunday School rooms, so with the help and support of the brethren, construction is underway.

On Sept. 26, Bro. Carl Westfall (Francesville) brought many good teachings to us from God's holy word.

We are thankful for the improvement Jack Furrer is showing since the accident.

There must be a reason we can't see;
 There must be a reason why,
 A reason that we must take on faith,

As we do the sun on high . . .
 There must be an answer why it is
 That one who enjoyed life so,
 Why someone who was so dear to
 us,
 Suddenly had to go.

—The Family

Thank-you— The family of Marcille (Kyburz) Furrer wish to thank all for the cards, prayers, gifts and love shown at her tragic death. May God bless each dear soul.

EUREKA
 Cathryn Wettstein
 Salome Schumacher

There is never a day so dreary
 But God can make it bright,
 And unto the soul that trusts Him,
 He giveth songs in the night.
 There is never a path so hidden,
 But God can lead the way,
 If we seek the Spirit's guidance
 And patiently wait and PRAY.

These words seem so true as we go about our daily duties, in our every walk of life.

Those who were in the hospital, or still are, are the following: Lloyd Wettstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Verna, had his appendix removed at the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Martha Wettstein is a patient in the Proctor Hospital in Peoria, where she underwent major surgery. Her husband is Bro. Charles. Sis. Martha Grusy was a medical patient in the Methodist hospital. Her husband's name is Bro. Alf. Sis. Jane Anliker, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhelmina, was a medical patient in the Eureka Hospital a few days. Becky Knecht, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernest and Judy, is a patient in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, undergoing tests. May God be near all those who are in sickness and if it be His will, that good health can again be restored to each one.

Engagement: Sis. Ruth Rocke and Bro. Ben Schumacher were announced to be married. This was made known Sept. 26.

Several of the brethren from Eureka attended the conference.

Our visitors were as follows: Fred Knapp, Congerville; Roy Sauder, James Hoerr, Peoria; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Oklahoma.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank all relatives, friends and

neighbors who remembered me during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless each one. Sis. Esther Klaus.

Bible Reading

Nov. 1, Luke 13-15; Nov. 2, 16-18; Nov. 3, 19-20; Nov. 4, 21-22; Nov. 5, 23-24; Nov. 6, John 1-2; Nov. 7, 3-4; Nov. 8, 5-6; Nov. 9, 7-8; Nov. 10, 9-10; Nov. 11, 11-12; Nov. 12, 13-15; Nov. 13, 16-18; Nov. 14, 19-21; Nov. 15, Acts 1-2; Nov. 16, 3-5; Nov. 17, 6-7; Nov. 18, 8-9; Nov. 19, 10-11; Nov. 20, 12-13; Nov. 21, 14-15; Nov. 22, 16-18; Nov. 23, 19-20; Nov. 24, 21-23; Nov. 25, 24-26; Nov. 26, 27-28; Nov. 27, Romans 1-3; Nov. 28, 4-7; Nov. 29, 8-11; Nov. 30, 12-16.

BREMEN
 Mrs. Willard Feldman

To me is given boundless mercy,
 A gift that I did not deserve;
 Such wondrous love,
 It is so marvelous,
 That such for me should be reserved.

We truly rejoice that souls are being awakened to the reality of the boundless mercy and wondrous love of Jesus. Kay Zeltwanger, Louis Gerber and Randy Sutter have been announced to give their testimony. There are more seeking, and we are praying, as the mercy drops are falling, we will experience showers of blessings.

On Sept. 16, Bro. Carl Westphal visited us and shared the signs of the second coming of Christ. It seems so much more real as we see prophecy being fulfilled so swiftly before our very eyes. On Sept. 17, Bro. Merle Bucher reminded us not to be discouraged as Christians, if we seem to be in the minority group. We thank these brothers for coming and sharing encouraging words to us in the concluding nights of our Family Bible School.

As some of our young folks have gone to college, we pray they will seek to apply their knowledge for the glory of God. Sis. Diane Zimmer is attending I.U. Medical Center. Her brother, Dennis is attending I.U., Bloomington. Sis. Linda Laidig, Kay Zeltwanger and Tom Conrad are at Purdue. Kathleen Germann is attending a dental technical school at Elkhart.

Sept. 22 we had election of Sunday School officers and teachers.

Sunday School superintendent is Bro. Gene Sauder, and choir director is Bro. Ron Johnson. Sunday School teachers are Bros. Ed Sutor, Clint Bucher, John Conrad, Sisters Jayne Conrad, Mary Ann Steele, Becky Feldman, Shirley Lehman and Lydia Heuberger. May the Lord bless teachers and pupils alike as they labor and grow in God's vineyard.

Oct. 3, Bro. Walt Rager encouraged us with his warning not to seek the supernatural powers of Satan, and to apply ourselves to wisdom.

We visited Marie Von Bergen Baxter, who returned home from a six-weeks' stay at Mayo Clinic. She had major surgery and is nicely recovering. We were encouraged as she related her experiences at the hospital, and how faith sustained her and is helping her regain her health.

ALTADENA

Mrs. Virgil Graf
Mrs. Glen Hackenjios

We welcome back into our congregation Bro. Carroll and Sis. Annabelle Messer and son, Michael. After living in Francesville for several years, they are now at home at 373 Meadow Lane, Big Bear City Calif. 92314.

Sis. Betty and John (Sam) Baker have moved from our midst. Their address is 2104 S.E. 14th Street, Bentonville Arkansas 72712. Betty had been our Nursery Class Sunday School teacher for many years, and the children were certainly saddened to see her leave.

Melva Alexander (Gene) underwent major surgery and is now recovering at home.

Sunday School elections were held. Bro. Gary Volk was elected superintendent, with Bro. Virgil Graf, Sis. Kay Hackenjios and Sis. Linda Witzig elected as teachers. Substitutes are Bro. Dick Stoller and Sis. Virginia Cooper. Sis. Marilyn Graf was elected Silver Lining reporter, and Sis. Kay Hackenjios assistant.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Gloria Volk are the parents of a baby girl, born Oct. 3. Jodie Sue is welcomed home by her sister, Jamie.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, our Sunday School enjoyed a picnic at Arcadia Park. It was a beautiful, warm day and the children seemed to enjoy being with one another. Truly, Christian fellowship is one of the

blessings which we are privileged to enjoy.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We can rejoice when sinners repent and find they are in need of a Saviour. Randy Martin, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rosie, confesses peace and hopes to bring his testimony before the congregation soon.

Patty Walder, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Dorothy, was a hospital patient due to a broken arm. Our friend, Jim Bauer, had surgery; Jim is a son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Loretta. Sis. Lena Rentsch is a hospital patient. Sis. Carrie Waldbeser has been released and is now at the Americana Nursing Home, Urbana Ill 61801. Bro. Fred Waldbeser is a patient at V.A. Research Hospital, Room 1255, Huron St., Chicago Illinois. We wish our loved ones a speedy recovery.

A baby girl, Karen Sue, was born to Sis. Velma and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger Sept. 8. She has a brother and a sister to welcome her. Bro. Wm. and Sis. Marjorie Rinkenberger and Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner are the grandparents.

Sis. Bertha Pfeifer Sinn, age 85, was laid to rest Sept. 18. She passed away at Fairhaven Resident Home, where she had been a resident since 1962. Survivors include a step-daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Tyler; two stepsons, Robert and Walter; sisters, Mrs. Hilda Hotter, Louise Mullmaier, Minnie Billenstein; brothers, Bro. Ernest and Gottfried. Our home ministers officiated. The family of Sis. Bertha Sinn wish to thank all for the prayers, cards and love that was shown them during illness, and death of their loved one. May God bless all for the cards, gifts, prayers, and deeds.

Note of thanks, of kindness during the illness and bereavement of our sister. The family of Katie Schott.

Sis. Ida Eisenman, age 90, was called to her heavenly home Sept. 28, for which she had a yearning. God was good to her, and heard her prayers. She leaves to mourn, Sis. Clara, who so faithfully cared for her; sisters, Mabel Miller, Helen Schaefer, Grace Heinold; six sons, Bros. Jesse, Alpha, Raymond, Lee and Dan, and Willis. She served her God many years and was a pillar in the church. We shall miss her pres-

ence. Funeral services were held Oct. 1. Our home ministers officiated. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

So soon another loved one was taken from his family. Our friend, Norman Hari, age 45 of Covington Ind., passed away at Veteran's Hospital at Danville Ill., after a brief illness. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Mirian; a daughter, Pamela; a son Kevin; his parents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Bena; one brother, Bro. Everett; and one sister, Sis. Glenda Meyer. His services were held Oct. 3; our ministers officiated. He was a veteran of World War II. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Thank you note: I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts, food, flowers, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated. Emily Rudin.

FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

A group from Rittman and Akron gathered with us over the Labor Day week-end, and with them was Ministering Bro. Paul Gasser.

We enjoyed Elder Bro. Sam Anliker ministering here, as he came through here to his daughter's home, Sis. Ione Broquard, because of the brother conference.

We are thankful that Bro. Willis and Sis. Elsie Bachtold were hosts for visiting ministers, Bro. Nathan Stoller and Bro. Jim Ringger of Bradford; and that Bro. John and Sis. Katharine Fehr were hosts for visiting ministers, Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka, as their messages were inspiring.

Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth observed their Silver Anniversary in attending a family dinner at Peoria, and when they returned they were guests of honor at a surprise anniversary celebration hosted by relatives from here.

The Roth's son, Bro. Dan, is home from service (having been stationed in Europe), receiving his discharge.

Donna Steffen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen, was married to Ronald Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman; they will reside in Lexington.

Bruce Huber, son of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber, and a June grad-

uate in engineering from the U. of I., has reported for 6 months' active duty with the U.S. Navy, and is assigned to San Diego for basic training.

Chris Gerber passed away after being hospitalized. He was married to Sis. Laura (Yoder), who passed away Jan. 1960. Chris lived at Helen Lewis Smith Pavilion 4 years.

FORREST

Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider

Friends Linda Kinder and Janice Freehill, daughters of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Wilma Bachtold, have repented and found peace with their God. We are so thankful that God is still providing grace unto repentance in such a changing and riotous world.

Sis. Luella Sohn and Bro. Oscar Schneider were patients at the Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Silas Nussbaum, who resides at Fairview Haven, is a patient there, in very serious condition. Sis. Leona Rickets spent some time at the Ottawa Arthritic Clinic.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Janice Steffen are the happy parents of little Marie Ellen, born Oct. 3. She has been transferred to Peoria Premature Center, but is doing fine. Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Aldine Steffen are the grandparents.

Bro. Merrill Laukhuf was our visiting minister; we always enjoy Bro. Merrill's visits and hope he will come back often.

We welcome Ministering Bro. Ernie Gerber and Sis. Betty Bauman and children of the Rockville congregation, who have moved here. May they feel God's love and unity here as well as they did there.

Bro. J. C. and Sis. Pat Ebach, Chris and Sis. Hazel Huette, and Bro. Gary and Sis. Velda Fite and families have all moved to the Bloomington-Normal area. May God bless you in your new homes and churches.

The marriage of Bro. Ed Bach and Sis. Clara Ebach was performed by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. We pray God will dwell in both of these family circles.

Try comparing the true walk in our Christian life as a man getting in a ship named **Grace**. He notices an oar at each side, with names printed on them **Faith** and **Works**.

He picked up **Faith** alone and begins to row his ship; it goes in circles. The same thing happened when he laid down **Faith** and rowed with **Works** alone. Only after using **Faith** and **Works** did the man move steadily forward in his ship **Grace**. James 2:17: Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Thank You—I wish to thank our friends and relatives for the gifts, visits and cards while I was in the hospital. It was all deeply appreciated, and may God bless you richly. Bro. Oscar Schneider.

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Libby Meyer

What a joy and comfort it is when the Lord is with us in our daily striving for wisdom.

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice, and preserving the way of the saints.

We were thankful to hear the vivid truth of God's word during this past month at KSU. Bro. Sam Huber of Sabetha and Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern were our visiting ministers.

We hope to begin Bible study Oct. 6, and to alternate Bible study and regular services as was done in the past. We meet on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Danforth Chapel, every two weeks. We welcome any visitors that would like to come.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

The Builder

To each is given a bag of tools,
An hourglass and a book of rules,
And each doth build ere his work is done
A stumbling-block or a stepping-stone.

We were privileged to have as visiting ministers, Bro. George Waenbach of Princeville and Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield.

Our friend, Robert Romersberger, gave testimony of his new faith on Oct. 2 and was added to the fold of believers. We welcome him as our dear brother in faith. Robert is the son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lu-

cille Romersberger. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin assisted in this great undertaking.

Sis. Lorene Kiefer, who was hospitalized, is now home and doing well. Sis. Emma Grusy is still in Brokaw Hospital in Normal, but is improving daily.

We had our first Singing of the Month for the Fall season on Sept. 26. We enjoyed the songs by the 7th and 8th grades and also our Men's Group.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Linda Wettstein were blessed with their second child, Chad Michael. Chad has a brother, Craig to welcome him.

We join the angels in Heaven over the repentance of our two friends, Diane Gramm, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Loretta, and Sally Gramm, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth.

The best cure for shaking knees is to kneel on them.

INDIANAPOLIS

Tom and Carolyn Frank

I cried, O Lord, I failed today;
I did not walk with You.
I did not keep Your way of love.
He answered, Start anew.

I cried, But, Lord, I wanted so
To see myself succeed.
I wanted to attain my goal.
He whispered, Let me lead.

I cried, But, Lord, will You not
grant
Accomplishment to some?
He said, In heaven, you will be;
On earth, you may become!

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Elmer Bucher, Francesville; Irvin Stoller, Latty; Bob Meyer, Bluffton, and Vernon Schwab, Wolcott. We thank them for bringing God's word to us.

Jim Emch, who is studying to be a chiropractor and has been attending church with us, will be moving to Chicago to continue his education. We are sorry to hear that Jim recently was hospitalized for complications of a ruptured appendix.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Lynn Beer moved to Danville, Ind., where Ken is teaching. We are happy to have another couple attend services, and welcome them into our fellowship.

A week-end of fellowship was enjoyed by a large group from various churches at the Brown County

Forest Park on Sat., Oct. 2, with Bro. Bob Meyer giving the inspirational message. On Sunday, everyone gathered for services in Indianapolis. Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott was the guest minister.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

This has been a very busy fall, with so many apples, plums and many other fruits so plentiful; apple butter making has been very enjoyable; our tomato crop was not good, but all other vegetables were in abundance. Our weather has been very good, rainfall also plentiful during the last few weeks.

James McPeck, a grandson of the late George Emch, submitted to surgery and is reported to be doing fine.

Misses Della Witschey, Mary and Margaret Witschey, Elizabeth Hawkins, Helen Barcus and Clarence Durig visited on Oct. 3 with Mrs. Anna Witschey and family in Moundsville. Mrs. Witschey is recovering nicely from a fractured hip she received in a fall in her home several weeks ago.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville, Pa., spent two weeks in September here with her brother, Gus Weltz and family.

Ray Schupbach was a hospital patient, but is recovering at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corliss spent the week of Oct. 1 at Sugar Grove, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited with relatives here on Sept. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams and son Don of Medina, O., visited with relatives here on Oct. 2 and 3.

P. W. Johnson, husband of Dora Durig Johnson, has been confined in the local hospital the past several weeks. C. W. Berger, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berger has been a patient in the local hospital for several weeks.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Our church has experienced wonderful blessings, for which we are so thankful. There have been eight dear souls added to our household of faith. Mark, Mike, Paul Jr. and Judy Meister were baptized Sept. 19. Mike is the son of Dave and Mary Meister, and Paul Jr. and

Judy's parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister. Mike is a nephew of Paul's and makes his home at Paul and Rhoda's. On Oct. 3, Ken and Vicki Knobloch, Roger Herman and Bernice Otto were baptized. Ken is the son of Bro. William and Sis. Gladys Knobloch, and Vicki is the daughter of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Elsa Hartman; Roger is the son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman; and Bernice's folks are from the Cissna Park congregation. We welcome these dear brothers and sisters in our assembly.

Kathi and John Brewer have a new baby daughter. Michelle Renee was born Sept. 15. Maternal grandparents are Wade and Marge Fehr. A son, Michael Brent was born Sept. 16 to Bro. Randall and Sis. Ruth Klein Kellenberger. This is their second son.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Madge O'Moran are settled now in their mobile home. Their new address is 206 Sunny Shores Mobile Estates, RR2, Granite City Illinois. They left Peoria Sept. 4.

Our congregation welcomes Bro. Bill Schmidtgal, his wife, Carol and 2-year-old son, Scott to our assembly. Their address is 2024 Daytona Drive, Peoria, Ill 61614.

Ernest and Ida Pfaffman have opened their home to an A.F.S. (American Field Service) student from Birkenhead, England. He is Bernard F. Hughes, 18 years old, and is a senior at East Peoria High School. He enjoys coming to Sunday School and is happy to find so much love and fellowship extended to him.

The Gridley, Illinois Bible Class were guests in our assembly Oct. 3. It was so heartwarming to see such a nice group of young folks in our front benches as the two Sunday School classes attended morning worship services.

We had a number of visiting ministers, for which we are so grateful and thank them for their labors of love. They are Bros. Joe and Merle Kaisner, Harry Sutter, Russell Rapp, Robert Pohl, Eugene Bertschi, David Kieser, and Eli Somerhalder.

Sis. Edna Klein announced the engagement of her youngest daughter, Rita Jo, to Ronald Lee Sweetin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Sweetin Sr. of Bartonville.

Sis. Elizabeth Broquard is at the Americana Nursing Home, where

she is receiving therapy. Bro. Theophil Haefli is in St. Francis Hospital. We pray that the Lord will be near and bless those who are sick—we are taught He hears our every sigh. Sis. Carrie Gehring is in the infirmary at our church home on Skyline Drive. Bro. Fred Aupperle has been moved to the infirmary there also.

Sis. Elizabeth Voelpel, 96, died Sept. 15 in Proctor Hospital, where she had been a patient 5 days. She was born in Germany, and was married in Morton to John Voelpel, in 1894. He died in Peoria in 1944. Surviving are two sons, William and Frank, both of Peoria; two daughters, Ruth Voelpel, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Henry (Emma) Miller of Morton. Sis. Elizabeth had been bedfast more or less for the past four years.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Sharon Stickling, whose grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Carlin, 72, died Sept. 18 in our A.C. Home on Skyline Dr., where she was admitted Aug. 21.

Bro. Albert M. Hunziker, 70, died Sept. 26 at St. Francis Hospital, where he had been a patient five days. He was born in Tremont, a son of Adolph and Lydia Unsicker Hunziker. He married Helen Sauder in 1927. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Helen; three sons, Bros. Dale and Willis of Peoria and Albert of Morton; two daughters, Sisters Mardell (Mrs. Melvin) Plattner and Ardith (Mrs. Harold) Herrmann, both of Peoria; two brothers, Jesse and Joseph, both of Washington; two sisters, Sis. Esther Hartman and Sis. Marian (Mrs. Walter) Blunier of Eureka. We will miss Bro. Al. He was always such a friendly and sincere brother. His absence in our assembly will be felt by all.

Notes of Thanks: I wish to express my humble thankfulness for the many deeds of love and kindness, the gifts, visits, and prayers shown to me since I had my stroke the 17th of February. I am in my home since the 17th of April, and with the Lord's help can go about with the assistance of a walker. Sis. Bertha Peters, 2116 West Callender, Peoria Illinois.

The family of Elizabeth Voelpel wish to express their appreciation for all the love, kindness and especially the prayers which were extended to their dear mother during her illness and death.

PHOENIX**Mrs. Allan Freed**

The entire church was invited to a Sunday School picnic at Urban Park on Sept. 19. After partaking of a bountiful meal, the group enjoyed singing hymns together.

Jay Schmidgall, young son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo, had his tonsils removed, and just a week later was back in the hospital, after being hit on the head with a baseball bat. He had a brain concussion, but we are thankful he seems to have recovered.

Louise Roth and Bro. Tom Freed were surgical patients. Both are well on the road to recovery and are able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Vera Yackley is slowly recovering from her brain surgery that we reported last month. Much of her memory is still gone and her vision has not returned, but her family and we are all thankful for the progress she has made and pray the Lord will restore as He sees fit.

Sis. Jane Greenbank has moved here from Akron. She is employed as a registered nurse. Also, her brother, Joe, came here to attend ASU. We welcome them both to our congregation.

John and Betty Kaufman and family, who spent the summer here, have moved back to Silverton. We invite them to come back again.

Drenda Turner has been assembling with us and has seen her need of repentance. It is encouraging when one who is not familiar with our church can say that they believe it is founded upon the truths found in God's word. It is our prayer that many who haven't heeded the tender call of Jesus will do so. Not only will they experience untold blessings as a child of God, they will be able to escape the terrible second death . . . as we heard recently from the pulpit, if you are born once you die twice, but if you are born twice you only have to die once.

SABETHA**Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Visiting ministers were Bro. Akito Inoue, Japan and Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita. We thank them both for their visit and invite them to return. We wish the blessings of God on the marriage of Sis. Marie and Bro. Akito. May they always abide in His love.

We were saddened by the news of an accident in which Sis. Janette

Strahm of Bern lost her life. Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones she leaves behind. She will be missed, not only by her family and the Bern congregation, but by our congregation as well. She was a niece of Bro. Eugene Marti, and a granddaughter of Sis. Elizabeth Marti.

The annual board meeting of the A.C. Home was held here. A dinner was served at the Fellowship Hall, following the meeting.

Bro. Jay Kellenberger has been discharged from the service. He and his wife, Sis. Marilyn, and daughter, Tamra are living near Sabetha. We are happy to have them assemble with us.

Our Sunday School has started again after a vacation of a month.

TAYLOR**Elizabeth Sutter — Naomi Heimer**

Autumn, a most beautiful time of year, is here again. We hear the sound of the tractors, see the combines go down the rows of grain and then empty into the trucks a stream of golden grain. It is a beautiful and fulfilling time of year, especially for the farmers. We have been blessed with a good harvest, for which we are thankful. The ground is tilled, the seed sown in spring, but our labor would be in vain if the Lord would not give the increase. So it is in our spiritual lives. The seed is sown whenever God's people come together and the ministers speak the word, but then, too, God must give the increase. How we do long for that spiritual harvest! We must not forget that we must live pleasing to the Lord, so that those still outside can see that the only real happiness comes in serving the Lord.

Sis. Marcia Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marj) has entered the freshman year at Blessing Hospital School of Nursing, Quincy Illinois. Cindy Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Rose) and Sandi Cottrell (Bro. William and Sis. Ruth) have returned to Methodist Hospital in Peoria for their second year in nurse's training. Kent Heimer (Sis. Naomi) is attending N.E. Missouri State College for his sophomore year at college. Tom Cottrell (Bro. William and Sis. Ruth) is attending Blackhawk College at Moline, Illinois for his freshman year.

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. New teachers elected are Sis. Eleanor

Yackley, Bro. Don Feller and Bro. Marvin Wiegand. We wish the new ones the Lord's blessings in their undertaking.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock spent Sunday, Oct. 3, with us. He read and meditated on the 23rd Psalm, giving us much to think about.

ALTO**Loretta Steffen**

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name . . . and forget not all his benefits".

As mere humans, we are so inclined to forget the benefits and remember only the clouds and rain. Let's take new courage as we remember **All the Lord's benefits**.

All the young folks are back in school and college. We have five college students: Margaret Feldman and Luanne Blough at Mt. Pleasant; Gary Blough, Grand Rapids; Brenda Schutte in Muskegon; and Kathy Steffen at Big Rapids. In all their learning, may they still retain the precious memories of a Christian home.

Mrs. Rich (Gay) Erlanger and Lenny Blough both submitted to surgery, but are feeling fine again.

Our annual meeting was Sept. 12. Our new Sunday School teachers are Bro. Derry Schutte and Sis. Sue Schutte. Our new trustee is Bro. Dave Wingeier. We wish them God's blessing in their work for the Lord.

Joylene Blough, our new convert who has found peace, is a Junior instead of Senior in high school.

Heard from a sermon: If the preaching of fire and brimstone makes your knees shake, try kneeling on them.

BAY CITY**Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher**

"One of God's children is coming home; Open thy merciful arms . . ." What a beautiful melody, and such welcoming words! Friends—don't you want to be "coming home"? Can't you see how wonderful it would be to have God's loving arms open and engulf you? Truly, to be at peace with your Lord is worth any sacrifice you could make. Look what He sacrificed for you!

Visiting ministers bringing us the word of Life were Bros. Donald Sauder and James Leman of Roanoke; our ministering brothers rarely get to go to another church and rest, but continue to labor for the

Lord. We can be truly thankful that God has provided us with such faithful brethren, that the flame of faith and hope may ever burn brightly.

Hospitalized was Sis. Mary Ramseyer (Bro. Earl), who is assembling with us again. We thank our "great Healer" for all the times He cures us of our many ills.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is **charity**." Brethren, take charity with you, and show it to all mankind, and the peace and happiness of God's love will abide with you always.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Sept. 5, Bro. Lester Hartter united in marriage Sis. Mary Meyer (Bro. Louis-Sis. Mavis) to Bro. Terry Farney, Wichita. They have a mobile home at 815 So. 12th in Sabetha, where Terry has employment. May the Lord add His blessing along life's pathway.

Bro. Louis Baumgartner was re-elected trustee for the A.C. Home.

Mary Lehman (Bro. Edward-Sis. Leola) has entered nurse's training in Missouri Methodist Hospital, St. Joseph, Missouri.

A cloud of deep sorrow was cast over our community when the report arrived that Sis. Janette Strahm had met instant death in a car accident, on her way to her work as an LPN. Janette was born Jan. 16, 1944 to Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Lorene Marti Strahm. Sept. 9, at the age of 27 years God called her home. In her very young years Janette gave her heart to the Lord and joyously served Him the few short years allotted to her. Surviving are the parents; one sister, Shirley; three brothers, Bros. Wayne, Dale and Richard. She was a quiet unassuming sister, sadly missed in the home and the church, especially the Sunday School class of pre-schoolers she taught for almost her entire converted life. Our ministers held the services Sept. 12, with burial in the church cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to her many relatives and friends.

Bro. Jay Kellenberger has completed his duties in service. Jay, Sis. Marilyn and wee Tamra have moved to a farm near Sabetha.

We are happy to report Galen Rokey (Bro. Melvin-Sis. Florence) has found peace with God and is

now announced for proving in the near future.

Our convalescents are improving and able to worship with us again. Bro. Glen Luthi uses a cane to get around. Sis. Pearl Meyer is still on the take-it-easy list.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

After a long illness and many months spent in the nursing unit of Swiss Village, Harry Dubach was taken by death. His wife, Sis. Frances, survives. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her. May God alone bless her for her never-tiring care given to her husband in his shut-in days.

The coming marriage of Sis. Gloria Fiechter and Bro. Phil Grant of Latty was made known to our congregation. Gloria is the daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Doris Fiechter. May many rich blessings go with them each step of their way.

Becky Pfister and Tom Edington were united in Holy matrimony at the Fellowship Hall. Their parents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Barbara Pfister and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Edington. We wish this couple much happiness in their married life.

Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Fiechter have a new little daughter, Tricia, in their home. A girl, Wendy Jo, was also born to Sis. Betty and David Smeltzer. Neil and Karen Gerber welcomed their first child, a son, Nick Bradley.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God for it.

Reminder: The Silver Lining collection will be drawing to a close on Oct. 31.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

Summer is past, and the fields are ripe for harvest; lovely weather has allowed the farmers to spend much time in the fields combining bountiful crops.

We have enjoyed the visits of many guests throughout September. Among them were Ministering Bros. Al Aberle, Tremont; Art Baurer, Princeville, and Earl Gerber, Forrest.

A little girl was born to Bro. El-

win and Sis. Loretta (Martin) Rumbold on Sept. 29. Her name is Julie Lynn, and she has six happy brothers and sisters.

For years I've prayed, and yet I see no change.

The mountain stands exactly where it stood;

The shadows that it casts are just as deep;

The pathway to its summit e'en more steep.

Shall I pray on?

Shall I pray on, with ne'er a hopeful sign?

Not only does the mountain still remain,

But while I watch to see it disappear,

Becomes the more appalling year by year.

Shall I pray on?

I shall pray on. Though distant as it seems,

The answer may be almost at my door,

Or just around the corner on its way,

But, whether near or far, yes, I shall pray—

I shall pray on.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward — Edna Pohl

May grace be with us ever, the grace of Christ the Lord. May He, as here we journey, His grace to us afford.

How very much we need His grace! Without it we can do no good thing.

In our Sunday School elections, Bro. Gary Anliker was elected to complete the year that remained of Bro. Jerry Banwart's term. Bro. Dale Massner was elected for a three-year term, and Sis. Dorothy Taeger will teach the kindergarten class for two years.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene Banwart and their daughter, Peggy have left for a new community. Bro. Jerry will be working in Peoria, but they will live at Roanoke. We do miss Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinkenberger, who left our congregation to make their new home in Tremont.

We sang a farewell hymn for Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Wagler yesterday. They will leave for their winter home at Zapata, Texas. In a small group like ours, we truly

miss each one. It is as if a "family member" is not at home.

Sis. Sarah Gerst was able to be with us on two occasions recently. It takes a great effort for her to come, as she is confined to a wheelchair. We are so happy to see her; it is a blessing for us as well as for her. May God strengthen her and be with her in her lonely hours.

Sis. Judy Gehring is a hospital patient.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Summer is gone and autumn is upon us. It is exhilarating to watch the colors come to the woodlands. Even now the maples are aflame with golden leaves of various hues. The bright scarlet splash of the sumacs comes to view, and rows upon rows of cornfields, laden with grain and rustling in the winds, is part of the outdoor scene. The sunsets too are so very colorful during this season.

Thou hast given us so much, dear Lord;
Give one thing more . . . a grateful heart.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer's condition remains very much the same. She is still at the Good Samaritan Home, located in West Union, Ia.

We have been blessed with visitors at our church from various points. Some came from Minneapolis, Sabetha, Bern, West Bend, Lester, Winthrop. Among them were two ministers of the gospel, Bros. Earl Banwart and Elmer Schmidt. We were reminded that it would be wise for us to take an inventory of our spiritual lives, to ascertain whether or not we were showing forth the fruits of the Spirit. We find . . . "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

Another name has been added to our serving list for the noon day lunch. It is that of George Schupbachs. We appreciate this gesture on their part.

Audrey Pulfer, daughter of the Paul Pulfers, has completed her course at the Kirkwood Community College, graduated as a medical secretary, and is now employed in that capacity at the University Hospital at Iowa City. We wish her well in her new endeavor.

Sis. Marion Moore, daughter of Sis. Elizabeth and the late Bro. Werner Moore, is employed in the home of the Robert Hachs at Lake McBride Iowa. May God's blessings rest upon her in her new surroundings.

ELGIN ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

As the stars in yonder heaven
Give light to this earthly sphere,
Thus also who in this tumult
Sows good seed to God's praise here,
Clothed divine, they shall shine
As the stars do all the time.

On one of the Sabbath Days during the past month, we had visiting us Bros. Albert Aberle of Tremont and Harold Zeltwanger of Bremen; and another, we had in our midst Bros. Joseph Waibel, Andrew Virkler of Bay City, Benj. Hartzler of Rittman and Charles Sauder of Tremont . . . And another time Bro. Joseph Schrock ministered unto us. We can truly say with the author, "Blessed, holy is the hour when we, Jesus, think of Thee, and Thy word in godly power hear and in our hearts receive." May God bless the servants who bring the glad tidings of salvation, and may He give the increase to the good seed which was sown.

Tom and Diane Ebert, formerly of Burlington, Iowa, are now living at 1874 Mark Avenue Apt. 2, Elgin Ill 60120. Tom is with the Telephone Company and was transferred to Elgin. We are pleased that they assemble with us, and wish them God's blessings. Welcome to our church circle, Tom and Diane.

We are glad and thankful that Bro. Joseph and Sis. Bertha Lauber have returned safely, after an extended trip to Switzerland and Germany visiting relatives; they also enjoyed meeting our brothers and friends who are in the service and many who were visiting there from the States. The Lauber's now live at 338 Orchard St., Elgin Ill 60120. We wish them God's blessings in their home.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

After a warm summer, we are again approaching our winter season, where we welcome many visitors from different parts of the country.

For those who are planning to visit our congregation this winter, we begin our services by singing at 10:00. Our church is located at 850 N.W. 46th Avenue, in the city of Plantation (a suburb of Ft. Lauderdale).

We wish to welcome back our Ministering Bro. Harry Sutter and his wife, Sis. Florence, who returned from the Brotherhood conference in Morris.

We were happy to hear that a son, Jonathan Richard, was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Kathleen Sutter. We wish them God's blessings.

FT SAM HOUSTON

Kurt Bahler

We received words of wisdom and edification from visiting ministers, Bro. Earl and Bro. Ernest Gerber from Forrest. We were warned of the many false doctrines in the world and the danger of deception. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." We were also blessed with the visit of Bro. Clifford Grimm from West Bend. He reminded us that we that have been converted received the Spirit which is of God. We have the mind of Christ. We need to apply these wonderful teachings to every day of our lives.

We miss those that leave our congregation, but look forward to meeting again. Bro. Dale Koehl has been reassigned to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Dave Young was sent to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, and Butch Keiper is in Ft. Carson Colorado for further training. It is our prayer that God will protect them wherever they may go.

Two new couples have been added to our group. Mike and Connie (Gerst) Bender, who were stationed in Turkey with the Air Force, have been assigned to Kelly AFB in San Antonio. Mike's sister, Nancy Bender is also here attending school. Brad and Sis. Joyce (Frank) Eland from Oakville are at Ft. Sam, and have been blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Christopher. They contribute very much to our precious fellowship, and we heartily welcome them all.

Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream,
to drift;

We have hard work to do, and loads
to lift.

Shun not the struggle; face it.
'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!
Say not the days are evil, who's to
blame?
And fold thy hands and acquiesce.
O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely
In God's name.

Be strong!
It matters not how deep entrenched
the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day
how long.
Faint not, fight on!
Tomorrow comes the song.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Charlen Banwart

We enjoyed having Bro. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena spend a Sunday with us in September. When we hear the Lord calling us to repentance . . . he reminded us of the Lord's words, **Knock and it shall be opened unto you!** We also thank Bros. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski and John Steiner from Oakville for their encouraging visits.

As the school year has again begun, we are thankful for each brother, sister, and friend which the Lord has sent to add to our small group.

Among those returning to the Ames area are Sisters Eileen Fisher and Lavilla Zaugg, from West Bend, who attend nurses' training in Marshalltown; Keith Kuntz and Bob Siegle from Oakville who attend ISU, and Gail Whipple from Oakville who is employed in Des Moines.

New students in our area from Oakville are Bros. Don and Ron Schmidgall, Dale Frank, and Jim Vierling, who all attend ISU. Jon Banwart, Leroy Cordell, Dave Rauhous and Beverly Grimm are also welcome additions, as is Evelyn Schrock, who attends school in Des Moines.

Sue and Kathy Banwart from West Bend have begun their freshman year at Evangelical Hospital in Marshalltown.

We also welcome Sis. Kay Knobloch from Lester, who will be living with her uncle and aunt in Woodward, while taking a medical internship in Des Moines.

It was nice to visit again with Ralph and Diane Lanz, who were

back in Ames for a week-end. Upon Ralph's graduation from ISU, he accepted a veterinary position in New Richmond, Wisconsin. Ralph and Diane and sons, Jeffrey and Brett, now attend the Minneapolis church. We miss them, but wish them well in their new home.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Funeral services for Sis. Elizabeth Wahl were held at our church on Sunday, Sept. 19. Sis. Elizabeth lived in our community for many years, but lived in Mansfield for some years. Bros. Ben Stavenick and Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield, helped our Elder Bro. George Sinn conduct the services. Elizabeth reached the age of 84. She was a quiet sister and a wonderful example and pillar. Surviving are one brother, John Wahl, Cissna Park; and three sisters, Sisters Clara Wahl and Katherine Fuhrer, Mansfield, and Minnie Dotterer, from here.

Benita Schlatter (Sis. Esther) has enrolled in nurses' training at the Toledo Hospital, Toledo. Bro. Kenneth Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is attending Purdue University, Lafayette, and will be attending the Wolcott church. We will miss both of these dear ones and hope they can come home often to visit. Bro. Sam Schlatter has been elected as Assistant Janitor, until Bro. Kenneth returns from college.

We were richly blessed by the visit of Bro. Orville Ringger and those with him from Bluffton.

Sis. Madeline Manz is again able to assemble with us after surgery.

Sisters Betty and Lois Schlatter (Sis. Esther) have gone to Hawaii. We pray for their safe return.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Martha Laukhuf, whose son-in-law, Bro. Rudy Wenninger, passed away very suddenly.

While visiting in Arizona . . . a minister told us about certain plants which were very common some years ago, but due to much construction work, tearing up for roads, and modern weed killers, they are now almost entirely gone. He said how recently an old schoolhouse had been torn down, and these plants came up thick right where the schoolhouse had been. He explained it, just as these seeds lay dormant for forty years, so the seed can be sown in hearts for

many years, and then will suddenly spring up. The scenery is so beautiful in the Southwest, the desert, the mountains and cactus, almost indescribable, and then we come home and are surprised to see the trees turning already. Again such beauty, but so different. Only God could create such beauty.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler — Diane Stoller

We are pleased to welcome Friend Wayne Herman into our group. Wayne is beginning his studies here at the university.

Bros. Harv Heiniger and John Steiner were kind enough to lend themselves to bring God's word to us. We sincerely appreciate their efforts in our behalf.

LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuest

Some days the blessings of God and the Spirit of God so fills the church that we feel that **our cup runneth over**. Such a Sunday was the 4th of October, when we were so richly reminded that in order to inherit eternal life, we must turn unto repentance. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer so wonderfully extended the loving invitation to our friends and dear ones, to turn unto the Lord in repentance yet while there is time and grace to repent. Later in the day, we were told the duties of the elder toward the church and the church toward the elder, as it is so wonderfully inspired in the Holy Scriptures. Our visiting elder brethren, along with Bro. George Yergler, ordained Bro. Edward Frank as an elder. It was a soul-stirring service and one that each and everyone of us will long treasure in our hearts. May we in love and unity serve our God and each other.

We were so sorry that Bro. Ed's father, Bro. Sam Frank, could not be with us for the service, as he is in the hospital. May God strengthen him. Bro. Ralph Levy is recuperating from surgery.

LAMAR

Alice Marti — Evelyn Marti

Oscar Stewart passed away Sept. 10. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Marie Stewart; his three daughters, Sis. Corrine Marti, Sis. Arline Marti, and Catherine Davis of Los Angeles, California. We wish to extend our sympathy to all. May God comfort them as only He can do.

Terry Braker was hospitalized for test. He is home now, and doing fine.

The ladies of World Relief met at the Virgil Frieden home. Besides the usual sewing, we gathered used clothing as well.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

The harvest season is upon us, and we welcome each precious autumn day with its gorgeous colors, fresh air . . . and in the early morning, the small town which lies in a vale below our farm is bathed in a misty haze. In His infinite love, God has given us these scenes of beauty to enjoy.

We were privileged to attend the conference in Morris. It encourages us when we see the sincere zeal and effort put forth by our elders to preserve our precious faith. It made me think of our church as a solid rock in a storm-swept world. We are thankful for the ministers who were directed into our community while going to, or coming from the conference. They were Bros. Noah Shrock, Carl Kinsinger, Roy Farney, Bill Gudeman, and Akito Inoue. We feel a stronger bond of kinship with our Japanese brethren after hearing Bro. Akito proclaim the word of God. A young Friend commented, "Isn't it amazing that he could find God and repent in a non-Christian country, when so many that are brought up in the faith cannot." He left an impression on everyone—even the very young.

Our congratulations to two graduates in the medical field. Sis. Lyla Meyer graduated as an Inhalation Therapy technician from Sioux Valley hospital, and Sis. Kay Lynn Knobloch as a Laboratory technician from the Medical Institute of Minnesota.

Bro. and Sis. Dennis Kellenberger are the parents of a baby girl, Kristi Kay, and Bro. and Sis. Jerry Leuthold have a new baby girl, Sherri Sue. Both of these babies have a sister to welcome her into the family.

The families of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch surprised them with an open house on their 45th anniversary.

Sunday School has resumed after summer vacation. Bro. Frank Moser is the superintendent, and we have an enrollment of approximately 190 students.

Bro. Wilhelm Nester was united in marriage to Sis. Elizabeth Metzger of West Bend. We welcome her into our congregation. Friends Stan Leuthold and Ruth Johnson were also married recently. He is the son of Andy and Elise Leuthold.

Little Stuart Leuthold, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle, was hospitalized when he suffered a broken leg while playing. Sister Lena Kellenberger was hospitalized for tests, and Steve Knobloch underwent surgery. Brother Emil Metzger underwent a colostomy, when it was discovered he was suffering from a punctured colon. His hospital stay was prolonged when several complications occurred, but he is now improving. He must undergo corrective surgery in a few weeks. Bro. Emil and Sis. Flora so recently moved from the farm to their new home in town, and we hope they can soon enjoy it in good health.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Henry Beer's name was unintentionally omitted last month from the list of brothers who attended the conference in Minnesota. Another correction is the addition of Bro. Phil Price's name to those attending Manchester College.

A building committee has been chosen by the church to begin planning for a proposed Fellowship Center. They are: Bros. Carlton Beer, Bob Kaiser, Philip Beer, Don Beer and Willard Schieler.

The same Sunday, two Sunday School teachers were elected: Bros. Will Schieler and Bob Cockburn . . . Retiring are two of the ladies; Sis. Linda Wuthrich and I are beginning in their respective classes.

Sis. Mary Armbruster spent time in the Goshen Hospital for medical treatment. Her daughter, Anna Mary, was a patient in a South Bend hospital during the same time, recovering from surgery. We're so happy to report them both feeling fine again.

Our dear Sis. Emma Stieglitz died unexpectedly this past month at the home of her employer, whom she had faithfully served for many years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family; her sisters, Sis. Frieda and Florence Stieglitz and Sisters Madeline Zimmerman and Louisa Rapp; and to her brother Henry. This family has lost three from their circle in the past year.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Louella Beer celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Their entire family was all together in honor of the occasion. We wish them God's blessings and many more healthy, happy years together.

Our congratulations are offered to Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Kaiser on their marriage. May God bless them with a lot of happiness. We especially want to welcome Joyce to our Milford church home.

It seemed to us one Friday evening in church that the events we were witnessing completed a full rich circle. From the time Sis. Lois Beer gave her hand in marriage to Bro. Willis Ehnle many years ago in our Milford church to the time Bro. Akito Inoue stood in front of us and proclaimed God's word, many events had transpired to complete this circle.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois felt God's call to go to Japan, to take His message to the Japanese people. As newlyweds they went, putting their complete trust in God, because Willis was fully aware of the immense work they faced.

They've had many good times since they've been there, and as life so often brings, many discouraging times. However, as we heard the full testimony of Bro. Akhito, and knew how the whole story began, we felt so very privileged to witness the closing of the circle in our Milford church. We give God the praise, and know He will continue to bring His rich blessings on the Japanese churches and the people who have worked so hard to bring this all to pass.

Also visitors to our pulpit were Bros. Vernon Leman of Eureka and Phil Wingeier of Alto. We can't thank them enough for their visits and for sharing God's word with us.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, we partook of Holy Communion in commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord and Saviour. It is a humbling experience to journey with Christ to Calvary and to try to imagine the anguish of His soul in bearing the sins of the world. Sis. Ethelyn Schlatter and Sis. Carolyn Gerber were with us and joined in partaking of the sacrament.

Sis. Carolyn is well informed on

how to maintain our health, and also on how to remedy certain illnesses by natural means. Considering that the body of the believer is the temple of the Holy Ghost, I Corinthians 6:19, health maintenance should certainly be high on our list of prerogatives, ahead of education, wealth or position but below spirituality, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

On Sept. 19 at our Tamahata church, Bro. Toru Saegusa and Sis. Junko Inoue were joined in Holy Matrimony. Bro. Toru is a high school English teacher, and Sis. Junko is a nurse. They have a lovely little home and an automobile, so we are looking forward to home fellowship.

Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Ben Maibach arrived in Japan on Friday, Oct. 1, and plan to spend several weeks with us. We are enjoying the fellowship and Biblical conversation.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi
Mary Jane Leuthold

A Prayer

Thank you, God, for our baby—

And help us to be worthy of the trust in those little eyes. You have entrusted us with a human life to care for and to love. You have placed in our hands an innocent soul, so fresh from heaven, and we are humble before your gift. How well we realize that in our wonderful task we will need the help of the greatest Teacher. Give us your guidance, dear God, so that we may set those tiny feet in the right direction, and guide that dear little mind into the right channels. May your loving Spirit forever be a guest among our family and in our home, we pray.

A son, Jon Elmer was born Aug. 28 to Jerry and Sis. Melba Blunier Hangartner. Little Jon has a sister and two brothers to help care for him. His grandparents are Joe and Nila Hangartner and Sis. Marie Blunier.

Our elder, ministers and some of our brethren were privileged to visit and fellowship with many brethren at Morris Sept. 8 through 10 for the conference. We are truly thankful to God for leading our el-

ders and brethren in their deliberations.

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardinis brought us the loving message on Sept. 12.

Bro. Art Baurer of Princeville delivered the inspired word to us Sept. 19. We thank them.

The scriptures make mention of how there is a time for everything. We marvel at how exact our Maker conducts the coming and going of the seasons. May we ever be in awe of His greatness and righteousness. May the beauty of this fall season, and the gathering of the harvest make us all rejoice; such is the pleasure of the Lord when He can gather in His loved ones. He has blessed us so abundantly, as six tender souls gave their testimonies Sept. 25, and were baptized on Sun. Sept. 26. They are Sis. Lynette and Sis. Carol Aberle, daughters of Bro. Walter and Sis. Vera; Sis. Margaret and Bro. Scott Koch, daughter and son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Florence; Sis. Rena Bliss, daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Wilma; and Sis. Mary Ann Schweigert, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida. We pray for them much grace in their daily walk of life. Our dear elders, Bro. Theo. Beer, Milford, and Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury assisted our Bro. Dan. We thank them for their many timely teachings and their labor of love to each of us.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Mary Lou Frank to Alford E. Nimms, and Timm Frank to Jeanise Martin. Mary Lou and Timm are daughter and son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Bernice Frank. Alford is the son of the Alford Nimmos, of East Peoria. Jeanise is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin of Normal.

The engagement of Ernest Schaefer to Sharon Lee Rockwell, Dayton Ohio, has been announced. Ernest is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Freida Schaefer; Sharon is the daughter of the Erley F. Rockwells, Dayton. May God bless these dear ones.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. A. Banwart

WOULD YOUR FAITH be strong enough to believe, "When the Lord took away all of our earthly possessions is when He really be-

gan to bless us"? This comment, shared with us by Ministering Bro. Akito Inoue, is one that can really make anyone pause and think. Just how would we feel and what would we do if all our earthly possessions were taken from us, even to the point where our daily food was not sufficient to supply ample portions for each meal, and sometimes having no meal at all. After attending the Brotherhood Conference, Bros. Walter Anliker of Eureka, Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, and Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale spent Sunday with us. That evening, Ministering Bros. Akito Inoue of Japan, Elmer Schmidt, Harold Messner, and Leroy Messner, all of Winthrop worshipped with us. Knowing several brethren and friends here encouraged Bro. Akito to spend an extra day in our midst. Monday evening we again gathered at church, where we spent some time in song service, after which we were privileged to hear a brief history of Akito's life. It's amazing how, in a land of many gods, one was led to the only true God. Young and old alike were appreciative to hear the interesting and unusual experiences which led up to Akito's conversion. The mountains he overcame, with God's help, should help us all to hesitate before letting any murmuring or complaining come forth when life's pathway seemingly becomes rough.

On Sept. 12, Sis. Elizabeth Metzger (daughter of Sis. Ida) and Bro. Wilhelm Nester of Lester were united in marriage by Bro. Noah Gerber, to form a three-fold cord. Elder Bro. Leo Moser of Lester married our friends, Jeanne Banwart (daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Esther) and Larry Hintz of Elgin, Ill., at the home of the bride's parents, Sept. 25. May the Lord bless these couples as they journey down life's pathway together.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilderman are the parents of a baby girl, Angela Kay, born Sept. 8. She has two brothers to welcome her home. Sis. Jessie Fehr is the maternal grandmother. Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Rose Grimm were blessed with their first child, a boy, Jordon Wayne, Oct. 5.

Mrs. Walter Banwart underwent surgery Oct. 4 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., is as well as can be expected.

We are happy to report that Sis. Rosa Zaugg has been moved to

Clear View Manor Rest Home in West Bend, from her stay at the hospital in Ft. Dodge. She shows some improvement and wishes to thank each one for prayers, visits, gifts and mail during her illness. Mrs. Randy Ludwig (Deanna) has been a hospital surgical patient, but is now at home and improving.

Our college students are missed from our assembly, as they go on to further their education. May they not forget to assemble with God's people nearest to their place of residence, so they may gain in the most important school in life, that of the Spirit.

URBANA

Teresa Hufford

God's Will

O my Father,
Give to me the hunger and thirst
Which after fullness of bread and
water
Still hungers and thirsts
For righteousness.
Forbid that I may ever
Suspect that I can live
By bread alone,
Or find satisfaction
In manna meant only for a day.
May my real food be Your will
And my thirst
The deep desire to do Your bidding.

We are happy to announce the engagement of Bro. Craig Brown (Urbana) to Sis. Rhonda Pelsy (Francesville). May God bless them.

Freshmen and other new students were welcomed to our Champaign-Urbana group on Sept. 12. Many of their parents visited with us for Sunday services and also attended the picnic which was held at Hessel Park later that afternoon. A good time seemed to be enjoyed by all. We hope our new students enjoy their stay while attending school here.

Our annual picnic was held at Lake of the Woods on Sept. 29, and we were thankful to God for providing good weather. After the meal we gathered around the camp fire and sang. Being under God's Heaven that evening and singing made me appreciate even more the joy and happiness of fellowship. We should never fail to thank God for providing the opportunity to assemble together in His name.

Many wonderful teachings were

brought to us by our guest ministers. Bro. Don Sauder, Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Bro. Walt Anliker, and Bro. Dan Cook were with us for our Sunday services. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Bob Grimm were with us on our first Wednesday service after school resumed. We appreciate the effort these brothers have put forth, and thank them for delivering the precious word to our congregation.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

The Winthrop congregation enjoyed the many visitors who stopped here enroute to and from the conference. Bros. Henry Beer and Art Gudeman were traveling companions. The next evening we were privileged to have Ministering Bro. Nathan Steffen and Charles Sauder as our guest speakers.

Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger, Ministering Bros. Robert Walder and John Wagler were overnight guests with friends and relatives here.

On Sunday, Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Ezra Feller served our congregation. Many other dear brothers and sisters traveled with these ministers and fellowshipped with us.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the Morris church for their hospitality during this sacred week of fulfillment.

Summer is gone, harvest is past . . . and still not saved. Praise the Lord, the day of grace is still open. We will take heed to the calling of God or be as King Agrippa when he told Paul, ALMOST thou persuaded me to be a Christian . . . as the beautiful hymn we sing, ALMOST but Lost.

Cindy, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine Messner, had surgery and is recovered. Sis. Emma Schmidt is recovering from surgery. She told me she feels stronger each day. Sis. Emma is the oldest member in our congregation. We sang **Happy Birthday** for her 79th, the evening of our last potluck.

The engagement of Sam Miller and Linda Pomranke was announced. Sam is the son of Bro. Carl Miller and Sis. Sophie. May they take the Lord into their home.

Clint Douglas is the new son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Mary Lou Schmidt. Darren, Rachael, and Corey welcome this new brother. Ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel are the paternal grandparents.

Our college student, Tony Messner, attends Normandale Junior in Bloomington. Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia are his parents.

There was great cause for rejoicing as Gertrude Messner, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Julia was announced for baptism. She has peace with her God and man. May the Lord grant her much grace.

We were privileged to have Bro. Noah Miller of Minneapolis and Sis. Laura, and 11 of their 12 children assemble with us. They were formerly of our congregation. We were warned to take heed of seducing spirits of the world, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

BLOOMINGTON

Virgil and Shirley Funk

Visiting ministers include: Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Nathan Stoller, Bradford; Joe Kaisner and Henry Kilgus, Forrest; Earl Kilgus, Remington; and Eli Somerhalder, Burlington. Speaking on behalf of our congregation, we feel unworthy of the untiring efforts of our dear ministering brothers. May each one find comfort in knowing the Lord will reward and bless each word spoken to His honor.

Our congregation was greatly saddened by the death of Norman Hari, a brother to our minister, Everett. No doubt one and all are deeply sympathetic with the entire family in their bereavement.

To those in sickness or sorrow . . . a quote that was so comforting. "Submission to the divine will is the softest pillow on which to recline."

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Janice Springer — Janice Frieden

As we look out over the countryside at the shoots of green wheat growing from the moist earth in newness of life, we can't help but think back to the days of our baptism, when we also arose to newness of life. As the wheat will pass through rough weather during its growth, so will the Christian have to weather the storms of life. How many will be left for the harvest?

The First-Sunday-of-the-month singing was held at Sis. Mabel and Sis. Janice Springer's home on Sept. 5. God blessed us with a truly wonderful evening of fellowship.

Sis. Betsy Diel is in the Kiowa

Hospital now, and Bro. Eli Somerhalder is recuperating from his surgery in Eureka. May God's grace be sufficient for them.

Janet Murrow, daughter of Gerald and Sis. Helen Murrow, was united in Holy Matrimony to Patrick Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Dickey, on Saturday, Sept. 25. Bro. Eugene Marti of Sabetha performed the ceremony. May God grant His love and joy to their marriage always.

The Master's Call

When I was but a young man, I was wild and full of fire—
A youth, within my teens, but full of challenge and desire.
I ran away from home and left my mother and my dad.
I know it grieved them so to think their only boy was bad.
I fell in with an outlaw band; their names were known quite well.
How many times we robbed and plundered I could never tell.
This kind of sinful livin' leads only to a fall.
I learned that much and more the night I heard my Master call.
One night we rustled cattle—a thousand head or so—
And started them out on the trail that leads to Mexico,
But a norther' started blowing and lightning flashed about.
I thought someone was calling me; I thought I heard a shout.
Then at that moment lightning struck not 20 yards from me,
And left there was a giant cross where once there was a tree;
And this time I knew I heard a voice—a voice so sweet and strange,
A voice that came from everywhere, a voice that called my name.
So frightened I was thinking of sinful deeds I'd done,
I failed to see the thousand head of cattle start to run.
The cattle, they stampeded, were running all around.
My pony ran but stumbled, and it threw me to the ground.
I felt the end was near—that death would be the price
When a mighty bolt of lightning showed the face of Jesus Christ.
And I cried, "Oh Lord, forgive me, don't let it happen now!
I want to live for you alone! Oh God, these words I vow!"
My wicked past unfolded; I thought of wasted years,

When another bolt of lightning killed a hundred head of steers
And the others rushed on by me,
and I was left to live.

The Master had a reason; life is His to take or give.
A miracle performed that night; I wasn't meant to die.
The dead ones formed a barricade least six or seven high.
Right behind it there was I, afraid,
but safe and sound.
I cried and begged for mercy kneeling there upon the ground.

CHICAGO

The Sunday following the conference in Morris, our congregation was blessed by the services of Bros. Elmer Schrenk, from Alto, and Wendell Gerber, from Bluffton.

We are glad to have Sis. Diane Emch assemble with us. She is teaching in the western suburbs.

Preliminary work to pouring the foundation for the new church building is completed. Progress has been slow because of the necessity to secure building and utility service permits.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler

Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford;
Striving alone to face temptations sore,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

How true it is in each day of our life, that we must go to the Lord and Saviour for our comfort and help in time of temptations and distress, for He is always there to strengthen, comfort, and guide us.

A son, Christopher Scott, was born on July 7 to Ronald and Beth Hirschey. Christopher is welcomed by a sister, two-year-old Lisa Ann. His grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey.

Those who have been hospitalized are Sisters Clara Virkler, Edith Schwartz and Lena Virkler (Naumburg congregation).

Bruce Hirschey and Gayle Lamay have ben united in marriage. Parents of the young couple are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lamay. They are living in Castorland.

We have enjoyed the visit of dear ones from Rockville, Akron, Gridley, Iowa City, and Oakville. Those who have visited us in the past

two weeks have enjoyed one of God's beauties here upon earth, the beautiful coloring of our maple trees.

Bro. Clayton Virkler's family have sold their farm and moved into their new home in Florida. Their new address is: 1401 Roslyn Avenue, Bradenton Florida 33507. We surely will miss them in our small congregations. May God richly bless them in their new home and community.

We welcome Norman and Mary Schulz, their twin daughters, Ann and Annette, and their son, John, into our community. Norman is the son of Sis. Rozella Schulz.

Donald Petzoldt received an injury to his eye and is slowly improving. Vision in his eye is still somewhat limited.

NEUHUTTEN GERMANY

Jon Zeller

On the 18th of September, Cornelia Maurer and John Aberle were united in marriage here. They plan to leave for their new home in Sabetha in the near future. May the Lord richly bless them in their new life together.

Bro. Dan Roth from Fairbury has just left us recently, having received a six-month early out for attending school at ISU. We all wish him God's blessings and our prayers, as we all shall deeply miss his love and generous fellowship for us.

so true
so forgiving
so merciful
so grace giving

so great
so beyond words
so wonderful
so beyond words

is love
is God.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

Bradley and Sis. Joyce Eland are the happy parents of their first son, born Sept. 29 and named Christopher Michael. They are currently living in San Antonio, where Brad is serving our country. The new baby is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Eland and Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara (Banwart) Frank of Oakville, and the first great-grandchild of Bro. John

Frank, who is also a member of the Oakville congregation.

September brought us the rare experience of hearing the word of God proclaimed by ministers from around the world. Bro. Carl Kinsinger from California assembled with us for services in Ames; that same day, Bro. John Bahler from Rockville visited us in Oakville. On Tuesday evening following, Bro. Akito Inoue from Tamahata, Japan, was our guest. We appreciate the willingness of our ministering brothers to bring us the word.

We are happy to report that four friends have been announced for proving in the near future, having found peace with God and man. They are April Wiegand (Bro. Albert and Sis. Aldene (Bucher), Lora Massner (Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma), and Jack and Cathy (Schrock) Larsen (daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Ruth (Marti)). Several other dear souls have renounced the world and are seeking the way to heaven.

PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

We are experiencing beautiful weather. After a rather dry summer, we have received welcome rain, which has brought life to the brown grass and trees. All is truly beautiful, with the trees displaying a riot of color. The beautiful yellows, reds, browns and greens are outstanding against the clear deep blue sky. How can anyone dare think there is no God, or that He is dead? The farmers are gathering bumper crops, and we sometimes wonder if we are worthy of all God's goodness. May we be truly thankful each day we can enjoy God's blessings.

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

We had many visitors with us Sept. 5, among them Bro. David Wiegand of Urbana, Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, and Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke. Many precious teachings were given. In Genesis, we read, The LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Bro. Rick Zimmerman some time ago had asked that Sis. Raylene Wagenbach could be his helpmate, & today Bro. Eugene Bertschi performed the ceremony, uniting this young couple in the bond of holy matrimony. With God as the head of their home, we trust they

will enjoy many happy days together. May they ever walk close to their Lord.

Sunday School was resumed the first Sunday in September, after a few weeks' vacation. It was a joy to see how anxious the children were to again assemble, with eagerness to learn more of the truths found in the Holy Bible. Sis. Janet Elsasser is a new teacher. She is capably teaching the innocent four-year-olds.

We were happy to have Bro. Lenard Meyer and others from Chicago spend a Sunday with us. Bro. Lenard reviewed the Beatitudes so beautifully, in a very quiet, impressive manner. I'm sure many present went home vowing they would walk closer to the Lord and practice these teachings.

It is always a pleasure to have quite a number from the Bradford congregation worship with us Wednesday evenings. We are especially thankful for the ministering brothers who share with our ministers and enjoy their teachings. We thank them for their efforts. Equally we thank our own ministers and never tire of their precious teachings.

We have several shut-ins, with some in hospitals. Our friend, Liseth Stahl, wife of Emil Stahl, is receiving therapy treatments in the hospital and showing slight improvement from a spinal stroke. We trust she can feel the Lord's nearness.

Phillip Elsasser is a very sick man in the hospital, suffering from several strokes and other complications. We are thankful to know he realized the necessity to make things right with his God, and treasures the visits of praying ministers.

Sis. Theresa Martin was hopeful she could come home following surgery, but found it necessary to have more surgery and is yet confined to the hospital. Even though she has been a very sick woman, she is now feeling a little stronger. Her two little daughters are being cared for by Grandpa and Grandma Burton and Martha Streitmatter.

Bro. Ray Martin was able to return to his home by ambulance, following hip surgery. His wife, Sis. Edna, and little children are happy to have him home, but he must be in bed for three months. He has a body cast and one leg in a cast, with a pin between his legs, thus

making it impossible for him to sit or walk. We trust he will be able to carry his cross, as many are praying for him and his family.

While trying to ready things for Ray's coming home, Sis. Wilma Martin slipped and broke her ankle. It has been placed in a walking cast and hopes in a few days to be able to carry on her duties. Their mother, Sis. Louise, carries her smile and always says God will not put more on us than we can carry, and He has always provided their needs. Sis. Martha (Mrs. Jeff) Streitmatter is slowly recovering from a stroke, and is now able to get about in her home with someone's aid. We are thankful she is showing improvement.

We are so glad that Bro. Will Huber is able to worship with us again after a serious heart attack, and has even stayed all day a few times. He said how he misses the fellowship and is so glad when he can meet and greet the brethren. It is uplifting for us all when our older members, the pillars of our faith, can be in our midst. Sis. Ida, Bro. Will's wife still spends most of the time in bed and appreciates a short call from loved ones.

God Always Knows

God always knows your every need
And heeds your every call;
The Master of the universe
Is faithful to us all. . .
So speak to God whene'er you can
And know that He is there;
He'll listen to your every word,
And hear your every prayer.

In loving memory of Eugene R. Rumbold who passed away four years ago—October 10, 1967:

He wished no one a last farewell
Nor ever said goodbye;
He was gone before we know it,
and only God knows why.
Time heals all sorrow and helps us
to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss him yet.
God gave us strength to face it
and courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose him
no one will ever know.
Our hearts oft ache with loneliness,
Our eyes shed many a tear
Only God knows how much we miss
him
And in prayer He is always near.
Mom and Dad and family

(Eugene returned from service from Germany early Sunday morning, and on Tuesday fell into a combine and was taken from this life.)

Several of our young people are attending college in various places. Sis. Janice Herrmann is at ISU in Normal; Wayne Hermann at Iowa State University at Iowa City; Roger Feucht at Southern University at Carbondale, Illinois; Kevin and Gary Martin are at University of Illinois at Champaign; and several attend classes at ICC, but stay at home.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

October is here! The harvest fields are filled with ripened grain. The farmers are very busy bringing in their crops. More important than the harvest season on earth is God's Harvest, when He returns for His own. May we ever remain true to Him, so we will receive the reaper's crown.

We were happy to have Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber, Bro. John Wagler, and Bro. Albert Scheitlin visit us and proclaim the precious word of God.

Lynn Scheitlin, daughter of Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity, has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

ROANOKE

**Norene Herbst
Mary Hoffman**

Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Fischer are the parents of a girl, Crystal Rose, born Sept. 8. She has three brothers and three sisters. Wayne and Sis. Marjorie Blunier also have a new daughter, who is welcomed at home by a sister and two brothers.

The marriage engagement of Bro. William Bucher and Sis. Florence Hangartner was announced Sept. 26.

Our friends, Russell and Jane DesCarmetrie and Robert and Janice Sauder have been announced to give their testimonies of repentance and conversion in the near future.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, we were privileged to have Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) with us, and on Oct. 3, Bro. Robert Miller (Portland) to share unto us the word of life.

Curtis Knenn, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ruth Knenn, has completed his time in the service and returned home.

Edith Hodel and Larry Yordy have announced their engagement and are planning a December wedding. Their parents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Margaret Hodel and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yordy of Roanoke.

Friends Melvin Fischer and Martha Stansbury were married on Aug. 14. We welcome them to our congregation. They are at home in rural Roanoke.

Friends Robert and Carolyn Brown (daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Agnes Rocke) have moved to Roanoke.

Sis. Mary Ann Klaus is home from the hospital, recuperating from a fall in her home, where she sustained a fractured pelvis and broken arm.

Sis. Anna (Mrs. David) Mangold has been in the hospital, suffering a heart attack. She is improving, and hopes to be home again soon.

Bro. Bill Sauder is in the St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, having been stricken with a heart attack, followed by a stroke. He is improving slowly. Our prayers are surely with him and his loved ones.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

The marriage of Sis. Virgene Schneider to Bro. Peter Hany was solemnized on Sunday Sept. 19 at the church, by Elder John Bahler. A wedding supper and reception was at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. and Sis. Leon Schneider. May God's Spirit reign in their home.

A dear friend, Madeline Hany (wife of Wilbur Hany), rejoiced with the church as she told the congregation of her repentance and conversion. Her wish was then fulfilled, when she could be baptized. Bro. John Bahler, the elder, carried out her desire.

Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a family supper. The event was especially enhanced when her (Vi's) only sister, Sis. Naomi Ramsier of Bay City, and several of her brothers from distant states came to be present. There are several pretty gifts of silver brought, and many kind wishes exchanged.

Because of this same affair, we could listen to many good teachings by Bro. Arthur Gudeman (who had come to the above), when he spoke to the congregation in his sermons

on Sunday. We are always happy to have Bro. Arthur here with us at Rockville. We have had countless numbers of blessings from the many sermons spoken from our pulpit here in Rockville. Many of these brethren, humble as we remember them, are no longer here, but their examples stand out and their lights shine on. They are not forgotten!

Births: A daughter, Tanya Rose, to Sis. Ruth (Hany) and John Kostuk, their third child. Also born was a son to Sis. Lorraine and Robert Dombek, not named at this writing.

The Autumn chill has already been felt here, and as we look about us, we can see the work of the Hand of God beginning to paint the hill-sides and foliage. We must marvel at His great transition that takes place with such divine precision each year. Although we have seen this so many times in the past, year after year, yet it is one of the many wonders of creation. As we watch this take place, we agree with the Psalmist when he sang, **Be still, and know that I am God!**

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

It is with much joy to report three more souls are seeking the Lord. How wonderful the Lord has not passed us by, but extended His grace in these last days. We also know the Lord will not return until the very last soul has been gathered in.

Many relatives and friends were witnesses to the wedding of Joyce Schlatter and Stephen Kaiser, Sun., Sept. 12. They are now at home near Milford.

The Sewing Circle had all-day sewing Wed., Oct. 6.

Bro. Herman Norr is home and doing fine. Sis. Mary Souder had been on our sick list. Also, my brother John Getz spent some time in the hospital, but is home again. Sis. Jenny Klopfenstein is in the hospital and had surgery.

Here are the whereabouts of some of our young people: Cynthia and Sandra Bertsch are both at the Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Sandra a technician and Cynthia practical nursing. Linn Klopfenstein, Christy Surface and Gary Bollier are at Ball State College in Muncie. Mark and Nancy Souder and E. J. Winzeler are in college in Ft. Wayne at Indiana University.

Lillian Winzeler is working in Chicago.

SARASOTA

Phil Wingeier

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Again, the good Lord willing, we are planning services in Sarasota as usual, inviting all who travel this way to stop and worship with us. We do extend a special invitation to all elders and ministering brothers to visit and help us to worship. We again trust in the Lord, that He will bless us, as He has in the past.

Our first service will be Nov. 14. Place of worship, The Women's Club Building, located on Corner of Palm Ave. and Coconut St., one block off U.S. Highway 41. Time of service, 1:00 p.m. EST.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

In God's holy word, we find promises that He will grant mercy and grace to help us in time of every need, if we boldly approach the "throne of grace" . . . And we find our needs vary greatly from day to day, even as we strive for that eternal Home!

A precious bundle was given to Allen and Diane Zigler of 2326 Webster St., when Andrea Diane was born Sept. 6. Grandparents are the Floren Klopfensteins and the Gerald Ziglers of Ft. Wayne. Diane is a patient at Parkview Hospital, awaiting surgery for the removal of gallstones. How our prayers are raised heavenward for her and her dear family! May they find comfort and help in the Promises of God.

Sis. Amanda Mills was hospitalized for foot surgery, and altho' the road to recovery is lengthy, we are thankful she can assemble with us again. Sis. Marge Gerber has been confined to her home the past several weeks with severe back discomfort, following the flu. We know and can appreciate that good health is a blessing, and would surely ask the Father's nearness to those who suffer bodily afflictions.

The last Sunday in September was "Promotion Sunday" in our Sunday School. We could listen to and appreciate the accomplishments of our children, in a brief program, as another step onward in

their pathway. We find in God's word that we shall "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Again our own family could experience a deep loss, when Mother Eisenmann, Sis. Ida Eisenmann of Cissna Park, was granted her wish and desires to go to her **Eternal Rest**, on Sept. 28. How we treasure those last times we could spend with her and help care for her, even tho' it wasn't as often as we'd have liked! In her last days the words "My Heavenly Home Is Bright and Fair" oft came to her, and in her affliction she would find comfort in the words, "Willingly Endure". Even in her lasting illness she was greatly tried by the crafty foe, but could then find that God still held the upper hand for her! And how thankful we are for this! In a White Bible in a cedar case presented to Lee "In Loving Memory of Mother" by the union at his work is found a very beautiful verse, "Tired":

The cross is heavy, Lord,
And I am weak to bear it,
But I have faith,
For Thou has promised, Lord,
That Thou wilt surely share it.

The way is rough, my God!
And I am so weary!
But I have faith,
For Thou the same hast trod
Alone, in paths most dreary.

Make short the journey, Lord!
For I am oh so lonely,
And I have faith
That one beneath the sword
For whom my heart yearns only

These eyes shall greet once more
In a fairer land than this,
Where sight, not faith,
Will reign, and partings o'er,
Love may have its perfect bliss.

And in closing, I cannot help but think of the precious words and of the many wonderful promises of God we could again hear about in this day. How well it will be for us when we leave this life, if we can say with the writer of that beautiful "It Is Well With My Soul", that it is well for each of us!

To the Silver Lining

Henry Anis Perry's daughter
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I went to Huntsville Hospital 19th of September . . . Had surgery the 26th. The Lord still answers prayers. I am thankful the Lord was with me . . . thank the Lord for Sis. Ann Wagler was by my side on day when I was operated on. Bro. John Wagler came every day, had prayer. Sis. Ann helped the nurses with me. I know God will bless her for her work. May the Lord bless us and us pray for one another. Some day there be no sickness and tears in heaven. Read the word of God . . .

Urbana

My Evening Prayer

If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own wilful way—

Good Lord, forgive!

If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,

Lest I myself should suffer through the strain—

Good Lord, forgive!

If I have craved for joys that are not mine,

If I have let my wayward heart repine,

Dwelling on things of earth, not things divine—

Good Lord, forgive!

Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee;

Forgive the secret sins I do not see. That which I know not, Father,

teach Thou me—

Help me to live.

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THIS WAY WE PASS

Henry Souder Jr.

It's good to know somebody else cares. Pitching in, calling for help with their prayer. Kindness is a radiant jewel. We should not "box it up" at only one season, this beauty of Christmas kindness. We should give and give all the time. Of ourself.

What you give is important. You have the ability to bear. Otherwise, it would not be written. Bear another's load that weighs, help another one struggling. It's interesting and blessed to so do. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

To think wrongly is possible, and not hard. The mind has vast ability. If we think wrong, given enough time and error, we do wrong. We always need to remember to whom we owe everything. Where, and what would we be without our Lord? Let's think truly, as things are, soberly . . . "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

We need to prove. Test. Put our thoughts, our conclusions and action through and through the great proving grounds of God's word. One little phrase can take us on a long, roundabout, lost time journey. And what if it is a complete loss? One decision can mean hours of time. If we have the prize of being correct, being right and successful, then we can happily know we have done something. What a value is this statement in a person: "But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."

Others may help. Each one's work should be squarely on his own shoulders. God frowns on shirking, shoving or laziness. If we don't complete what He has intrusted, how should we expect to have something else to do? There can be beautiful artistry in every task. It's something to see a work done well. The way to success is, "For every man shall bear his own burden."

Now, there are teachers of the word, and there are teachers of all goodness. They are about us . . . expert in their calling. How sharp is your spiritual hearing? Are you aware of these beautiful illustrations of goodness? Keenly aware how lights are shining? There is wealth to be discovered in those lights. Particularly, those who teach the word are to fellowship with those who teach many kinds of goodness. Learning, it's tremendous if you've found how. "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

Don't figure wrongly. Don't make the error that God does not know everything. Your steps, all of them . . . the inmost part of the heart are clear, sharp in outline to Him. Nothing is hid.

Life is far more real than we sometimes realize. Daily action is for eternity. Like a garden in spring. What we said with our mouth, what we did is the sowing. Do we see the seed? Like a picture on a packet, the plant will be harvested the way it looks. God's word is the illustration. "Be not de-

ceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

What a sad story it would be to reap the ugly and decayed. Someone cut off from Christ or an unbeliever has nothing else left. The old body, warped wishes, tainted desires . . . welded with that lost one, never to get away. Forever out of reach is all the good.

Someday the clouds will clear away. To those who finish in success, there will be beautiful splendor and unbroken joy. Here they sowed, often in trouble. They knew what the seed was, and how its fruit looked. They knew patience well, sometimes in hottest smelter. They were listeners. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

It is very great and very greatly wonderful to know this Spirit. We are weak and our falling short is known. We see one another. The Spirit shines through . . . through these people, showing that perfect, wonderful One. Perfect, pure love as shown in I Corinthians 13. That's the love of the Spirit all the time, forever. More than we can understand. Joy, peace and life are His. What shall that be when we reap from this Spirit life everlasting? "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, it we faint not."

It will be worth it all, and much more!