



Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath

called you unto his kingdom and glory.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

FROM THE SECOND CENTURY

160 A.D. or Thereabout

Taken From "The Pastor of Hermes"

(The following is written as an allegory. The lady is the Church. Let us not cast aside the traditions which have been given, those resting on God's word.)

"Do you see something great?" And I say, "Lady, I see nothing." She said to me, "Lo! do you not see opposite to you a great tower, built upon the waters, of splendid square stones?" For the tower was built square . . . those of the stones that were dragged out of the depths, they placed in the building just as they were: for they were polished and fitted exactly into the other stones, and became so united one with another that the lines of juncture could not be perceived. And in this way the building of the tower looked as if it were made out of one stone. Those stones, however, which were taken from the earth suffered a different fate; for the young men rejected some of them, some they fitted into the building, and some they cut down, and cast far away from the tower. Many other stones, however, lay around the tower, and the young men did not use them in building; for some of them were rough, others had cracks in them, others had been made too short, and others were white and round, but did not fit into the building of the tower. Moreover, I saw other stones thrown far away from the tower, and falling into the public road; yet they did not remain on the road, but were rolled into a pathless place. And I saw others falling into the fire and burning, others falling close to the water, and yet not capable of being rolled into the water, though they wished to be rolled down, and to enter the water.

. . . The tower which you see building is . . . the Church . . . Hear then why the tower is built upon the waters. It is because your life has been, and will be, saved through water. For the tower was founded on the word of the almighty and glorious Name, and it is kept together by the invisible power of the Lord . . .

The building of the tower will be finished, and all will rejoice together around the tower, and they will glorify God, because the tower is finished. I asked her, saying, "Lady, I should like to know what became of the stones, and what was meant by the various kinds of stones?" . . .

Hear now with regard to the stones which are in the building. Those square white stones which fitted exactly into each other, are apostles, bishops, teachers, and deacons, who have lived in godly purity, and have acted as bishops and teachers and deacons chastely and reverently to the elect of God. Some of them have fallen asleep, and some still remain alive . . . they have . . . been at peace among themselves, and listened to each other. On account of this, they join exactly into the building of the tower." "But who are the stones that were dragged from the depths, and which were laid into the building and fitted in with the rest of the stones previously placed in the tower?" "They are those who suffered for the Lord's sake." "But I wish to know, O Lady, who are the other stones which were carried from the land." "Those", she said, "which go into the building without being polished, are those whom God has approved of, for they walked in the straight ways of the Lord and practiced His commandments." "But who are

those who are in the act of being brought and placed in the building?" "They are those who are young in faith and are faithful . . . But they are admonished . . . to do good, for no iniquity has been found in them." . . .

Now the other stones which you saw cast far away from the tower, and falling upon the public road and rolling from it into pathless places, are those who . . . through doubt have abandoned the true road. Thinking, then, that they could find a better, they wander and become wretched, and enter upon pathless places. But those which fell into the fire and were burned are those who have departed forever from the living God; nor does the thought of repentance ever come into their hearts, on account of their devotion to their lusts and to the crimes which they committed. Do you wish to know who are the others which fell near the waters, but could not be rolled into them? These are they who have heard the word, and wish to be baptized in the name of the Lord; but when the chastity demanded by the truth comes into their recollection, they draw back, and again walk after their own wicked desires . . . But I . . . asked her, "Is repentance possible for all those stones which have been cast away and did not fit into the building of the tower, and will they yet have a place in this tower?"

"Repentance," said she, "is yet possible, but in this tower they cannot find a suitable place. But in another . . . they will be laid, and that, too, only when they have been tortured and completed the days . . . And on this account will they be transferred, because they have partaken of the righteous word.

Where to order the **Zion's Harp** hymnals: Ray Gerber, R R 4, Bluffton Ind. 46714, or Sam Aeschliman, R R 3, Bluffton Ind. 46714. Prices postpaid: \$1.75 white edge . . . \$2.20 gold edge.

MANHATTAN Libby Meyer

Greetings to you, and may we ever rejoice in the grace and the

peace which comes from walking with our Lord! We often are amazed at how fast our life goes by and truly it is even as a vapor. Eternity will soon be here.

Our small group welcomes two more friends to Manhattan this fall. Sally Meyer from Bern is working as a nurses's aid, and Howard Plattner from Sabetha is

attending KSU.

We are meeting in little Danforth Chapel again this year, on every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. We certainly welcome everyone to come and worship with us.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Alfie Strahm, Lester Hartter (Bern), and Bro. Sam Huber (Sa-

betha). Bro. Alfie read from St. Luke, chapter 3. He impressed upon our hearts the good that we can do by being a simple example for those around us. Sometimes we tend to forget how important this light can be to others. Chapters 1 and 2 in Romans were the main sources of our Bible Study. Bro. Sam also gave us references of other scriptures showing how the teachings are linked together throughout the Bible. He pointed out what a sad condition these people were in who rejected God, because God then gave the people up to their own sins.

FRANCESVILLE

**Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich**

We were blessed with kind visiting ministers, but they would want us to tell about the sick first.

Dear Aunt Sis. Martha Pelsy asked to put the following in the Silver Lining, "With love and appreciation I want to thank you dear loved ones for remembering me with the lovely cards, letters, spiritual booklets, gifts, flowers, and your many prayers. I especially thank the ministers and all who visit me . . . also thanks for the food brought into my home before I came to the Care Center. I can't thank you enough or repay you, so may God bless you in eternity. I appreciate the nurses and aids here and the doctors, who give me good help. Everyone is kind to me. The flowers sent to me from the Wuethrich reunion were so beautiful and I enjoyed them so much. Thank you to whoever was so thoughtful."

Our hearts go out to the loved sick ones; others here are Sis. Lydia Pelsy, Ella Yaggie, Cordia Leman and Paul and Emma Pelsy.

Our sweet Candi Wuethrich, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola, received injury to her hand while skiing, which required surgery. Her first concern after the accident was for her mother; she said, "Mom, I'm sorry."

Now the "Hearts of Love" who gave us untold blessings were Bros. Joe Schrock, Delbert Indermuhle, Joseph and Nathan Stoller, and Earl Kilgus . . . like someone said, "We just want to go home and soak up the good sunshine of the day".

Another closing remark, "The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to His children."

**TOLEDO
Lydia Meister**

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof . . ."

The autumn months are with us! The shadows have lengthened, with the shorter days. The sunshine lost much of its heat and is so very welcome, after days of dripping, and sometimes pouring, rain. Colors are beginning to appear on sumac and trees. The garden flowers are making their last though beautiful splash of color, almost as though like we; they regret they must leave us for a time. Vacations are dreams of the past. The children are in school and mothers and others are taking up their duties of Charity and Relief Work. We start our World Relief meetings Tues. Sept. 24. We trust the Lord will be with us as He has in the past, helping us to do the work humbly, as His servants.

Our Sunday School Picnic was held Sept. 10. We had a blessed gathering with the Junction Sunday School. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship, and the beauty of the nature park along the river. The "Sing-Hour" before they left us was lovely. It was a spiritual joy to hear so many young voices mingle with their elders in praise to our Heavenly Father. Many thanks to all who made it so pleasant a time.

We appreciate so much Bro. Ben Manz ministering to us in our church services. It brought to mind the words of the Psalmist . . . He leadeth us through the green pastures, and beside the still waters.

Marlyn Schlatter Stager and children were here visiting her parents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Lydia Schlatter for a few weeks. They came all the way from Vancouver, Washington.

James Newman (Sis. Lois and Warren Newman's son) was married to Deborah Herlihy Sept. 8. We wish them much happiness. They are living in Ft. Wayne.

Thoughts left us in sermons: who separates you from the love of God? You and you only . . . There is no fear in love, for Perfect Love casts out fear.

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
Virgil and Shirley Funk**

Three Gates

If you are tempted to reveal

A tale someone to you has told
About another, make it pass
Before you speak, three gates of gold,

Three narrow gates . . . First,
Is it true?

Then, **Is it needful?** In your mind
Give truthful answer, and the next
Is last and narrowest, **Is it kind?**

And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways
three,

Then you may tell, nor ever fear
What the result of speech may be.

Ralph Endress was taken up in his home church at Princeville. We wish him God's grace in his Christian life.

LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

You cannot hope to enjoy the harvest without laboring in the field. Autumn is a time for reaping the harvest God has blessed us with. Likewise, in our spiritual lives, we all must labor if we expect to reap a harvest some day.

We are very happy and thankful that Mark Stoller (son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred) has returned safely home from Viet Nam, where he has served our country the past year.

Kathy Stoller (daughter of Ralph and Ruth) has graduated from Parkview Memorial School of X-Ray Technology. We wish her the best as she begins her career.

Kevin Wenninger (son of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine) was hospitalized for a broken arm, but is home again, doing fine. Kristy Keysor (daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Sharon) was in Children's Hospital in Columbus for a heart condition, but is now home. Our

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prayers are with her for a full and speedy recovery.

The engagement of Stan Stoller (son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen) to Vicky Howard (of New Hampshire) has been announced. We wish them God's blessings and much happiness in their future life together.

We were privileged on Oct. 1 to have with us Bro. Rudolph Graf from the Akron congregation. We appreciated his efforts, and all enjoyed a very blessed day.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified."

Theresa Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Carolee Unsicker, and Norman Wettstein, son of Bro. John Wettstein were united in marriage Sept. 3. The couple is at home at 1600 W. Bradley Apt. C-66, Champaign Ill.

Bro. Will and Sis. Mayme Erkert observed their golden wedding anniversary Sept. 17. Their daughter, Dorothy, and husband John Simon, of San Jose California, celebrated their silver anniversary at the same reception, held at the home of the Erkert's other daughter, Mary. Mrs. Henry D. Altorfer on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geyer announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Joy, to Ricky Don Kellenberger of Manhattan, Kansas, son of Mrs. Marie C. Kellenberger of Sabetha.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joos announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Roger Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiss of Elgin.

The engagement of Sis. Barbara Haefli, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Gladys Haefli, and Bro. Dale Geyer, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geyer, was announced to our congregation. We wish them all God's richest blessings.

Sis. Hilda J. Baer, 62, died Sept. 24 at St. Francis Hospital, where she had been a patient a few days. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Conrad; two daughters, Sharon and Judith Bear, both of Wilmette; two sisters, Sisters Martha Schaefer and Mrs. Joe (Lydia) Hermann, both of Peoria; and six brothers, Bros. Ernest Schaefer of Tremont,

Emil, John, Otto, Anton and Herman Schaefer, all of Hancock.

Our visiting ministers were all here the same Sunday; we thank Bros. Carl Kipfer, Jim Leman and Ben Fehr for their inspired messages and labors of love. There were young folks visiting from Bluffton the same day and also the Roanoke Bible class attended the morning worship services. We welcome all to assemble with us again.

We welcome Bro. Cleve and Sis. Kathleen Kloufenstein; Bro. Marvin and Sis. Gail Hodel; Sis. Carole Kellenberger, wife of Bro. Ron Kellenberger; Sis. Pat Meister, wife of Bro. David Meister III, all newly married couples who are making Peoria their home church. Also we welcome back Steven and Sis. Madge Omoran, who moved back to Peoria from the St. Louis area. Their new address is 6529 N. War Memorial Dr., Wedgewood Mobile Estate Lot 2, Peoria, Ill. The Marvin Hodels' address is 6702 N. Parkdale Apt. 5, Peoria, Ill. 61614.

Herbert Schwenk was released from the hospital and is home recuperating. We're so thankful he was given the grace to repent, and hope the Lord will bless him further. Both Herb and Sis. Ida wish to thank everyone for the love shown them, for the lovely cards and messages, and especially the prayers in their behalf. They really felt the Lord's nearness and help, and are so thankful for it.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

To work out life's problems, we need to add love, subtract hate, multiply good, and divide between truth and error.

We had a number of visitors, but the Bradford ministers were our only guest ministers. We were all refreshed with the teachings of them and of our own home ministers, for which we are grateful. As the silver and gold is purified in the fire, made even more pure with hotter fire, we too are shined and fashioned by trials and tribulations. Sometimes we wonder why certain things come over us, but in faith we put our trust in God and praise Him for His greatness, and He will not leave us to sink.

We had a few hospital patients. Little Robin Steiner, daughter of

Bro. Harold and Sis. Karen, and Greg Siebenthal, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kay, both had their tonsils removed. Both are feeling fine again. Doreen Graham, young daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette, had an emergency appendectomy, but she made a quick recovery and was soon back in church and school. Bro. Noah Herrmann spent a few days in the hospital receiving tests, but was released when nothing serious showed up. Sis. Nathalia Feucht expects to get home in a few days, after spending several weeks in the hospital for tests and treatment. We are so glad she is able to eat and is regaining her strength. We will be glad when she can be with us to worship again, for it has been some time since she was permitted to do so.

Recently Bro. Joe Stoller brought out in his sermon, how each member has a part as a body of believers. The bricks as the members stand firmly one against the other, held together with the mortar of love. The thought came to me, how needful are our pillars, the older faithful members, and I was strengthened when I observed that some who had been absent for some time due to serious illness were again with us. Bro. George Seidel has been permitted to come a few times recently, and also Bro. Will Huber, who felt he was at death's door, was again with us. Sis. Martha Streitmatter has come to join us in worship. We can be strengthened when we realize how they put forth effort and feel the need and the help they derive from worshipping together. Thankful are we to the Lord that we still have our faithful pillars as examples to us, and may we strive to follow in their footsteps to preserve the true faith.

There is sadness in our hearts, yet a joy too, as one by one faithful pilgrims are going down the valley. These faithful pilgrims, Bros. Frank Woertz and Joe Hodel, were always welcome in our church, and although their lips are silent, words spoken by them from our pulpit will linger in our memory. Their battle is won, and now awaiting them is a crown of glory which they have deserved. Our congregation extends sympathy to the bereaved families. Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Martin and family due to the death

of Sis. Edna's father, Bro. Samuel Drayer of Cissna Park.

Janet Kieser would like to thank everyone for the gifts and cards sent to her on her birthday. She appreciates everyone's kindness toward her and her mother, Sis. Bertha . . . Bro. George Seidel, who was shut in for a number of weeks, also wishes to thank all who remembered him with prayers, visits, cards, and gifts while in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you all.

Farmers are very busy gathering in the abundant harvest given them. It has been an excellent growing season, and is a beautiful sight to see the rich golden grain rolling out of the combines into the wagons. The gardens, too, have produced an abundance, and many shelves are filled with fruits of the earth. We are thankful for the abundant harvest, but how we wish we would have an abundant spiritual harvest. The fields are so ripe.

Our sympathy is extended to the Elsasser and Endress families with the death of Phillip Elsasser. He passed away rather unexpectedly at his home Sept. 18. Funeral services were held at Bradford on Thursday, Sept. 21. Phillip had a number of relatives who worship with us, and our sympathy goes out to all. **A Thank you:** We would like to sincerely thank our many relatives, friends, and neighbors who so faithfully stood by our side during my husband and our father's long illness and during our bereavement. Words cannot express our appreciation for the many deeds of kindness, prayers, cards, flowers, and food. The many memorial contributions are also deeply appreciated. For your sincere expressions of sympathy, may God bless you. Phillip Elsasser family, Martha, Phyllis, and Jan.

WOLCOTT

Marjean Lehman — Arles Kropf

We rejoice with Steve and Luann Bahler, children of our Elder Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances, who have found peace and are now looking forward to giving their testimonies and being baptized in the near future.

Sis. Irene Lehman remains a patient at Home Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana. Her daughter, Sis. Marjean, had also been hospitalized, but is able to be out again.

We are thankful for the safe re-

turn of Walter and Sis. Josephine Kyburz, who were on an extended trip through the western states.

A blessed evening was enjoyed on Oct. 2 when a nice group gathered for our annual Sunday School picnic at the 4-H Building at Reynolds.

WICHITA

Glenis Allenbach

Prayer is the key to Heaven; faith unlocks the door. Isn't it wonderful that God gave us this avenue of communication? Think for a moment what our Christian walk of life would be without prayer.

I have made a journey this past year that would have been impossible without prayer as my fuel, faith my vehicle, the Bible my map and compass.

I had run so far and so long from the Lord . . . My husband had decided to start this journey and for some reason I could not let him start alone. Our destination was the same.

At first I said I'll fly and get there in a hurry, but I could not find any airport that could give me my flight information. This was given me only a short distance at a time, as I used countless amounts of fuel. My vehicle suffered much damage and was often in need of repair. The same road I had traveled so long and so far had to be retraced. Forgotten had been the detours, the bridges, the rough roads and mountains crossed. This was my only route to take. Many detours I wanted to omit, many mountains loomed too high to climb, many rivers too deep to cross, but somewhere along the way I found I had acquired a companion, a great mechanic that never left me, and I need never travel alone again. I found that one by one I crossed the rivers, took the detours and climbed the mountains.

I met those along the way that said, take this with you or take that, you may find it of value on your journey, and I said, I have my Companion, map, and compass, and this is sufficient for me to reach the foot of the cross.

The last few months have been very fruitful for our congregation, and even in the last few weeks the Lord has blessed us among both adults and young people.

Bro. Jimmie Bowers gave his

testimony and was baptized last month, and this coming month, Hilda Carrothers will give her testimony. Many of you will remember her father, Bro. Ernest Gleichman, who was minister at the Harper Kansas church for many years.

Jimmie Bower's love for the Lord was very apparent in his sweet Christian testimony. Jimmie's parents, Sis. Lillian and Bro. Milton Bowers, had many prayers answered, and now their joy is threefold, as two of their daughters are repenting, Precilla and Ruthie Bowers. Earlier this year their daughter, Cecily and husband John Holliday were taken up, so their heavenly family has grown much.

We thank the Lord that yet another young person, Rick Franzen is repenting. Rick is in the Service and was first introduced to our church through his friend, Eric Langhoefer.

Visiting ministers of late have been Bros. Sam Anliker, Roy Farney, Clarence Yackley, Loren Strahm, Joe Aberle and Raymond Roth.

We have really enjoyed our many visitors. It is a blessing to drive into a churchyard and see the many cars and then the filled seats inside.

Eric Langhoefer reports that he was pleasantly surprised to hear from several people after his address was published in **The Silver Lining** and appreciated hearing from everyone.

Besides it being a blessing for me to give my testimony, one of the reasons for the forewriting of my journey was the hope that some friend might see it is not hopeless when they feel the Lord no longer calls them and the road to Christianity seems too long . . . Also in the hope that some young friend might see the value of a shorter journey. We may not always have time for the trip.

DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

Aug. 13 was the wedding day of Bonnie Wieland and Bill Stewart. Bonnie is the daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda. We certainly wish this new couple abundant blessings for their future together.

We wish to thank Bros. Joe Kaisner and Andy Virkler for be-

ing with us. May the words which they brought forth in humility remain within our hearts and bring forth fruit in our lives.

When a choir brings forth beautiful music, it is so sweet and pleasing to the ear and to the heart . . . And yet, what if one of the members of the choir becomes off-key. Would this not take away from the beauty? It is like this with the body of believers. We must keep our attention to the Director of our lives. We must strive to always keep "on-key". We must not be lax and fall behind the others. We should try to help those to the right and to the left of us. Let us follow the word before us, that we may be of one song of praise. Let us, together, follow this way of life on to that final Amen.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

When we cannot understand our
Father's leading
And it seems to be but hard and
cruel fate,
Still we hear that gentle whisper
ever pleading,
God is working; God is faithful;
only wait.

Our visitors have been the following brothers—Don Sauder, James Leman, Roanoke; Steven Rinkenberger, Ed Alt, Cissna Park.

Bro. Henry Funk passed away at Eureka Hospital, at the age of 82 years. He had been a resident of the A. C. Home here. His funeral was held in Roanoke church.

We have so many folks who have been ill lately; the following ones are in the Hospital now: Bro. Ed Geiger is a medical patient in St. Francis Hospital. Sis. Martha Grusy—medical, in Methodist Hospital; her husband is Bro. Alf Grusy. Mrs. Mollie Jakle, medical, in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Sara Tanner—surgical, in Eureka Hospital; her husband is Bro. Paul Tanner. Tommy Kupferschmid, medical in Eureka Hospital; he is the youngest son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura.

These dear ones were in hospitals but have returned home: Bro. Walter Anliker, medical, St. Francis Hospital; Sis. Laura Getz, surgical, St. Francis Hospital—her husband is Bro. Jesse; Bro. Richard Rocke, surgical, Methodist Hos-

pital; David Schumacher, surgical, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Charlene; Sharon Belsley, medical in Eureka—medical, her parents are Bro. & Sis. William and Helen Belsley; Bro. Vernon Blunier, surgical, in Methodist Hospital; Sis. Marjorie Stoller broke her arm and was a patient in Eureka Hospital—her husband is Bro. Melvin Stoller.

Sammy Mogler left for the Army. He is the son of August and Sis. Inez Mogler. Pvt. Samuel Mogler 321-48-8372, Co C 5th BN 2nd BET BDE, Ft. Polk LA 71459.

Elizabeth Ann Fehr and Ron Conclosure were married Sept. 9 by Bro. Eugene Bertschi at Funk's Grove. Her parents are Bro. & Sis. Ernest and Mary Fehr. His folks are Mr. and Mrs. Percy Conclosure of Colfax, Ill. They will be living in Newfoundland for some time.

Sam Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis. Ralph and Lula Fehr, has returned from Korea. He will be at home for awhile, then he will be assigned some where in the States.

A Thank-you: We wish to thank all who sent us such wonderful cards, for the generous contributions and the great love shown us through the loss of our husband and father, John Schumacher. May God bless all. Kathryn Schumacher and Family.

Note of thanks: My sincere thanks to all our ministers, relatives and friends for prayers, gifts, cards, flowers and food while at the hospital and at home. It was greatly appreciated. God bless you. Sis. Laura Getz (Jesse).

Three more friends are seeking the Lord in repentance. They are: Michael Schmidgall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidgall of Deer Creek; Kari Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Marvin and Dorothy Schmidgall; and Arthur Anliker, son of Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhelmina Anliker. May God awaken many more souls, to come and be saved.

JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

After speaking in various assemblies in the States this summer I have reached the following conclusions: The speaker for Christ must be spiritually alert when he begins to speak. He must acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is the real teacher and that we are all students. He must lift up the Lord

Jesus Christ in His message. Even though the speaker is extremely tired, physically, if he meets the three conditions, the power of God is in the message. If he is well rested but lacks the spiritual alertness (in some cases because of having just eaten a full meal) the power of God will be hindered accordingly.

A spiritually hungry audience increases the power of God. The Holy Spirit works through the audience to inspire the speaker. The singing in one of our medium-sized churches was so whole-hearted, I can never forget it. I saw brothers holding their **Zion's Harp** hymnals up high enough so they could sing out, and they were singing from the depth of their souls. It was stirring.

In America, as in our church in Japan, some have gone too far in conforming to this world. We are instructed, **Be ye transformed**, and spiritual power and joy depends upon the extent of our transformation.

I have heard that the number of believers in the Apostolic Christian Church in Hungary has been as high as 70,000 at one time. That's a large group for such a small country. We must kneel down with our children in prayer each day. We should each make certain we are not ashamed of our fellowship or its practices based on God's word, neither are we proud of it, and then invite others who are not in Christ to come. Our attitude is one that we just appreciate what Christ has done for us and try to follow the teachings of the New Testament.

Last Sunday, Sept. 24, my family and I visited our Tokyo church, and as we were finishing our afternoon meeting with a group of us seated around a table, a well-dressed, middle-aged man came in, sat down and listened. We had our closing hymn and prayer, after which I introduced myself and the others.

This man said he had to talk to someone and thought people who go to church would listen. He began telling his life story, but as he proceeded, I persuaded him to go aside and talk with me privately. I thought his story was really too bad for everyone to have to listen to. He is a man who got into an underworld gang in Japan and is compelled to do terrible things by

order of the boss of the gang. This man told me he has been hiding for several days in the closet of a friend's home, but could not stand it anymore. He was in trouble with his boss and was trying to hide, although it is hopeless, because many persons in the gang are constantly watching for disobedient gang members. He had decided to go back to the gang boss and accept his beating and punishment, after which he would receive treatment and be taken far away from Tokyo, to do the bidding of the gang boss in a new area. I suggested he turn himself in to the police, but he said that some time during his life the gang would get him for divulging secrets to the police. He said he just wanted to unburden himself before going back to his boss, that he was tired, oh so very tired.

I showed him John 3:16 and Isaiah 53:6 in the Bible and explained it to him, saying that forgiveness of sin can be found by repenting and trusting in Christ. He had never read the Bible and knew little of Christ, but knew that a church had something to do with religion. I offered him God's word to take along, but he refused it, saying his boss would tear it up in anger.

This man said he had never knelt in prayer, but we knelt together and I pleaded with God to reveal his mighty power to this man and to his gangster bosses. The man put on his hat again and walked away, after bowing as a farewell gesture. How dangerous are the gangs who draw people into their net. What terrible things Satan causes men to do. How wonderful if this man would repent and trust in Christ with all his heart.

NEUHUTTEN, GERMANY

Marvin Dotterer—Bernie Messner

We have been blessed with visitors from the States. Sisters Kathy Rocke from Eureka, Barb Ringger from Bradford, Diane Fehr from Morris, Leuann Gerst from Oakville, and Bev Mogler from West Bend found it worthwhile to assemble with our small group in Neuhutten for two Sundays in September. Howard Hodel from Roanoke, who is going to be attending school in Germany, was able to be with us for a week-end.

This will be our last month of reporting from Neuhutten, as we

are both going home this month. It is not without some regrets that we leave Germany. The Maurer family has been wonderful to us and all those who have spent time in Germany, in providing us with a home away from home, and a place to hold our services. We are looking forward, however, to again being able to assemble with our home congregations. Often we don't realize what we have until we are taken away for a time.

We want to thank all those who have supported us in anyway, while we have been here in Germany, with prayers, thoughts or letters.

TAMAHATA

Akito and Marie Inoue

After a hot and humid summer, we are thankful for the cool weather and blue skies of September. Japan has four definite seasons, and as each season changes, we are reminded of the beautiful hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming." Several fruits seen in the farmer's small plots of land at this time of the year are figs, pomegranates, several varieties of apples, and bright orange persimmons.

The letters of the Apostle John have been read in our Sunday afternoon Bible class. God's love for us is often mentioned here, and often we do not understand how He could love us . . . But just as we love our earthly children, so our Heavenly Father loves us, even when we were outside of His covenant of grace.

We are looking forward to our fellowship meeting in October with prayerful anticipation. It is planned by the brethren of our Tokyo assembly.

ALTADENA

Judy Hackenjoes

There is not enough darkness in all the world
To put out the light
of one single candle.

Our Altadena congregation has grown, for which we thank the Lord. We extend a warm Christian welcome to Bro. Don Cremer from Bremen. He has moved here to attend school in the Los Angeles area.

We are very thankful to have a new family join us. Bro. Ed and Sis. Connie Frautschi and their three young children have moved to California from Chicago. We wish

them God's richest blessings.

Bro. Ron Erismann has returned to Long Beach, after an 8-month Navy tour in the Far East. We praise the Lord for protecting him from danger and bringing him safely home to the United States.

We held our annual elections on Oct. 1. Our Sunday School teachers are Bro. Gary Volk, superintendent, Bro. Bill Witzig; Bro. Virgil Graf, Sis. Kay Hackenjoes, Sis. Linda Witzig, and Sis. Judy Hackenjoes. The trustees for the coming year are Bros. Emery Minger, Dick Stoller, and Virgil Graf. The new Silver Lining reporter is Sis. Judy Hackenjoes.

ALTO

Joyleen Blough

The Lord is my Shepherd; He is all I want, replied a small child when she was asked to repeat the 23rd Psalm. Even though she was not quite right, she completely summarized the entire Psalm.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Al Aberle of Tremont, Noah Schrock of Oakville, and Andy Virkler of Bay City. Elder Bro. Noah told us about his grandmother's library. It was not big, but only contained the Holy Bible, Martyr's Mirror, and the **Zion's Harp** hymnbook. How often we overlook this hymnbook. Even though we do not know the authors, we can feel God's presence when we just read the words. The many hymns clearly state the Christian's walk of life.

The engagement of Bro. A. Curtis Kaeb of Bay City to Sis. Luanne Blough was announced Sept. 10.

We were fortunate to have Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach assemble with us for our annual business meeting. Our new trustee is Bro. Dennis Koehl, and new Sunday School teachers are Bros. Lyman Feldman and Wally Gerst, and Sisters Loretta and Myrna Steffen. This is a great opportunity to be a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord.

ATHENS

Irene Haggermaker

"For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Our fellowship meeting this month was very rewarding, with the Junior class being our host. The

girls baked the cakes, and the boys served the drinks.

The Junior class also went on their annual picnic to the David Crockett Park in Tennessee.

I am happy to report that we have our dear minister and his wife back in church after almost a month of illness. Bro. Llvoyd Moore had to have surgery on his back; he had a ruptured disk. Sis. Doris was in bed at home with a pulled muscle in her back. She hurt her back at work.

We sure did appreciate Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein and family for giving up a Sunday at their own church to come and minister to us. Bro. Lynn is such a good song leader. We always enjoy singing with him.

BAY CITY Carolyn Knochel

September again is a busy month, with the children returning to school and the beginning of harvest. We may be very busy with other things, but when the crop is ready, it must be gathered, and so it will be on that great Harvest Day, when our Lord shall return to gather us home—we must at all times be ready to drop what we are doing, and meet Him in the air!

On Sept. 10, the engagement was announced between Bro. Curt Kaeb, son of Bro. Alphaeus and Sis. Hermine of Bay City, and Sis. Luanne Blough, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite of Alto. On Sept. 24, my engagement was announced to Bro. Lee Schamback of Bay City. My parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Marian Knochel of this congregation; Lee's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois from the Croghan congregation.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Art Bahler (Remington), Bro. Phil Wingeier (Alto), and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit). We thank God for their wonderful and inspiring words, praying that they fall on good ground to bring forth fruit.

Our dear old sister, Katherine Wieland has fallen ill and is hospitalized with a coronary. Though she has been failing for awhile, she always had a sweet smile for everyone who greeted her.

BERN Esther and Stella Moser

Elmer and Eldora Ischs' son, James, was married to Jane Ellen

Groeltz on Sept. 3. They will make their home in Gladstone, Missouri. Sis. Emma Wittmer is James' grandmother.

On Sept. 16, Bro. Lester Hartter united in marriage Garry Rokey, D.V., son of (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence) to Martha Marie Simmons. After a wedding trip to Mexico, they will be at home in Kansas City, where both are employed at the Antioch Pet Hospital. We wish both couples many rich blessings.

Our guest minister was Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas. He gave us much to think about, how everything could be taken from us, even the very Bible, but the hope we have in our hearts, no one can take from us.

The past Sunday we heard much about the unruly little tongue (James 3) that no man can tame. When God works in the heart, He can tame it.

Albert Plattner (Sis. Julia) was hospitalized for tests. Bro. Lou Baumgartner was hospitalized with lung congestion, was able to be home for two days, and is now back for tests and observation. Our friend, Emma Hanni, is undergoing tests. We hope for a good report, with better health on the way.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

The power of God was with us when Bro. Ben Manz from Junction, Bro. Aaron Steffen from Alto, Bro. Harry Bucher from Valparaiso, Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park, and Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo spent a Lord's day with us. What a wonderful blessing our fellowship is. We are thankful that we have brothers who will lend themselves to speak only what the Spirit of God does inspire them to speak.

Our community was grief-stricken at the sudden calling of our dear young Bro. Ron Frank, who passed out of this life into that blessed eternity on Thursday afternoon Sept. 7. Ron had a heart ailment since birth, for which he underwent major heart surgery six years ago. He had just begun his student teaching at Huntington, Indiana, where he was a senior in college. After teaching part of the day, Ron went to his room, where he spent his last minutes of this life on his knees in prayer and was stricken in this position. We recently heard, some fruits ripen

late in the season, some in the summer, but this fruit was ripe and mature and picked by the hand of God in early spring.

The aunt of Ron's roommate put her thoughts into the following poem:

What a beautiful way to meet
Jesus,
though it's hard for the ones left
behind.
To go while kneeling and praying
to glory
brings a beauty to heart and to
mind.

How glad we may be for the
witness
of this one who has gone on
before
He enjoyed life and took it with
calmness
His contentment impressed us
the more.

Though his years here on earth
were not many,
He stayed true to the end of the
way.
Now he's gone on to Heaven before
us.
We are glad we have known him
today.

Ron has left many friends and loved ones who miss his presence in our fellowship, for we had such a blessed Labor Day week-end, sharing our spiritual joys together, not knowing this would be the last time we would be with him.

Survivors include his parents, Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy (Isch) Frank, and one brother, Bro. Herb, all to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

This prayer was found in Ron's typewriter by his mother some time ago. It is a prayer that, if sincerely prayed, will lead us all to those Heavenly mansions to meet our departed one: "Dear God, please help me to do Thy will and let me not be deceived by all the different theories of many people in this day and age. Oh please guide me with Thy Holy Spirit and give me grace and strength to overcome sin and evil. Help me to obey Thy word and let me not be doing what everyone else around me says, or what I think is right by my own reasoning. Help me to use Thy word. Please help me not to be overcome by all the unbelief in this day and age. Please forgive me for my doubts that I have and give me more faith."

Three weddings took place. Becky Gerber became the wife of Albert Pfister. (Parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Dorothy Gerber and Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian from Leo.) Allen Steffen, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee, and Arlene Shifferly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ermil Shifferly, became husband and wife. Rosemary Habegger and Rod Mounsey were united in marriage by Bro. Orville Ringger, assisted by Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott. Their parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene Habegger and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mounsey. Many best wishes were bestowed on the newlyweds, and may God richly bless the union of hearts.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Jean (Isch) Moser became the parents of a baby girl, Krista Ann. A brother and sister, Lonnie and Lyn, welcomed home the new arrival.

Several in our congregation have been hospitalized: Arlan Heyerly, son of Bro. Homer and Sis. Lavera; Sis. Leota (Glen) Reinhard; Sis. Elaine Kipfer; Sis. Sadie Gerber; Sis. Ida (Bob) Aschliman; Sis. Colleen (Alvin) Ringger, Sis. Esther (Olin) Geisel; and Sis. Alice (Kenneth) Schaefer. Arlan Heyerly, son of Bro. Homer and Sis. Lavera, was also hospitalized, after having a narrow escape from a possible tragic incident, involving dangerous machinery in an insulation factory.

Our Bluffton congregation is anticipating the proving and baptisms of seven converts. The new converts are Cindy Rauch, daughter of Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia; Steve Reinhard, son of Glen and Sis. Leota; Stan Geisel; Valerie (Geisel) and Lynn Kipfer (parents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Ellen Geisel, and Bro. Art and Sis. Goldie Kipfer); Dave Smeltzer, husband of Sis. Betty (Steffen); and Allen Aeschliman, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Imogene. To hear of God's love and mercies strengthens the entire congregation, when these precious souls tell of their desire to live a new life, free of sin, after repenting of their old sinful nature. May God's richest blessings follow them, with the Holy Spirit's guidance and protection. May the event be an inspiration to all.

A reminder to the Bluffton church that October is the month to pay your SILVER LINING dues to your reporters.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

God's strength behind you, His concern for you, His love within you, and His arms beneath you are more than sufficient for the job ahead of you.

As we begin another year of school at the University of Illinois and Parkland College, there is a feeling of great need of the Lord and His love and guidance. How impossible it all seems in any field or occupation without Him!

During the month of August, the word was brought to us by Bros. Al Aberle of Tremont and Jess Schrock of Congerville.

In September . . . we heard Bro. Earl Gerber and Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, Bro. Harold Schmidgall of Gridley, and Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield. On Sept. 17 Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, Bro. Chuck Hemmer of Peoria, and Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. of Morton joined us for our annual Freshman Welcome Day. We were very thankful for a good response from the new students and their parents, in attending services for the day and a picnic supper at Hessel Park.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 27, we held our annual fall picnic at the Lake of the Woods Pavilion. Members and friends enjoyed a blessed night of fellowship and singing praise to our Lord.

Bro. Rick and Sis. Raylene Zimmerman are parents of their first child, a girl, whom they named Robin Deann. She was born Aug. 25. Her grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty Wagenbach of Princeville and Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Zimmerman of Roanoke. Rick is a student at the University of Illinois.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

CHICAGO

We wish to thank all that attended our open house, during September. The last three Sundays, we had capacity crowds. We hope that all who could not come during this time would feel welcome to visit us at another date.

On Sept. 10, the second Sunday, we were blessed with a visit by Elder Bros. Russell Rapp, Morton; and George Gramm, Gridley; and Ministering Bros. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; and Vernon Leman, Eureka. The Zioneer Quartet from Bluffton presented a ministry in song, following the afternoon services.

The third Sunday, Bro. Albert Aberle, Tremont, ministered to us from the word, and the Mortonaires ministered to us with inspired songs.

Sept. 24, the last Sunday of our open house, Elder Bro. Gene Bertsch, Roanoke; Bros. Art Baurer, Princeville; Bill Gudeman and Albert Scheitlin, Elgin, spoke from the word. The Prairie Choristers sang a number of songs.

During September, Bros. Bob Grimm—Goodfield and Ed Aschliman, Union City were visiting ministers during mid-week services.

A number of young folks have moved to the Chicago area for schooling and employment: Sisters Mary Rapp, Morton; Kay Zeltwanger, Bremen; Kathy Rassi, Tremont; Jean Getz, Morton; Jan Hunziker, Morton; Georgia Cawley, Eureka; Bro. Curt Gramm, Gridley; and Bros. Keith and Sis. Joan Hanson and family. We welcome them in Christian love.

We were saddened by the sudden death of Friend Rozalia, the wife of Friend Miklos Bozzay and mother of two small children. Bros. Al Fisher and Lenard Meyer conducted the funeral services Oct. 3. Our prayers go out for Friend Miklos and Rozalia's parents, who came for the funeral from Hungary.

CONGERVILLE

Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp

On Sept. 3, Norman Wettstein and Theresa Unsicker were married. Norman is the son of Bro. John Wettstein, and Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Unsicker of Dunlap. Bro. Stan Knapp and Sis. Judy Zobrist were married on Oct. 1. Stan is the son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice. Judy is the daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Phyllis of Goodfield. We wish both of these couples all of God's richest blessings. May He always be the head of these homes.

Little LaNae Schrock spent several days in the hospital. She is the

daughter of Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary. She is now home and fine again.

Isn't it wonderful what God still does for each of us?

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

We'll never leave the Bible, Our banner of defence.

In youth or age it is our staff, and leads us now and hence.

The sun, whoses light illuminates this darkened vale below.

Redemption now to all the world through Jesus Christ does show.

The Sunday School students now entering the Bible Class were presented with Bibles, which is always a joyful and blessed event. One of our ministers, Bro. Edward Gudeman, attended and spoke to the young people, encouraging them to read the Bible in their everyday walk of life, as it will be beneficial to them already here in this life and for the life to come, if they will heed the instructions contained therein.

Bro. Merril Laukhuf of Latty was our guest minister. The first chapter in the Book of Ruth was read, telling how Ruth respected Naomi, her mother-in-law, and sensed the deep love and confidence that Naomi had in her God, for she said: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God". The message was how well it would be if we all had such deep love, trust, respect and faith in our God and our Lord and Saviour. We received many timely teachings, and may God bless Bro. Merril for his efforts in serving His word.

We do have some very good news to report. On the evening of Sept. 9, Louise (Lucy) Leuthold Schultz gave her testimony, and the next day she was baptized and taken into the Fold as a sister in Christ. We rejoice with the angels, and hope and pray that many more will seek their soul's salvation while it is still day of grace.

Bro. Henry Kellenberger wishes to thank everyone that remembered him with prayers, cards, flowers and other tokens of love, while he was in the hospital and also at home, and all who visited him in

person or in thought. May God bless the deeds of kindness and love.

Bros. Delbert and Arthur Schmidt of our congregation are grateful for the prayers, cards and gifts for their mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt of Winthrop, in her illness and for her 80th birthday. Thanks to all, and may God bless you.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Edna Somerhalder
Wilma Young**

"Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises to our God: for it is pleasant; and praise is comely." We look forward to the first Sunday evening of each month, which is spent in singing hymns of praise to our Lord and Heavenly Father . . . alternating with the Lamont congregation, assembling in Gridley this month.

Midweek services will begin at Thanksgiving . . . again alternating with the Lamont congregation. Our appreciation to the brothers who are willing to share the holy word with us; may the Lord richly reward them for time and effort.

The two older Sunday School classes enjoyed attending Sunday School and church services at Bern, stopping in Topeka on their return trip, for pizzas.

Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm entertained with a hymn singing, which was well attended.

Bro. Albert Grimm is in the hospital for observation and treatment.

Oct. 1 brought heavy frost, causing some freeze of vegetation. Recent temperatures have been very changeable . . . even so, are enjoying a beautiful fall season. The farmers are busy harvesting milo, corn, beans, hay etc.

LAMAR

**Mrs. Charles Marti
Mrs. Arthur Banwart**

One Sunday, we were blessed with a beautiful day of God's sunshine. It was mentioned in the sermon how beautiful the sunshine was, and that it seemed to be especially bright after a week of much rain and cloudy weather. This brought to mind a remark one of my children made who was quite small at the time—"It seems like the sun shines brighter on Sundays than it does on other days."

Sam Baker remains quite ill at his home in Bentonville, Arkan-

sas. We miss him, his wife (Sis. Betty) and his mother, who assembled with us frequently. Walter (Jim) Kibler is a hospital patient, following an apparent heart attack. He appears to be slowly improving. We are happy to have Jack Thiebaud assemble with us again, after his stay in the hospital.

Thankfulness was present in all our hearts when we learned that Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Stefan were spared serious injuries when they were involved in a head-on collision. A car coming toward them, crossed the center of the highway on the crest of a hill and struck the pickup truck they were riding in. The pickup rolled over twice and was demolished. Thanks to our Heavenly Father who protected them, our dear ones were able to walk away from the accident and could return home to their children. Bro. Willie said, "We have a lot to be thankful for." Sis. Hilda expressed thankfulness too and remarked, "It really humbles me."

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

The Lord has blest us with rain and sunshine throughout the summer, and the farmers in this area are busy harvesting one of the most bountiful crops ever. Since there is so much to do, they appreciate October's bright, blue weather.

Many good teachings have been heard from our ministers here at home, as well as ministers who have taken time to visit our church. They are Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Bro. Noah Miller, and Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet Wysong are parents of baby boy, Blake Davere. He has two brothers and three sisters.

Many prayers have been uttered for Sis. Joan Knobloch and her family. She lies gravely ill in her hospital bed. Other hospital patients were Sis. Pauline Teubel, Sis. Mary Kellenberger, Bro. Ed Gerber, Dave Moser, Cindy Metzger (one-year-old daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Cris), and Brent Teubel (four-year-old son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Pauline).

The lovely, blonde, two-year-old grandson of Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger was plucked from the bosom of his family, when he drowned in the lake at Alexandria,

Minnesota, where his parents, Ed and Eleanor Popkes, operate a resort . . . God chose him. May His name be blest.

Bro. Marvin Metzger received his discharge, after serving six years in the National Guard.

After many Sundays of absence, we are so happy to see our dear sisters, Lydia Knobloch and Lena Maurer assemble with us again. Bro. Lawrence Wulf is back, albeit on crutches. He says his long stay in the hospital with a badly broken leg taught him patience, and seeing others' illnesses helped him to count his blessings. **Thank you:** I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all the dear ones who remembered me with cards, gifts, kind deeds and prayers while I was in the hospital and since my return home. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered and may the Lord bless and reward all. Lawrence Wulf.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

My parents, Bro. Theo. and Sis. Naoma Beer, returned from a 10-day trip to Texas. They were driven there by my brother, Bernie, who was accompanied by his son, Kirk. While in Texas they visited San Antonio, where Bro. Theo. held services at Ft Sam Houston. There they also had the pleasant opportunity of visiting their grandchildren, Tom and Tammy Speicher. The rest of the time was spent visiting my brother, Alan, and his wife, Dorothy, and their family in Dallas. They returned home safely, reporting a most wonderful trip.

Sis. Wanda Weisser was staying with her grandchildren in Ft. Wayne, the Bill Gladieux family, while their folks were on vacation. Soon after they left, she became ill and had to be taken to a Ft. Wayne hospital. We're so very thankful to report she has returned home and is making a full and speedy recovery.

Jackie Lehman, Mrs. Leroy, had surgery, and we've been so glad to see her back in church. Brent Kaiser had surgery on his hand following an accident, and was hospitalized for three days. Brent is the son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Clara. Our friend, Harry Rapp, son of Sis. Louise, submitted to Major surgery at Goshen Hospital. Anna Mary Davis has had orthopedic surgery at South Bend Mem.

At a church election, Bros. Jesse Beer and Phil Price were chosen as new Sunday School teachers. Bro. Jesse has served previously, but this will be a new experience for Bro. Phil. We hope he receives the full blessing from it that the rest of us have. We wish them both God's nearness as they enter into this all-important work. Two sisters were also chosen for the smaller classes, Millie Beer and Virginia Hoover.

On Oct. 2, a dinner was held at the new Fellowship Hall for all the contractors who worked on its construction. Church members and friends provided the meal as a gesture of gratitude for those who worked so efficiently for us. Oct. 29 is planned for Dedication Sunday of this new structure. It is already being used and appreciated by so many, but the committee in charge of building feels the necessity of dedicating it to God, that it might always be used to His honor, and we all join them in their wish.

The Adult Choir is planning a trip to Morton this month, where they will be the guests of the Adult Choir there and the Mortainaires. Our ministering Bro. Walt Steffen and part of his family will accompany the group on this trip. We are grateful to Bro. Walt for his help in the tenor section of our choir, too.

I had the pleasant experience of talking to two young mothers, who are caught up in the everyday business of caring for small children. As we shared our experiences, we felt a common bond, despite the differences in our age, of the all-important task of raising a family. In the same week, it so happened that a similar conversation took place with a mother and father, who like us, have some of their family already gone from home. Concern is so often a part of parents' lives, but from these conversations, a point I gleaned is this—Doing our best and turning our children over to God should give us something more than concern. It should give us trust and the faith that God will help us. In this we should find a joy and a peace that should overshadow the concern. If a child can observe joy and peace in his Christian parents, he can better realize the benefits of a life in Christ. This is the goal of all of us, I know, and I am so grateful to

these parents, who helped me to see this more clearly.

MINNEAPOLIS

Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger

Not now but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our
tears,
And there, sometime we'll understand.

Our congregation was saddened with the passing of Friend Joyce A. Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Millie Schmidgall. Services were held Sept. 7 at the Apostolic Church. Bros. Alphi Moser and Paul Fehr officiated.

Our annual election was held Sept. 10; Bro. Donald Miller, Sunday School teacher; Bro. Mark Kellenberger, assistant teacher; Bro. Kenneth Schmidt, treasurer; Bro. Robert Schmidgall, usher; Bro. Ray Schmidgall, trustee.

PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

Every life we touch is a field;
everything we do and all the words
we speak, are seed. What will the
harvest be?

Sunday School has resumed after a month's vacation. A picnic is planned for the first Sunday in October.

We are happy to have Capt. Roger Locher, son of Bro. Ted and Sis. Cordelia of Sabetha, assembling with us. Roger is stationed at Williams Air Force Base.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Carl Blumenschein, for treatments to relieve the congestion in his lungs caused by emphysema, and Drenda Turner for surgery. We are happy both have been dismissed.

Bro. Ronald Hoerr's family were involved in an automobile accident, but thankfully no one was seriously hurt, although Sis. Julie did require several stitches for a cut across her nose.

It is nice to have Susan (Knochel) Hill with us again. She returned to Phoenix, after having spent some time in Hawaii where her husband, Jack, is stationed with the Air Force. He will be joining her in the near future.

We were pleasantly surprised by the visit of dear Elder Bro. George Yergler, who spent a week here.

We were thankful for the loving messages he brought us from God's word.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer and little Nancy have moved to a new address. It is 3402 W. Laurel Lane, Phoenix 85029. Esther Harmon is also happy that her new home has been finished so she could move in. Her address now is: 1739 W. Behrend Dr., Phoenix 85027.

Bro. Paul Froelich's mother, Sis. Ola Froelich, of Rittman passed away in a nursing home. Bro. Joe Hodel of Roanoke, the father of Sis. Lavina Dotterer, was stricken with a fatal heart attack. The Phoenix congregation wishes to extend sympathy to both families.

Herb and Shirley Mohrman were honored guests at a 25th Anniversary celebration on the 30th at Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgalls' home. Our congratulations go to them on this milestone in their married life.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We are happy that three friends feel they have the peace of God and have been announced for proving in the near future. They are Eric Huber, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary, and John and Cornelia Aberle.

If the Lord wills, Bro. Dan Steiner will observe his 100th birthday on Nov. 18. He and his sister, Sis. Mary Aberle, are both residents of the Apostolic Christian Home here in Sabetha. Sis. Mary will be 92 on Oct. 12.

Some of us met recently to give our church house its annual fall housecleaning.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

The construction of our new fellowship hall is now underway, and completion day is hopefully in the near future. We invite you all to visit us sometime, winter or summer.

Our visiting minister was Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix. The subject of offence was brought to our attention, as we read in the book of the Corinthians. The lesson advised, that if we, ourselves, would not take offence so easy, maybe there would be a lesser chance of our offending someone else. We thank the visiting ministers for their labors.

On this same blessed day, with the fellowship of other visiting brethren from Phoenix, we participated in a farewell dinner for Bro. Jim and Kathy Gramm and baby Justin. Jim was called to the service of his country, and returned with his family to Illinois for a short visit before reporting to duty. We will truly miss this little family and pray for their protection and hopeful return to Tucson some day. Baby Justin Gramm was born to Bro. Jim and Kathy on Aug. 30.

Some of the ladies were able to attend a birthday luncheon at the home of Sis. Esther Sutter for Sis. Clara Lorenz, who was 84 years old. She also received birthday greetings from the President of the United States. Let's all try to follow in the paths of the older and wiser Christians, so we can feel we have lived in the blessed light of the Lord.

Again the prayers of the congregation has been answered. Sis. Dorothy Bertsch is now at home and on her way to recovery, and we'll all be glad for the day when she will be able to assemble with us.

Salvation is God's gift. It is free, and what we do with it is our responsibility.

AKRON

Katherine Ries

As summer comes to an end and fall takes over in northeast Ohio, we look forward to the beautiful foliage that becomes a part of our landscape, and to the Indian Summer that warms our hearts as we harvest the fruits of our efforts. . . and the thought appears, what have we done to show our appreciation and gratitude to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us? . . . and this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

The daughters of Bro. Alex and Sis. Kathy Bako, Rose age 11 and Esther age 9, have returned from their summer vacation spent with their grandparents in Hungary. It is good to welcome them home and to see them again as they resume their friendships with the Sunday School classes.

To the 24 young brothers and sisters from Princeville and a goodly number from Rittman attending our singing Sept. 3, we extend our

thanks, with an invitation to visit us again.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7 for Sis. Ola May Froelich, age 88, by Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Joe Ramsier. Burial was in Copley Cemetery. Our sympathy to her son, Bro. Paul, and his wife, Sis. Ida.

We are thankful Sis. Elizabeth Heib is able to assemble with us again. Jeffrey Baumgartner, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Evelyn, is recuperating from a broken collar bone at home, 1442 S. Plainview, Akron O 44321. Sis. Esther Fritz (Harold) is recovering at home, 2965 Sourek Rd., Akron O 44313, from a fractured ankle. Sis. Anna Hanla has been confined at her home. 324 N Hawkins Ave., Akron O 44313, because of illness. Bro. Stanley (Ann) Francis is still unable to assemble with us.

We rejoice, as the angels in heaven rejoice, as one sinner repenteth. Friend Fred Burr (Helen), who has been ill for two years, has repented and found peace. He was baptized Sept. 26 by Elder Bro. Rudy Graf. His address: Medi Center, 145 Olive St., Akron O 44310.

We are grateful for the messages brought us by visiting ministers who serve us. Bros. Robert Beer—Mansfield, Gary Maibach—Rittman, Ernest and Earl Gerber of Forrest were welcome visitors.

The son of Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank, Ronald, is now in the service, and his new address is: AMN Ronald Greenbank 288506967. Bx 18937, Keesler AFB Miss 39534.

Thank You Notes: We are grateful and wish to thank all for the prayers, cards, and gifts, Bro. Stanley and Ann Francis . . . I want to express my thanks for the prayers, thoughtfulness, and cards received while I was ill. Sis. Elizabeth Heib.

Next month (Nov.) is the time for collection of donations (\$2.00) for **The Silver Lining**. Please contact your reporter.

" . . . if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

"It is almost unbelievable that you can travel halfway around the world and find the same Christian love and fellowship as at home."

This was the happy discovery of one of our sisters who spent most of September traveling in Europe; several week-ends were spent with the Maurer family in Germany.

Our friend, Philip W. Elsasser, passed away Sept. 18 at the age of 62, after being confined to bed and wheelchair for nearly a year. He is survived by his wife, Martha (Enderess); two daughters, Phyllis of Denver, Colo., and Sis. Janet of Peoria; four brothers and three sisters: Bros. Chris and John, Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Sis. Marie Seidel of the Princeville congregation, Bro. Ernest of Phoenix, and Bro. Bill Elsasser and Sis. Emma Knobloch of Bradford. Our sympathy is with all of these dear ones, as Philip will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held in the Bradford church, and we thank Ministering Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke for taking part in this sad occasion.

Bros. Earl Gerber, Forrest, and Harold Schmidgall, Gridley, spent a Sunday with us. We enjoyed their visit, as many good teachings were brought to us.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Becky) Pyle are parents of their second child, a daughter. Her name is Jennifer Lynn, and she has a big sister, Alisa. Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich are her maternal grandparents.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We were reminded to see what we can do for the church.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Walter Steffen, Elmer Bucher, and George Gramm. We thank them for coming and sharing the good word with us.

Bro. Henry Knapp, age 83, passed away at the Watseka Hospital, Sept. 22. Funeral services were held Sept. 24 by Bro. Ed Alt. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Sis. Carrie; five daughters, Sis. Leona Walder, Bertha Honegger, Lillian Hasselbring, Evelyn Bucher, Ollie Hagen; four sons, Bro. Francis, Dan, Harry and Lester; four sisters Sis's. Carrie Hari, Reka Hoerr, Verna Lehman and Lyda Ogren; two brothers, Bros. Adam and Fred.

Bro. Sam Drayer Sr., age 77, passed away at the Paxton Hospital after a long-time illness. Funeral services were held Sept. 30, Bro. Ed Alt officiating. Survivors

include his wife, Sis. Louise; sons, Mabel Dearth, Diana Virkler, and Sis. Edna Martin; one sister, Sis. Anna Hari.

The wedding of Jeanice Gudeman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. George Gudeman, and Stephen Ficklin was performed at the home of the bride by Bro. Ezra Feller. We pray the Lord will bless these loved ones on their path of life together.

Our dear aged friend, Rachel Samet, age 92, has had a longing for many years to become a child of God. She has repented, and how thankful we are God has granted her a sound mind. She brought her testimony before the congregation Thurs. evening, Oct. 5, and was baptized. She is now a happy child. She is living in a nursing home in Hoopeston Illinois..

The death angel took our 46-year-old friend, Earl Bauer, when the tractor he was driving turned over. Survivors include his wife, Sis. Grace; daughters, Sis. Beth and Judy; his mother, Sis. Mary Bauer; seven sisters, Sis's. Ella Wittmer, Wilma Blunier, Mariorie Rinkenberger, Marie Hohulin, Dorothy Walder, Carol Waldbeser, and Lois Schmidt; three brothers, Alvin, Robert and Larry. Funeral services were held by our home ministers Oct. 3. May God comfort the bereaved families.

The Sunday school picnic was held Sept. 10 and enjoyed by old and young, with a large attendance.

Our dear friends, Sidney and Sandy Kaufman, have repented, found peace, and are waiting for baptism. Sidney is the son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Aldean.

I am happy to report my mother, Sis. Anna Rudin, has been released from the hospital and is again at home. She wishes to thank all who have remembered her with prayers, cards and gifts. May God bless you all.

Sis. Anna Beer's coat was exchanged by mistake on Earl Bauer's funeral: black coat, with a blue and white edge handkerchief in pocket. The coat left in exchange is hanging in the church hall. If anyone should have this coat kindly notify. Mrs. Harry Bauer, Cissna Park Ill 60924. Thank you.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

"The heavens declare the glory

of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

We are very much concerned for my mother's physical welfare. She fell and suffered a fractured hip last week, and is now in the Methodist Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. To those of you who do not know of whom I am writing, she is Sis. Elizabeth Schneider. My column will be somewhat abbreviated due to mother's accident. She always looked forward to the day when the postman would bring her the **Silver Lining**.

Our weather is autumn-like. We witnessed our first freeze of the season. There was ice on the water in the flower garden bird bath; the greater share of the dahlias and foliage plants succumbed to the frost, and now we are being greeted with lovely tree foliage. There are shades all the way from gold to deep russet, especially on the maple trees.

FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

We enjoyed having the Wolcott and Remington Sunday School Bible Classes, along with others, visit us the week-end of Sept. 23-24.

Bro. Reuben Bach and Bro. Ben Lorch have the new duties to be ushers, Bro. Alph Steffen is a new trustee, and Bro. Ezra Steffen and Bro. Warren Zehr are new cemetery trustees.

Bruce Huber, son of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber, received a Fellowship to attend the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University in Boston.

Bro. John Wiedman and Sis. Esther Kiefer are home from the hospital, and Sis. Elsie Peters entered the hospital.

Thank You Note: I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts while I was in the hospital. May God bless you all. Sis. Emily Miller.

FORREST

Juanita Schneider Eleanor Honegger

I Heard my Mother Praying for Me

Last night as I lay down to sleep, I heard someone begin to weep; As I got up just to see, I heard my mother praying for me. She was kneeling by her bed And tears of pain were being shed.

I heard her say, Lord, grant my plea;
 I heard my mother praying for me.
 I got the Bible and sat down,
 And in the Holy Book I found
 A way to end this misery;
 Thank God, my mother prayed for me.
 I read it on into the night
 And soon began to see the light,
 And now my soul from sin's set free.
 Thank God, my mother prayed for me.

What a blessing: God is still stirring the waters of salvation. Five of our dear friends have turned their backs to the world in repentance and are seeking the Lord. LaBeth, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Metz; Sue, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer; Susan, Jerry and Dale, children of Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen Leman have answered the Lord's call.

We were spiritually strengthened by God's divine word, when we had in our midst Bro. Dave Wiegand, Bro. Merrill Laukhuf, Bro. Don Sauder, Bro. Joe Stoller, Bro. Nathan Stoller, Bro. Wendell Gudeman and Bro. Earl Kilgus. Thank you, brothers, for your visits.

Sis. Martha Stoller was in the Fairbury Hospital, following hand surgery. Sis. Dorothy (Carl) Bach-told was a patient at a Bloomington Hospital for surgery. Both are home, doing fine.

Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen Leman announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Bro. Robert Rumbold, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann of Princeville.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy Zimmerman and family have moved to Bloomington, where Bob has taken employment. Tom and Sis. Earlene Hamilton have also moved from our midst to Champaign, where Tom is attending school. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new homes and invite them to come visit us often.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Elsie Waibel were privileged to observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3. They are the parents of six children: Luella Stephens, Forrest; Sis. Ethel Wiegand, Champaign; Carol Arden, Reno, Nev.; Glen and Eldon, Forrest, and Gene of Morton. They are both enjoying good health and are able to assemble with us regularly.

Our Sunday School was privileged to host the Taylor and Roanoke Sunday Schools on Sept. 9 and 10. We hope many lasting friendships were made and will be long remembered.

Thank You: A sincere thank you to each one for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital and after returning home. Bro. Ernest Gerber.

WHAT IS LIFE? Believing in God and preparing yourself for eternity.

FT SCOTT Ida E. Sinn

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was with us on Sept. 24. We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Bro. Raymond Banwart assisted Bro. Sam in this Holy act. Bro. Harvey Grimm was with us on Sept. 10. Each brother brought us a message which left food for thought.

After twelve weeks in the hospital, Bro. Jacob Pfister has been transferred to the Sunny Valley Rest Home. His condition remains about the same. Dennis Miller was a hospital patient this past month.

Everett Beyer has finished his studies in Kansas City and is now working as a Lab Technician at Mercy hospital here. We welcome Everett to our congregation.

Our friend, Sandra Sinn, has found peace with God and is awaiting proving and baptism. May her wish be granted in the near future.

GIRARD Kathryn Emch

Surprises are always nice, especially when the phone rings, bringing us news of loved ones from afar coming for a visit. One such call announced a visit from our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf. It was our joy to share a picnic supper with them.

Sitting in Sunday School, it is a pleasure to realize that others have joined our class. One Sunday brought brethren from Mansfield, and another from Rittman. Christian fellowship was again experienced.

Another call brought word of a group of young folk from Milford, three of my nephews and Becky Zimmerman, along with their Agricultural teacher stopped on their way to a cattle-judging contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Then just this week, Uncle Henry Beer

and Aunt Alice stopped to spend the evening with us. These are just a foretaste of the joys that await those who will one day meet on yonder shore.

Today however, the phone brought sad news of Sis. Marie Emch having suffered a stroke. She is Bro. Jess' wife. She is in South Side Hospital.

GRIDLEY, ILL. Dixie Ringger

On Sun., Aug. 27, our congregation experienced a heart-stirring evening, when Bro. Edwin Ringger was ordained as elder, to shepherd our flock. Everyone was moved to the realization of the seriousness of an elder's calling and can now appreciate the work of our elders more than before. Elder Bros. John Bahler, LeRoy Huber, Ben Maibach, and Rudy Graf carried out the holy work of ordination. At this time we'd like to offer our sincere thanks to Bro. George Gramm for his many years of kind and faithful service as our elder.

The waters have again been troubled in our congregation, as six more souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Janell Rinkenberger, Byron, Joe, and Karen Stoller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Marie), and Vicky and Cindy Hodel (Bro. Roy and Sis. Jean).

On Sun., Sept. 10, Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma (Yergler) Ringger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, with all their family present. Bro. Jim Ringger of Bradford ministered unto us that day.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, and Bro. Jerry Sutter, Taylor.

Our friend, Chuck Fenton passed away, and our sympathy goes forth to his wife, Sis. Lillian, and family, Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred Schlipf.

Sis. Sophie Witzig became ill in church Sunday, and was taken to the hospital for observation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our monthly singing was held Sept. 22, and a group of our young sisters provided special numbers. We certainly enjoyed their efforts.

A host of young members from Morris, Taylor, Cissna Park and Elgin assembled with us last Sunday. We enjoyed their fellowship, and are comforted to know that there are young people to carry on our precious faith.

INDIANAPOLIS

Tom and Carolyn Frank

Ministers serving us were brothers: Fred Knapp, Congerville; Gene Lehman, Wolcott; Verdon Feldman, Bremen; Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; John Bollier, Leo; Wendell Gerber and Bob Meyer, Bluffton; Irvin Stoller, Latty; Dave Bertsch, Leo; Verlin Stoller, Ft. Wayne; Ed Bahler, Remington. We thank these brothers for their messages of inspiration and encouragement.

We are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Becky Mayer, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Edith to Bro. Dave Pearson of the Indianapolis congregation. May they experience the blessings of God as together they establish their Christian home.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Fiechter are the happy parents of a baby daughter, Shantelle Rae. We look forward to sharing their happiness with little Shantelle.

LA CROSSE

Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher

Blessed, holy is the hour
When we, Jesus, think of Thee,
And Thy word in godly power
Hear, and in our hearts receive.

We indeed are a fortunate people, to be able to hear God's word in its purity every Sunday. We were richly blest by our home ministers and visiting ministers, Bro. Fritz Knapp (Congerville), Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) and Bro. Dave Weigand (Champaign).

Home, sweet home, our home forever;
All the pilgrim-journey past;
Welcom'd home to wander, never,
Saved thro' Jesus—Home at last.

Our hearts have all been saddened by the tragic death of Sis. Aldene. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her husband, Bro. Al Weigand and children (Oakville), her parents Bro. and Sis. Bert and Marie Bucher and all their children. May God be their refuge and strength.

Note of thanks: We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and expressions of love during the illness and passing of our Don. May God bless each one of you. The families of Don Bucher.

We are very happy for our

friend, Louise Wittmer (Edward) after many years seeking her salvation; she has found peace with God and is waiting to give her testimony, and baptism.

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Trust the countenance of many were sharpened by the Christian fellowship which was enjoyed, by a group of young brethren from Gridley, Roanoke, and Detroit spending Labor Day week-end with us. In a small way they brought joy to the less fortunate at the State Hospital, by singing hymns for them. May God bless them for this kind thought.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."

Truly is a comfort to know there is one above who cares and can be such a consolation at all times.

Sis. Clara Ott has returned to her home, after spending the past month in the Madison Manor, convalescing from a fall. Sis. Kathryn Anliker remains at the Manor and continues by God's grace and strength to bear her affliction courageously.

Note of Thanks: Words fail to express the gratitude and appreciation of my soul, to all who remembered me with get-well cards and prayers the past several months and now the many birthday cards and gifts of love. May God richly bless you. Kathryn Anliker.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten . . ." Our dear friend Christina Beer (widow of Bro. Charles) exceeded the number of years quoted in the familiar passage, having attained the age of 90 before the Lord called her Home on Sept. 26. Failing health prevented her from assembling with us for worship services recently, and we will all miss her friendly smile. We extend our love and sympathy to her entire family, especially to the two daughters who attend our congregation. Ella Erhart (Martin) and Alvena Holmes (Richard), and who so lov-

ingly cared for their mother during her illness.

Those who have been hospital patients are Sisters Barbara Bricker and Amelia Matthes, Bros. Bob Sauder, Dave Beer and John Oesch. Little Julie Sauder (daughter of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue) paid a visit to the emergency room of the hospital, where she received a number of stitches in her forehead, to close the cut she suffered in a fall; we are so thankful the wound is healing nicely.

Thank you to all who have visited us recently; to the group from the Princeville congregation on Sept. 3, and the visiting ministers, Bros. Henry Beer, John Dapper and Norman Stoller. Please come back soon.

ROANOKE

Marilyn Weyeneth Norene Herbst

The marriage of Cindi Aeschleman and Cris Harrell was solemnized Sept. 16. The parents of the couple are Lloyd and Sis. Cynthia Aeschleman and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harrell.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Luginbuhl are the parents of a baby girl, Kathleen Elizabeth, born Sept. 7.

We have enjoyed having several visiting ministers with us. They were Bros. Noah Schrock (Oakville), John Steiner (Burlington), Henry Grimm (Morton), and Frances Rother (Morton).

We welcome Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Funk to our congregation. They are the parents of Bro. Keith Funk.

Bro. Dan Fehr was inducted into military service. His address is: Pvt. Dan C. Fehr 325-40-1081, MBT Headquarters, 7B, Ft Sam Houston Texas 78234.

Bro. Dave Fehr observed his 95th birthday Oct. 6. He is able to assemble with us each Sunday.

Our friend, Dennis, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen Martin, was announced to give his testimony of repentance and conversion in the near future.

Bro. D. B. Hodel and Bro. Ben Sauder have been at Mayo's in Rochester, Minn., for tests and observation. Sis. Faith (Marvin) Fischer was hospitalized, and has been able to return home. Sis. Margaret (Glen) Hodel met with an accident while mowing the lawn, and seriously injured her foot, requiring hospitalization. We hope she will soon be able to return

home. Matthew Curtis, infant son of Les and Pam Sauder, has been hospitalized since birth, having undergone surgery.

Frank T. "Schrud" Herbst, 72, died at the Methodist Hospital, Peoria, Sept. 7. His funeral was Saturday, Sept. 9. He is survived by his wife, Verna (Tallyn); one daughter, Mrs. Kay Helms; two brothers, Bro. Fred and Nick; four sisters, Sis. Cora Schumacher, Sis. Esther Klaus, Sis. Mattie Leman, and Sis. Anna (D.B.) Hodel.

Bro. Henry Funk, 83, passed away Sept. 9 at the Eureka Hospital, and his funeral was Tuesday, Sept. 12. He married Elizabeth Knapp, and upon her death later married Leota Davis. She also preceded him in death. Surviving are two brothers, Bro. Louis and Bro. Jacob, and a sister, Sis. Lena Martin.

The funeral service for Bro. Ben H. Martin, 81, who passed away Sept. 23, was held Sept. 26. He had been a patient at the St. Francis hospital since Aug. 8. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lena (Funk); a son, Bro. Lyle; four daughters, Sis. Faye Pfister, Florence Noe, Sis. Iva Getz, Sis. Betty Yergler; a brother, Bro. Andrew; two sisters, Sis. Mary Belsley, Sis. Minnie Bittner.

Bro. Joseph W. Hodel, 77, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Sept. 29, while unloading grain near Roanoke. His funeral was Monday, Oct. 2. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Katie (Martin); a son, Bro. Ben W.; two daughters, Sis. Lavina Dotterer and Sis. Edith Schrock; a brother, Bro. David B.; a sister, Sis. Emma Weyeneth. Bro. Joe served in the ministry here for 25 years.

TAYLOR

Elizabeth Sutter
Harvest-Time

From early morning until late evening, we hear the "hum" of the corn dryer, as the trucks bring the loads of corn from the field, where the corn shellers are moving along the rows of corn. This reminds us that autumn and harvest-time are here, a time of fulfillment. The farmer plants the seed and cares for it, in the hope of reaping the harvest, sometimes large and sometimes small.

So it is in the spiritual harvest. We are grateful this year for two souls that have turned to the Lord,

and as one soul is worth more than the whole world, this is even then a large harvest and one for which we thank the Lord. We pray many more will turn to him before they have to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

We were glad to have Bob Pohl, Burlington, with us Sept. 17.

A meeting was held to elect Sunday School teachers. Bro. Louis Hoerr, Bro. William Cottrell, Sis. Sally Haerr and Sis. Elizabeth Sutter are the new teachers.

The Bible Class spent an enjoyable week-end at Forrest.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Al Wiegand and family of Oakville in the death of Sis. Aldene, a beloved wife and mother.

A boy, Douglas John, was born to John and Ann (Hodel) Dossey of Lexington, Illinois, on Sept. 29. This is their first child. Grandparents are the Henry Hodels of our congregation. Their address is No. 18 Timber Ridge, Lexington Ill 61753.

UNION CITY

Gail Gasser

We are sorry that Bro. Larry Rufener is leaving our congregation to return to his home (Rittman). All of us have enjoyed his fellowship during the past year, and will miss his willing support and smiling face. May the Lord bless him in the future.

VALPARAISO

Irene Nuest

Now it is accomplished; with heart and with mind
To Thee my dear Saviour, I now am resigned.
I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,
Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.

Sept. 30, we were privileged to hear how two dear souls, by reading their Bible, were brought to repentance. Oct. 1 we heard their vows, as they erected a covenant with God, and witnessed their baptism. Our small church, with much joy welcomes our new Bro. Bill Feller and his wife Sis. Cam.

We pray that many more dear souls will hear His voice, while He is calling yet. Bro. George Yergler, our elder from LaCrosse, and Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park performed these baptisms.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. A. Banwart

A little bundle of joy has come into the home of Bro. Leland and Sis. Kathy Metzger, Sherri Diane, born Sept. 5. She has a sister, Teena, to welcome her home.

After being again hospitalized for therapy, we're happy Sis. Ida (Silas) Banwart is home and improving, as well as Bryon Bruellman.

As Christ loves us, so are we to love one another. We were reminded of this love as the messages were brought forth by our visiting ministers: Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski; Bro. William Funk, Garden Grove; and Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill. May they be blessed for their efforts as they travel many miles to visit us.

My sincere thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards and gifts while I was in the hospital with a broken ankle and also since my return home. For food brought in and many deeds of kindness, may God bless you all. Sis. Ida Banwart (Silas).

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

We rejoice with our dear Sis. Emma Schmidt. Our kind and Heavenly Father granted her wish to be well enough and able to attend the proving and baptism of her youngest son, Darrell and his wife, Darlene. This is the seventh son to be taken into the fold, a privilege every Christian parent desires. Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Leo Moser were here to add these dear souls to the household of faith. Sis. Emma wishes to give thanks for all the prayers offered and for cards, letters, and gifts sent during her illness.

Florence Gutknecht wishes a **thank you** to all who remembered her birthday.

Candy and Jerry Pederson are the new parents of a precious baby boy, Jeremy, born Sept. 5. Sis. Donnabell and Al Nelson are the maternal grandparents.

Ministering Bros. Floyd Schmidgall and Harold Gramm and families were visitors to our congregation. Many words of truth and sincerity were spoken unto us. The current world situation lies heavy upon the hearts of our ministers and brotherhood, because of loved ones and friends. Why do so few

souls seek Christ in these times that wax worse and worse? The devil, as a angel of light, seems more powerful than ever before. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.

“ . . . if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

AMES, IOWA Carol Schmidgall

For our first meeting of this school year we were pleased to have Bros. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Earl Banwart of West Bend minister to us. We plan to meet on the second Sunday of every month. We welcome all those who wish to visit our small group. We are so thankful to have the truth brought, when so many evil spirits are lurking around us.

Krista Lynn is the new daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen Banwart. Her maternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Schrock of Oakville, and paternal grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart of West Bend. What a joy to know she will be brought up in the nurture and admonition of our Lord.

We welcome six new students this fall. Those attending from West Bend are Sis. Janet Mogler (Marshelton School of Nursing), Bro. Chuck Mogler (ISU), and Steve Bruellman (Marshelton Comm. College). Those attending from Oakville are Bro. Gary Schultz, Bro. Dennis Massner (ISU), and Bro. Lynn Frank (Ankeny Commercial College).

LEO Mrs. Elias Souder

We were privileged to have two guest ministers, Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont and Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville. Bro. Schrock was here on a Friday evening, and stayed to attend the Apostolic Christian Missionary Committee meeting, which was held here on Saturday.

Caroline and Steve Bollier are the parents of a little girl named Jennifer Linn. Bro. Jack and Sis. Velma Bollier are the grandparents.

Nancy and William Klopfenstein observed their 25th wedding anniversary Sat. Sept. 17.

Ron Bollier, a senior in high school here, is recuperating from a fractured leg.

Funeral services for John G.

Getz were Sept. 7 in Ft. Wayne. Graveside services were at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, near Elkhart, Indiana. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Ora; two sons, Stanley of Wyatt Ind., Henry of South Bend Ind; three stepsons; one stepdaughter; and two sisters.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann

We were fortunate to have several visitors. Among them were Ministering Bros. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Everett Hari of Normal, Leroy Huber of Eureka, and Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois.

Sis. Bertha Eisenmann and Rachel Gehring were among those spending time in the hospital. We hope they both are on the road to recovery.

We are glad to have Harriet Mogler, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alma, and Kay Banwart, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis, both of West Bend, in our area. They are living with Bro. Paul and Sis. Ella Wagler, while attending South-eastern Community College.

BURLINGTON OKLAHOMA Janice Springer — Janice Frieden

My child was singing happily as she played beside of me.

She was very earnest, as can be a child of only three.

As the tune of "Do Lord" trilled the air

I noticed she had a version of her own fare:

"I took Jesus as
My Saviour
To make my
Heart delicious!"

I put my hand on her little shoulder to explain how the stanza really went

And suddenly I felt a Hand on my own shoulder and to me His words were sent:

Out of the mouths of babes thou hast perfected praise.

And standing quietly, into my mind came yet another phrase:

Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

Although the little one was merrily singing along,

I had to pause and wonder at the beauty of her song.

When we read what this sister in faith wrote of her innocent little child, we can readily see why God

wants us to become as a little child in Him. Their trust and faith in God is so beautiful, that it's easy to understand why Jesus Christ said in Mark 10:14: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." If we will put our trust and faith in God, we too can become as a little child in Him.

When Sis. Mabel and Sis. Janice Springer opened their home for our monthly singing on Sept. 3, God opened the portholes of Heaven and showered His blessings down upon our gathering. . . . And when we joined together in songs of praise, God was truly in our midst.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Mildred Frieden and family at the passing of her father, Dan Daughhete, of Hazelton, Kansas. It is our prayer that our merciful God will grant His blessed comfort to their hearts during this time of sorrow.

The family of Dan Daughhete wish to thank each one for all their cards and letters of sympathy, and their deeds of kindness. May God bestow a rich portion of His blessing upon their hearts.

MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig Mrs. Harry Kaiser

Autumn is here in its colorful splendor! The grain is ready for the harvest. Are we ready when death comes with his sickle, to gather the ripened grain . . . the tares are also gathered . . . and where will we spend eternity?

We were richly blessed with five visiting ministers, and may God bless them for their labor of love. They were: Uriel Gehring, Burlington Iowa; Harvey Grimm, Bern; Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; and Cleo Rinckenberger, Pulaski.

Michael Christopher, a baby boy, was born Sept. 23 to Bro. Mike and Sis. Jill Kaufman of Caillom, Illinois. Grandparents are Ben and Sis. Marge Kaufman and Bro. Willis and Sis. Ella Geiger, both of Morton.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Jody Knepp have a new baby boy, James Mathew, born Sept. 21. He is welcomed home by Wendy, Westly and Julie. Grandparents are Eugene and Mary Springer of Morton and Bro. Carl and Sis. Freda Knepp of Eureka.

Oct. 1, a baby girl, Cheryl Jean,

was born to Ronnie and Sis. June Slagel. Terry, Stephen, John and Diane welcome her home. Grandparents are Ray and Carolyn Slagel and Russel and Rosella Mowery, all of Fairbury.

Those sick or convalescing are Sis. Emma Rapp, Sis. Ruth Dominick, Sis. Mary Kay Rumbold, Sis. Ella Muselman, Bros. Al Koehl and Robert Byrd.

God gives life and takes life, let it be young or old. Morton has had experience in all ages, from eight year old to ninety. ". . . the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Sis. Katherine Hermann (90) passed away Sept. 5. Surviving are six sons, Bro. Fred, Romeo. Bro. Donald, Norman, all of Morton, Bro. Reuben and Arthur of Peoria; four daughters, Sis. Christine Herman and Mrs. Glen (Katherine) Bicker of Morton, Mrs. Ward (Florence) Witter of Peoria and Mrs. Ray (Lucille) Knabe of California.

Mrs. Henry (Rose) Knapp (87) passed away Sept. 22. Surviving are two sons, Arch of Morton and Elmer of Magnolia; two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Knapp and Mrs. Edgar (Wilma) Woerner of Tremont.

Mrs. Harold (Betty Jane) Hofman (53) passed away Sept. 23 at Eureka Hospital. Surviving are her husband and two sons, David of Manito and Henry of Mackinaw; a daughter, Rosemary at home.

Peter Yentes (83) passed away Sept. 30. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth, also three sons and five daughters, two brothers and two sisters—Sis. Anna and Sis. Hilda Yentes, both of Morton.

An accident which occurred Sept. 6 between a car, and Keith Fischer on his bicycle. The Lord has picked a rose for his garden. Keith passed away Sept. 9, son of Bro. James and Sis. Joanna Fischer, who survive . . . also a brother, Alan and a sister, Diane at home. Grandparents are Sis. Mary Baurer of Tremont and Sis. Lydia Fischer of Eureka.

Now it is accomplished . . . four dear souls, by the grace of God have repented of their sins, given testimony and were baptized on Sunday Oct. 1. (We are so thankful that the waters are being stirred, and pray there will be many more while there is still time.) They are: Ellen Dominick,

daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce; Sally Rapp, daughter of Henry and Sis. Bernice; Marla Witzig, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary Ann; David Bloom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bloom of Morton. We wish then God's grace and strength.

A couple of months ago we welcomed Bro. Elmer and Sis. Esther Banwart from West Bend. Bro. Don and Sis. Lorna Schrock and children, Susan and Randy, from Congerville, and Larry and Jean Dicks and children from Peoria are most welcome to the Morton congregation. May we and they enjoy the love and fellowship together.

Note of Thanks: With sincere thanks to our friends, neighbors and relatives for all their help, love and all kind deeds shown to us in the many years of illness and now in the passing of our dear mother. May the dear Lord bless you. The Katherine L. Hermanns.

Note of Thanks: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the dear ones who remembered us with comforting cards, gifts, food and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our dear son. Bro. Jim and Sis. Joann Fischer and family.

OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the absence of our dear Sis. Aldene (Bucher) Wiegand, who was taken Home so suddenly at the age of 41, in what we would consider the very prime of life. As her beloved husband, Bro. Albert said, "I'm not going to ask for a reason." We must have faith in God that what He does is always right; only He can see the end from the beginning. . . And only He can give Al the grace and strength to carry on alone, raising his closeknit family of six daughters and a small son without the aid of his loving helpmate.

At home are Michelle Rose (who found grace to repent less than a month ago, when her Uncle Don Bucher was laid to rest), April Joyce (a sister in faith), Diana Lynn, Brenda Sue, Georgia Kay, Jacqueline Jill, and Jay Albert.

It was Saturday evening, Sept. 16, Georgia's birthday. Sis. Aldene was helping her husband by driving the tractor, as she often did. Mechanical difficulties caused the tractor to upset, and the tragic accident was God's plan for calling

her from this life. She is sadly missed by all of us. . . And little Jackie cried because Georgia couldn't have a happy birthday. Bro. Al and Sis. Aldene had celebrated their 20th anniversary on Sept. 14.

Bro. Al's mother, Sis. Edna Wiegand, and Sis. Aldene's parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Marie Bucher of LaCrosse, also mourn the loss of their loved one, as do her brothers and sisters in Indiana: Bro. Elmer (minister in Francesville), Bro. Merle (minister in LaCrosse), Bros. Vernon, Art, Kenny, and Dwight, and Leslie, and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman, Sis. Ella Plattner (Peoria), and Edith Gutwein.

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Duane Metzger (West Bend), Paul Butikofer (Elgin, Iowa), and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). They were much appreciated.

Friends Robert Siegle and LeAnn Anderson of Ames were united in marriage on Sept. 23. Bob's parents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Majoria Siegle of Oakville. We wish the couple a long and happy married life.

David Eisenmann Jr. and Susan Andries were married on Sept. 30; we wish them God's blessings. David's parents are Bro. David Sr. and Sis. Kay Eisenmann.

IOWA CITY Patty Stoller — Joan Mogler

Let your whole life be an offering to God and to Christ the Lord. . . . As we read the story of Jonah and his disobedience, we learned that our **entire** lives should be given to God's will and commands. When Jonah was given a duty to do, he ran away. When we are given a duty to do or a cross to bear, we should not run away, but should go forward and face the trials which may meet us. If we do God's will, He will stand by us and never fail us. We should not just give part of our lives to the Lord, but we should give our all.

Bros. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, Iowa) and Leroy Huber (Eureka) brought forth timely teachings of love and admonition. The messages from ministering brothers are certainly helpful and enlightening. We thirst for the word, and are thankful when we can lay aside all earthly cares and concentrate solely on God's word during church services. May the Lord bless these brothers

for their willingness to serve our small group.

With college resuming, our group remains the same in number, without acquiring any new students. Our services for the year will continue to be the first Sunday and third Thursday of every month. We invite any who would be interested to come and assemble with us. Our services are held at Sunset and Melrose.

Sis. Edie Anliker is home again, after a brief stay in the hospital.

"We can not earn salvation by works alone. It must be by faith" was the teaching brought to us by Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, Iowa) and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville). May we always look to God, who is the author and finisher of our precious faith.

JUNCTION

Betty Manz Henrietta Manz

We are pleased to announce two new births, one a natural and one a spiritual. Bro. David Manz and Sis. Kathy Manz are parents of a very sweet baby girl who has been named Jennifer Sue. She was born Sept. 14. Our spiritual birth was Sis. Mary Manz, who gave her testimony Sept. 11 and was baptized Sept. 12. Mary completes the family circle now of the late Bro. and Sis. Jacob and Anna (Dotterer) Manz. We are so happy to have her join the fold.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty, Bro. Eugene Fetter of Toledo, and Bro. Henry Dotterer of Rittman. Bro. Loren was with us for the proving and baptism of Mary and also for choosing another sister for the sewing group.

We are looking forward to the Area Meeting of the World Relief Sewing Groups of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, which is to be held at the Paulding Elementary School on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 9:00 a.m. EST.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

**Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey**

Herbert Nelson (Herb) Barth died unexpectedly on Oct. 3. He was a son of the late Levi and Lydia Riegenbach Barth, was 74 years of age, and had been a barber here for the past 59 years. He is survived by three sons and one daughter; two brothers, Harry and Clarence; and one sister, Miss

Mabel of Denver, Colorado. Services were held here on Oct. 6. His wife, Ann Hoyt Barth, preceded him in death in 1964. Herb was our cousin. Our fathers were brothers, and our mothers were sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baum of Morton, visited briefly on Sept. 2, went out to the country church, and attended the services at the Sardis Church on Sept. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Sr. visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Jr. in Charleston, W. Va., on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., spent the Labor Day week-end with the Gus Weltz family.

Mrs. J. W. Witschey and son, Paul, and daughter, Thelma, of Moundville visited here on Oct. 2 with Della Witschey and other relatives.

Jack H. Emch, a son of the late George and Flossie Emch, spent a few days in September with relatives. He lives with his family in North Highland, California, where he is associated with the Bank of America in Sacramento, Calif. He served with the Army for 23 years and was attending a reunion with his Army buddies of World War II in Dayton, Ohio.

The Froelich and Wayman Furniture Company has been sold to a local furniture dealer, and with this sale of property goes many memories of past years, where one could buy good merchandise at fair prices and where courtesy was the first word.

PORTLAND

Art and Betty Metz

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

We are now beginning our Sunday morning worship by gathering in the Sunday School room shortly after 10:00 a.m., to sing a few hymns with the Sunday School before the regular 10:30 a.m. service. As our Sunday School attendance is quite small at times, it is hoped that the extra voices of the congregation will make the singing

more enjoyable for the children, as well as being a blessing for all who participate.

PULASKI

**Nancy Musselman
Ernestine Wuthrich**

After a summer recess, Sunday School classes resumed. Anxious youngsters eagerly awaited to learn of Jesus and His precious teachings. One youngster asked her mother, after leaving church, if she would be able to go to Sunday School the next day. Do we anticipate going to church as eagerly as our children to learn more about Jesus?

Roger Wuthrich, son of Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline, is attending school in Sheldon Iowa. His address is 810½ Third Ave., Sheldon Iowa 51201.

In the past few weeks several loved ones, both young and old have been taken from their earthly homes suddenly. Our congregation extends sympathy to all the families who have lost a loved.

God Knows Best

Our Father knows what's best for us,
So why should we complain—
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain . . .

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow;
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet Tomorrow . . .
For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form . . .
God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain . . .

And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for
murmuring

And no time to lament . . .
For our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is
pain . . .

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

Sis. Eunice Knochel has been in hospital over a week and will be there for some time. Her address is Home Hospital, Room 205, Lafayette Ind. 47904.

Joe Lynn Schneider, Sis. Anna's son, was married Sat. Oct. 7 to Linda Rumple of Indianapolis. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rumple. They will live here on the farm.

Brenda Kilgus, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene, was married Sat., Oct 7, to Ron Clark from here. His parents are James Clark. He works for Bro. Edwin Bahler. They will live southeast of town, on the farm where Sis. Eliza Getz just moved from, to live here in town in Sis. Marie Schini's house, neighbor to us. We wish them all God's richest blessings in their new homes.

We have had lots of dark, dreary, rainy days in the past weeks . . . delaying harvest time considerably. We appreciate the sunshine we've had the past few days.

What is home without a Bible? Tis a home where bread for the body is provided, but the soul is never fed! The Bible is thing to be looked through, to see that which is beyond; but most people only look at it . . .

SILVERTON Judith Knecht

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all. A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."

We were sorry to hear that our dear Bro. Joe Anliker is in the hospital.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

Many of our dear ones have been saddened by the loss of a beloved one. May God comfort each one. Our sympathy goes to Sis. Mary Baurer and the James Fischer family. Little Keith Fischer went to his eternal home, a home not made by hands, but by our Saviour, filled with joy, peace, and love. . . Our sympathy to Sis. Iva (Merle) Getz and Sis. Betty (Gene) Yergler in the death of their earthly father, Bro. Benjamin Martin, 81, of Roanoke . . . and sympathy to Bro. Ernest Schaefer . . . his sister, Sis. Hilda (Conrad) Baer, 62, of Peoria passed on . . . and our sympathy to

Sis. Anna (Gene) Koch . . . a brother-in-law, Earl Bauer, 46, of Cissna Park.

Leah Williams had the misfortune of breaking her wrist, but is making a satisfactory recovery.

Doris Pulfer, daughter of Bro. Leslie and Sis. Wilma, had the misfortune of breaking her arm; she is getting along well.

The engagement of Bonita Hohulin, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith, to Keith Beutel, son of the Donald Beutels of Tremont, has been announced. They plan to be married Nov. 18.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Dennis Koch, son of Bro. David and Sis. Frances, to Michelene Power, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stephenson of Tremont. They plan to be married Feb. 17. Our best wishes to both young couples, and may the Lord bless them.

On Sept. 29, little Krent came to live with Bro. Michael and Sis. Susan Aberle. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Vera Aberle, Bro. Richard and Sis. Zimmerman of Roanoke.

Our dear Sis. Nettie Riggs, 80, passed away Oct. 2. She had a deep love for her Saviour and maintained a wonderful attitude during her illness. Funeral services were held Oct. 4 by our elder, Bro. Dan Koch. Our sympathy to a stepson, Emmett of Mich.; a brother, John of Tremont; and three sisters, Sis. Lena (George) Woerner—Tremont, Sis. Hannah Siebenthal of Deer Creek, and Ruth Lockenwitz of St. Petersburg, Florida.

BREMEN Karen Feldman

Sis. Emma Lou Gerber is recovering from her heart attack. What a wonderful answer to the many prayers in her behalf. Elmer Meister has been a shut-in for several weeks. Sis. Leah Souder was able to spend a day at home recently.

Mike and Marge Mangold are parents of a baby boy, Joshua Michael. They have one other child, Matthew. Joshua was born Sept. 14. Annette and Sarah are the big sisters of Jeffrey Todd, who was born to Bro. J. N. and Sis. Karen Feldman on Sept. 21.

We had election of Sunday School teachers. God bless you as you teach our children and young people.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

A hearty welcome is extended to Sis. Ida Graff (George) of Milford, who is now making her home with her sister, Sis. Lillian Levy (Bill) of 1025 Pelham Dr. Their address after Nov. 3 will be 2118 Bay St., Sarasota Florida 33577.

Al Pfister, son of Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian, was united in marriage with Rebecca (Beckie) Gerber, daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Dorothy of the Bluffton congregation, on Sunday, Sept. 10. May the Heavenly Father richly bless them. Their new address: Box 224, Leo Ind 46765.

We rejoice with the family of little 3-year-old Debbie Pulver, only daughter of Phil and Mary, and granddaughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence, that her life was so miraculously spared through early Sunday morning surgery and many prayers, following a "slight" bump in a fall on Saturday noon, Sept. 9. Surely all was in the hands of our loving Father!

Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen Steffen celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 7. We wish them the Lord's presence to be ever with them.

Bro. Elmore Schlatter celebrated his 84th birthday on Sept. 22. He and his wife, Goldie, wish to extend their appreciation and hearty thanks to those who remembered him.

Sept. 24 was "Promotion Sunday" in our Sunday Schools, and a short program was presented by our children. We parents fully realize the importance of spiritual learning for our children, and do appreciate the efforts of those teachers who endeavor to help them along the way in this learning.

Sis. Florence Pulver was a surgical patient at Parkview Hospital, and Bro. Bill Steffen suffered a severely cut thumb at work, which required minor surgery, but not hospitalization.

Funeral services were conducted for John George Getz of 3941 Tacoma Dr. He passed away Oct. 4 at Lutheran Hospital, following a six months' hospitalization. He was stricken with throat cancer 12 years ago and was required to use an electro-larynx for the past 10 years. He spent much time in public speaking for the Allen County Cancer Society and was the recip-

ient of the 1968 annual trophy of the Cancer Society's Education Program.

Deborah Ann Rue of Ft. Wayne became the bride of Daniel Pulver, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7. May they find much joy and happiness in their new life together. They will be at home at 1018 Rivermet, Ft. Wayne Ind. 46805.

Lula Harshbarger, mother of Goldie Schlatter, passed away Saturday morning, Oct. 7 at Lutheran Hospital at the age of 98. We extend our sympathy to the family.

We enjoyed the efforts and support of our brethren and friends from Bluffton and the special choir numbers at our monthly singing. It surely was a blessed evening for all who assembled together!

And, as we realize that summer is past and the beautiful fall days are here, we surely must think of the Heavenly Father and the harvest He does bless us with. Likewise should we not prepare ourselves for the Harvest of Our Lord that we be found NOT WANTING when that day shall come? We have no promise for tomorrow, and we know not how long is the Lord's tolerance for those who do not answer His continued knocking at their heart's door! May we all prepare ourselves now for that Great Harvest!

MORRIS

Ann Meiss Esther Schaefer

At Home 'tis well! There shall the pilgrim tarry, When tired and worn by sorrow, grief and strife; In heaven, when the hard race of earthly life is run, The long-borne load no more he'll carry.

Our dear aged brother, Henry Nohl, passed from this life on Oct. 4. He reached the age of 93 years. His wife, Sis. Lydia, preceded him in death in 1959. He is survived by four sons and four daughters: Bro. Henry Jr., Bro. Alvin and Edwin of Hancock, Eli of Morris, Sis. Lillian (Adolph) Koehl of Peoria, Mrs. Hedstrom (Cora) of Roseau Minn, and Sisters Nettie and Naomi, who have so lovingly cared for him at home; also one brother, Joshua, and two sisters, Mary and Naomi, all of Goodfield. Bro. Henry has been a good example of true faith and patience. A visit with him was always an inspiration. If only we could be such a good example to

those who are following after us.

Our elder Bro. Paul Fehr, and wife, Sis. Anna, and Bro. and Sis. Ben Greiner spent Sunday Sept. 17 in Regina, Canada, to worship with the small group of brothers, sisters and friends who gather. Bro. Ken Lawsen of Minneapolis spent a Sunday here. He shared many good teachings with us.

Rose (Feuchtenberger) Greiner, who suffered a light stroke, is now able to be in her home in Morris. We rejoice with Rose that she could find the grace to turn to the Lord in repentance.

Karen Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. Francis and Sis. Mabel, was a hospital patient for several days. Sis. Pauline Tohm has been quite ill. She was transferred from the Villa Rest Home to the Morris Hospital. Esther Spohr is a surgical patient at the Morris Hospital.

Note of thanks: I wish to thank all my friends and relatives who sent me cards, gifts, and flowers, and for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family. May God bless you. Francis Schmidgall.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger and families in the loss of their dear daughter and sister, Sis. Joan Knobloch of the Lester congregation. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie have spent the past month at her home caring for her.

A number of our young folks are attending schools of higher learning. Marilyn and Sharilyn Moser at Mankato State College; Mark Schmidgall at St. Cloud Tech; Gary Brown, UMM, Morris; Cindy Wulf and Bro. Mike Schmidgall, Alexandria Tech; Steve Schmidgall, MacAlister College, St. Paul; and Debbie Heil, Cheryl Koehl and Curtis Kussatz, Willmar Tech. We wish them all God's guidance and protection.

There is no road that lies between,
No neutral middle ground.

By the way you choose, you will
gain or lose,
At the end of the road, a crown!

ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

It is that time again to observe the mystery, and acknowledge the splendor of Almighty God, the Creator. The brilliant, dazzling autumn foilage that we see nearly everywhere at this season is a great tourist attraction, and brings out

lines and lines of motorists to view this majestic spectacle year after year.

As the leaves begin falling, and increases when driven by the strong gusts of wind, a little song we learned in our country early grade school gives such a true picture of this. It reads thus:

Come little leaves said the wind one day,

Come over the meadow with me and play.

Put on your dresses of red and gold.
Summer is gone and the days grow cold.

Soon as the leaves heard the wind's loud call,

Down they came fluttering one and all.

Over the brown fields they danced and flew,

Singing some soft little songs they knew.

With reference to past memories, this of course must be true with us all of having precious memories of our childhood days, when our parents, particularly our mothers, would tell us children's stories which we loved to hear, and as the years pass, and they our beloved parents are so long gone, yet we will hold them in memorium always.

Sis. Bertha Gottier, our oldest member in the Rockville church, is confined to her bed at her home since the last six months, according to her daughter, Sis. Rose, in whose care she is. On Aug. 30, she was 90 years old. She told her daughter that she would like to go to her heavenly home. When yet in good health, she was very skilled in braiding of rugs, and sold some of them to several stores and others. Sis. Crystal Hansen is a hospital patient, having undergone surgery. She hopes to be out soon.

Births: A son, Matthew Kent, on Sept. 8 to Sis. Norma and Bro. Daryl Luginbuhl. The couple has one other child, a little girl, Cherine. Grandparents are Sis. Elsie and Bro. Albert Lanz and Sis. Charlotte and Bro. Urban Luginbuhl . . . a son, Kevin Alan, on Sept. 13 to Sis. Sally and Bro. Curtis Zahner. They have one other son. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. David Schlatter of Bay City and Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Zahner of Rockville. Gary and Lillian Ott became the parents

of their first child, a daughter, Thersa Leigh on Sept. 15. Its grandparents are Sis. Matilda and Louis Ott and Mrs. Gilmar.

SARASOTA
Phil Wingeier

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

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

Our first service will be Nov. 12. Place of worship, The Women's Club Building, located on Corner of Palm Ave. and Cocoanut St., one block off U.S. Highway 41. Time of service, 1:00 p.m. EST.

WESTERN ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY

Mary Lynn Unsicker

On Oct. 4, Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville, ministered to us from St. John. We were reminded of God's wonderful plan of salvation. Why should we delay our coming to Christ? The college campus of today is in such great need of the child of God. There are so few to trust and serve Him. Our constant prayer is that we can be a living witness for our Lord.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 1, in the Galena Room of the Student Union, at 8:00. We welcome all to come and worship with us.

RITTMAN
Florence Hartzler

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" . . . What a more fitting verse for this time of year we may not find. When we look out and see the beautiful colors of fall, the bright clear days, sunny skies and cool nights, we know that God is still ruler of the universe. He should also be the ruler and owner of our hearts, and supreme being, which we shall not forget.

Even though it was a cool, rainy day, inside the sun seemed to be shining. It was the wedding of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Lois Gasser, as they

became husband and wife before God and many witnesses. "Many waters cannot quench love neither can the floods drown it . . ."

The wedding of Mary Baltic and Fred Gasser was performed by Bro. Noah Bauman, at the home of Mary's parents, Bro. Mitchell and Sis. Violet Baltic. Fred's parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Neva Gasser. "Our love shall not diminish, nor fade nor wax away . . ." We pray the Lord will bless these dear ones in their life together.

We wish to thank Bro. Robert Walder for bringing us the word of God, which we are in need of as we walk this road of life. We pray the Lord will bless him in his work.

A little girl, their first, was born to Marion and Sis. Delores Bauman, and has been named Kristine Lynn. Three brothers, Allen, Doug, and Bill, are making their new sister welcome into their hearts and home.

Dale and Marilyn Uhler are the parents of a son, their first, and is named Adam Matthew. Two sisters, Lynn and Polly, welcomed their new brother home.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow . . ." The engagement of Sis. Barbara Gasser and Bro. David Graf of Akron was announced. Barbara is the granddaughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Bertha Bauman, and Dave's folks are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf. We pray the Lord will bless them as they make their plans for the future.

Bright stars are watching the world as it sleeps;

Shepherd watch over the little white sheep.

The lighthouse is shining for ships out at sea,

As God keeps the night-watch for you and for me.

So sleep, sleep, in peace and rest; Don't be afraid of the darkness.

All's well far over the land and the sea;

God's keeping the night-watch for you and for me.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Paul and Sis. Ida Froelich at the passing away of Paul's mother. We can believe she is at rest in the Lord, after spending many years here on earth in service for Him. **A Thank you:** We wish to thank

everyone for all deeds of kindness rendered to our mother during the long time she lived at the Glendora Nursing Home and the Menonite Home for the Aged. We know many things were done for her that we were not aware of, and we pray the Lord's blessing upon you. Paul and Ida Froelich.

FT. SAM HOUSTON
Greg Stoller

It doesn't matter where we pray; It matters not the time of day— Whether we sit on kneel or stand In cottage small or mansion grand.

We may be alone or in a crowd; The prayer need not be long nor loud,

But it must be quite sincere If we expect the Lord to hear.

Thankful we are that God is so easily reached! We need only call upon Him in earnestness and humility. We know that He hears our prayer and will take charge of all our cares.

We were thankful to have Bro. Theo. Beer (Milford) with us for a week-end. We thank him for bringing us the Gospel message again, and we pray that God will reward him for his many deeds of love and kindness.

We welcome Bro. Dan Fehr (Roanoke) into our midst. May God be his constant companion, and may he find the Army a testing ground where he will be proven faithful to our precious Lord and Saviour. We also welcome Darlene Unzicker, who has joined her husband, Tom (Portland) in his temporary assignment here. We hope that they will continue to assemble with us as they have in the past.

We have moved from Apartment 208 to Apartment 103 in the Galaxy Apartment Complex. This is the only part of our address which has changed. Bro. Tom and Sis. Tammy Speicher (Milford) have moved into Apartment 208. The move was made to gain more room for an ever-growing number of occupants. How enjoyable our week-ends are when we can all gather together in love and fellowship, to worship our dear Father and Lord Jesus Christ.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Linda Bucher Kris Leman

We are happy to welcome ten

new freshmen and six transfer students into our group. We began the school year with a pot-luck picnic on Sept. 5, with about 50 students and Lafayette area residents present.

Aug. 30 was the opening of our church services, and we were glad to see such a large group come to fellowship with us. Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton was our guest minister. His inspiring message gave each of us the incentive to keep looking up and never to give up.

On Sept. 11, Bro. Harold Zeltwanger met with us, and Bros. Art Gudeman and George Yergler spoke to us on Sept. 25.

We are thankful to Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington for the responsibility he assumes in taking charge of the Purdue Group.

The Clock of Time is wound but
once,
And no one has the power, to tell
Just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own;
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may then be still.

We, as students, need your
prayers. Satan is always near to
try and deceive us, but we must
have faith in the Lord.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG
Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig

The trees in vale and forest
Are robed in garments bright;
They do foretell the season
In autumn's pleasant light.

The gold and brown and crimson
The scarlet with the green;
These colors, all resplendent,
Are made by Hands unseen.

Our trees in New York have truly been painted with these beautiful colors of gold, brown and crimson by the unseen Hands. How it does make us think of the golden virtues each of us hope to show when the autumn-time of our lives is at hand, and we can go home forever into such joy and happiness as is surely portrayed in the beauty of this season. May we strive each day anew to achieve the virtues necessary to be able to inherit this wonderful home.

We have received many wonderful teachings from the lips of our Elder Bros. Noah Bauman of Ritt-

man, Rudy Graf of Akron, and John Bahler of Rockville.

Sis. Corrine Virkler has been a medical patient in the hospital, and Sis. Natalie Herzig has been at home with broken ribs. Bruce Demorest, son of Cliff and Sis. Jane, had the misfortune of an accident and is a hospital patient, suffering a badly broken leg.

Our dear Sis. Leda Farney was called from this life at the age of 86. Sis. Leda was able to assemble with us several weeks ago, when we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion together. We will surely miss her smile and kind words, but know she has been taken from this life into her reward. She will be missed by her children, Robert of Beaver Falls, and Francis and Mrs. Leo (Eunice) Andre of Croghan; her brother, Bro. Amos Virkler. Funeral services were held Sept. 18, at the Croghan church by Bro. John Widrick.

Kayland Ebersol, son of Bro. Leon and Sis. Mable, has been called from this life at the young age of 37 years. He is survived by his parents; his wife, Barbara; four brothers, Frederick, Gerald, Warren and Calvin; and four sisters, Mrs. DeForest (Fen) Reed, Mrs. Donald (Charlotte) Hunziker, Mrs. Walter (Lois) Baker, and Mrs. Edward (Sandra) Zehr. Funeral services were held Sept. 25 at the Croghan church, by Bro. Robert Bey-er.

David and Marcia Virkler are the parents of a son, Jason Paul, born Sept. 12. Grandparents are Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler of Sarasota, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilkolaski of Cohoes.

James and Donna Lehman are parents of Melissa Marie, who was born Sept. 11. Her grandparents are Norman and Alice Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGovern of Constableville. Her great-grandmother is Sis. Barbara Bachman.

Linda Virkler, son of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Celia, is employed at St. Luke's Hospital in Utica. Her address is: 1622 Genesee St., Utica New York 13502.

GOODFIELD
Elna Grimm

Harvest-time for fruit and grain,
Harvest-time on hill and plain.
In the garden summer's done;
Time to reap what we have sown.

And our Lord is reaping too,
Souls whose work on earth is thru.
In that garden summer's done,
Eternity has now begun.

Our Bro. Frank Woertz, retired minister and elder, passed away on Sept. 19 at the Maple Lawn Rest Home in Eureka, after a lengthy illness. We're thankful that he could be relieved of all pain and discomfort but it hurts to say farewell to someone who has been so dear to our hearts throughout the years. Bro. Frank was a devoted soldier of the cross. He listened to many a soul pour out their heart; he comforted, admonished and cared for his flock with a gentle, fragile kind of love. Such memories we cherish, and for them we give God the praise. Sis. Esther, his wife survives, also one son, Frank of Tempe, Ariz.; and two daughters, Ruth Marie Romeis of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Sis. Helen (Jim) Martin, Eureka.

Our friend, Joseph Hunzicker of Washington, Ill., passed away on Sept. 12 in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Clara; two sons: Lyle of Washington and Harold of Anna, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Sam Wagner (Marlene) of Washington and Wilma at home. We express our sincere sympathy to the entire family.

We have two young boys with their arm in a cast. Doug Bauman, 11-year-old son of Don and Virginia Bauman, R.R. Roanoke, broke his arm when he fell off a pony. Chuck Knapp, 8-year-old son of Wes and Mildred Knapp, R.R. Congerville, broke his arm when he fell out of a tree house. They are both getting along just fine.

Bro. Fritz Knapp of Congerville reminded us in a visit to our congregation how very little the Lord asks of us. "It just isn't enough", he said, "after all that He's done for us—asking us to merely repent and confess our sins—it just isn't enough!", he repeated. Surely we must agree . . . We can never do enough for our precious Saviour, so let us be thankful all the days of our lives.

Sis. Judy Zobrist, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis of Goodfield, and Bro. Stan Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Bernice of Congerville, were united in holy matrimony on Sun. Oct. 1. Bro. Ed Hohulin performed the ceremony, and gave many bits of

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good advice, from which we can all profit. **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and Love your neighbor as yourself.**

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.

THE HOURS TURN ON

As the sun shines in the windows, and

one thinks of home when you're away . . . the beautiful singing, loved ones, Sunday School . . . a lonesome feeling can come. Why not remember your one at school with the Silver Lining. Let this sunshined ray glow into that room!

It is a good turn, as we travel so rapidly the way we shall not pass again.
—the editor

One night a prominent man, not a Christian was in town. Having heard of the fine singing, he went to the meeting for a few minutes

to listen to a song or two. He heard only one song, then went away, but that song went with him. It was, **Only a step to Jesus!** (Gospel Hymn 66). **Then why not take it now?** The words stayed with him, and were repeated over and over. They came back to him the next day. He was led into repentance.

So, you see, it's the moment of each day that's lit with His beautiful power. Any moment, any place could find His child with an opportunity to spread His blessed news.

CONFIRMING OUR LOVE

Henry Souder Jr.

How brightly joy is bound up in love!

Bringing us through to the end, our God patiently gives every lesson needed. Sorrow is certainly often a blackboard. On it are written some costly, but priceless teachings. We have to watch, so we do not go over-far. Not over-sorrow, but godly sorrow, not too much. Paul saw it, and firmly put a hold on himself: "But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness."

There should be joy, caused one from another. Fellowship sometimes has a lot to battle. Down-talkings, pride, gossip color the picture with grays. Fellowship is sweet. It is delightful, causing deep joy. We should know and realize the value. We **need** to be made glad. We need to make glad. In this we love our neighbor as ourself. "For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?"

We don't always know (and perhaps oftentimes) the problems we never see, because someone did the right thing at the right time. A sermon lovingly served . . . an earnest, tender plea from an elder . . . a conversational gem, gently laying to one's mind something helpful . . . a danger, and someone who cares. We take away the things, and avert the things, that we might be rich and happy together.

"And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all."

Paul didn't fly off the handle. He did not offer a shallow, ruffled criticism. Paul found the way of placing himself in his brother's heart. The sorrow, anguish, and tears molded his heart. The glorious feeling of love and sympathy shone through the criticism. That's what makes such a difference. "For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you."

It is marvellous, wonderful, the way God tenderly loves and cares for His people and one who strays. A man was a member, and had fallen into deep, disgusting sin. If it is the same person as First Corinthians Chapter 5, he had been cut off from all fellowship. There was open, official meeting. There was the solemn, sad deliverance of the flesh to Satan. Yet, it was with this hope, that the spirit might be saved in the day of Christ. It is a priceless ray!

God knows every person. He knows what is necessary. He knows the weights and the sorrow. "But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part:

that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many." It takes surgery when lives hang in the balance.

With all the loss, with all the grief with which the Spirit grieved, yet He cared about this man. He will not over burden. The beautiful compassion of God shone through. We can't close our eyes to the facts. The pure, white inner garment had been stained. and this must be recognized (Jude 23). We must note what is not done, as well as what is asked. To comfort him, God wants us to. Speak words sweet to the soul. "So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow."

Go out of your way to make known your love to one who so desperately needs to know that someone cares. If we think something, yet it is only helpful when it is done. Establish the love in clear tones. Neglect not the kind thought to someone. It may mean more than you think. "Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him."

In our searches for more love . . . in the glorious knowing we are in the way of the scripture of truth . . . He gives mighty wonders. How wonderful are they yet today.

The riches of His love.