



In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he

covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

THANKSGIVING

The way of happiness is from the Lord. One moment, and His word in action, That's happiness to His Child! Our God is beautiful. He is warm and pleasant in love. To be with Him brings sweet feelings of home . . . chords that breathe of joy unspeakable.

Let's listen to words taken from an article of Elder Bro. Theo. Beer: Daniel loved to kneel in the presence of His God, three times a day to praise and give Him thanks. King David's heart overflowed with thanks, and in Psalm 103 he spoke: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits . . . In Christ's earthly ministry He taught that man ought always to pray, and in everything to give thanks. On the basis of these examples from God's word, we as children of God are instructed to make prayer and praise a happy and blessed habit of our daily lives . . .

The next quotation is from one who was from Akron, and has been taken to the beautiful city of God, Bro. Forest Ritzman: As we read the resurrection accounts in the four gospels, there should be no doubt in any human mind as to the truth and actual happenings of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. The confidence and peace of mind and heart granted to all born-again individuals assure the authenticity of these accounts . . . We should all be thankful to God for this perfect plan of salvation, and to our loving Saviour, who be-

came willing to do the Father's will, to bring this, so great a salvation . . .

One by one, that great Thanksgiving homecoming up there finds places filling. The following words were given through Bro. Lowell Stoller: The dark hours of that first Good Friday when Jesus hung on the cross in pain and in anguish are pressed deeply into the heart of a soul that is called to repentance—when only the Lord can cause one, through His word, to fully understand and realize the price that had to be paid to satisfy God, where it is written in Isaiah 53:11, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied . . ." When the Lord does this to a soul, he can never forget his Saviour, nor be unthankful the rest of his life.

The next words are through a brother from our Goodfield congregation, Bro. Robert Grimm: **Thanksgiving** . . . a time of rejoicing, a time of close family ties, a time of deep thoughts of gratefulness, a time of humble appreciation for God's great gifts to His creation . . . the child of God . . . How does he view Thanksgiving? Surely, the dedicated man of God looks at it differently than the average inhabitant of the earth . . . he who has the mind of Christ views Thanksgiving through spiritual eyes . . . It becomes vividly apparent then, that as wonderful as the normally expressed Thanksgiving blessings are, they pale when com-

pared to the gifts of the Spirit that are given, freely, to humble Christian brethren.

The treasures at Home are safe. It's beautiful to ponder of these real people gathered. Listen to an excerpt from "A Thanksgiving Message" by Bro. Jacob Frautschi: At this season of the year our hearts are filled with thankfulness to God for the abundance of food, clothing and shelter He has provided. May we never cease to thank Him for our redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord . . ."

Listen to words taken from a written message by Bro. Loren Stoller from our Latty church: Today, it is easy for us to share with our own to such an extent that it soon takes a large quantity to cause appreciation. If the excessive giving to our own would be split . . . many more people could rejoice, and within us the scripture would be fulfilled, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." . . . The lonely would like just a little of our time, if only to see our face and to touch our hand . . . The whole world is now within our gate. Prosperity has extended our reach . . . Let us pour it into the storehouse; it will be used right.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

A REPORT OF TRIP TO JAPAN

Bro. Ben Maibach

Bro. Rudolph Graf and I have returned from our trip to the Orient and want to especially express our appreciation for the many prayers that were offered on our behalf. Indeed, we were carried on the wings of prayer and could feel that God most graciously opened many doors. We cannot be thankful enough for his kind providence, and we were able to be reunited with our loved ones at home.

We felt that our visit was both necessary and timely, and we were

extremely well received. We were happy to observe that God is working among our beloved brethren and friends in Japan.

We found good support and the way opened to ordain Bro. Akito Inoue as a deacon at the Tamahata church. We feel he will give good assistance to Bro. Willis. It is noteworthy that he is the first Japanese brother ordained. It has long been our intention that, as soon as possible we would like to place responsibility for the work in the hands of

the Japanese brethren.

At Shioda we were able to baptize a 22-year-old young lady, Eiko Nozawa. Her testimony was indeed a humble one, and at the conclusion she expressed her appreciation for the consideration given her by the Japanese brethren and thanked them wholeheartedly for their patience and support.

At Tsutsujiga-Oka, we announced three dear souls, including a young man who has been coming to church for several years and has

been extremely helpful. As he has expressed himself, he positively wants to be baptized.

We had many interviews with the brethren and friends. We found a good reception and had services in all three of the congregations, both on Sunday and during the week. We were particularly pleased to see that the condition seems to be quite markedly improved. Let us pray for the blessings and increase upon those who labor so diligently.

Sisters Judy Bauer and Sue Schock are a fine example in their appearance as godly women, and have been well received by the Japanese brethren and friends in their teaching . . .

We bring hearty greetings from all of the brethren. Let us all pray that God will add His blessings, so that many more precious souls can see the marvelous light. It can only

be found through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, we spent the day with Bro. Ron Meiss and his wife, Sis. Kay from Morris, and were joined in our worship service by Norman Grusy and his wife, formerly from Gridley Ill., who are stationed there, at Seoul Korea.

We visited the Foundling Home, Choong Hyun Babies Home, established for unwanted babies in 1951, presently having 300 children from 3 days to 6 years. We were deeply touched at their expression of love. They craved attention. They were extremely well behaved in spite of their crowded quarters. The older children were singing some hymns for us in Korean. We were favorably impressed by the loving care they received, which was evident in part by the women who work and live there, each carrying a baby on their back in Korean style while

they tend to the other babies in the nursery.

Our World Relief Committee last year supplied this home. They have made a request for support, as the home has to be moved; a new highway is going to go through the existing facilities. We most certainly felt that, from our observation, they were worthy of consideration.

We stopped in Honolulu, where we met some of our brethren and had an evening service in our hotel room. Bro. Sherman Lanz from Rockville, Bernal Hoerr and his wife, Ok-Sun, along with Bro. Simon Bahler and his wife, Sis. Clara from Altadena (celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary) were there.

Thanks to all of you who were mindful of us. It is heart-warming to know that we do not undertake these missions on our own strength. May God bless you all.

OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION — HOME FOR HANDICAPPED

Bro. Elmer Bucher, Francesville

Sept. 26 and Oct. 17 are two memorable dates in the hearts and minds of all who have been affiliated with the Home. Open house was held on Sept. 26 and, in spite of some disagreeable weather, a total of nearly 3000 persons took advantage of the opportunity to see what has been accomplished since ground-breaking. We were told that in addition, a goodly number came to the site, but because of the crowd chose not to go through the home.

The visitors were taken on tours that began at the main entrance, through the front lobby, past the gift shop, into the corridor that joins the three residential wings to the dining area . . . then out through the inner court, past the Biblical garden and around to the north side of the structure, where they again entered the building, going in through the exit door of one of the residential wings. The tour continued through the wing to the hub of the residential area known as the nurses' station . . . through the living room where residents can take their guests to visit, back through the corridor to the craft and therapy room . . . The visitors

were thanked for coming and asked to have a snack before leaving.

The Home is located on a 40-acre tract of land, approximately one and one-half miles northwest of Morton. It is several hundred feet back from the road and is surrounded on two sides by trees. It covers nearly 25,000 square feet of ground and will accommodate 49 residents, with provisions for expansions in the event the need arises. Total cost to date is approximately \$800,000.

Due to the ages of those persons whose families indicated the greatest interest in a home at the time the survey was taken, a license for persons 18 years and over has been applied for.

At present there are two residents, Bro. Harold Miller from Portland and Marlene Moser from Fairbury. In addition, two more applicants have been accepted, and several others have been received.

October 17, the day of dedication was a beautiful fall day, with the temperature high enough to permit having the services out in the Biblical garden in front of the home.

Approximately 300 persons were present to hear Elder Bros. Noah

Schrock and Herman Kellenberger, assisted by Elder Bros. Roy Sauder and Russell Rapp very ably dedicate the home to God, as a place where His loving care and compassion can be manifested by His people, in helping those families who have been given a handicapped child.

Bro. Noah emphasized that the Home cannot remove the burden that exists in the heart of those parents, but it is intended to aid in sharing it. He also stated that the

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home is not intended to encourage parents to rid themselves of their responsibility, but can be a great consolation to them to know that a place has been prepared when the need arises. His encouragement for continued prayerful and financial support and his expressions of the evidence of God from the grass up were greatly appreciated. A buffet lunch was served to all present.

It is our prayer that the wonderful support and interest that has been shown since the home had its beginning in 1963 will continue. May God bless everyone that has helped in any way.

ATHENS

Zelma Young

As this is the time of the year that we should be thankful for everything that God has given us, we should be thankful for the air we breath, for the beautiful sunshine and the rain. We are thankful for the word of God. We do not thank God enough for his wonderful gifts He gives us.

There is lots of sickness around in the community. Bro. Oscar Carrell has been in the hospital, and has been transferred to the Athens Nursing Home.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Take the world but give me Jesus;
Let me have His constant smile,
Then throughout my pilgrim
journey
Faith shall cheer me all the while.

Oct. 27, Wednesday evening, Sis. Ruth Rocke and Bro. Ben Schumacher were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber.

Bro. Robert Schumacher was in the Proctor Hospital for surgery on his knee. He has returned home. Bro. John Schumacher is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, after having suffered a heart attack. Sis. Minnie Leman is a patient in the Eureka Hospital; she has pneumonia. Sis. Julia Leman is a patient in the Methodist Hospital. She is one of the patients from the "Home."

Births: A daughter, Kalene Renee, was born to Lonnie and

Kandy Kupferschmid on Oct. 24. This is their second child; now they have two daughters. A son, Matthew Dean, was born to Bro. and Sis. Leland and Lorene Zimmerman, Oct. 31. He has two sisters and two brothers to welcome him.

Two of our friends were married recently. Joanne Leman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dave and Ann Leman, was married to David Lockwood. They were married in the Fellowship Hall at Peoria and are residing in Eureka. Marty Hinrichson, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Thurman and Ladine Hinrichson was married to Grant Van Scyoc in Eureka, and are now living in the El Paso Ill. area.

Note of Thanks: I would like to say "Thank You" to all friends, relatives, and neighbors for all prayers, gifts and cards sent to me while I was in Eureka and Proctor Hospitals and since returning home. May God bless each one. Sis. Martha Wettstein.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Sharon Stoller are the parents of a baby girl, born Nov. 3. She has been named Jennifer Rebecca. They also have a son.

Bible Reading Schedule

Dec. 1, I Corinthians 1-4; Dec. 2, 5-8; Dec. 3, 9-11; Dec. 4, 12-14; Dec. 5, 15-16; Dec. 6, II Corinthians 1-5; Dec. 7, 6-10; Dec. 8, 11-13; Dec. 9, Galatians 1-4; Dec. 10, 5, 6, Ephesians 1-3; Dec. 11, Ephesians 4-6; Dec. 12, Philippians; Dec. 13, Colossians; Dec. 14, I Thess.; Dec. 15, II Thess.; Dec. 16, I Timothy; Dec. 17, II Timothy; Dec. 18, Titus and Philemon; Dec. 19, Hebrews 1-4; Dec. 20, 5-8; Dec. 21, 9-10; Dec. 22, 11-13; Dec. 23, James; Dec. 24, I Peter; Dec. 25, II Peter; Dec. 26, I John; Dec. 27, II John, III John; Revelation 1-2; Dec. 28, 3-8; Dec. 29, 9-13; Dec. 30, 14-18; Dec. 31, 19-22.

Anyone who follows this schedule will have read the Bible through. It would be interesting to know how many did.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Everything in the valley is a beautiful green, since the Lord has blessed us with an abundance of rain.

Sis. Millie Stickling is in the hospital for a short stay, following surgery. We are glad to hear she is feeling much better, and hope to

see her again soon sitting amidst our congregation.

The children enjoyed a weiner roast and potluck at church on the 5th of October. Friends and brethren enjoyed the evening also, in the fellowship and singing that followed.

The Sunday School are looking forward to their annual picnic, which is to be held at Randolph Park on the 31st.

On Oct. 16, the ladies of the church hosted a singing shower for Friends Wayne and Alana Schrenk, who were recently married. The event was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Noah Herman.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever . . . This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Precious and beautiful words contained in God's holy word! Bro. Henry Beer was our guest minister this last Sunday in October, and the 118th Psalm was the first reading in this beautiful autumn Sabbath morning, another very precious, sunshiny day.

We're very thankful that four more dear souls were added to the fold Oct. 24. Our new sisters in faith are Rhonda and Barbara Haefli, daughters of Bro. Richard and Sis. Gladys Blunier Haefli; Mary See, daughter of Bill and Erma Schlatter See; and Lillian (Mrs. Bob) Cagle, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Anna Thomas. We welcome these dear sisters and are so happy the Lord called them and gave them grace to repent. It really does our hearts good when we assemble in God's house and hear there are still more repenting. Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont assisted Bros. Roy Sauder and Chuck Hemmer with the provings and baptisms. We certainly appreciated his ministering to us, along with Bro. John Steiner from Oakville, who was a guest minister the same day.

Bro. Elmer Hartter from Milford and Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson were guest ministers earlier in the month. We appreciated their visits and we thank all these dear brethren for their labors of love.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Shirley Triplett are the parents of Mathew Gene, born Oct. 16. They now have

a daughter and two sons. Bro. Steven and Sis. Vicki Sauder are the parents of a little baby girl, born Oct. 26. This is their second daughter.

Sis. Molly Perdelwitz and Bro. Conrad Woerner have been hospital patients, but both are now home recuperating. Bro. John Stock, Friends Rosa Kroos, Bertha Siebanthal and Henry Staub, Sisters Emma Siebanthal and Ruth Hartman are hospital patients. Our friend, Philip Elsasser has been transferred from the hospital to our church home infirmary on Skyline Drive.

Bro. Theophil Haefli, 81, died Oct. 10 at St. Francis Hospital, where he had been a patient about a month. He was born in Switzerland, but has been a Peoria resident for 60 years. In 1916 he married Caroline Meister; Sis. Carrie died in 1967. He then married Sis. Naomi Fischer in 1970, and she survives, along with three sons, Ernest, Robert and Richard all of our Peoria congregation; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Helen) Mangold of Roanoke and Mrs. David (Frances) Koch of Tremont. **Note of thanks:** We wish to thank the many people for the many cards and for their prayers during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. The Theophil Haefli Family.

CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

The clinging hand of His child makes a desperate situation a delight to him.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene Banwart, due to the death of their infant son, Harvey Floyd. Besides his parents, he had a little sister, Peggy Sue.

Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy Knapp are parents of their first child, a boy named Darrick Brent.

Sis. Doris Knapp had surgery and was in the hospital. Clayton Ott had surgery and is getting along fine. Allen Roth, son of Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline, had a misfortune and broke his collarbone.

Our visiting ministers were Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Nathan Stoller, Bradford; Joe Stoller, Princeville.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

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

PORTLAND Judith Knecht

More Than A Word

Thanksgiving is more than a word to me.

It means that I worship thankfully:
Grateful to God for the gift of His Son;
Grateful to Him for the harvest done;
Grateful for home, country and friend;
Grateful for slumber at evening's end;
Grateful to waken to morning's song;
Grateful to serve God all day long.

Truly missed in our congregations is Bro. Harold Miller. He is making his home in the new Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicap, 292 Veterans Rd.; Morton Ill. 61550. May the Lord strengthen and comfort him. Also missing are Sis. Marlise and Sis. Linda Miller, daughters of Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller. They are currently at home at 3912 Thomas Rd. S-W, Apt. 2, Huntsville Ala. 35805.

Thanking the Lord for a safe journey to Silverton are Bro. Joe and Sis. Beth Anliker and granddaughter, Robin. The Lord willing, the Anlikers plan to spend the winter months with us. We welcome these loved ones and thank the Lord guiding them here.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

To give thanks and praise everyday, not only on Thanksgiving, is beneficial to all, as the Psalmist often expresses himself.

We were all shocked and saddened when Bro. Edwin Bahler's place of business was on fire on Sun. evening, Oct. 17. It was brought under control with three fire engines and others who helped.

Our nephew, Bro. Clyde and Sis. Mary Sue Waibel have a baby girl, Judy Sue, born Oct. 19. Little Lee Allen is very happy with her.

Bro. Robert Clauss is home from the hospital, after having arm surgery.

We all rejoice to hear Jane Le-man (Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna) is repenting . . .

Every year our sewing circle collects gifts, toys and books, things they rarely have or get for the

mountain children in Kentucky. These gifts are sent, then sorted and distributed where most needed. One year, some of the Kilgus girls took the gifts, another year some of our family took them on our way to Florida, and this year Sis. Eliza Getz from here, her two sisters from Bluffton, Sis. Tillie Bahler, Sis. Leona and Bro. Obed Gerber took them, first spending a Sunday in Sardis, then delivering the gifts, and then to Dessie Scott Children's Home, where they helped bake cookies etc. and the men did other work.

Sis. Tillie Wittner and some of her family from Eureka came to visit us and several of her old friends here who she has longed to see for some time. Tillie and her family lived here years ago. They moved to Illinois in 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Probst of Bern Switzerland were guests of Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel, Mrs. Probst being a cousin of Anna, Sam Gruber, and Sis. Leah (Aaron) Farney (of Wolcott). They also visited relatives in Emporia Kansas and around Elgin Iowa . . . This being where Sis. Anna's parents settled when they first came to America from Bern.

In memory of my loving husband, who passed away Nov. 9, 1966, 5 years. Peaceful sleeping and resting, All weary troubles and trials are passed. To some he may be forgotten, To me he never will. Tho' God has him in His keeping, I still have him in my heart. His wife, Eliza Getz.

AKRON

Katherine Ries

In humble appreciation, as we drove through our beautiful countryside, seeing the bounteous harvest our God has showered upon our land, We become most thankful for all our blessings. The thought comes, What a wonderful harvest it would be if our children, grandchildren, and friends of the truth would repent while it is yet the day of grace. "Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

The vicissitudes of life experi-

enced by Bro. Dan and Sis. Eva Emery in their 58 years of marriage is such that the testimony of Sis. Eva (golden years give counsel) is one of great faith, "In all kinds of storm, weather, sickness, health, depression, and death" . . . And altho' it is nearing 3 years since Dan has been confined to a nursing home, unable to walk or talk, Eva "feels God's nearness in trusting in Him according to His precious promises. He will not leave us nor forsake us". Eva says, "We have been blessed with 16 children, of which 12 survive, 32 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and God has always provided and we never went hungry. He will not leave us nor forsake us is my faith". Bro. Dan and Sis. Eva were married Nov. 2, 1913.

We are happy to welcome home Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Ben Maibach from their visit to Japan.

Bros. Robert Meyer, Bluffton; Al Fisher, Chicago; and Gary Maibach, Rittman, were visiting ministers during October. We are grateful for their visit and thank them for their messages.

Friend Fred Burr is again in St. Thomas Hospital for tests. He and Friend Helen welcomed their first grandson Oct. 11, which brought joy to them, their daughter Jean, and her husband Richard Weisman. May the blessings of the Lord be with you all.

ALTO Loretta Steffen

Ramona Ruth is the sweet baby girl God has given to Bro. Bill & Sis. Judy Gerst. Juanita also welcomes her new sister, born Oct. 4.

What is recorded in the Bible is proven, tried and true. Let's examine what Solomon said. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." When the home decays, the nation decays: "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands" and "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house." The woman, as mother has a tremendous obligation to teach her family, by example, the meaning of righteousness, love, serenity, contentment. This is how the wise woman builds her house. The brawler tears her house down, for hate, envy and contention dwell within the walls.

In like manner the nation either rises or falls, and moral obligations rest upon the shoulders of mothers. Are we doing the best we can?

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward — Edna Pohl

As we readied ourselves recently for the Lord's Day, the words came into our thoughts: I cannot tell how precious the Saviour is to me; I only can entreat them to come and taste and see. Then as we entered the church door, we heard them singing in the Sunday School gathering of members and children, "Come Sinner Come". Voices blending so to rend our hearts for loved ones yet in chains of darkness.

How grateful we should be to have this privilege of assembling around God's word, and for the blessed day of rest from our weekly labors our Lord provided.

Our congregation rejoices with thanks to the Lord for the surrender in repentance of our recently-married friends, Tom Ebert and Dianne Woodward, granddaughter of Bro. John Wagenbach, Oakville. Tom's work is in Elgin, Ill.

Sis. Judy Gehring (Uriel) is home again from the hospital, after 2 weeks of treatment and tests for a severe infection. She is still under medication and check-up.

Bro. Richard and myself were privileged to be at the Conference. Morris has a lovely church, and a goodly number in their congregation. While the elders were in conference, their wives, ministers, brothers, and wives were shown films on World Relief and its projects to help the needy (in their fellowship hall). It gave one thought as to how our elder brothers strive to keep the Faith in our churches, needing always to admonish their flocks for our soul's sake. All three evenings gave ample ministers for hearing God's word, while the elders labored on. The time was truly well spent, and the singing of many voices was beautiful. The sisters of Morris worked in labors of love to serve the many guests present and a place to sleep was found for all.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Mary Woerner

"Two ways, O man, are there for thee; There are two destinations. Upon the path to heav'n we bear the cross and tribulation. The other path with joy abounds, and yet no

inward peace is found; It leads thee to destruction."

"Eternity is drawing near; O, seek your soul's salvation! Upon the narrow path of life There's mercy and protection. Eternal is the great reward If on the pathway of the Lord You fear not the affliction."

These two verses of the beautiful hymn, "The Way and the Reward," contain the many precious teachings that were brought to us by our Bros. Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Vernon Leman, Eureka; Edwin Ringger, Gridley; and Gene Bertschi, Roanoke. We thank these brothers for visiting us; may God bless each one.

On Oct. 8, we held our annual fall picnic at the Three Bears picnic area at Lake Bloomington. After supper we all enjoyed singing around the campfire.

Oct. 17 was our Freshman Welcome Day. Many new students and their parents gathered with us for church services at the Normal church, and for supper at the Sinorak. We wish each of our new students God's guidance and protection.

MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander
Mrs. Kenneth Getz

A.C. Home For The Handicapped: On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17, a warm and sunny day, dedication services were held. The good weather allowed the services to be held outside in the Biblical garden, to better accommodate the large crowd. To introduce the services, several hymns were sung by a Francesville group. Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville then gave a history of the Home project, followed by comments on purpose and objectives of the Home by Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha. These are to provide a haven of care for handicapped loved ones whose parents are no longer able. Elder Bros. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Herman Kellenberger of Elgin then conducted the services, after which concluding remarks were made by the Home guiding elders, Bros. Roy Sauder of Peoria and Russell Rapp of Morton. A light lunch was served and tours given to all who desired. It was truly a blessed day and we thank all who could come. All who have a need for this beautiful facility are urged to visit the Home or write to Administrator, Bro. Bob

Knobloch, Box 292, Veterans Rd., Morton Ill 61550.

Four new Sunday School teachers have been added to the teaching staff: Bro. Maurice Schaefer and Sisters Marcia Kahler Kelley, Sherrill Stoller Jones and Diana Belsley Kaiser.

Rebecca Sue Bauman was married to Thomas J. Kaiser on Oct. 26 at the Peoria Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall.

The engagement of Jane Rinkenberger to Gary Schneider has been announced by her parents, Bro. Verden and Sis. Elma Kaiser Rinkenberger. Gary is the son of Mrs. Helen Schneider of Hopedale and the late Clifford Schneider.

Those who are sick or convalescing are: Corrine Knapp Ackerman, Sis. Helen Springer Schmidgall, Bros. Joe Hauter and Donat Widmer. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Wuthrich Belsley are residents of Restmor Nursing Home. Sis. Emma recently observed her 90th birthday.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Lydia Waldbeser Getz, 80, who passed away at her home on Oct. 8. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Sam J. Getz; a daughter, Mrs. Rex (Helen) Fleming, and three sons, Bro. Robert, Donald and Elton; a brother, Ed and a sister, Sis. Kate (Mrs. Henry) Stieglitz.

Bro. Ben Kaiser, 84, passed away on Nov. 1 at the Restmor Nursing Home. He is survived by three sons, Bros. Vernon and Orman and Harold; five daughters, Sisters Marie (Mrs. Levi) Schock, Marjorie (Mrs. Ben) Kaufman, Elma (Mrs. Verden) Rinkenberger, and Beulah (Mrs. Carl) Muehling and Anna (Mrs. Clarence) Sommer; three sisters, Sisters Lena Plattner, Mary Schweigert and Nettie Kaiser; and two brothers, Bros. Chris and Joseph.

UNION CITY Gail Gasser

On Sunday, Oct. 31, we were happy to have several visitors in our midst. These were Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl, Bro. Daryl and Sis. Norma Luginbuhl from Rockville and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf from Akron. The latter couple were visiting their son Don, who lives in New York City.

Moving? Drop a card ahead if can. Tell both old and new address.

TOLEDO Lydia Meister

There is a time to sow . . . and a time to reap. We have been blest with the harvest of the fields, and see all about us the beauty of autumn. How thankful we are to our loving Creator . . . But when we see the seeds of the Spirit which have been so diligently sown come to fruition, our hearts bow in deep and humble thankfulness. There are three of our dear friends answering the call of our Lord. We wish them grace sufficient for each day.

The Zieglers are missed so very much. They are spending the winter in Florida. We wish them a pleasant sojourn.

Benita Schlatter has enrolled in the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. It is a pleasure to have her with us. Benita is the daughter of Sis. Esther Schlatter of Junction.

Eileen and Art Beery of Rittman are making their home in Fremont Ohio and come to church here. We welcome them and their little sons, Michael and Duane. Their address is 3053 S.R. 412, Fremont Ohio 43420.

May we ever realize,
There is untold strength and power,
When we seek the Lord and find
Him,

In our meditation hour.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Norma Schini — Lois Kipfer

We rejoice that we have two more precious souls that have turned their backs on the world and are seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Jane Leman, from Remington, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna, and Charlie Baumgartner, from Milford, son of Henry Baumgartner. We wish them an abundance of God's grace.

We welcome into our fellowship our new sister in faith, Kay Zeltwanger from Bremen, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge. Kay was baptized on Oct. 24.

Bro. Earl Zeltwanger from the Bremen congregation was with us for services on Oct. 6. He brought us an inspiring message. The Bremen Sunday School was with us also that evening; they sang "The King is Coming" and "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul".

On Oct. 20, Bro. Ed Frank from LaCrosse brought us the word of God. He gave us this food for thought: If you ever think your

faith is so strong that nothing can shake it, humble yourself and read the Bible.

We were blessed again on Nov. 3, when Theo. Beer from Milford was with us. Those of us who are in college were reminded that, although we are in a school of higher learning, we are also in God's school and Jesus is our teacher. We were told that we should be as diligent in our heavenly calling as we are in our studies.

RITTMAN

Janette Blough—Florence Hartzler

Mark and Susan Steiner are living in Columbus, where Mark is attending Ohio State University. Mark and Susan have recently been married. Mark is the son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner, and Susan is the daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy Ramsier.

Art and Lynn Riggenbach are the parents of a new little baby girl, who is named Karrie Lynn. Karrie has one other sister, Kelly, to welcome her.

Those who were hospitalized from our congregation were Bernie Hilty and Elmer (Tug) Maibach, who are home again, and Sis. Ola Froelich, who is still in the hospital.

Funeral services were held for our Sis. Lula Bertschey, who passed away after a long illness. Before being stricken with a muscular disease, Lula attended services with us faithfully. Sis. Lula leaves her husband Lester; daughters Shirley Hoisington, Arlen Fetzer, Inez Bowman and Lucille; and sons, Floyd and Larry. Her parents, Bro. Herman and Sis. Rose Ingold; one brother, Bro. Carl Ingold; and sisters, Sis. Nina Gasser and Mabel Ruesser also survive.

Funeral services were held for our dear friend, Stella Klotzley, who was suddenly taken from our midst.

We were happy and blessed to have the word proclaimed to us by visiting minister, Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago, Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, and Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville.

Galen and Nancy Marty are the parents of a new little boy named Jason Lee. He is welcomed home by a little brother, Brian.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Janice Springer — Janice Frieden

Bro. and Sis. Ronald Allenbach opened their home on Oct. 3 for our First-Sunday-of-the-Month singing.

God's presence was truly felt, for when almost 51 voices join together in songs of praise, hearts are also united in love.

For the past year some from our congregation have been working on articles for needy families around the world. On Oct. 12, these members traveled to help other World Relief Workers bundle the articles to be sent. They had a blessed day, and their efforts for others make us think of these words from the Bible, **God loves a cheerful giver.**

Hospital patients were Bro. John Schupbach, who was at Kiowa, and Bro. Sam Schrock, who was at Enid, Oklahoma. May God bless them, as He has blessed Bro. Eli Somerhalder, who is now home and worshipping with us.

A precious baby girl, Shannon, was born to John and Linda Ligenstoffer of Kiowa. The maternal grandparents are Wilmer and Sis. Betsy Diel. Our prayer is that the Lord may bless this precious jewel which He has placed in their home.

On Oct. 19, our beloved sister in faith, Rose Schupbach, said farewell and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. May the thought of Rose being asleep in Jesus bring comfort to the hearts of her dear husband and family.

There is a portion of a poem called "Away" that seems to express perfectly the glorious way in which Sis. Rose went **Home.** (We substituted the word "she" for "he".)

I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead. She is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of
the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown
land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers
there.

And you, oh you, who the widest
yearn
For the old-time step and the glad
return—

Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of
Here;

Think of her still as the same, I
say:
She is not dead, she is just away!

Bro. Sam Schupbach and his family would like to extend their deepest thanks to each one for the many prayerful thoughts and deeds during this time of sorrow.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

On Oct. 3 the Latty congregation was privileged to partake of Communion. Ministering Bro. Dave Bertsch from Leo was with us.

We are happy to report that three more souls have surrendered their hearts to God. Cindy Rager, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Elsie; Cheryl Miekle, daughter of Walter and Ida Mae; and Rod Stoller, son of Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite have begun this new life in Christ. We wish them much grace in their repentance.

Ministering Bro. Karl Westfall from Francesville visited our congregation on Oct. 10. Ministering Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Earl Gerber from Forrest were with us on Oct. 31, as well as several other couples. God surely blessed us with His love.

On Oct. 24 our dear Bro. George Sinn retired his position as elder, due to his health. This eldership was passed on to Bro. Loren Stoller. Elder Bros. Dave Bertsch (Leo), Sam Aeschliman (Bluffton), and Noah Schrock (Oakville) were present to assist in this undertaking. May we all strive to do our best to lighten Bro. Loren's new responsibility.

Hospital patients were Lydia Ann Miller, Lola Laukhuf, and Jerry Schlatter, who were able to return home.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn have been blessed with a daughter, Cindy Kay. She has three brothers and one sister to welcome her.

The Latty young group was host to the Tremont and Congerville young groups on Oct. 9-10, and the Princeville and Bradford young groups on October 30-31. We sincerely hope the visitors enjoyed these wonderful week-ends as much as we home folks did.

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Libby Meyer

We can feel so close to our Lord, when we realize that it is actually Him speaking to us through our beloved brethren . . . for what man of himself can speak so vividly and explicitly, with or without preparation? If man is not as clay in our

Master's hand, the result is confusion, and we see it all about us today.

We discussed II Thessalonians when Bro. Sam was with us for Bible Study. Many visitors were present for services, and Bro. Loren Strahm and Bro. Loyd Kraft were our guest ministers. We were reminded to wait patiently on the Lord, that it is to our own benefit. Even in our salvation it is comforting to know that we should strive for patience. **"It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD."**

Many parents, friends, and relatives from Sabetha and Bern came down one evening and served us a delicious potluck supper at Littlecreek Dam. Our small group appreciates getting together like this very much.

Those of us who went to U. of I. the week-end of the 24th would like to thank you for inviting us. We felt that it was really a blessed week-end. We spent several hours singing on the way home, and time seemed to pass much faster. It was a nice, safe trip.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

What a wonderful day we shared on Sunday Oct. 31, when Bro. Ken Honegger from Ft. Wayne brought us God's word. Later in the afternoon, everyone was invited to Richland Rural Life Center, where the Ft Wayne Sunday School choir presented a program of beautiful hymns; the Zionaire quartet from Bluffton also favored us by singing such lovely selections. A pot-luck supper followed the song service, and everyone joined together in fellowship as we partook of the delicious food. Thanks to God for this blessed time.

Congratulations to Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue Beer, who have a new daughter, born Oct. 15. Little Joan Marie has two sisters and three brothers. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena Ruch Beer; Sis. Frieda Ruch of Milford

is great-grandmother.

Sincere sympathy to Sis. Daisy Bidinger, whose brother, Mathias Wentz passed away.

We have had quite a number from our congregation spend time in the hospital: Sis. Elizabeth Dotterer (Ben), Sis. Martha Streitmatter, Sis. Ruth Sauder Weiss (Carl), Christine Beer (Charles), Bro. Fred Dinger, Elmer (Bud) Sauder, and Jim Weiss. Sis. Theresa Stier has been released from the hospital and moved to the Geriatric Center, 50 Blymyer Ave., Mansfield. Bro. LaVern Dotterer was not admitted to the hospital as a patient, but he suffered a fractured shoulder and bruises as the result of a fall from a ladder.

The maiden name of the new Mrs. Terry Farney was incorrectly listed in our last issue of the *Silver Lining*. Prior to her marriage she was Mary Meyer.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

MINNEAPOLIS

Alma and Gus Baum

Even death has a wonderful message,

Though it robs us of those we love.

It draws us from our surroundings

To long for the meeting above.

No matter how heavy our loss is,
No matter how great our despair.

Doesn't heaven seem brighter
and nearer

To know that our loved ones are
there?

"Safe in the arms of Jesus"—
What a comfort, as we reflect with mixed emotions over the death of our dear little granddaughter, Annaliese Baum, who died in an automobile accident while she and other members of her family were enroute to visit relatives in Canton Illinois.

Annaliese was born Mar. 25, 1967; she is survived by her parents, John and Nancy, also a younger brother, Mark, who live in Palo Alto California.

Bro. Vernon Leman conducted graveside services in the Prairie Church Cemetery at Roanoke. John and Nancy wish to extend their sincere thanks to all the relatives and friends who remembered them with

cards and gifts, and the understanding love and kindness they experienced during these sad days. We too want to thank everyone who shared their love and sympathy with us at this time.

Funeral services for Lorraine Collins Young were held in our home church. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and her mother. Our sympathy goes out to the family. Bro. Noah Miller conducted the services, assisted by Bro. Floyd Schmidgal of Morris.

Our thanks to Bros. Noah Gerber, West Bend, and Gene Metzger, Lester, who were our October guest ministers.

We welcome Ralph and Diane Lanz and their sons, Jeffrey and Brett, who have been assembling with us for several months. They are at home in New Richmond Wisconsin.

PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

We were privileged to hear the testimonies of Julie Hoerr (Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn) and Nancy Freed (Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith) on Saturday evening, Oct. 2. They were granted their wish to be baptized the following day. Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger assisted our Elder Bro. Roy Farney, and we also had Bro. John Klotzle and Bro. Noah Herman as visiting ministers that week-end. We thank them and truly appreciate the efforts of God's servants in the vineyard of salvation.

We were glad to see Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lois Elsasser back with us, after their having spent two months visiting friends and relatives in Illinois.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Richard Schupbach and Sis. Doris Kokanovich, whose mother, Sis. Rose Schupbach, passed away in Kiowa, Kansas.

Sis. Vera Yackley has been able to come to church again. We thank God for restoring a measure of health to her, in her long recovery since brain surgery.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,

By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.

Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true.

Say what is the gospel
According to you?

We were happy to have Bro. Noah Schrock with us again. He announced Tony and Willa Funk and Don Clark for baptism.

Robert and Becky Joos are the happy parents of their first child, Kimberly Sue. Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Joos from Peoria are Kim's grandparents, and Sis. Lena Joos from Peoria is "Great-grandma".

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf

Marjean Lehman

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

Births: A daughter to Charles and Pat Lehman. Elaina Michele. Sis. Dorothy Lehman is paternal grandmother. A daughter to Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler. Marcille Jo was born Oct. 27. Bro. Jacob and Sis. Emma Bahler are paternal grandparents.

Jack Furrer has been dismissed from the hospital and is recuperating at home.

An enjoyable Sabbath day was spent together with Ministering Bro. Elmer Bucher and others on Oct. 31.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Lester Hartter spent a week-end with the brethren and friends at Ft. Sam.

Bro. Lou Baumgartner has safely returned from a three-week trip to Europe, most of the time in Switzerland, in company with Bros. Paul Bauman, Henry and Bernhardt Froelich, who wish to extend their greetings to the many brethren and friends they met during their stay in the states.

Hospitalized and improving are Alpha (Marti) Aeschliman, medical . . . Albert Plattner, surgical.

Oct. 24 brought us many visitors from various churches, among them Ministering Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita. We thank Bro. Al for the good teachings and thoughts he shared with us . . . one sister remarked, wish I had it on a record so I could listen every morning to get my day started.

We thoroughly enjoyed a visit with a group of sisters from a distant congregation, and during the evening of fellowship they played

us part of a tape received from their relatives in Switzerland, Swiss songs, speaking, etc. A monologue given by a lady quite impressed me. It seems she was going by train on a journey. Everyone was in a hurry, the station and train crowded, so she kindly helped a young man with his belongings. He went on his way without any expression of appreciation. She was sorry she ever helped him . . . "Couldn't even say thanks!" Then she got to thinking . . . how often she failed to give thanks for the many gifts and blessings the Heavenly Father shared with her. How very true . . . how often do we fail to give thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts?

The gold and russet are almost gone;

A chill is in the air.

The vegetables are neatly stored
Down by the cellar stair.

We planted seed and waited
For the Lord to do His part.
Now I ask Him for one thing more:
Give me a thankful heart!

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

We thank thee, God, for giving
The fruits of faith again,
From fields of love and tillage,
From trust in Thee and men.
Oh God of hope and harvest,
Hear us who humbly pray
And thank Thee for thy blessing
On this Thanksgiving Day.

A heart attack following surgery was fatal to Bro. William Strahm on Oct. 20. Survivors include his wife, Sis. Nettie; a daughter, Sis. Agnes (Oscar) Schaefer; and several half-brothers and half-sisters, of whom are included Bro. Aden Strahm, and Sis. Martha Gerber of Rockville.

On Oct. 26, Friend Levi Maller passed away after a hospitalization of three weeks. Survivors include his wife Lillian, two daughters, and two brothers, Bros. Joe and Sam.

Sis. Elizabeth Liebig, 82, was released by death Nov. 2. Death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage, being afflicted only two days. Surviving is one sister, Sis. Ida Liebig, with whom she resided. Although we know farewells on this earth are sad, yet we find comfort that Sis. Elizabeth has gone to her Heavenly

Home, where there will be no more sorrow or pain. May God be with the remaining sister and comfort her, knowing she is really "Never alone."

Sis. Sheryl Fiechter and Bro. Alan Ringger were united in marriage on Oct. 17 by Bro. Orville Ringger, the groom's uncle. Many good instructions were given that they may use throughout their lives together. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Homer and Clara Fiechter and Bro. and Sis. Raymond and Vi Ringger.

Love can free the day with singing
And create a moment blest,
When two hearts are joined in
wedlock
In true love and happiness.

It was our pleasure to have as guest ministers the month of October Bro. Jim Ringger of Bradford, Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley, and Bro. Noah Shrock of Oakville. On Oct. 27, Bro. John Diggelman shared a mid-week service with us. It was a pleasant surprise to have Bro. John come so many miles to be with us. Also here that evening were Bros. John Bollier of Leo and Ken Honegger from Ft. Wayne. We do sincerely thank each one for coming, for many rich blessings are brought through His word. May they all be blessed for their labors in the service of the Lord.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Marcene (Gerber) Gilliom joyfully welcome their first child, a daughter, Marci Jo into their home. Also a first baby, a girl, was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy (Neuenschwander) Schladenhauffen. They named her Lisa Kay. Bro. Ken and Sis. Ann (Gerber) Reinhard now have another son, Kris Alan, their third son. A little girl, Julie Ann was born to Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy (Gerber) Stucky. May these little bundles of joy sent from heaven bring big blessings to each family circle.

Sis. Betty (Chester) Baumgartner underwent surgery, and is recovering nicely. Also hospitalized for an injured back from a fall was Sis. Erna (William) Kipfer, who has also been dismissed and is convalescing at home. Bro. Sam Steffen is still hospitalized.

Sunday, Oct. 31, was a day of rejoicing, as three souls were baptized. Sis. Cathy Gerber (daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Bonnie),

Bro. Jim Geisel (son of Bro. Olin and Sis. Esther and husband of Sis. Dorothy), and Bro. Jerome Reinhard (son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Irene) are now our new members in the body of Christ. By burying their old sinful lives in a watery grave and arising to a new life of purity and love, these souls have now begun their straight and narrow journey to their Heavenly Home. We wish them God's nearness, grace, and protection each step of the way.

FT SAM HOUSTON

Kurt Bahler

As each day draws to a close and the evening shadows fall, we often take a few moments to think on the events that have transpired. In these moments we realize where we have failed, and must ask God to forgive us and help us to improve. We also realize that throughout each day our needs have been provided for, and we are thankful. With the end of the year approaching and Thanksgiving season here, we are also reminded of the past year. Feeling undeserving of so many gifts and blessings, we cannot thank our God enough.

Mike and Connie Bender are the happy parents of their first child, which was born on Nov. 2 and named Michael Ray.

Visiting ministers were Floyd Wieland, Detroit; Lester Hartter, Bern; and Bob Grimm, Goodfield. Although our group is small, our fellowship together is very necessary, and we appreciate every effort put forth to bring us the word of God. We also thank all our visitors for the love and concern shown to us.

Sometimes—a mist on the road;
Sometimes—a radiant way;
Sometimes—a wearisome load;
Sometimes—a light-hearted day;
But always—Thy hand in mine.

Sometimes—a journey with friends;
Sometimes—a march alone;
Sometimes—a rest when day ends;
Sometimes—a weary walk home;
But always—Thyself divine.

DETROIT

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding there-

in with thanksgiving." At this Thanksgiving Season we are reminded anew of all the things we have to be thankful for.

We are so thankful for the wonderful fellowship we can enjoy in our precious faith. It was truly a blessing to have Ministering Bro. Edwin Bahler with us on Sunday, Oct. 17, and to hear the beautiful chapter of faith (Hebrews 11) read and meditated upon. May God continue to bless those who labor in His vineyard.

Thanks be to God for His kind providence in guiding and returning safely home our dear elder, Bro. Ben Maibach, and Bro. Rudolph Graf from the Orient. We rejoice to hear they had a blessed trip and are happy to have them back.

We also thank God for calling our dear friend Debbie Knochel, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth, from darkness to His marvelous light. May God grant her much grace, that her desire to give a testimony of her faith and to be baptized may be fulfilled. It gives us all new courage to know that God still answers our prayers and looks upon us with mercy.

Thankful are we that God has placed His healing hand upon Bro. Floyd Wieland since undergoing surgery. He is recuperating at home.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Marcia Belsley have moved from an apartment into a home in Livonia, which is a suburb of Detroit. Tom and Kay Moilanen have also moved to Livonia.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Thankful on Sunday for church . . .
Thankful, Monday, for happy home . . .
Thankful, Tuesday, for children . . .
Thankful, Wednesday, for friends . . .
Thankful, Thursday, for food . . .
Thankful, Friday, for clothing . . .
Thankful, Saturday, for love. Yes, we are thankful every day for 10 or 20 more things, even more yet . . .

One of our Sunday "Thankful" things were, that Bro. David Bertsch and Jack Bollier of Leo told us of the many things we should be thankful for . . . and wish to even say that they are not only my brothers-in-law, but brothers-in-love.

How "Thankful" that our churches now have a Home for the Handicapped. We all enjoy to have nice comfortable homes and beautiful lawn, flowers and landscaping to daily look at, so whoever has a child that cannot stay in their home any longer, their parents would be so comforted to know that their child could continue to have the comforts and joys that they were used to having.

Another "Thankful" person is Sis. Katie Gutwein, who with her family wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered her with prayers and loving deeds during her illness. We are all so "Thankful" to see her assemble again in the house of the Lord.

Good Teaching

We all want to have a very good Thanksgiving Day, so we are all going to give something away . . . I will give a big turkey to the poor shoemaker family . . . "What a big bird; we will give half to our good neighbors". "God bless you . . . we will give part of it to good Grandma, who loves good soup." Grandma said, "Oh the good hearts; how precious it is to me. I'm going to make the Widow Brown's family a pumpkin pie." "We are going to give a piece to our lonely neighbor." "I thank you, I thank you, but what have I to give someone? I will save the crumbs for the birds outside my window." A girl walking along the street heard the chirping bird and thought, "I'm going to write a classmate in the hospital and tell her what a nice bird I saw." The classmate showed the letter, with a picture of a bird on it to the nurse's aid who often looks tired when she comes in her room. She said, "You darling child, I am going to try to be cheerful like that bird." She cut out the picture and hung it on the wall of a little 4-year-old boy with a broken leg. The boy said, "Thank you nurse for that pretty bird. Its wings will always make me think of angels, and I want to be an angel when I die, don't you nurse?"

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

"Give, and it shall be given unto you". We have resumed our monthly World Relief meetings, held the second Tuesday in our church basement. What a nice fellowship we share with our friends and new con-

verts while making quilts and various other items.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft have moved into one of the new Senior Citizen's houses in Gridley. Their son, Bro. Lloyd; his wife, Sis. Nadine and family purchased Sam's home. They have moved in from their farm. May the Lord bless them in their new homes.

Glad to report . . . Sis. Lydia Bahr is making satisfactory progress, following her surgery

Our visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, Bro. Max Reimchisel, Bro. Samuel Huber and Bro. Roy Wernli. Our thanks to each one.

May they be rewarded for their time and efforts.

Rose Ann Strahm, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm, graduated from LPN training in Emporia.

Brothers, sisters and friends shared the annual church cleaning. Everyone's help was appreciated.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

This poem is dedicated to Bro. Eli Hohulin in the loss of his wife, Lois.

I do not see her anymore;
Along the pathway . . . At the door . . .
In the garden . . . By the gate . . .
I do not see her, though I wait . . .
And wonder . . .

I do not see her now at all . . .
But what sweet mem'ries I recall . . .
It seems like only yesterday
That she was well and strong and gay . . .
God bless her!

I pray that someday we will meet . . .
Along that Golden City street . . .
Where pain and sadness melt away . . .
Oh glorious, happy, endless day . . .
In Heaven.

Lois Hohulin passed away in the Eureka Hospital on Sat. Oct. 30, where she was a patient for one week. Surviving are her husband, Eli; her two sons, Robert and Richard, all of Goodfield. Her funeral was on Tues. morn. Nov. 2.

Lois was a very active and loving person in our community. Bro. Eli ran across this little note, which

she had written and tucked away in a drawer . . . **Make one person happy each day, and in 40 years you will have made 14,600 people happy for a little time, at least (and you too).** This was so typical of her, and I think we might all learn by it . . . Bro. Eli, his sons (Bob and Dick), and their wives wish to extend their **deep appreciation** for the acts of love and kindness extended by loved ones from near and far during these trying days.

Bro. Frank Woertz is now in the hospital section of the Maple Lawn Nursing Home in Eureka, where he has been failing very steadily. Friend George C. Knapp of R. R. Deer Creek has been a patient at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Bro. and Sis. Glenn and Bev Joos of Deer Creek are the parents of their third child and third little girl. Ronda Ann was born on Oct. 31. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clem Joos and Bro. and Sis. Howard and Vera Heinold, also of R. R. Deer Creek.

INDIANAPOLIS

Tom and Carolyn Frank

This is the season God has chosen
To tip the trees with burnished
gold,
Adding beauty to fields that lie
gently sleeping,
With growing things that seem to
breathe His name.

We wish to thank the following brothers for ministering to our congregation at Indianapolis; Earl Kilgus, Remington; Theo. Beer, Milford; Norman Stoller, Ft. Wayne; Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski; Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Floyd Wieland, Detroit.

Sheryl Neuenschwander, daughter of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris, was married to Carl Cress of Indianapolis on Oct. 9. We wish them happiness and many blessings.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale have left our circle to spend the next six months in Florida. We will miss them. Their new address is R.R. 1, Box 17-B, 116 Alegator Rd., Astor Fla. 32002.

Sisters Betty and Lois Schlatter (Sis. Esther) have returned safely from Hawaii, for which we are thankful.

Stevie Manz (Bro. Ben and Sis.

Carolyn) spent several days in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, but has recovered.

Our World Relief monthly meetings have begun, and old and young enjoy working together. Quite a number of us gathered at the church one Saturday for the fall cleaning.

Lester Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is at Hartford, Connecticut, taking a course in connection with his job.

Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty is now our elder. We are thankful that the Lord always provides. It saddens us though that Bro. George Sinn, who has served us many years, feels unable to continue due to ill health. Bro. George said to me, "I will be just as concerned about the church as I was before," and we can feel this love.

LAMAR

Alice Marti — Evelyn Marti

Such an abundance of beautiful weather here in Missouri . . . just one more reason for a thankful heart and a feeling that "my cup runneth over"!

Sam and Sis. Betty Baker have moved from Altadena and are at home at 2104 S.E. 14th St., Bentonville Arkansas 72712. It has been a joy meeting and fellowshiping with them, also Sam's mother, Mrs. Baker, and we welcome them to assemble with us often in the future. Although the drive is quite lengthy, we trust God will supply a blessing for their efforts.

Bro. Fred Lanz is spending this week in Springfield hospital, where he is undergoing extensive tests. As our ministers prayed last Sunday, so our prayers are with him and Sis. Emma, that God might grant an increased measure of good health if it be His will.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

"For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth **endureth** to all generations."

We enjoyed having Bro. Albert Scheitlin minister unto us on Oct. 10. They came to visit Sis. Clara Moser, who now stays at the Rest Home in Morris.

We have had quite an unusual season this fall. October was warmer than usual and brought us over four times the normal amount of rain, also a 4-inch snowfall which disappeared the next day in the

all-day rain.

May we thank Him and bring all praise and honor unto Him who is worthy of our Thanksgiving. The superscription over Psalm 100 says, **An exhortation to praise God cheerfully.** Let us not forget all his benefits and thank Him for His great love.

Our dear aged Bro. Henry Nohl is in the Willmar Hospital; where he is a surgical patient. Sisters Pauline Tohm and Esther Schafer are in the Morris Hospital. May the Father in Heaven grant grace and strength to each according to His will. He is the great physician.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Freda Barth Durig, daughter of the late Edward and Emma Barth, and Mr. Wilmer C. Lord were united in marriage on Oct. 2. Mr. Lord is a native of Warren, O., and Mrs. Lord has resided in Girard for several years. They will continue to live near Girard, but will spend the winter months in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Frumm of Fairfax, Va., visited with the Witschey families during the month of October. Albert Hassig spent a few days with his brother, John Hassig and wife in Sterling, Ohio. He will be leaving soon for California, where he spends the winter with a daughter and family. Mrs. L. W. Witschey and daughter Thelma and son Paul of Moundsville visited with Miss Della Witschey on Oct. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Witschey of Taunton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited with the Witschey families in October. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lord of Girard visited with the Barth families on Oct. 9, 10.

Miss Mary Witschey, daughter of the late J. W. and Elizabeth Schupbach Witschey, and Mr. J. Clarence Durig, son of the late John and Rosa Durig were united in marriage on Nov. 5. They left by plane on Nov. 6 for San Leandro, Calif. where they will visit for several days with Mrs. Durig's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Okey Edge. Both are residents of this community and will continue to make their home here.

We had a very cold night here on Nov. 4, temperature went down to 30. The hills are beautiful with the colors given the trees, and now we

look forward to a few days of Indian Summer.

PRINCEVILLE
Ruth Ricketts

Look to the day with new courage
and faith;
Trust God to give strength for the
way.
With a prayer and smile on your
lips all the while,
Gladly, gratefully look to the day.

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." As we approach Thanksgiving, we have many reasons to be thankful, not only on that day alone but every day. We have truly been blessed with a bountiful harvest and most beautiful weather to garner it in. We have been blessed with many precious sermons from our pulpit. Two years ago Thanksgiving Day our first services were held in our new church. How quickly time passes! New souls were taken into the fold, and new little babies came to gladden homes. Some of our dear ones who have been ill are gaining strength and able to worship with us again. How many reasons we all have to be thankful!

Bros. James Leman of Roanoke and Edwin Ringger of Gridley spent a Sunday with us, our guest ministers who so humbly spoke of God's love. What does it matter how much wealth we acquire when God's love means so much more? May the Lord richly bless these brothers who were willing to lend themselves for our benefit.

We are thankful that Sis. Martha Streitmatter has been able to worship with us the past two Sundays. Bro. Emil Lauber is gaining strength in his home, after being hospitalized two weeks following a heart attack. He was stricken while visiting with a friend from Germany, and wasn't aware of what happened until he found himself on the way to the hospital. He is so thankful that he has his right mind. He feels he has many reasons to give thanks.

Phillip Elsasser has been moved from the hospital to the infirmary in the AC Home in Peoria. He feels well at times, and then has bad days again. May God give him strength for each day.

Howard Rumbold, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl, was very ser-

iously injured in an auto accident and is receiving care in the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. He had several bad bruises, also a dislocated hip which is giving him considerable pain. How thankful we are that his life was spared, and trust he may realize how fortunate he was.

A son, Keith Alan, was born to Bro. Norman and Sis. Joyce Streitmatter on Oct. 27. Happy for a little brother are Marlise, David and Regina. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz, and great-grandmother—Sis. Frieda Streitmatter. Frieda is making her home at the AC Home in Eureka, but quite often is able to come to Princeville, her old home, to worship with us. How thankful we are she is able to be with us.

SABETHA
Mrs. Joe Steiner

A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 30 for Bro. Dave and Sis. Susie Brunner. They observed their 50th wedding anniversary, having been married on Nov. 3, 1921.

John Aberle, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle has been discharged from service while in Germany. He was married to Cornelia Maurer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Maurer of Neuhutten, Germany. They arrived home on Oct. 30. A reception will be held at the Fellowship Hall Saturday evening Nov. 6 for the new couple. They will live in the Sabetha area, where he will be engaged in farming. May the Lord richly bless them as they begin life's journey together.

Those hospitalized were, Bro. Eli Meyer (for tests), Sis. Ruby Grimm and Sis. Lois Grimm (surgical).

We met again for the annual cleaning of our church house.

TREMONT
Lydia Rassi
Mary Jane Leuthold

The autumn leaves of red and brown are slowing fading and falling, down to the cold, damp, black earth, there to take their final rest, there to turn to decay . . . Each day many of us take our last step on earth, and just as the leaves, we fade and fall to the earth. . . The great and the small, no matter what we have acquired on this earth, and then unlike the leaves we shall

arise and be given our reward. Those who have lived righteousness and good according to God's word will be something. They will inherit a place in heaven, but those who have not done according as God's word will really be nothing, just as the leaves, but their fire will never never go out. Forever they will be nothing!

Oct. 17, the wedding of Sis. Carol Sinn and Bro. John Sinn of Ft. Scott was solemnized by Bro. Dan Koch. John and Sis. Carol will be making their home in Ft. Scott. May all of God's blessings dwell deeply in their new home together.

Oct. 16, Friend Carol Frank and David Barnard were united in marriage. Might they find the love and contentment of God in their home.

Bro. Elmer Bucher was in our midst for morning services Oct. 17. He brought forth a fervent sermon based on that solid rock, our dear Jesus Christ. We thank our dear brother for his visit.

Friend Gary Moser, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara, has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Our dear Sis. Lydia Kaeb is deeply on the hearts of the entire congregation, as she returned to the hospital. We all are faithfully praying that she be relieved from her unbearable pain.

Bro. Alan Schweigert, son of Bro. Les and Sis. Betty, and Sis. Sue Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma, of Bradford have announced their engagement. We certainly pray a blessing for them in this serious undertaking.

URBANA
Teresa Hufford

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another . . ." The Champaign-Urbana group was host for many visitors from various colleges on Oct. 23-24. Everyone met at Lake of the Woods on Saturday, where we had registration, Bible discussion groups, supper, and a beautiful sermon. We were grateful to many ministering brothers, who took time out to come and be with us on Saturday and help conduct the discussion groups. Bro. Uriel Gehring brought us the message Saturday evening. He was called upon again Sunday to deliver the wonderful teaching to us. A supper was given Sunday afternoon at the Champaign Civic Center before our visitors returned home. An

estimate of nearly 200 persons were here for the week-end. We thank God that everyone returned safely to their destination.

Our congratulations go to Bro. Alan Schweigert (Tremont) and Sis. Sue Knobloch (Bradford) upon their engagement. Alan attends school here, and Sue attends Illinois State University. May they walk hand in hand with our Lord, that He may guide them along life's pathway.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Edwin Ringger, Bro. Harold Schmidgall, Bro. Jim Hoerr, Bro. Jim Ringger, Bro. Uriel Gehring, Bro. Henry Beer, Bro. Al Scheitlin, and Bro. Everett Hari. Many wonderful teachings were brought to us by these brothers and may the word always be touched upon our hearts.

Friend Karen Gramm has turned to our Lord in repentance. She is in our prayers. May God give her much grace. Karen attends Parkland College in Champaign.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. A. Banwart

We are thankful to report that our hospital patients are at home and among us again. They are: Bro. Levi Banwart, Sis. Esther (Walter) Banwart, Sis. Sarah Kropf, Sam Mogler, and Lynn Mogler (son of Bro. Art and Sis. Eula).

May we ever be grateful that God is still sharing His grace and love among us, as He granted peace to our friend, Sue Banwart, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Charlotte Fehr were blessed with a tiny baby daughter, Joyce Caryn, on Oct. 27. They have one other daughter. May the Lord bless them and all who are rearing children in His love.

Thank you note: I want to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards, letters, gifts, and visits while I was a hospital patient and since returning home. They were all very much appreciated. May God bless you all. Sis. Esther (Walter) Banwart.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

Baptized into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly

Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host.

To the strains of this beautiful hymn we welcomed Bro. Fred En-

dress (Sis. Lois), his wife-Sis Joann (daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Mabel Belsley of Morton), and Sis. Suanne Elsasser (Bro. Bill and Sis. Violet) into our blessed fellowship. Elder Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) assisted our elder, Bro. Silas Leuthold and Bro. Dave Kieser with the provings and baptisms, the week-end of Nov. 7. Many other guests shared the day's blessings with us, including Ministering Bros. Edwin Ringger-Gridley, Joe Stoller-Princeville, and Bob Walder-Congerville.

It was pointed out by one of the brothers that the five wise virgins were those who kept the oil of the Holy Spirit in their lamps; their virtues, the fruits of the Spirit, could therefore shine forth. If we are wise, then we will want to hear the truth and make the corrections necessary to live in harmony with God's word.

We have enjoyed the visits of Bros. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria, and Walter Rehkla, Toledo.

The engagement of Sis. Sue Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma) and Bro. Alan Schweigert of Tremont was made known. He is the son of Bro. Les and Sis. Betty Schweigert. Terry Stisser, son of Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie, was united in marriage with Cathy DeWolfe on Oct. 23. We wish them many years of happiness.

Rex Streitmatter, son of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther, was hospitalized with injuries suffered in a two-car accident. We are thankful he escaped a near tragedy, and has recovered so well that he was able to come home.

A baby girl has come to grace the home of Dennis and Becky Pyles. She is their first child and has been named Alisa Nicole. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich.

BREMEN

Mrs. Willard Feldman

Since I met this blessed Saviour,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,

I will never cease to praise Him;
I'll tell it while eternity rolls.

We were blessed and our faith renewed and strengthened as we listened to our four young converts on Sat. evening, Oct. 23 tell of their experiences. It was encouraging to hear that all of them learned from their Christian parents, in Sunday

School, and through the preaching of the word their need of repentance.

The following Sunday, Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Wendell Gudeman and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger performed baptismal rites, and now they are our sister and brothers in the Lord. They are Kay Zeltwanger, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge; Randy Suttor, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Carolyn; Louis Gerber, son of Bro. Lou and Sis. Emma Lou, and Joel Zimmer, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann.

We congratulate our newlyweds, Mark Unsicker and Anni Brown, who were married Nov. 6. Their parents are Sis. Emma Unsicker and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Brown. We pray the Lord's blessing on their life together.

Little Shelly Grewe submitted to major surgery. She is home, and we praise God for His healing power to her. She is the daughter of Richard and Sue Grewe and granddaughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Jeanette Johnson.

CHICAGO

A son, James Lincoln, was born to Bro. Jim and Sis. Jeanie Rinckenberger on Oct. 19. May God bless them as they endeavor to care and provide for this precious treasure which He has given.

Due to the great distances to be travelled to visit the sick in the various hospitals, it was the wish of our elder that help be given him so that none need be neglected, also with the coming and going of people in our church that closer contact can be kept. This was approved by the elder body at the last conference. As Bro. Dale Eisenmann received the great majority of the church's support, he was made an ordained deacon on Sunday, Oct. 24 by Elder Bros. Al Fisher and Herman Kellenberger. Bro. Maurice Frank, Leo and Elder Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park were present with us that Sunday. A supper at the church was prepared by our good sisters.

On Oct. 31 we were blessed by the visit of a number of families from the Wolcott congregation. Bro. Vernon Schwab proclaimed the word in its sincerity and truth. Many precious teachings were brought to us by Bro. Everett Hari, Bloomington-Normal, who visited us on Nov. 7. On this same day our aged friend, Paul Butash was bap-

tized and welcomed into the fold. May God give him sufficient grace to continue to bear the infirmities of his flesh and, above all, to cling to the firm faith which was so evident in his testimony.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

The harvest season is here; the farmers are busy gathering the grain, and we are thankful for a bountiful harvest and lovely autumn days. "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever . . . Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

On Oct. 10, Elder Bros. Joe Wai-bel and Herman Kellenberger were here, and it was our blessed privilege to partake of the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion. What a joy to break the bread together, remembering Christ's suffering and death. It truly was a blessed day.

We had prayed for the Lord to send forth laborers into the vineyard, for truly the harvest is great but few are the laborers. God heard our prayers. It has fallen on Bro. Steve Rinkenberger to help in the ministry. May God bestow grace and favor to our young brother to fulfill his duties.

On Nov. 6 and 7 we had proving and baptism, our Friends Kenny Virkler and Randy Martin. Bro. Roy Sauder assisted in this holy work.

A son, David Alan, was born to Sis. Joann and Bro. Fred Maul Oct. 18. Bro. Clarence and Sis. Violet Maul and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emily Rudin are the grandparents.

Our sick ones need courage. Sis. Emma Wahl is a hospital patient having had surgery. Sis. Reka Hoerr had surgery and is able to be home. Sis. Lily Waldbeser was hospitalized for observations and tests. Ronald Ehman, small son of Bro. and Sis. Richard Ehman, met with a farm accident at their home. He broke a leg, must be hospitalized, and is getting along very satisfactorily.

Thank you Notes: The Lord bless and reward all for their prayer intercession in my behalf, during my illness. I sincerely thank everyone for everything. Phil Alt.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to each one for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, gifts and love

that was shown during the illness and death of our loved one. The family of Sis. Ida Eisenmann.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice G. Virkler

We were richly blessed and received many teachings through the visit of our beloved Elder Bro. Al Fisher. How refreshing it is to spent an evening together with loved ones from a distance and hear the wonderful word of God.

Sis. Edith Schwartz passed away on Oct. 9, after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services were held at the Croghan church on Oct. 12 by Bro. John Widrick. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Arthur Arnold Hirschey, who passed away from a sudden heart attack while on a ship in the Mediteranean Sea. Services for Arthur were held by Bro. John Widrick at the Croghan Church on Oct. 19.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Reuben and Sis. Lovina Farney and their family. Sis. Lovina's sister, Mrs. Esther Schantz, passed away, and the funeral was held by Bro. Robert Beyer at the funeral home.

David Farney, son of Allan and Myrtle Farney, and Loretta Potter were married.

Loren Virkler, son of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Celia, suffered a broken bone in his foot. He was kicked by a cow during milking-time. Kerrie Beyer, little daughter of Philip and Louise, has a broken collarbone as the result of a fall. Minnie Virkler, wife of Clinton, suffered a painful broken wrist in a fall and had to undergo surgery. May God be with each of them and a comfort to them during their convalescence.

Hospitalized are Sis. Irene Farney and Grace Merz. Those who have returned home from the hospital are Bro. Asa Virkler, Emerson Schneider, and Gertie Herzig.

ELGIN ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

We are approaching the day set aside for giving thanks to God for His love and kindness during the year, and we wish all a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

We rejoice to have two precious souls added to the Flock, Rose, widow of Fred Goll, who lives at 655 Enterprise St., Elgin Ill 60120, and Donald, son of Bro. Albert and

Sis. Dorothy Anliker Schambach, who live at 500 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin Ill 60120. We wish them God's guidance and welcome them into our church circle. We pray that God will awaken more souls before it will be too late. Bro. Albert Fisher assisted our elder in this blessed and happy occasion.

Sis. Cora (Wm.) Schambach has been hospitalized for surgery, is getting along well and back home with her loved ones. They live at 875 W. Chicago St., Elgin Ill 60120. Sis. Clara (Ben) Knobloch has been hospitalized and is back at home with her loved ones at 376 Slade Ave., Elgin Ill 60120.

Sis. Lydia Messerschmidt wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and tokens of love extended to her at the Mary Margaret Home, 134 N. McLean Blvd. Elgin Ill 60120.

Bro. Joseph and Sis. Beth Anliker and Robin left us to make their home at 321 Welch St., Silverton Oregon 97381. We miss them in our church circle, but wish them God's blessings in their new home. Beth's brother, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest spent their last Sunday here and ministered to us the precious word of God. Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield spent a Sunday with us, and we received many good teachings. May God bless His servants for their efforts in proclaiming the Gospel of salvation.

Henry Gudeman passed away after a brief illness. Funeral services were held on Oct. 12 at the church. We extend our sympathy to the bereft family.

Bro. Clarence Dietrich and Sis. Mildred spent a little time here, and Clarence brought the message for a Wednesday evening service. They now live in Silverton, and we were glad to have them come back if only for a short time.

Birth: A daughter, Sarah Kaye, born to Bro. Herman and Sis. Sharon Braun, on Oct. 22. They live at R. 3, Box 342A, St. Charles, Ill. 60174.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

The woodlands with their colors of russet and gold leaves are fast losing their beauty. The only trees here at home retaining leaves are the birch and mulberry. Even though the beauty of autumn is fading from view, we find new ac-

cents in nature very worthwhile. Really every moment of the year we are surrounded by beauty. "Oh God give us eyes to see and ears to hear." Due to the bare branches of our maple tree, I can see at this moment a couple of squirrels moving about . . . More birds are moving in to our lawn area. Some have already discovered the slab of suet put out . . . Speaking of birds and their migrating to a different area for the winter brings to mind a portion of a poem entitled "Flight at Dawn":

Where do they fly when from feeding grounds they spring Upward and onward into that vast unknown? Gliding afar on shimmering graceful wing . . . Southward they go, led by instinct alone . . . Who charts their flight to nesting lands afar, As sure of wings they fly their heavenward way? . . . Should we then fear to trust that selfsame power, To map our course and plan our destiny?

The farmers are real busy harvesting the corn crop, which is very bountiful. May God be praised for His many blessings.

If God wills, Sis. Bertha Pulfer will have reached her 88th birthday on the 15th of November. Her husband, Bro. Gottlieb had a birthday in Sept.; he too has reached his 88th one. My mother, Sis. Elizabeth Schneider was also born in 1883. She is quite well, does cooking for her household of four, plus many other tasks . . . visited Sis. Bertha a few days ago and found her in fair condition.

At church we sang a portion of the song entitled, "Christ, the Crucified and Glorified":

Who hath bid me to believe
And the gift of life receive,
Who had made me just and free
And a child of God to be?
Jesus Christ the crucified.

This to me is quite a meaningful song. My father used to tell us that to him some songs were really a sermon in themselves.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

We enjoyed visiting ministers: Bro. Lester Hartter, Bro. Nathan Steffen, Bro. Walter Steffen, Bro. George Yergler, Bro. Merle Bucher, and Bro. Henry Beer. Also, we enjoyed having Bro. Henry Beer show

us some of the articles in his Christian bookstore.

Bro. and Sis. Steve Roth are welcomed to Fairbury, having moved here from Champaign.

Bro. John Fehr had eye surgery for a detached retina.

FORREST

Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider

The longer we live the more we realize the blessings that lie in everyday living. To name a few . . . the marvel of good health, the dear-ness of home and loved ones, the little treasures that money can't buy, the wonder of the world of nature, freedom under God, and the bounty which we enjoy in the good land. Thanksgiving seems such a good time to celebrate these and many other blessings. Let us greet each day in the spirit of thankfulness.

We rejoice with Sis. Earlene Hamilton, as her husband Tom was proved and baptized. Bro. Tom, if you remember, was caught in a machine press and lost all but one finger and the thumb on his right hand. Tom praised the Lord for saving his life and his soul. Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury assisted Bro. Perry Zimmerman. Also, Ministering Bro. Ed Alt, Cissna Park was present.

Joy is mixed with sorrow so many a time. We held funeral services for Jeff Sohn, husband of Sis. Luella Sohn. They have one son, Larry (Fairbury). Luella was in the hospital herself when word reached her of her husband's death. May God give His consolation.

Paul Schroff was at Carle Clinic for some tests and is home again.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy Anliker have a new baby son, Steven Ray. Their other children are Sherri, Rodney, Robert and Sandy. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Emil Anliker, Forrest, and Ben and Sis. Irene Traub, Forrest. Little Brian Ricketts, three-year-old son of Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean, has had surgery at Carle Clinic, Urbana, had returned home, but seems to have some infection and has entered Fairbury Hospital.

Bros. Gary Ifft and Gregg Stoller both spent some time with their parents, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Stoller and Bro. and Sis. Harvey Ifft. Both are stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. Mark Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. William Aberle, is spending a

month's leave with his parents before departing for Vietnam. Our thoughts are often turned to the friends and brothers in the service, and it's such a comfort to know they are always only a prayer away from their God.

We experienced many blessings from our visiting ministers. Thank you, Bros. Lester Hartter and Harvey Grimm, Bern, and Vernon Schwab, Wolcott.

FORT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

As the summer days depart, we enter the Thanksgiving season. We think of the Pilgrims, our forefathers, and all who strived for the things that add joy to our living. Are we thankful to God for all these blessings? May we ever give God the praise.

We were glad to have Bro. Eugene Marti visit and bring us the word of life.

We extend our best wishes to Bro. John and Sis. Carol Sinn, who were united in holy marriage at Tremont. They are now at home at 428½ West 8th Street. We welcome Carol to our congregation.

Five of our sisters made the trip to Newton. It was a pleasure meeting those of like mind and faith from our midwestern churches and to help in this work for the needy.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing."

It is indeed joyful to see another precious soul seeking to walk in the steps of our Saviour. We are praying that our dear Lord will continue to call dear ones and give them grace to answer the call.

Oct. 24 brought us Bro. Roy Wieland from the Bay City church to refresh us, and we also enjoyed those who came with him and helped in the Sunday School and song service.

Sis. Jennie Klopfenstein still remains in the hospital. Our little Kalisa Souder has been released from the hospital and is at home gaining strength.

Sis. Elizabeth Steiglitz went to be with our dear Lord. She was very ill in the hospital and passed away Sun. evening, Nov. 7. Funeral services are to be Wednesday, at the Leo church.

A group of Ft. Wayne colored ladies visited our church service one Sun. afternoon, in appreciation of the Bibles that were distributed to them by the church.

Our Sunday School young people are planning to attend Christian Endeavor Sun. Nov. 14.

A Gift

(A man named Paul receives a beautiful treasure.)

"A few days after last Christmas, I received the following from a reader. It cost him only six cents, but it was the best gift I got . . .

"A friend of mine named Paul received a new automobile from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve, when Paul came out of his office, a street urchin was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. 'Is this your car, Mister?' he asked.

"Paul nodded, 'My brother gave it to me for Christmas.' The boy was astounded. 'You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? . . . I wish . . ."

"He hesitated. And Paul thought he knew what he was going to wish. He was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the lad said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels.

"I wish,' the boy went on, 'that I could be a brother like that.'

"Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, then impulsively he added, 'Would you like to ride in my automobile?'

"Oh yes, I'd love that.'

"After a short ride, the urchin turned and with his eyes aglow, said, 'Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?'

"Paul smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbors that he could ride home in a big automobile. But Paul was wrong again.

"Will you stop where those two steps are?' the boy asked.

"He ran up the steps. Then in a little while Paul heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little polio-crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car.

"There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And some day I'm gonna give you one just like it . . . then you can see for

yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about.'

"Paul got out and lifted the little the little lad to the front seat of his car. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride.

"That Christmas Eve Paul learned what Jesus meant when he said:

"It is more blessed to give . . ."

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

Thanksgiving . . . if we stop to count our blessings, we cannot thank God enough. With grateful hearts, we remember Thanksgivings past, when Mom prepared the finest meal possible for Dad and the family. We are thankful for the memory.

Our church rejoiced with Marvin and Jolene (Wirtz) Metzger as they brought the testimonies of their conversion before the church. They were baptized the following day. Elder Bro. Paul Fehr assisted our Elder Bro. Leo Moser with this blessed undertaking. Bros. Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber were with us also, along with many visitors including Jolene's parents, Bro. and Sis. Verner Wirtz. Bro. Simon Wagenbach was with us another week-end, and we are always grateful for his visits.

Tim DeHaan, son of Sis. Ione and John, has been discharged after 4 years in the Air Force, and we welcome him home. Dan Moser, son of Bro. Ade and Lydia, was home on leave from the Navy and will be serving aboard ship near Vietnam on this tour of duty. We pray for his protection.

Bro. Ernest Metzger and Jay Mogler underwent knee surgery, and both are recuperating at home. Other hospital patients have been Sisters Iola Knobloch, Donna Dell Metzger, Joyce Knobloch, and Mary Jane Metzger, and Tommy Gerber, small son of Ernie and Sharon Gerber. May God comfort the sick.

MAYWOOD Julie Dapper

It was mentioned that we welcomed into the Household of Faith a new brother, Vern Huette. As God's holy word advises us that there is a rejoicing in Heaven, so also we can rejoice. We feel it strengthening when we can hear

the testimony of a dear soul. Because of the poor health that Vern is experiencing, it was necessary that several of us gather in his home in Rosamond, Calif. to hear his touching testimony. Vern expressed how it was his desire to repent for many years, but put it off until almost too late. Truly the mercy of God was shown . . . Vern acknowledged that his greatest regret was that he waited, but God was merciful and extended his days.

In a recent conversation with his wife, Dorothy, and his sisters, Dorothy Slicker and Gladys Powell, Bro. Vern has returned to the hospital, where aid can be given for the pain he must endure. He has confessed to his loving wife and his sisters that he can now feel a wonderful peace and contentment within his heart and is ready to meet his God. Vern is in the Lancaster Community Hospital, Lancaster Calif. 93534, and enjoys receiving cards and letters of encouragement.

On October 15, 1921, John Dapper and Julia Erhart were united in marriage in Mansfield. On Oct. 16, 1971, the six children of Bro. John and Sis. Julia hosted a reception in honor of their 50 years of marriage. Many relatives and friends came to greet them and wish unto them God's blessings. Those coming for the special occasion were their son, John of Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania, and Sisters Mae Sauder (Roanoke), Ada Zimmerman (Eureka) and Jan Elsasser (Princeville). Their other five children reside in the Southern California and are: Bros. Dale (Ruth) Dapper (Anaheim), Ernest (Marcelle) Dapper (Maywood), Mrs. Lavina (Kenneth) Muehlhauser (Pico Rivera), and Sisters Christine (Leonard) Locher (Maywood) and Julia Ann (Huntington Park). They have been blest with ten grandchildren. Bro. John and Sis. Julia wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who remembered them on this happy occasion.

A wonderful week-end was experienced when Bros. Rudolph Graf (Akron) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) stopped and worshipped with us. Through the Spirit of God they spoke to us many wonderful teachings, and through these teachings the encouragement to continue our life for God and be a shining light in this dark world. They spoke of some of their experiences they had,

and as Bro. Graf remarked, they felt as though they were being taken across the many miles upon the wings of the prayers. Listening to their experiences reminded us of the portion of God's word, "We then, as workers together with him" . . . so it matters not where we are stationed upon this earth, for we are all workers together in Him.

On Nov. 1, a son, Bryon, was born to Robert and Marilyn Frieden (Santa Ana). Two sisters, Kristle and Kelly, welcome their baby brother into their home.

Even though one day a year is set aside by our government as a day of Thanksgiving, let us always feel each day that we live a day of Thanksgiving.

NEUHUTTEN GERMANY

Jon Zeller

Visiting with us and touring with their son, Dave, are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf. We are thankful that the Lord has so provided for our needs with a ministering brother, and we further pray for their safe return home.

John and Cornelia Aberle have returned to their new home in Sabetha. Their presence shall be deeply missed. Our beloved host, Heinz, was in the hospital undergoing an operation, and David Hughes was in for a short time. We are thankful that our Lord has blessed us with their presence again.

O wondrous Book with so much power,
Words to heal and mend my soul,
Proclaim His life and love and spirit.

Jesus died and made us whole.

O that I true wisdom had,
The testaments, both old and new,
To understand and put to use,
Testimonies, pure and true.

Truly 'tis a living word;
To every need does it apply,
And we must strive to live by it,
Lest in the end, we surely die.

ROANOKE

Norene Herbst - Marilyn Weyeneth

Sis. Fannie Minger passed away Oct. 7, at age 90 years, at Roanoke Manor Nursing Home where she had lived since February. Funeral services were Oct. 10. She enjoyed good health until the last year or two. She is survived by one sister,

Sis. Mary Rocke, (Eureka Nursing Home) and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

Bro. William Bucher and Sis. Florence Hangartner were united in marriage Wednesday evening, Oct. 20. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, we witnessed the baptisms of Jimmy Leman, Russel and Jane (Frank) DesCarpentrie, and Robert and J a n i c e (Monge) Sauder, who gave their testimonies on Saturday evening. Bro. Russell Rapp (Morton) was with us to assist with this work.

Mike and Linda (Hoffman) Harris and David and Carol (Wulf) Knapp gave their testimonies of repentance and conversation on Saturday evening, Oct. 23, and were baptized on Sunday. Bro. Silas Leuthold (Princeville) assisted with these services.

Sis. Ollie Leman, who has been in the Eureka Hospital, was able to spend part of the day at home on Sunday. Sis. Bina Bertsch has returned from the hospital, where she underwent surgery. She is getting along well. Bro. Bill Sauder was able to spend the week-end at home with his family, and we are hoping that before long he will be able to be dismissed from the hospital.

We have three births to report. Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Kay (Sauder) DesCarpentrie are the parents of a son, Jeremy; Roland and Carol (Rocke) Rumbold are the parents of a daughter, Lisa Lynn; and Mike and Linda (Hoffman) Harris have a son, Todd Alen.

Our friend, Mike Hodel has returned to Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina, after spending a military leave at home.

Several ministering brothers were among us to share the word of life. They were Bros. Eli Somerhalder, Robert Grimm, Paul Banwart, Fred Knapp, Michael Weyeneth and Everett Hari.

Sis. Anna (Mrs. David) Mangold wishes to take this opportunity to thank all who remembered her with cards, gifts and prayers during her stay in the hospital. Everyone's thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

SARASOTA Phil Wingeier

"O praise the LORD, all ye nations:
praise him, all ye people. For his

merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD."

We are approaching the thanksgiving season, when we, as the Psalm reads, can give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Bro. Philip and Sis. Ferne Wingeier plan to be in Sarasota for the first service Nov. 14, providing the good Lord permits. Their address will be as follows: 4620 Proctor Rd., Sarasota Fla. 33581. Phone No. 924-4525.

Place of Services: The Women's Club Building, Palm Ave. and Coconut St. Phone at the Women's Club, 955-2637 . . . trusting, in the good Lord, all who travel this way will stop and worship with us.

TAMAHATA, JAPAN Akito and Marie Inoue

Tamahata church, with only seven members, is probably the smallest church of all the Apostolic Christian churches. We have had assembly since some 15 years ago, and have church building for the past 10 years or so. During the time two members passed away, totaling to 9 members this church ever had, including these two members.

When the number of members is so small we really appreciate each other. We often are taught that in the house of God everyone has his own important place to take, and how true it is in a church where there are only 7 members, since anyone occupies more than 10% of total weight (1/7 equals 14.3%), and it does not take much wisdom to understand this genuine teaching.

A spiritual birth must be long waited for, and when we see a soul repent it is just like to see a baby born to a couple who had waited long for their first child.

We do not have much to report as many other larger churches have the richness of events such as visiting ministers, baptism, wedding, child births, etc., yet we decided to commence our monthly report to **Silver Lining**, hoping that it will help us to feel that we are a part of the massive body of Apostolic Christian Church, and that a church in the corner of the earth may be remembered in prayers by many of those who read our report.

The reporter recently moved to

the following address. If there are any visiting brethren or friends to Japan or to Tamahata, we would love to have them and to hear from them. Soldiers have a special invitation. Mr. and Mrs. Akito Inoue, Nishisugeta Danchi 2-2-302, Nishiideto Sugeta-cho, Kanagawa-Ken, Yokohama, Japan.

VALPARAISO
Alma Morris

Come sing the gospel's joyful sound,
Salvation full and free;
Proclaim to all the world around,
The year of Jubilee!
Salvation, Salvation,
The grace of God doth bring;
Salvation, Salvation,
Thro' Christ our Lord and King.

Our sympathy goes out to John and Tillie Heinold. Her brother, Walter Hitz, died very suddenly, Oct. 13.

Our Sunday School was pleasantly surprised with visitors from Milford.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

There was cause for rejoicing over the proving and baptism of Gertrude Messner, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Julia. In days of youth seek ye the Lord . . . and she has answered our precious Saviour's call. We pray many more will take heed before it is too late.

Elder Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Noah Gerber were here and shared the blessings of Gertrude's proving. We thank Bro. Carl Hartman for his first visit to our congregation, and ministering to us.

Bro. Floyd Schmidgall gave us a pleasant surprise one Sunday. Many warnings were given to our young people, in the danger that lies everywhere. This day and age is truly a time of false teachers and false doctrines.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Rose Grimm have been attending our church for over a year, while Wayne completes his college education at Mankato. They have their first child, a son, Jordan Wayne. Lupie and Kenneth Howk are the parents of a baby boy, Michael James. Little Rosie welcomes him home. May the Lord bless their families.

Keith, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk was hospitalized. He is recovering and back in Sun-

day School.

Bob Messner, son of Robert and Margie has joined the Air Force. May the Lord watch over him.

Sis. Emma Schmidt wants to thank all who remembered her while she was in the hospital for their cards, flowers, and prayers.

Although we live in a streamlined age devoid of the simpleness of Puritan life, we still possess much the same fear and faith in the future. The Puritan overcame his fear by trusting in God. People today need also to depend on God and to have knowledge of the dangers which are about them. Let us take time to count our blessings.

LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuestr

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." How can we express in words the greatness of God's love? Bro. Roy Wieland of Bay City told us of God's great love for us, and how we should love each other that we might show that we love God. We were also privileged to have Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville, Bro. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo and Bro. Simon Wagonbach from Tremont as visitors this past month.

We are happy to report the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Laurie Bucher, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Esther, to Bro. Dan Heinold, son of Bro. and Sis. Melvin Heinold from Goodfield. We truly wish them God's blessing.

Bro. Sam Frank has been moved from the hospital to Shepherd Inn Nursing Home, Knox Ind. 46534. He is slowly improving and I'm sure would appreciate hearing from his friends.

May we ever turn our hearts to God and thank Him for our countless blessings, both spiritual and physical. We feel thankful that our dear friend, Susie Heinold, daughter-in-law of Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie, has turned to God in repentance. May God grant her much grace to follow Him and, could it be His will, that many souls would yet turn away from this world and seek His peace and joy and find salvation in our dear Saviour.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
Virgil and Shirley Funk

Visiting ministers include: Henry Grimm, Morton; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Al Fisher, Chicago;

Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke; Edwin Ringger, Gridley; and David Kieser, Princeville. We are deeply appreciative of these brothers efforts and beseech God's blessing on each.

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. . . Never to be fretted, vexed, irritated, sore or disappointed. This to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest where no one praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble. It is the fruit of the Lord Jesus Christ's redemptive work on Calvary's cross, manifest in those of His own who are definitely subjected to the Holy Spirit.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty Beer have received a new grandchild in their family, a little boy. Jeffrey. His parents are Judy and Bob Kitson of Ligonier. May God bless them and their family.

Our ministering Bro. Elmer Hartter had surgery. We can report he is home recovering nicely. We're all grateful.

Three of our good friends have found joy in surrendering their lives to the Lord. Charles Baumgartner and Shirley and Dick Steffen. Charlie is the son of Henry Baumgartner, and Shirley and Dick are the children of our Ministering Bro. Walt and his wife, Sis. Dorothy, Steffen.

We're looking forward to hearing the testimonies of three more friends: Tom Speicher, Dave Baumgartner and Tommy Sheets. May they find the grace to tell of this wonderful experience in letting God and His Son into their lives. We ask that a full measure of joy in this kind of life be given to them.

Shirley Steffen is taking some time out from her studies in South Bend to spend that time in the hospital for medical treatment. May God be near to her.

We gratefully acknowledge the visiting ministry of Bro. Jim Ramsier of Bay City. He said when he finished the scripture reading, "Truly God has granted us another miracle". Each living portion of

scripture read is surely a miracle in itself. I, in my weakness, am prone to forget this wonder.

TAYLOR

Elizabeth Sutter — Naomi Heimer

After more than a year of planning and work, the remodeling of our church building has been completed. Our need was for more Sunday School rooms, fellowship hall and baby rooms.

We are thankful to the Lord for making this possible, and thankful to our brothers and sisters for their untiring work, to those that gave materially and to others who helped in any way.

We had open house for our friends and neighbors on Oct. 31. "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it".

Word has been received of the birth of a son, Bryan Robert, to Bob and Marilyn Frieden of Santa Ana, California. They have two daughters, Kristie and Kelly, to welcome him. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reinold, Quincy, and Sis. Elizabeth Sutter.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?". . . Someday each of us will stand before this great God and will be asked about our life. **How will you answer?** . . .

Friend, why not lay your heavy-laden heart at Jesus' feet and let His blood purchase you, so YOU, too, will belong to Him. . .

We welcome Sis. Emma Unsicker (Bremen) back to our congregation. She is presently staying with her children in the Ft. Wayne area while her new home is being built.

Hospital patients were Chad Marks, son of Michael and Mary, who had minor surgery on his thumb at Lutheran Hospital, and Diane Zigler, who had gallbladder surgery at Parkview Hospital. We are happy to report that both have made satisfactory recoveries, thanks be to God. (I'd like to thank all who sent me cards, gifts, and letters when I was in the hospital. Most of all I'd like to express my thanks for the many prayers. I'm very thankful to be home with my husband and little girl again. Diane Zigler.)

Don Steffen, son of Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen, completed his training in "electronics for radar repair" and spent a ten-day leave with his family and friends the early part of October. Upon returning from leave, he was scheduled for service aboard ship off the waters of Viet Nam for the next six months. Our prayers and thoughts surely are with him and his loved ones.

Our Sunday School Bible classes and their teachers spent an enjoyable and blessed week-end with the Mansfield Sunday School, the last week-end in October. We thank them for their love and deeds of kindness.

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here,

A day we commemorate each year.

Each one his voice with praises sings,

As he gives thanks for many things.

And may we never cease to pray,
With thankful hearts to Him each day

For many blessings from above,
Especially His Son, His Gift Of Love.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Charlen Banwart

Give thanks to God
For friends and flowers,
For sunny days
And cooling showers.

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

We are thankful for the support given our monthly gathering in October, as about 80 people were in attendance. Bro. Clifford Grimm from West Bend reminded us how we should be examples to those that observe our daily walk of life. May we ever take time out of our busy schedule for those things that will bring us life eternal.

LANDERSVILLE Billie Jo Harville

How can there be a creation without a Creator? How can there be planets, animals and man? Some scientists think the moon might have broken off the earth. . . But the Bible says that God created the sun, moon and planets. They also

think that man came from a monkey. . . The Bible says God created the animals that roam the earth, the birds of the air and the fish in the sea. Yes, God created the world and everything in it, and He lives.

Halloween night, the teenage youth group had a weiner roast and enjoyed fellowship at the home of Mrs. Ruth Byars. It is good that we still have adults interested in teenagers.

Hospitalized are Opal Frost and Doris Nolen. Remember them when you pray.

We are happy to announce that Arlon Byars has returned home from the Birmingham Hospital. Remember him when you pray.

OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

We welcome into our fellowship Bro. Jack and Sis. Cathy Schrock Larson, Sis. April Wiegand, and Sis. Lori Massner. A blessed week-end was enjoyed, hearing their testimonies and witnessing their baptisms. We especially appreciated Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka), who was willing to come and assist our Elder Bro. Schrock.

Other ministers whose visits we have enjoyed this month were Bros. Charles Hemmer (Peoria), Merle Bucher (LaCrosse), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop), and Edwin Bahler (Remington). We greatly appreciated their coming and hope the messages they brought us will bear good fruit.

Announcement has been made that five dear souls have found peace and wish to share their experiences with our congregation. They are Ed and Patty (Kelly) Stoller—son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Ione (Heiniger) Stoller, Robert Kuntz—son of Sis. Ruth (Strunk) Kuntz and the late Bro. Roy, and Wayne and Joleen (Luttenegger) Gerst—son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Nettie (Hodel) Gerst. We rejoice with them in their newfound faith.

GIRARD Moneil Stoll

Bro. Wesley Stoll was taken from us Sept. 16. His funeral and burial

took place in West Farmington, Ohio. He leaves a son, Elmer Stoll, and daughter, Eileen Mahne.

Friends Kathy and John creed are the happy parents of a baby boy, John Christopher. Kathie is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene Stoll.

IOWA CITY

Diane Stoller — Beverly Mogler

Each morning as you arise, do you ask God to help you make the day brighter for someone you meet? A smile, a kind word, a visit to a shut-in, a helping hand—any act of love can bring a ray of sunshine to a burdened heart. If you can make just one person's day a little brighter, you will not have lived that day in vain.

"To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; he with the King of glory shall reign eternally." During our October meetings, Bro. Harvey Heiniger and Bro. Art Bauer reminded us of the importance of staying true and faithful, since we never know which day is to be our last. If it was, would we continue to live as we are living now? This certainly gives us food for thought.

Sis. Marion Moore from Elgin, Iowa has found employment near here, and we welcome her to our small group of believers.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

On their return from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, our elder Bro. John Bahler and his wife, Sis. Julia received a warm welcome home by the church. He said of the visit, "It was a soul-stirring experience!" . . . The Way of the Cross, which he climbed, left an impression upon him, that he was moved to walk it a second time. They were accompanied by Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter of Fort Lauderdale.

Bro. Edward and Sis. Laura Zahner celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 8, at their home. The occasion was pleasant, marked by open house with relatives and friends coming to bring warm greetings and good wishes.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville spent a week-end here. In his sermons, while spending Sunday with us, he held the attention of his hearers, when he so clearly revealed what the Scriptures hold out for the Believer and also for the unbeliever. Bro. Edmund Kloter, visit-

ing his former home and families here, also left us with many sound teachings. It is precious when brethren are still firm in where they found their salvation and permit the true Spirit of God to direct them.

Births: Sept. 24, a son, born to Sis. Phyllis and Bro. Everett Gerber, named Dale Everett; a son, Scott Robert, to Sis. Judy and Bro. Gerald Webb; a son, Cory David, to Sis. Marcia and Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid; and a daughter to Sis. Mary and Bro. Keith Kloter, named Kimberly Jean. Grandparents of the above respectively are: Albert and Sis. Lydia Reutter and Bro. Ernest and the late Matilda Gerber; Bro. Clinton and Sis. Eloise Webb; Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Florence Kloter and Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid; Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl and Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter, who were joined by Bro. John and Sis. Julia Bahler from Rockville on a visit to Europe and the Holy Land, have safely returned. We welcomed them home.

Our small congregation has been increasing the last several weeks by visitors from the North.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

Several of the sisters traveled to meet those from the other area churches to work on World Relief.

Bro. Feldon Young has sold his farm and excess household goods and moved to a new home in Gridley. After living on the same farm for 63 years, even caring for himself after the death of his wife, we know that Bro. Feldor will have to make quite an adjustment. We wish him much grace and courage during the days ahead and will certainly miss his presence in our assembly.

Sis. Kathryn Anliker is at home after a hospital stay.

The amount suggested for one year, if you wish to pay, is \$2.00. There are many churches where you may give at a specified time or times, in a combined collection. Check with your reporter. [Many service addresses are sent without charge. APO New York and APO San Francisco are sent air mail, also FPO San Francisco and N.Y.]

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His is a beautiful Home. It's a wonderful family. Each move to there supplies a face that was missing in God's plan.

Understanding His moves must be from His view. Things that really count are the things He so freely bestows in that place. **Heavenly** is a location, a place as real on His map as our address here. The brother or sister in Christ now is, while living here, in Christ a resident of heaven. This key unlocks more than one scripture passage. When we see how things really are, we can join in and say: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"

Sin is what makes dreary, ashamed, self-conscious of traits that recall, carrying the blush of sin. God's life is beautifully holy. We glimpse great wisdom. He chose us before man's history began. It's all true, and it is wonderfully restful to lean on so great a God. Read and think about His love, so radiant, warm and glowing. He blesses "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"

He placed us in His family. From tiny babes in Christ He brings us up. Not a wonder the things of the world are dark, unpleasant and cold. Affection grows, and we feel at home with Him. Not only in the

future will the Father's mansion be ringing with songs of joy in endless peace. Now, life, light, joy and love of the ages coming are our way of living . . . "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

One person said, on leaving these days, "How beautiful God it." He is. The eternal Wonder of Wonders. A thousand years in eternity, He still is as awe-inspiring and wonderful . . . forever. His glory appears as a beautiful rainbow. When we ponder His grace, we see the same depth, immeasurable wonder. Shouldn't our hearts speak for joy, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

We were slaves, sold under sin. The bondage was dark, gruelling and hateful. Then Jesus came. What a purchase price He paid. How precious is His blood. Our sins are paid for, forgiven . . . gone. It means so much, and it will, as the heights of joy soar in the Ages of Ages. To know this Person is priceless . . . "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

We really get to know Him, One with such outstanding character. How sweet to look into His soul and see the expressions that kindle our endearing. How wonderful to listen to His voice that brightens our

countenance. From deep flowing, ageless fountain pours marvellous success. His universities and laboratories surpass the wildest guess of mortal man. For the children. "Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:"

We cannot gaze yet upon the lovely features of His face. Unseen of mortal eye, we know Him more and more. We see the distinctive features. We know it is Him, the sound of His love . . . the look . . . spiritually we see our Jesus. The attachment grows fonder, like children in the home. Some day we will see Him face and face. We will instantly recognize, for we have known Him all along.

The wise handling of dispensations is a beautiful thing. His management will bring to the mark called full. His home-gathering will have all the children in. The memory album will come alive . . . real faces, real persons with that same distinctive something that causes them to live in our heart. Best of all, over all, and encompassing all is this wonderful Christ.

"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; **even** in him." Praise Him. Ponder His preciousness.