



In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there

be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# THE CERTAINTY OF CREATION

God's word stands all tests, all the time. Don't you want to be on the side of truth, the facts, when all is over? Don't you want to not waste your days, but put them forth for the good? The stakes are high. Loss is terribly tragic.

## How about Fossils?

Charts have lined up horses, or ape and man. The wise of this world falsely claim to "prove" the theory of evolution. The fossil record provides "the really crucial evidence." Listen to the former Director of the Botanical Institute, Lund, Sweden: "The fossil material is now so complete that . . . the lack of transitional series cannot be explained as due to scarcity of material. The deficiencies are real, they will never be filled." It's exactly how the Bible pictures.

## How about Statistics?

The probability of the spontaneous creation of just a single protein molecule on earth might happen once in 10, followed by 243 zeros! Evolution is impossible.

## How about what was set forth as early man?

Neanderthal — numerous fossils show a large brain and no simian characteristics—definitely man. At the International Congress of Zoology 1958, the facts of examination of the famous skeleton found in France over 50 years ago: an old man who suffered from arthritis.

Java or Pitheantropus—a supposed missing link—the brain was in fact, a giant gibbon (an ape).

Pitdown—the experts of the day lauded it as 500,000 years old. In 1953, it was shown a forgery, a chimpanzee jaw, and then claimed the skull was 50,000 years old. Year 1959: skull declared 500 years old. That's how all of evolution will be seen, by everybody some day. Don't you be swindled from the truth!

## How About a Chromosome Count?

A Michigan State naturalist: "Absolutely no pattern of increase and quality of gene material . . . as the complexity increases." Supposed support for evolution is blasted to shreds.

## How About Carbon Dating When It Conflicts?

A living molusk was tested by Carbon 14, and "found" to be dead 3,000 years.

## How About Power In The Atom

Inside the atom there is tremendous power. Even the blast of a lightning bolt does not come as powerful. The mighty current that lights up a city is a mere shadow to this.

The estimated distance between two protons is one twelve—quadrillionth of an inch. If one gram (1/454th of a pound) was at the north pole, and one gram at the south, these two grams would exert a repelling force on each other of some 26 tons! Energy in one teaspoonful of water, scientists have explained, is enough to drive an ocean-going vessel from New York to Liverpool.

## How About So-Called Vestigial Organs?

Wild guessing evolutionists once proclaimed 180 (they claimed useless to man, useful to some animals). The number was reduced to six. Further research found each of these six were useful (Two, the appendix and the tonsils serve as protective organs).

## Fiction of the so-called "Biogenetic Law"

Supposed gill-slits in the embryo have been shown to be no more than cervical folds with no perforations. Evolutionary mythology predicts exactly the reverse order of prenatal development to that which actually occurs: the heart develops before the blood vessels actually, and tongues before teeth. **Introduction to Vertebrate Embryology: There is never a time in the development of the mammal when it could be mistaken for a fish or a reptile.** Sir Arthur Keith: The human embryo at no stage is anthropoid in its appearance.

## Evolution's "Natural Selection"

One man remarks in print—Posing as a massive deduction from the evidence, it ends up as an ingenious argument from ignorance.

Are you changing your address? Send in ahead, letting know when to change.

## What a Former President of The Royal College of Surgeons, England, observed

It seems such a pity in a scientific age where precision and detail are so important that the vast majority of modern scientists believe in evolution, and yet the basic facts are against such a theory.

. . . It might be too late if one waits till his death-bed to seek. A certain unbeliever, an atheist, was near death. He looked and saw. So it is so.

Now is the time to say this.

## Establishment of Children's Home Committee

List of the brethren selected by our beloved elder brethren at the Gridley, Illinois conference, 1972. All have confirmed appointment and a willingness to serve with your prayerful support along with God's help and direction.

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### CONGERVILLE

Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp

Sandra Zimmerman and John Osman were united in marriage on Oct. 21. Sandra is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Luella. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Osmans of Pontiac.

A daughter, Larissa Renae, was born to Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary Schrock on Oct. 27. Todd, Troy, Trent and Lanae welcome their little sister home. Grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinckenberger of La Crosse and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock of Congerville.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury; Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka; and Bro. Joseph Kaisner of Forrest.

With the time of thanksgiving upon us, this song came to my attention:

Lord God, we honor thee and praise  
Thy mild compassion,  
That Thou so gracefully dost hear  
our supplication!  
Thy love is truly great; Thy  
mercies are untold;  
Thou givest food and drink for  
spirit, flesh and soul.

Let us always try to be thankful all year around. Remember too, prayer is the uplifting of the Heart to God.

#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Libby Meyer

Oh I love to talk with Jesus  
For it smooths the rugged road,  
And it seems to help me onward  
When I faint beneath my load;  
When my heart is crushed with  
sorrow  
And my eyes with tears are dim,  
There is nought can yield me  
comfort  
Like a little talk with Him.

We were happy to have Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Sam Huber with us.

Bro. Carl related a wonderful teaching to us by comparing a man spiritually to an apple tree. The old tree has borne fruit well, and it is time for it to be cut down. A new young tree will be planted to take its place. In order for this new tree to bear good fruit, though, it must be planted firmly in the GOOD soil, watered, and cared for. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to be planted in the good soil.

#### SARDIS Doris Miller

Fellowship with those of like faith is a special blessing from the Lord.

Bro. Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield; Bro. Henry Manz, Junction; Bro. Carl Kipfer, Bluffton, and Bro. Fred Marty, Rittman, were the visiting ministers.

Bro. John Figel Jr. has returned home, following a short stay at the hospital for treatment of a back injury.

Fall is a beautiful season of the year, and we see all around us, God's handiwork in His creation. May we never take for granted all the

blessings that are ours to enjoy day after day.

Let us not be afraid or ashamed to tell others what wondrous things the Saviour has done for us.

"Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works."

#### TOLEDO

Lydia Meister

Stand fast brethren and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

All the world, and especially the young, is grasping for some stable and unchanging thing. Progress must come . . . and yet as the mind of man reaches out to knowledge, the heart of man must be anchored in a sureness. Faith in God is the anchor and sureness! May the firmness of this faith be our anchor as we walk our Pilgrim Way and lead us in surety to Eternal Joy.

Sunday, Oct. 15, the Akron Sunday School, accompanied by Ministering Bro. Eugene Pamer were our guests. Supper and a Sing Hour were at Bro. Homer and Sis. Josephine Reinecks' farm. Supper was served in the large barn there. Everyone seemed to enjoy the rustic atmosphere. We thank Bro. Pamer for ministering to us so bountifully in the Spirit. Sunday, Oct. 22, our Sunday School pupils and teachers were guests of Elgin Ill. They report a very enjoyable time.

We of the Toledo congregation have been very concerned over our dear ones who have been and are hospitalized. Sis. Chloris Burkholder was very ill in the Wauseon Hospital, is recuperating at her son's home. Sis. Emma Schick fell and broke her hip. She is now in the Cherry Hill Nursing Home, receiving therapy. Young Kent Rager (Bro. Walter, Sis. Sharon's son) was hospitalized for a knee condition. He is home, but still can not be active, which is difficult for a young child. However, Kent is doing very well, goes to Sunday School class every Sunday. Each of our dear ones are missed so much in our small flock.

Sis. Emma Schick wishes to extend her thanks to all who have so lovingly remembered her with cards, gifts and flowers.

#### MINNEAPOLIS

Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger

To give kindness costs us nothing;  
To be gracious gives us charm.  
To be loving brings affection;  
To be thoughtful prevents harm.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Paul Fehr lend his services to us Oct. 29. He was later admitted to the hospital that afternoon for observation.

#### TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Before the winds of autumn  
Have blown the leaves to earth,  
We see their golden virtues,  
Their beauty and their worth.

May we, when life is ended,  
As a tree in autumn's glow,  
When back to earth we're falling  
Such golden virtues show.

Yes, it is autumn again and we have felt it, even in Tucson. It has been rainy and chilly for the last few weeks. The Lord willing, our weather should soon be back to its normal status.

With the cool, wet conditions, we still have a few on the sick list. Sis. Dorothy Bertsch is now home convalescing, and Friend Grace Haller, after weeks of being hospitalized, is at home recovering.

Our Sunday School picnic was held in Randolph Park. All the children and each of their guests enjoyed a weiner roast. What a warm feeling it gives us, when we see the children's happy faces, enjoying the fellowship with one another.

We are happy to have with us Bro. Rudy and Sis. Irene Bertschi and daughter Mary Ann, who moved from Morton. Their address is 5425 Placita Faja, Tucson 85718. We welcome them to our congregation.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

#### VALPARAISO

Irene Nuest

Bro. Karl Westfall came to our rescue Sunday, while Bro. Harry and Sis. Lena Bucher were at Peoria church. He brought with him many from the Francesville Church; in fact we had a full house. A very blessed day of worship and fellowship was had by all.

Christian fellowship is the tie that binds kindred minds and hearts.

Thus united and in concord, let us walk the path of life.

Hand in hand, O may love bind us, for each others welfare strive  
With the love of God inspired, there is joy for us on earth;

May the spirit we've acquired grant us blessing, peace and mirth.

#### ALTADENA

Judy Hackenjos

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Now that autumn has come to Southern California, we see evidence of the Lord all around us. We have been blessed with beautiful weather, and can see the seasons changing. The air has been so clean and crisp because of gusty breezes during the past few weeks. Praise the Lord for the beauty of His creation, and that we can enjoy it in a new way when we become His own children!

Our congregation was truly inspired and blessed by the visit of Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City. He shared the word with us on Oct. 22, both in the afternoon and evening. We enjoyed a church dinner and fellowship that evening, with the Maywood congregation joining us.

A baby girl, Diana Lynn, was born to Roy and Christel Vintch on Aug. 23. She is the granddaughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Clara Vintch.

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was held on Oct. 15. We all had a wonderful time, and as the sun went down and darkness fell on the park, we sang songs of thanks and praise to God.

On the morning of Oct. 29, the engagement of Bro. Ron Erismann and Sis. Penny Julien, of Maywood was announced to the congregation. Ron is from Bay City and has been stationed here in the Navy.

A son, Douglas Alan, was born on Nov. 1 to Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanne Stoller. His sister, Karen, 3, happily welcomes home her new brother.

What an amazing miracle it is when a baby is born. We rejoice with Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanne.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Clara Vintch wish to thank everyone who remembered them with cards, gifts

and prayers during Sis. Clara's illness and surgery.

#### GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

"... the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed by the name of the LORD."

The Lord hath taken from our midst our dear sister, Aunt Marie, Bro. Jesse Emch's wife. Her faithfulness to our Lord and His church, her loving smile, her friendliness and charitable spirit, will remain in our hearts as a memorial to her. Our loss is her gain, as she rests now "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". Her daughters, Mrs. William G. Bell (Mildred) of Boardman, Ohio; Mrs. John W. Jardine Jr. (Ruth) of Dover, Delaware; and sons, Paul of New City, New York, and Gerald W. of Bridgeville, Penn. all loved her dearly.

Our hearts are sad as I write this item, for Nov. 1 we had the funeral service for our Bro. and Minister, Uncle Lorentz Emch. He was referred to as the strong pillar and the mighty oak for the Lord in our church as Bro. Joe Ramsier preached his memorial service. He had a smile of welcome and a firm handshake of greeting for all. His absence will be severely felt by his wife, Sis. Caroline (Winkler); his daughters, Mrs. Charles (Betty) Winkler, Mrs. Glen (Mary Jane) Winkler, both of Sterling, Ohio; his son, David of Rittman, and all his brethren of the little flock here in the Girard Church. His sons, Howard and Edward, preceded him in death.

This article would not be complete without a word of thanks to our fellow-brethren from neighboring churches who shared in our sorrow and gave us so much help in every way. To the ministers, the groups who sang, to all who helped in the kitchen, and all who came, we give heartfelt thanks.

We were honored by the presence of Bro. Ben Hartzler, Bro. Ben Stavenik, and Bro. Eugene Pamer, to share in the ministry of God's word.

**Notes of Thanks:** Sis. Caroline Emch and family wish to express their sincere thanks for prayers, gifts and comfort during the illness and passing of Bro. Lorentz, husband and father. . . Thanks to all for expressions of love, sympathy, cards and prayers to us during

the illness and passing of wife and mother, Sis. Marie. Bro. Jesse Emch and family.

#### PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the LORD. . . And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth."

These words are found in St. Luke, but they also fit very well to our memories of our dear departed Bro. Michael Weyeneth, who so graciously ministered to our congregation over forty years. Mike repented just before he was drafted for the Army during World War I. He was one of the first brothers in our faith who was sent to the front lines, and without any training was sent to the front lines to care for the wounded! He occasionally mentioned some of his experiences during those war days, and he felt the only thing that saved his life was the prayers and love of the congregation and loved ones back home. As hard as those days were, they didn't seem to be so hard on him as when he had to see his own 18-year-old son go to the service in World War II. Bro. Mike died Oct. 9 at the age of 82 in Methodist Hospital, where he had been a patient about 10 days. He was born in Roanoke, son of Alpai and Rosa Gerber Weyeneth. He was married to Sis. Emma Hodel in Roanoke in 1921. Surviving are his widow, Sis. Emma; one son, Robert L. of Ft. Wayne; two brothers, Bro. Jim of Roanoke and Lester of Peoria; four sisters, Mrs. Fred J. (Anna) Leman and Esther Weyeneth (both of Roanoke), Mrs. Sam (Elizabeth) Broquard of Peoria, and Mrs. Robert (Mary) Reiman of Florida. Sis. Emma was a hospital patient at the time of Bro. Mike's death and funeral services, but she is back in her room at the A. C. Home on Skyline Drive and is feeling stronger every day. She wishes to express her thanks for all the love, prayers, and all the kind deeds everyone extended to Bro. Mike and

herself while in the hospital and since he died. She said Mike appreciated everything so much and especially appreciated the fact that everyone had always been so good to him. I'm sure the sentiments of all the congregation are, that we have been richly blest over and over again to have known and loved him, and we appreciate that we could sit under the sound of his preaching and his great love of the Lord Jesus and the Bible. We will miss Bro. Mike, but we know he is deserving of his rest in the Lord.

We are thankful three more dear souls have repented and wish to become children of God. They are Kathy Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora Hoerr; Beth Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Les and Sis. Eunice Unsicker; and Joey Herman, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman.

A son, Nathan Eugene, was born Oct. 14 to Bro. Randall and Sis. Ruth Kellenberger. This is their third son.

Bro. Carl Kipfer was a welcome guest minister at Wed. evening services Nov. 1.

Sis. Aldine Waibel is a hospital. Louie Wagenbach is also a hospital patient.

#### PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

Were thanks with every gift expressed,  
Each day would be Thanksgiving;  
Were gratitude its very best,  
Each life would be thanksgiving.

The Sunday School had a picnic at Paradise Valley Park the first Sunday of October. The entire church was invited, and a large group enjoyed the fellowship.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel was our visiting minister. Our congregation was blessed by the loving messages and timely warnings he brought us, and we hope he and those who were with him will visit us soon again, the Lord willing.

Our Elder Bro. Roy Farney announced the engagement of Sis. Chelly Schupbach, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara, to Bro. Fred Kaiser of Morton.

It has been many months since Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lois Elsasser have been able to assemble with us. Bro. Ernie's condition seems to be slowly worsening.

**Thank You Note:** Ernest and I wish to express our humble thankfulness for the many prayers said for us and the many gifts, cards, letters, and deeds of kindness shown to us during the past nine months. We are thankful for the many friends we have throughout the many congregations, and we shall never forget their kindness. With Christian love, Ernest and Lois Elsasser, 1008 East Cinnabar, Phoenix Ariz. 85020.

#### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Kris Leman Linda Bucher

On Oct. 11, we were privileged to have as guest ministers our Bros. Theo. Beer and Elmer Hartter from Milford. We were reminded that we are all in a school—ever learning and always striving to win the test and reach our highest goal, our Heavenly Home. Ministering Bros. Alfred and Edwin Bahler brought an inspiring message to us on Oct. 25. Bro. Edwin and his wife, Sis. Lois, have recently been encouraged by the repentance of their oldest daughter Libbie. On Nov. 1, Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville spoke to us on the triplets: faith, hope, and charity. Only by applying all three virtues to our hearts and lives will we be nourished.

The engagement of Sis. Linda Bucher (Francesville) to Bro. John Hodel (Roanoke) was announced. We will miss Linda in our group.

#### ROANOKE

Erma Moser Doris Mangold

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Jane Schumacher welcomed a new baby girl, Joan Renee, born Sept. 18. Bro. Rol and Sis. Carol Rumbold are the parents of a new baby girl, Jamie Kay, born Oct. 25.

We are happy to have Sis. Margaret Hodel (Glen) home from the hospital and able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Roy Sauder, (Peoria) and Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) assisted Bro. Gene Bertschi to ordain Bro. Don Sauder as a deacon. Also visiting were Bro. Francis Rother (Morton) and Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. (Morton).

Oct. 22 we enjoyed hearing the word brought to us by Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington.

Sis. Ann Farney and Bro. Dick Hoffman were announced to be married Dec. 3. Their parents are

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney and Bro. Rudie and Sis. Mary Hoffman.

On Oct. 28, Ann Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis, and Keith Mangold, son of Sis. Doris Mangold, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bro. Dan Fehr, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise, surprised his parents when he arrived home on a 3-day pass.

Sixty-six years of married life was celebrated by Bro. Andy and Sis. Emma Schumacher on Oct. 22.

We are happy to report that Harvey Pfister is home after a short stay in the hospital.

After giving their testimonies on Saturday evening, Peg Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen, and Dennis Martin, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen, were baptized on Sunday, Oct. 29. Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. of Morton were our guest ministers.

A note of thanks: The Joseph Hodel family wish to thank our neighbors, relatives and the many friends who expressed their love and sympathy to us, because of the death of our husband and father. Your kind words, flowers, gifts and help during our time of sorrow are greatly appreciated.

#### WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

We still think of Thanksgiving as a day of peace, plenty, health, and happiness. However, Thanksgiving is two words, **Thanks** and **giving**. We give thanks to God for the things we have. There is another part of the word, **giving**. To truly observe this holiday, it involves not only thanks but **giving** also. It is a time for special generosity in remembering and helping those less fortunate.

Our dear Sis. Emma Schmidt returned to the hospital for further surgery. She is able to be up and around now, and looking forward to returning to her home in Lafayette Minn 56054.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger are visiting with us. They are aunt and uncle to many in our small congregation. This is truly homecoming, as they lived here before moving to Elgin, Illinois. How much a greater joy when we all unite in our heavenly home.

These thoughts were given to us over the pulpit. When people are warned of an oncoming flood or other disaster, they hurry about making many preparations, so their lives will be spared. Why is it then, when people are warned of the coming judgment and damnation awaiting their souls, one will not take heed and be spared all this by repentance and accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour? It is truly amazing the power the devil has over the world. If people would only stop and think of it.

**AKRON**  
Katherine Ries

Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal.  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest  
Was not spoken of the soul.  
Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

As we gather round the graves of our departed loved ones, the thought was not spoken of the soul fills our heart with love for the Lord who gave the salvation which comes to all who believe, and that, was not spoken of the soul means living still. Paul says, "flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God . . . Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed . . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are happy to welcome Sis. Barbara (Gasser) Graf, bride of Bro. David Graf, to our community and church. Barbara is from Rittman, where David and she were married Oct. 22. Their home address: 429 Rosalind Ave., Wadsworth O 44281.

Bro. Fred Burr (Helen) expects to return home, 1355 Roslyn Ave, Akron O 44320, Nov. 8. He extends greetings to all. Bro. Stanley (Ann) Francis is still confined at home and sends greetings to all.

Kelly Jane Luginbuhl was born Nov. 1, bringing joy and happiness to Ted, Terry, and parents, Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rose.

Ministering Bro. Henry Dotterer of Rittman visited with us in October, for which we thank him and for the message he brought us.

Change of address: Marie Dak-

ovich, 1274 Copley Rd., Akron 44320 . . . old address, 1305 Balch St., Akron 44302.

**ALTO**  
Joyleen Blough

### The Clock

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop

At late or early hour.  
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
That no man can restore.

Thirty-nine people died while you read this short poem. Every hour 5,417 go to meet their Maker. You could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready?

Visiting minister, Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) explained to us how important it is to be ready. He said, "Hell must be awful if God would send his own son. Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville) said, "If you do not have peace, get it in a hurry." We thank the brothers for lending themselves to us.

The wedding bells rang again, when Marvin Blough took Elizabeth Dawson as his beloved wife. The groom's parents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise.

On Oct. 15, Bro. Duane Schrenk and Sis. Cathie Gayheart's engagement was announced.

Hospitalized were Sis. Donna Steffen and Cleo Gerst.

Mrs. Connie Bender and son, Mike, left Oct. 29 for England, to be reunited with their husband and father, who is stationed there in the service. They expect to be there for three years. Connie's parents are Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst.

**AMES, IOWA**  
Carol Schmidgall

God's almighty arms are round me,  
Peace, peace is mine;  
Judgment scenes need not confound me,

Peace, peace is mine.  
Jesus came Himself and sought me!  
Sold to Death, He found and bought me!

Then my blessed freedom taught me,  
Peace, peace is mine.

We were inspired by the words of Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend. We had many attentive ears with us, many of them friends and visitors.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month in the meeting room of the Union Story Bank. We are thankful that God provides a place for his people to worship.

**CHAMPAIGN-URBANA**  
Jan Blunier

I read here on my roommate's deskpad the words, "Thank you, Jesus, for showing me a better way . . ."

A better way . . . than what the world offers. I look at the confusion, the accelerated pace, the emotionless faces, the purposelessness, the depression around on every side, and I become weighted down with the hopelessness of the world.

Then Christ gently whispers . . . "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world . . . For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

. . . and the confusion is replaced with God's harmony; the accelerated pace with His Spirit's guidance; the emotionless faces with His face of love; the purposelessness with an eternal promise resting in His righteousness; and the depression with the peace and joy of knowing the one and only true God through Jesus Christ His Son, the BEST way.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Vernon Leman of Eureka, Joe Braker of Morton, Art Baurer of Princeville, Everett Hari of Bloomington-Normal, Edmund Kloter of Fairbury, George Yergler of La Crosse, and Phil Sauder of Cissna Park.

We have among us three converts looking forward to baptism at their home churches. They are Howard Sauder of Tremont, Dave Wegman of Oakville, and Doris Blunier of Eureka. All three are students at the University of Illinois.

On Nov. 1, Bro. Mark Wuthrich was struck by a car while riding his bicycle to class. He was hospital-

ized with a broken leg, knee injuries, and a concussion. He is recovering well.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Edna Pohl—Elaine Eisenmann

"The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity."

Our sisters hospitalized are recuperating at home: Sis. Bertha Eisenman, (Jess), observation, and Sis. Mayme Gerst for surgery. Bro. Ernie Anliker and Sis. Rekie are home from the Mayo clinic, after Ernie's surgery. He too is resting and gaining strength. They hope to leave for Texas warm weather in December.

Bro. Ben Wagler and Sis. Esther are safely at Zapata, Texas, after stopping at Excelsior Springs Clinic for a good check up with medication and diet.

Nov. 3, we had a nice visit with Sis. Sarah Gerst on the telephone. We miss her presence in our community and the Lord's Day. She lives with her son, George, in Columbus Junction, Ia. Several of our congregation have visited her these past months. It is our hope to see her in person before long.

#### CHICAGO

In accord with the pattern established by Solomon of old, our new house of worship was dedicated to the honor and glory of God. Many brethren from the various congregations joined with us on Oct. 22, as we experienced a most uplifting and inspiring day. In the dedicatory service, Elder Bro. Gene Bertschi (Roanoke) was led by the Lord to correlate so impressively the structural components of our new edifice with the spiritual framework of God's holy church. He was assisted by Elder Bros. Russell Rapp (Morton) and Herman Kellenberger (Elgin). Many memorable thoughts were shared with us by the following visiting elders and ministers, all of whom participated in some manner throughout the day: Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville), Josh Broquard (Fairbury), Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Ben Hartzler (Rittman), Maurice Frank (Leo), Henry Grimm (Morton) and Ed Aeschliman (Union City).

Following the afternoon service,

several brothers from Francesville presented a harmonious and inspiring service of hymns.

It is the sincere wish of all of us of the Chicago congregation that we may by God's help be able to meet the challenges and responsibilities which were so clearly set forth to us. We stand in humblest appreciation before our many brethren and friends throughout the country, who by their gifts of love have made possible the completion of this endeavor.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke visited us, and we were richly blessed with God's holy word, which we are so in need of at all times.

Sis. Sarah Braun, age 93, passed away at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Garnet Braun, on R. 2, Box 138 Nesler Rd., Elgin Ill 60120. They made a home and cared for her for many years. She was our oldest sister in faith, and would have reached 96 years of age next month.

About a year ago, Bro. Joseph and Sis. Elizabeth (Beth) Anliker left us to make their home in Silverton, and now after a brief illness, Bro. Joe passed away at the age of 73, was brought back here for burial. Our sympathy is extended to his family circle and also in the Silverton congregation. Sis. Beth is very grateful and thankful to all for the many prayers, cards, deeds of kindness, and tokens of love extended to her and her family. This song was sung, and how true:

We are going down the valley one by one,  
With our faces toward the setting of the sun,  
Down the valley where the mournful cypress grows,  
Where the stream of death in silence onward flows.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz

We have enjoyed our first trickle of winter visitors, and look forward to the arrival of those who stay with us during the winter months. It is uplifting to us to have our little assembly filled, so we are taking this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to any of you who are planning to seek a

few weeks relief from cold weather. Please do stop in and worship with us at 150 N. W. 46th Ave. We will be so glad to see you.

This summer our friend, Sally Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Bud and Sis. Billie acknowledged the need for the Lord in her life. We are anticipating a blessed week-end as we will have the opportunity to hear of her experience and faith.

We thank the Lord for providing us with willing servants of the word. The statement, "Walk so close to God that there isn't any room for Satan in between" ended one worship service. What a gentle reminder to carry with us through another week.

We had a blessed week-end when Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft Wayne visited us. We were inspired and refreshed by his teaching.

#### GARDEN GROVE, IOWA

William G. Funk

Greetings to all at harvest-time.

As we go into the fall of the year and harvest draws near, we are happy to see that God is still making His harvest, as we have heard of several near and dear friends that have been drawn by the Lord.

We would thank all who have visited us throughout the summer months. We have felt great joy in the hours of fellowship with them.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder

Wilma Young

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

Traditionally this is the season of Thanksgiving; indeed we are thankful for many blessings throughout the year. As Christians we thank our God daily for His great love and compassion.

Brian Wayne is the first child born to Jack and Carol Maclaskey, also the first grandchild for Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Corrine Maclaskey. Howard and Carla Young are parents of a baby girl; she has a little brother, Mike to welcome her home. Bro. Andrew

Sr. and Sis. Lydia Young are grandparents.

Bro. Albert Grimm seems to be doing pretty well, after being hospitalized twice this past month . . . hope to see him in church soon. Ed Bartels, father of Sis. Dorothy Young, has been hospitalized the past four weeks for observation and treatment.

World Relief sewing has begun; we meet the second Tuesday evening of each month in our church basement. All friends and members are welcome . . . one of the many opportunities to do good unto others.

Bro. Leroy Huber spent a Sunday evening with us; his message was so clear and plain. Surely there was advice and admonition for all. Bro. Samuel Huber spent a Sunday with us. Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli visited us this month.

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**LAMONT**  
**Betty Wernli**

Grant to thy servants grace and  
might  
And wisdom, working virtues  
bright,  
That in this time good seed they  
sow,  
From which eternal fruits may  
grow.

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern and Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka. Their visits were so timely, and as we are redeeming our time, may their exhortations be fruitful. There is much to do for the Lord, no time to be wasted. This would be much easier to do as we have made serving the living God our "profession."

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**LA CROSSE**  
**Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher**

This new being now arises,  
Havnig died with Christ before;  
What in Adam's fall had perished  
Christ the Saviour did restore.

There were many present to hear the testimony of Louise Wittmer on Sat. evening Oct. 21, and witness her baptism the following day. Bro. Noah Schrock, a cousin of Louise, was present to assist our elders in this important work.

Bro. Noah brought out in his message, how important unity is, if the church wants to stay closely

knit together. He gave us an illustration of unity: A father told his sons to each bring a stick to him. He then told each to break them. They were very easily broken. He then told them to tie the same amount together securely, and then try to break them. It could not be accomplished.

We had a blessed day Oct. 21, when Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Oakville) spent the day with us.

Carol Eileen, baby daughter, was born Oct. 21 to Bro. Richard and Sis. Garnet Nuest. She has one sister and two brothers to welcome her home. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Anna Nuest, maternal grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill.

Bro. Steve Bucher met with an auto accident, but we are happy to report that he again is able to be among us. Truly God was watching over him.

Bro. Sam Frank is staying at the nursing home, Canterbury Place, Valparaiso. He would enjoy hearing from his many friends.

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**MILFORD**  
**Marguerite Hoerr**

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ruth Hostetler are the parents of a little girl, Bonnie Anita, born Sept. 30. She is their second child.

Sis. Hulda Graff was confined to her home with illness. We are so pleased she was able to attend dedication services for our fellowship hall.

Final rites were held for Sis. Anna Homan at Mishler Funeral Home by Bro. Theo. Beer. Anna had been a patient at Turtle Creek Nursing Home for several years prior to her death. While she lived here in Milford, we all enjoyed meeting her each Sunday. She was one of those special older folks who took a lot of interest in the lives around her. We've missed her, but are thankful she could go to meet her God. She reached the age of 92 years.

We enjoyed the true privilege of welcoming three dear young people into our membership again: Bro. Dan and Sis. Debbie Beer and Bro. Fred Beer, who gave their testimonies of God's influence in their lives. Their covenant with Him was sealed in holy baptism. We welcome them into our church. Bro. John Yergler assisted with the provings.

Bro. Lew Rassi has been confined to his home for long months as the result of an accident. He assures us he is exercising and ready to start walking around home again with the aid of appliances. We miss him and look forward to seeing him walk into the front door of our church again.

The Sunday School choir, under the direction of Bro. Ned Speicher, sang "Faith of our Fathers" and "Bless this House" at the dedication services of our Fellowship Hall. These songs were so fitting and so beautifully sung, that we are really grateful to our young people for enriching these services, which were so meaningful in their entirety.

Bless the roof and chimney's tall;  
Let Thy peace lie over all.  
Bless this door that it may prove  
Ever open to joy and love.

We know this is what the building committee had in mind, as Bro. Phil Beer said, "We turn this building over to the Apostolic Christian Church of Milford, with our love". We thank the committee, the following brothers, for their work of love: Bros. Carlton, Don and Phil Beer, Bob Kaiser, and Willard Schieler, and for a job well done.

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**MORTON**  
**Mrs. Keith Stevig**  
**Mrs. Harry Kaiser**

The Lord spoke loudly to our community on the evening of Oct. 23, as six dear souls lost their lives in a plane crash. They were Joe and Sis. Florence (Flossie) Jacob and two of their three children, Sis. Susan and Thomas, and Bro. Lee and Sis. Eunice Schock. The families were returning from a week-end trip in the East. The Jacobs were visiting Florence's family in Rockville, and the Schocks were visiting their daughter and family in North Wales, Pa. The plane was just minutes from landing when the crash occurred. Each of them will be greatly missed by our entire congregation. Funeral services were held on Friday morning, Oct. 27, with Morton ministers officiating.

Joseph E. Jacob, 47, was a son of Bro. John G. and Sis. Kathryn Getz Jacob. Sis. Florence R. Jacob, 50, was a daughter of Bro. Albert and Rose Marti Lanz. They were

married in Rockville Oct. 27, 1951. Surviving is one daughter, Miss Donna Jacob, 19, a sophomore at Western Illinois University, Macomb. Other survivors of Joe are; his mother, Sis. Kathryn; two brothers, Raymond and Kenneth; and one sister, Sis. Jean Ann (Mrs. Harlan) Kaiser, all of Morton.

Survivors of Sis. Florence are: her father, Bro. Albert of Rockville; two brothers, Albert Lanz Jr. of Albany, N.Y., and Kerwin E. Lanz of Morton; and four sisters, Mrs. Herbert (Harriet) Clarke and Mrs. Bernard (Lois) Geblar, both of Rockville, Sis. Anna May (Mrs. John) Getz of Morton, and Mrs. George (Velda) Foxe of Carol Stream, Ill.

Sis. Susan Ann Jacob, 17, was a senior at Morton High School, and had turned to the Lord in repentance in November of last year.

Thomas Joseph Jacob, 11, was a sixth grade pupil at Lincoln Grade School in Morton.

Bro. Lee W. Schock, 53, was a son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Minnie Steiglitz Schock. Sis. Eunice Schock, 50, was a daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Millie Frieden Anliker. The couple was married in Morton, Aug. 1, 1942. Surviving are three daughters, Sis. Kay (Mrs. Steven) Wiedman of North Wales, Pa.; Mrs. Ronald (Jo Beth) Diehl of Effingham; and Miss Gale Schock, a sophomore at Western Illinois University.

Bro. Lee's other survivors are two brothers, Henry and Bro. Levi, both of Morton, and six sisters, Sis. Katherine (Mrs. Wm. C.) Roecker, Mrs. C. E. (Hilda) Wiedman, Mrs. Reuben (Louise) Krug, Sis. Eileen (Mrs. Donald) Hermann, and Mrs. Raymond (Eldeen) Mitchell, all of Morton, and Sis. Florence, (Mrs. Richard) Guthrie of Kiowa, Kan.

Sis. Eunice's survivors are five sisters, Mrs. Sally Palmer of Balboa, Calif.; Mrs. Edith Baumgartner of Bowling Green, Ky.; Mrs. Neal (Bernice) McCormick of Chillicothe, Mrs. Roland (Lauree) Gardner of Peoria; and Sis. Alice (Mrs. Elmer) Tanner of Kiowa, Kan.

### Beautiful Beckoning Hands

Beautiful hands at the gateway tonight,  
Faces all shining with radiant light;

Eyes looking down from their heavenly home,  
Beautiful hands, they are beckoning Come.

Beckoning hands of a mother whose love  
Sacrificed life her devotion to prove;

Hands of a father to memory dear,  
Beckon up higher the waiting ones here.

Beckoning hands of a husband and wife,  
Watching and waiting the loved ones of life;

Hands of a brother, a sister, a friend,  
Out from the gateway tonight they extend.

Brightest and best of that glorious throng,  
Center of all and theme of their song,  
Jesus, our Saviour, the pierced One stands,  
Lovingly calling with beckoning hands.

The Milford Choir visited us on Oct. 8 and gave us a message in song, following our afternoon services. We thank them for their visit and invite them to return.

Visiting ministers include, Bro. Walter Steffen, Milford; Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; Bro. Charles Hemmer, Peoria; and Bro. Elmer Bucher, Francesville.

A baby girl, Jennifer Lynn, was born Oct. 19 to Leroy and Karen Greiner. Grandparents are Elmer and Linda Greiner of Hancock and Walter and Elizabeth Ross of Morris. Bro. Robert and Sis. Diana Kaiser are the happy parents of their first child, Susanna, born Oct. 29. Grandparents are Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn Kaiser of Morton and Bro. Wm. and Sis. Helen Belsley of Eureka.

The engagement of Sis. Chelly Schupach and Bro. Fred Kaiser was announced on Oct. 8. Parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupach of Phoenix, and Bro. Warren and Sis. Matilda Kaiser of Morton.

We welcome Wm. and Sis. Kathy Leman Lyman and their daughter, Cori, to our congregation. They moved here from Peoria.

Those sick or convalescing have been: Bena Roby, Linda Klein, Billy

E. Hauter, Webb McCartney, Toni Roche, Bro. Otto Baum and Bro. Mark Wuthrich.

**Note of Thanks:** We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends, neighbors and relatives who remembered us with comforting cards, flowers, food, help, and memorial contributions in the tragic loss of our dear ones. The families of Joe and Sis. Florence Jacob and Bro. Lee and Sis. Eunice Schock.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

Timothy Lee Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, enlisted in the Air Force and left Nov. 1 for Lackland AFB in San Antonio, where he will attend a six-weeks course in basic training. He will serve a four-year tour of duty.

Henry E. Kernan, 87, of Paden City passed away on Oct. 30. He was born on Limestone Ridge, a son of Levi and Sarah Fry Kernan. He is survived by one son and one daughter. Two sons, six sisters and four brothers preceded him in death. Mrs. Robert Roth, the former Austa Lohr of Limestone Ridge, has been a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling for some time; she fell in her home and suffered broken bones in a foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moser, Miss Margaret Witschey and Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins attended the funeral of Mrs. Jesse Emch in Girard on Oct. 21.

D. J. Bleuer of Akron visited with home folks the first part of November. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., and Mrs. Gus Weltz spent Oct. 27 with relatives in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Sunday guests of Miss Della Witschey on Oct. 29th were Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughters, Ruth and Harriett, and Mrs. J. C. Froelich.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron were called to Bradenton, Florida, on Oct. 29, due to the illness of their son, Carl, who resides there with his family.

We are having a break in the weather, after having killing frosts earlier in the month of October.

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

### OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

**Hope, As An Anchor So Steadfast,  
Rends The Dark Veil For The  
Soul . . ."**

The visit of Elder Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City was much appreciated. We invite him to come back soon.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sis. Earl Stoller in the loss of his uncle, Joe Stoller of Carman, Illinois.

### SABETHA Mrs. Joe Steiner

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City, and Bro. Alpha Strahm, Bern.

The engagement of Sis. Gloria Grimm to Bro. Darrel Stoller was made known. Sis. Gloria is the daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm. Bro. Darrel is the son of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl Stoller of Bern. They are planning to be married in January.

Bro. Roy Wysong, 80, passed away on Friday Oct. 13, at the Sabetha Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Evelyn; three daughters, Mary JoAnn Houghton—Wooster Ohio. Sis. Nancy Gerber—Lester, Sis. Sally Haerr—Taylor; two sons. Bro. Jack Wysong—Lester and Bro. Ben Wysong—Sabetha. Funeral services were held on Monday, Oct. 16. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

We plan to assemble this Saturday evening to hear the testimonies of our three friends, Eric Huber, John and Cornelia Aberle. If the Lord is willing, we will witness their baptism on Sunday.

### SHIODA Eiko Nozawa

Monthly singing was held at Sis. Shinkai's of Tamahata Church. Twelve attended it from Shioda. After that we had a good wiener roast at a river close to Tamahata Church.

The last Shuyokai of this year was at Hakone on the tenth of October. We appreciate to brothers, sisters and friends who labored for this meeting.

Our Sunday School is very small now. Recently, a girl who had attended regularly stopped coming because of lessons on calligraphy on Sunday morning, which is a big regret for her and us.

### SILVERTON Judith Knecht

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." As this thanksgiving season draws nigh, let us all give thanks to our great God, for He has truly blessed us. May we all count our blessings and realize what a blessed and fortunate people we are. . . For there is no gift or treasure here on earth so great as our soul's salvation.

We have much concern for our dear Sis. Mildred Dietrich (a kidney machine patient). She has endured much pain and affliction and at present is hospitalized. We are thankful she has improved.

On the night of Oct. 31, we were deeply saddened as the death angel took our dear brother in faith, Joseph Anliker. He had been in the hospital for surgery, which was followed by a severe heart attack, and then a second fatal attack. Dear Bro. Joe will be sorely missed by our little congregation. He was always there with a willing and helping hand, was a shining light and good example for us all.

### TAMAHATA Akito and Marie Inoue

Our singing last month for the Shioda-Tamahata churches was held at Sis. Shinkai's. We were glad for another opportunity to sing praises to the Lord and fellowship together. Shinkai is an older sister of our assembly who lost her husband during the early years of their marriage. Her son and his family make their home with her.

On a holiday in October, our three churches held a fellowship meeting at Hakone. We received many blessings from the meetings and singing, and may we not only be hearers, but much more doers of the instruction given from His holy word. We appreciated the efforts of the Tokyo brethren, who were the hosts for this meeting. Several of us arrived early, and spent the time viewing the beautiful mountains and hot springs. As it was near dusk, we especially noticed Mt. Fuji, as it towered above the other mountains that were covered with mist. The Creator of this wonder could only be our Father in Heaven.

Our churches here are planning to have a "Silver Lining" similar to this one. It will be printed in the

Japanese language, and we trust that the readers will benefit spiritually as they do from reading this one.

### TAYLOR Elizabeth Sutter

We are thankful for the visit of our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Sunday, Oct. 29.

This poem is sent in loving memory of my husband, Bro. Eli Sutter, who passed away four years ago on Nov. 21, and for others that will be missing from the fireside on Thanksgiving Day.

### The Blessing that Remain

There are loved ones who are missing

From the fireside and the feast.  
There are faces that have vanished;

There are voices that have ceased,

But we know they passed forever  
From our mortal grief and pain,  
And we thank Thee, O our Father,  
For the blessings that remain.

Thanksgiving, oh thanksgiving,  
That their love once blessed us  
here,

That so long they walked beside  
us,

Sharing every smile and tear,  
For the joy the past has brought  
us,

But can never take away,  
For the sweet and gracious memories

Growing dearer every day,

For the faith that keeps us patient  
Looking at the things unseen,

Knowing spring shall follow winter  
And the earth again be green.

For the hope of that glad meeting  
Far from mortal grief and pain,  
We thank Thee, O our Father,  
For the blessings that remain.

### TOKYO Yoshio Yamazaki

It is so nice that we had real blessed fellowship meeting in Hakone on Oct. 9 and 10, and around 30 members and dear friends came together. We had such kind of meetings three times a year. The Shioda church takes responsibility in spring, the Tamahata church takes responsibility in summer, and our Tokyo Church takes responsibility in fall. So this time was our turn. The purpose of these meet-

ings, we meet together and discuss about how we should work more fruitful before the Lord and fellowship with dear brethren and friends together. We had two regular worship services.

The world became fairly busy these days. However, I believe that the end of this world will come very soon, near future. So all we Christians (or non-Christians) should realize it and we should work for Him more and more.

Our Tokyo Church is real blessed lately, and a new young man whose name is Yutaka Asaba is coming our Sunday morning service and most church meetings very faithfully, and hope that he'll repent someday in future. He is my eldest English student.

Sis. Hiroko Utsuki and I are teaching our Sunday School, and she is really faithful to teach Sunday School. The children love her very much.

When I read the Old Testament of Ruth, and the Lord teaches us that we Christians should learn about being more humble just as Ruth. She came with Naomi to Jerusalem and gleaned in the fields. I believe that the Lord wants us to be same as Ruth's humble attitude, today. We need your humble prayer and support for our small congregations here in Japan. Thank you.

#### JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

Starting churches in new and needy areas is a very important work which was first carried out by Paul, Barnabas and the other apostles. However, to overcome difficulties, as a bare minimum, there should be a reservoir of brethren ready to go and make their home with the smaller churches or in entirely new areas, brethren whose hearts flow together with the church as a whole and who cooperate humbly and with all their heart, with our "Missionary Committee." I should think that our church at Silverton is a good example to pattern after in this regard.

One morning I missed my train going to work in Tokyo. Twenty-one minutes later another train comes, which still gets me to work on time. While waiting, a Japanese farmer who grows grapes asked if I had come from Tokyo to visit, and I told him that I live in the

country at a church. He said everyone is Zen Buddhist in his area, and that the new sect of Sokagakkai has not been able to make any inroads. He commented that there are so many religions. I replied that the different religions have good moral teachings on how to live, but that I want to know the true and living God who created this world and designed my human body. Further, that we can know Him through Christ, who died for our sins, enabling us also to have clean hearts, not by our own effort but by His atonement. In true Japanese fashion, he nodded and seemed to agree. I invited him to come to our church anytime, and we took our leave of each other.

I have had a new thought as to why Jesus often referred to Himself as the Son of Man. It was necessary for Jesus to identify very closely with the human race, to emphasize His human side, in order to fulfill the Old Testament pattern for the nearest of kin to redeem lost property and bring it back into the family, in this case, the family of God.

#### WEST BEND Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. A. Banwart

How wonderful the love of God. Many of us met Ministering Bro. Robert Pohl, of Burlington, for the first time when he spent a Sunday with us. However, the encouraging message brought forth was as if from one we'd known for years. May His wonderful invitation linger in many hearts until they heed the loving call sent forth.

No one knows what may befall them by the end of the day, as was the case of Bro. Leland Metzger. He is under doctor's care with a piece of steel in his eye. Surgery was performed in Mason City, which will have to be repeated in the near future. Other hospital patients were Bro. Fred Wirtz, medical, and Judd, son of Lowell and Sis. Jan Fehr, surgical. Both are home and improving. May we ever appreciate the blessing of good health.

Our congregation joyfully welcomes a new family, as well as two new babies. We're happy Bro. William and Sis. Rosella (Massner) Oberman have been transferred to Humboldt, Ia., therefore making West Bend their home church. They have three children: Kim, attend-

ing J. C. in Burlington; Kent, attending J. C. in Ft. Dodge; and Greg, who is still in high school. The two new babies are both girls. Wendy Sue was born to Bro. Art and Sis. Eula Mogler on Oct. 13 and welcomed home by a sister, June, and a brother Lynn. On Oct. 24, Ann Marie was born to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy Fehr and was welcomed home by a brother, Darren.

The funeral service for Emma Thomann, who passed away on Oct. 17, was held Oct. 20. After a lingering illness of almost seven years at home, she was granted eternal rest, at the age of 90. Surviving are: five sons and four daughters, Harry, Frank, Bro. Melbert, Robert, Earl and Josephine all of West Bend; Mrs. C. E. Coleman of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Don Gordon of Redding, California; and Sis. Lillian (Nathan) Mogler of Ottosen.

#### WICHITA Glenis Allenbach

We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our young people. Debby Grimm was killed instantly in an auto accident near Reno, Nevada. She is the daughter of Bro. Charlie and Gail Grimm. They feel this was God's will and have accepted it as so. Their consolation is Debbie's testimony and witness for Christ.

Just two years ago her boyfriend was tragically killed. He was a Wichita State University football player, and was killed along with most of the team in a plane crash.

There is always something to be thankful for. Hilda Carothers gave her testimony and was baptized. We had a blessed day. Several nieces and nephews traveled many miles. Hilda is living proof of the word that says, to teach a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. She has been away from the church many years, but never forgot her early teachings and examples.

I've included the following poem in memory of Debby, who died on her 20th birthday. Her favorite flower—the red rose.

#### Transformation

We planted the bare brown stems  
one day  
When the autumn winds blew cold,  
And the dying leaves fell mourn-  
fully

In their tarnished red and gold.  
 And you wondered whether they  
 lived at all,  
 Those stems so brown and bare.  
 With never a leaf or a bud so small,  
 To tell us that life was there.  
 And yet when the spring hath  
 blessed the earth,  
 And June smiles warm and bright,  
 Their glory of roses shall wake to  
 birth  
 And glow in the summer light!

So we lay them down in their lowly  
 bed,  
 The dear ones we cherished so,  
 And sight would tell us they are  
 dead,  
 And more we may not know,  
 But faith looks on to the joyful  
 spring  
 That she tells us shall yet be ours,  
 And the new life's glorious blos-  
 soming into far, eternal flowers.

For the secret of life is God's to  
 keep,  
 Not the wisest sage can tell  
 How it thrills through the fibers  
 that seem to sleep,  
 And pours through each hidden  
 cell.  
 Then well may we wait with  
 patience here,  
 Nor weep o'er the church-yard sod;  
 We shall find the lost, whom we  
 hold so dear,  
 In the glorious garden of God.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Virgil and Shirley Funk

Communion was announced tenta-  
 tively for the night of Nov. 8.  
 May we all examine ourselves and  
 have our spiritual house in order  
 for this serious event.

It is the church's intention to  
 conduct a short service on Sunday  
 evenings about every six weeks at  
 Wood Hill Towers, which is a high  
 rise apartment in the southern  
 part of the city. Such services are  
 to be conducted entirely by our  
 faith, and it is hoped that it will  
 merit the Lord's blessing.

We are sorry that Bro. Keith  
 Hansen, his wife—Sis. Joan, and  
 their children have left our com-  
 munity and moved to Chicago.

"So then because thou art luke-  
 warm, and neither cold nor hot, I  
 will spue thee out of my mouth."  
 Although we have had mild recess-  
 ions from time to time, our coun-  
 try has generally been living in a

prosperous time . . . falling into a  
 lukewarm condition is one of the  
 greatest dangers confronting a  
 believer in these times.

#### BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Let our lives be our Thanksgiving  
 To our Father up above;  
 Let us worship Him with kindness.  
 Let us praise Him with our love!  
 Let us honor Him with virtue;  
 Let good deeds become our prayer.  
 Let our lives be our Thanksgiving  
 For the bounty that we share!

Several homes in our community  
 have joyfully welcomed new arriv-  
 als. A daughter, Tracey Jo, was  
 born to Bro. Charles and Linda  
 Isch. Bro. Tim and Sis. Marlene  
 (Schini) Ringger welcomed a son,  
 Darin Lamar. A son, Todd Michael,  
 arrived to the family of Bro. Jon  
 and Diane Gilliom. Bro. Mike and  
 Sis. Linda (Fiechter) Dubach re-  
 ceived a son, Matthew Dean. It tru-  
 ly is a great responsibility to guide  
 infants through their tender years  
 into adulthood, teaching and living  
 a true Christian life.

Our surgical patients were Sis.  
 Edna (Gene) Moser and Bro. Wil-  
 mer Steffen. Also hospitalized for  
 treatment have been Sis. Irene  
 Lehman from the Wolcott congre-  
 gation; Bro. Roy Reinhard; Sis.  
 Gladys (Robert) Maller; and Greg-  
 ory Frauhiger, son of Bro. Tom and  
 Sis. Rose, who suffered a severe  
 fracture of the upper arm. We are  
 thankful for those who can return  
 home . . . But for those who must  
 remain for a time and wait on the  
 Lord:

Is thy lot to suffer in sickness and  
 pain?  
 Let nothing deceive you to murmur  
 in pain.  
 Endure and be still, believing  
 It is thy dear Saviour's good will.

Our friend, Lynn Heyerly recent-  
 ly claimed Vicki Barwiler as his  
 wife. (Bro. Ray and Sis. Amelia  
 Heyerly and Mr. and Mrs. Fred  
 Barwiler.)

During the past months a choir  
 has been organized within our con-  
 gregation. Anyone who enjoys  
 singing is invited to support it.  
 Bro. Harold Moser and his assist-  
 ant, Bro. Robert Meyer, direct the  
 group. Each practice session in our  
 Fellowship Hall proves to be an in-

spiring evening of "singing with  
 grace in our hearts to the Lord."

Two of our friends have entered  
 the Army. They are Randy Rein-  
 hard, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Ver-  
 gene, and Steve Maller, son of Bro.  
 Robert and Sis. Gladys.

Bro. Verlin Stoller of the Ft.  
 Wayne congregation ministered  
 God's holy word to us Sunday, Nov.  
 5, warning us of the signs of these  
 latter times and stressing the im-  
 portance of turning to God for our  
 soul's salvation.

#### BURLINGTON OKLAHOMA

Janice Springer — Janice Frieden

Time has flown so fast; again it  
 is autumn, a time of gathering in  
 and preparing for the winter. We  
 work so hard to prepare ourselves  
 for the cold months of this life, but  
 what are we doing to prepare our-  
 selves for the life to come. The  
 Bible is fulfilling itself in many  
 ways, and this very well could be  
 the autumn of our lives. Let's not  
 be like the five foolish virgins; let's  
 keep our lamps trimmed and burn-  
 ing.

On Oct. 1 we joined in songs of  
 praise to our Lord and Saviour in  
 the home of Bro. Wayne and Sis.  
 Helen Kircher. An evening such as  
 this, spent in the presence of our  
 Lord and far removed from the vio-  
 lence of the world, is something to  
 be treasured . . . This month we  
 resumed mid-week services.

The fellowship which we enjoyed  
 with those of the Peoria Choir on  
 Nov. 14 and 15 is something we  
 will long remember in our hearts  
 and minds. They sang from the  
 depths of their hearts, and we that  
 listened were stirred to the depths  
 of our souls.

Sis. Anna Miller was a hospital  
 patient, but is now with her daugh-  
 ter in Stroud, Okla. She hasn't been  
 able to worship with us for a long  
 time because of illness, and we tru-  
 ly miss her. Ministering Bro. Ray-  
 mond Roth underwent surgery and  
 is now recuperating at home.

We were so happy to hear that  
 God has sent a new little addition,  
 by the name of Brandon Thomas  
 Farney to the home of Tom and  
 Gay Farney of Arkansas City, Kan-  
 sas. Paternal grandparents are Bro.  
 and Sis. Huber Farney of Kiowa,  
 Kansas, and maternal grandpar-  
 ents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence  
 Webbs of Alexander, Kansas.

Bro. Dale Koehl has been re-

leased from the service at Ft. Sill, and has returned to his home in Minnesota. We are thankful that God sent him into our midst to worship with us.

### BRADFORD

#### Rebecca Endress

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Lehman and those with them from Remington. They met their son Keith, who is working at Dixon, Illinois. We invite him to assemble with us often.

Oct. 22 was a special day for us, as six new brothers and sisters were added to the household of faith. One of the sisters wished she could go through it all again, because she felt so close to God all week-end. We welcome into our fellowship Bro. Bill and Sis. Karen Ringger (son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger and daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Ehle), Sis. Susan Ringger (daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola), Bro. David and Sis. Eileen Klumpp (son and daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice), and Bro. Gary Endress (son of Sis. Lois).

Elder Bros. Dan Koch and Roy Sauder assisted our elder, Bro. Dave Kieser. We appreciate their labors for us, and also those of Bros. Harvey Grimm (Bern), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), and our dear old retired elder, Bro. Silas Leuthold, in ministering to us.

We are thankful that we have several new converts in recent weeks. All of Bro. John and Sis. Lucille Endress' children are repenting: Dale and his wife Cindy, Dennis, and Pamela . . . also Dennis and Becky Pyle, daughter and son-in-law of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich.

### CISSNA PARK

#### Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever . . . Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

We were reminded: The Bible is the wisdom of God: If we stop reading the Bible or stop praying, we will get spiritually weak.

We could rejoice when we could hear the testimonies of our friends, Sidney and Sandy Kaufman on Oct. 21, how the Lord worked in their hearts. On Sunday Oct. 22 they

were baptized. Bro. Loren Stoller was with us for this occasion.

Sis. Carrie Waldbuier, 82, passed away Nov. 2 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka; funeral services were held Nov. 4. Surviving, one sister, Sis. Rose Waldbuier of Milford.

Our Bible class entertained the Morton Bible Class on Nov. 5. It was a pleasure to see all the young folks attending church and singing. Bro. Harold Zeltwanger and Bro. Edwin Bahler were with us that Sunday. Visiting minister the past month was Bro. Arthur Gudeman.

On Nov. 2, our friends Dean and Rita Eisenman became parents of a son, Richard Dean. This is the couple's first child.

Our hospitalized ones have returned home and are getting along nicely: Sis. Anna Baumgartner, Sis. Emily Rudin, Bro. Ben Neukomn, Bro. Carl Moser, but our friends Hulda Rentsch and Phil Bauer are in the hospital.

Notes of Thanks: We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, gifts, flowers and expressions of love shown during the many years of illness and passing of our loved husband, dad and grandpa. Louise Drayer and families. . . . We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone for the prayers, gifts, cards and love shown us at the time of the death of our husband and father, Earl Bauer. Grace Bauer, Beth and Judy.

Correction of Sam Drayer's death notice: It should have read, survivors include his wife, Sis. Louise; sons Bill, Sam Jr. and Bro. Wayne; five daughters, Mrs. Helen Burgett, Mrs. Velma Ekhoft, Mrs. Mabel Dearth, Mrs. Diana Virkler and Sis. Edna Martin; and one sister, Sis. Anna Hari.

#### To Call It A Day

We remember so well of years on the farm  
How he stood 'neath the cold winter sky,  
Looking to see if the cows were all in.  
There was care and concern in his eye.

When the cattle were in and the doors were shut  
And the mangers all filled with fresh hay,

The lights could go out; things were all well—

**He was ready to call it a day.**

Thus was his life, he left nothing undone  
Which the Lord gave him power to do,  
And when he surrendered his life to his God  
His contentment and happiness grew.

Then came the time which comes to us all.

God's angel was sent on the way,  
To usher upon him eternity's bliss.  
**He was ready to call it a day.**

We picture him now as he stands by the gate  
That leads to the kingdom on high,  
Watching and waiting for loved ones from earth  
With care and concern in his eye.

The time seems so short we spent with him here;

The emptiness makes our hearts sad.

We loved him so much and now miss him so,

Our husband, our grandpa, our dad.

In memory of Bro. Sam Drayer submitted by his son, Bro. Wayne.

### EUREKA

#### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

"Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee."

The names of our folks who are in the hospital now is much fewer than last month. Sis. Martha Fehr is a medical patient in the Eureka Hospital. Jane Rocke, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Pauline, accidentally tripped on the electric cord of a coffee maker and was burned with hot coffee. She was in the Eureka Hospital a few days.

Visiting Ministers were Bros. Roy Wieland, Bay City; Earl Banwart, West Bend; Si Wagonbach, Tremont.

Births: Bro. and Sis. David and Mary Winzel are the parents of their third son, born Oct. 13. He has been named Matthew David. Wm. and Betty Kinder are the parents of a son born Oct. 26; his name is Mark Alan. He has a brother and two sisters to welcome him home.

Bro. Lee Blunier and Sis. Sara Waibel were married Oct. 15 in

Remington. They will live in Eureka.

Sis. Mary Reuter, 78 years old, passed away at the Eureka Hospital Oct. 15, after being a patient 2 days. She had been living at the A.C. Home for some time. Surviving are one son, Bro. Robert of Wolcott, and a grandson, Bro. James who lives here. Her funeral was held on Oct. 17, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber. Burial was in the Roanoke church cemetery.

Sis. Carrie Waldbuiser, age 82, passed away at the A.C. Home Nov. 2. Her body was taken to Cissna Park for the funeral. She showed by her patience, that she bore her cross to the end of her life. It was surely a blessing that God relieved her of great suffering.

Nov. 1, a baby girl was stillborn to Roger and Wendy (Ehnle) Blunier. Her name was Karla Kay. Graveside services, at the Roanoke church cemetery on Saturday morning, Nov. 4.

Four more souls are repenting, Doris Blunier, daughter of Henry and Sis. Wilma Blunier; Diane Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Earl and Elsie Zimmerman, Roger Blunier and his wife Wendy.

#### FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

The Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone (Gen. 2:18), and so Bro. Walt Steffen and Sis. Veronica Bucher of Francesville were joined in marriage. Bro. Walt is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina, and Sis. Veronica is the daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Rosella. We welcome Veronica to our congregation, as they have made their home at rural Cropsey.

We rejoice that Mrs. Elsie (Broquard) Denick and Mrs. Lois Bazzell each found the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They testified of their conversion, receiving peace with God, and were baptized, becoming children of God.

Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss now have three sweet girls, being blessed with a baby girl Oct. 22, who they named Kara Ann. The new baby's sisters are Dawn and Renee. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss and Bro. and Sis. Arnold Metzger of West Bend.

We are sorry for those who have been hospitalized: Carol Thames, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Phil Thames, fell from a pony, injuring

a kidney, necessitating surgery for its removal; Paul Kilgus, 4-yr.-old son of Bro. and Sis. Duane, broke his leg, necessitating traction until a cast can be put on; Sis. Dorothy Wenger had surgery; Sis. Elsie Peter had her gall bladder removed; Sis. Clara Steffen was at the arthritis hospital in Ottawa, Sis. Mary Beth Maurer had surgery at Champaign, Sam Walter, and Bro. Carlos Meiss had surgery.

Mrs. Kate (Metz) Haab passed away at age 81. Surviving are her husband, Chris; two sons, Lewis and Floyd; two daughters, Helen Rapp and Elva Mae Sutter; four sisters, Sis. Amelia Zimmerman, Lydia Haab, Laura Haab, Ella Schahrer; three brothers, Bro. Roy, Andrew and Reuben Metz.

Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield brought an inspiring message. Also, giving us an inspirational message that day was Bro. Earl Gerber of Forrest.

Bro. Dave Keiser and Bro. Roy Ehnle lifted us up in the Spirit Sunday the 29th with their messages with love. Bro. Noah Schrock blessed us with a visit.

#### FORREST Juanita Schneider Eleanor Honegger

Forgive us, God, and may we grow in faith that we might see  
That all the blessings we can know  
Could only come from Thee,  
And help us value Thy great love  
Along our pilgrim way.  
May each dawn be the starting of  
A new Thanksgiving Day.

Wonderful Words of Life were brought to us through the Spirit of God by our visiting ministers, Bro. Al Langhofer and Bro. Dale Eisenmann. Our cups were filled to overflowing . . . if we could only remember it all . . . Thankful we should be that we can assemble often and have our faith renewed.

A baby girl, Gretchen Lynn was born to Bro. Lyle and Gloria Ebach. Little Gretchen had to spend a few extra days at the hospital; anxiously waiting for her at home was her sister, Jennifer. Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Clara Bach and Wayne and Sis. Bernice Cox, all of our congregation.

Marvin Wenger, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia, had the misfortune of getting his foot in an elevator chain, breaking a bone. He

is getting around with a cast on.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Emma Ifft and Sis. Cynthia Kaiser, Tricia Gerber (daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther), and Bradley Kupferschmid, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Maribeth. All are home again.

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

#### FT SCOTT Ida E. Sinn

We are in what we call "Indian Summer." Ft. Scott is an old town, with many huge trees. These trees are a mass of beautiful colors right now. The Master painter who is responsible for these beautiful leaves has sent us several hard frosts. I marvel at God's works as I watch these bits of color fall to the earth this beautiful sunny morn.

We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Sondra Sinn. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Waneta Sinn. We welcome Sondra as our dear sister in faith. Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker was here. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Ronald Nelson, Albert Scheitlin and Lester Braker.

Eight of our sisters motored to Newton, Kansas on Oct. 10 to help at the World Relief Center. It was a joy to meet those of like faith from our area churches. It surely humbles one to see what these people are really doing for the poor and needy in other countries.

#### FRANCESVILLE Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

T-H-A-N-K-F-U-L . . .

That our dear minister, Elmer Bucher could announce the engagement of his daughter, Sis. Linda to Bro. John Hodel (Stanley) of Roanoke. We know both of these families are sharing in their happiness.

Sis. Veronia Bucher (Wally) was thankful that her grandfather, Bro. Harry Bucher could start her wedding ceremony to Bro. Walter Steffen (Ben). He said it was taking us back to the days of our wedding vows. Bro. Wendell Gudeman then continued to say, they will always want to walk in love, which will also bring humility. He said they could go to the library to get books on a happy marriage, but

none would be like the reading of the Bible, where love will not permit them to do some things that others might do.

Also thankful were Vernon and Sis. Evelyn Pelsy that their son Allen could have a life companion, Janice Howard.

Now our great thankfulness goes to Bro. Wayne Hubers' family, when his wife, Sis. Carol suffered injures when her car tire "blew", but with much pain she is recovering.

Sis. Margaret (Willis) Gudeman had to be in the hospital a week for a blood clot on her right leg, but with a good helping family, she is again up part-time and thankful she can attend church services.

Our single jewel, Sis. Helen Huber had to be hospitalized, but we will be so thankful if it is the Lord's will that she can again resume her much appreciated earthly duties. Don't forget we all love you, even if you cannot work.

Now in closing at this "Thanksgiving" time of the year, we lovingly want to tell you that the oldest sister of our church, Cordia Leman, has not been able to be carried in the church so very, very willingly by brothers. She was in the hospital, and as yet is weaker than usual, but know if she wrote on a paper all the things she is thankful for, it would fill a page of the **Silver Lining**. Keep smiling with God's help and all your loved ones.

#### IOWA CITY

Patty Stoller — Joan Mogler

If God within these evil days His mercy were not sharing, no strength or grace could we obtain; our hearts would be despairing. We heard from Bro. John Steiner, that God doesn't force his mercy and grace on us. He gives it to us only if we heed His call and ask for His help. How much we need God's grace and strength in these trying times.

To receive God's blessings, we cannot doubt Him and withhold a part for ourselves, but must submit ourselves wholly unto Him and trust His will. Bros. Jim Hoerr, Charles Hemmer (Peoria), and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville) expounded to us Luke; chapter 5, and John chapter 21. We must cast our nets on the right side with the Lord if we wish to grow spiritually.

Brian Anliker, son of Bro. and

Sis. Gary and Edie Anliker, was in the hospital with asthma problems. We are thankful to report he is home and doing fine.

#### JUNCTION

Betty Manz Henrietta Manz

As ye do it unto the least of these . . . ye do it also unto me. We were thankful for the opportunity to host the annual World Relief Sewing Groups meeting for the tri-state area, held Nov. 4. Our hearts go out to those we heard of in such great need all over the world; may we all be willing to share our great material blessings. A blessed day was enjoyed by about 250.

Sis. Evelyn Manz is back with us and doing very well after her surgery. Bro. Adam Manz, who was hospitalized, is again assembling with us.

Sis. Martha Laukhuf was taken to the hospital last week, and at this writing is a bit improved. Cards can be sent to her at Paulding Hospital, Paulding Ohio 45879.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale have returned to their winter home in Astor Florida.

Bro. Ben Hartzler ministered to us, reminding us to strive to keep the unity of the spirit . . . Bro. Ben, of the Rittman congregation, was also with us the day before for the World Relief Sewing Groups meeting.

Bro. Kenneth Manz is back in college since last September.

#### LAMAR

Mrs. Arthur Banwart

Mrs. Charles Marti

After several days of clouds and rain, we could certainly enjoy awakening to a beautiful, sunny and colorful fall day here in the Ozarks.

Hospital patients included Mrs. Ed (Jean) Marti—surgery, Virginia (Frieden) Parkison and Sis. Arlene Marti, for tests. They are home now, as is Jim Kibler after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Roland Marti was involved in an accident where both feet were crushed, has undergone surgery, and is expected home soon, and should be able to get around some with walking casts.

The week-end of Oct. 29 was a blessed occasion for Sis. Olive Marti, when all of her eleven children and her brothers and sisters surprised her for her 80th birthday celebration. There were 31 present

Saturday for a dinner and evening of visiting. All present were so thankful that the circle was not broken, but that even Roland was permitted a short leave from a Springfield hospital, that he might spend a couple of hours with his mother and family . . . and to think, this family and all families might some day have a happy and permanent reunion, if we but Trust and Obey—what other gift could be more precious! The following day was so nice, with many visitors and Bro. Elmer Bucher bringing us **much food for thought**.

Thank you note: To the many dear ones who sent me lovely birthday greeting cards with personal messages of good wishes, I thank each one. Sis. Olive Marti.

#### LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

On Oct. 22 our friends, Nathan Ringger (Latty) and Nettie Streitmatter (Princeville) were united in marriage by our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 22 for Ethel (Rager) Dunham, wife of Glen. Glen, who was originally from Latty, has returned to Dania, Florida. We extend our sympathy to him and his family. Bro. Jake Stoller has accompanied Glen to Dania and plans to spend the winter there.

We were happy to have Ministering Bros. Gene Leman (Wolcott) and Earl Kilgus (Remington) with us on Oct. 29.

On Nov. 4-5 we heard the testimony of faith and witnessed the baptism of Mark Stoller (Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred). We enjoyed our many visitors, and had a blessed day.

**December is combined collection time for the Latty congregation.**

#### LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

The death of Sis. Joan Knobloch brought tears and heavy hearts to her family and our community. She bore her agony patiently, and in the funeral service it was brought out that not everyone is privileged to suffer as Christ did. She had no fear of meeting her God but, as a mother, was concerned for the welfare of her family. A member of the family handed me this poem:

Mother has gone to her heavenly home,

Leaving thirteen children and father alone.

Our mother was taken at forty-one. For her, life's victory is won.

Father was left with a broken heart

When from this earth she did depart.

Now Jesus promised that after sorrow,

There would follow a better tomorrow.

Going through life, I often recall  
The goodness of mother toward us all.

In many prayers, her concern was great

That heaven would be her childrens' fate.

Besides her husband, Gilbert, she is survived by thirteen children: sons are Rollyn, Timothy, Charles, Kyle, Philip, James, Lou, Paul, and Matthew . . . daughters are Peggy, Barbara, Ann and the youngest, three-year-old Virginia. Also surviving are her parents, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger of Morris, as well as five brothers and five sisters. Bros. Alpha Moser and Leo Moser conducted the service. Other ministers here to share our sorrow were Bros. Duane Metzger, Noah Miller, Floyd Schmidgall, and Herman Kellenberger. **Thank you:** We wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts, food and help given during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother, daughter and sister, Joan. May you be richly blessed for your deeds of kindness. Gilbert Knobloch and children, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger, Bro. Emil and Sis. Frieda Knobloch. Brothers and sisters of Joan and Gilbert.

Just a few days after Sis. Joan's death, their son, Tim, had the misfortune of losing part of his hand in a corn-picker accident. He was hospitalized several days. Baby Blake Wysong was hospitalized in Rochester for a heart condition. Upon their return from Rochester, they received word of the sudden death of Bro. Jack's father, Bro. Roy at Sabetha. We mourn the passing of loved ones but are assured a crown of glory is awaiting the faithful. Bro. Gene posed this question to the congregation from James; What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a

little time, and then vanisheth away.

A precious baby girl, Tricia Kay, was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Janet Knobloch. She has three brothers, and grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch and Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Banwart, West Bend.

Bro. Ed Gerber is feeling much better and expresses his thanks to all for prayers, cards and gifts during his illness.

### PRINCEVILLE

#### Ruth Ricketts

Sunday, Oct. 8, a beautiful autumn day, found many visitors coming to witness the wedding of Bro. Stephen Stoller and Sis. Anna Marie Baer. We were happy to have several ministering brothers with us: Bros. Leroy Huber of Eureka, Edwin Ringger of Gridley, Al Aberle of Tremont, Robert Walder of Congerville, Nathan Stoller and Kenneth Dietz of the Bradford congregation. We heard the parable of the ten virgins and how we should let our lights shine. Bro. LeRoy performed the ceremony. After a wedding trip to New York and Rockville, they are living on the Stoller homeplace.

Three days after this happy day, sadness befell our congregation. Bro. Lavern Siebenthal, 39 years old, was fatally injured when his pickup truck collided with another truck at a country crossroad. Funeral services were held Oct. 14, with Bros. Arthur Baurer, James Ringger and other local ministers participating. Lavern was a quiet brother, yet enjoyed being one of us. He had served in the armed forces in Germany, was working in Peoria, and also helped on the farm. He recently moved to Princeville with his parents and sisters, having attended Bradford church previously.

He is survived by his parents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Anna (Kieser) Siebenthal; two brothers, Kenneth and Bro. Eugene; two sisters, Sisters Martha Jane and Marilyn. **Note of thanks:** We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends and relatives for the flowers, food, memorials, the many deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended. The Dan Siebenthal family.

Another token of thanks: We wish to thank everyone who supported and comforted us during the

loss of our son and brother with prayers, cards, gifts of flowers and many contributions to the memorial fund. John and Lillian Elsasser, Jim, Brian, Steve and Lona.

We were privileged to have visitors from Normal, among them Bro. Everett Hari.

We are most happy to report that on a beautiful sunny day, Sis. Ida Huber was able to enjoy a ride in the car. Ida had not been away for over two years, so she saw a number of changes around town. Her husband, Bro. Will, is slowly regaining his strength and has been worshipping with us.

It is good to see Sis. Nathalia Feucht, wife of Bro. Daniel, looking so much better. Sis. Martha Hemmer has been in the hospital the past few weeks and has been quite ill, suffering with a lung ailment which makes her breathing labored. We are glad to hear she has responded to treatment and is improving. Bro. Sam Grimm is a hospital patient and is receiving treatments.

Bro. Dan Siebenthal is in the hospital suffering from a coronary, but are thankful to learn he is recovering nicely. He had had some anxious moments. He was unloading corn, and his five-year-old grandson got on the wagon and fell in the corn, covering him up to his neck. Bro. Dan dug frantically to free him, and little Greg came out all right, not even too badly frightened. Thankful are we all that this did not meet with tragedy.

Funeral services for a friend, Edna Streitmatter, were held at the church Sunday, Oct. 29. She was 69 years of age and had been ill a number of years, being bed-fast for quite some time. Comforting words were spoken by Bro. Arthur Baurer, who visited her from time to time. He said that she told him that it seems God doesn't hear her, but at the last felt that now He did hear her, so that is a comfort to her family. Her husband, Sam, died several years ago. She is survived by one son, Virgil, and two daughters, Ruby Hietter and Betty Hornback; three sisters, Sisters Nellie and Lucy Woertz and Clara Berchtold. She was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery.

Nov. 3, we laid to rest a very dear sister in Faith, Martha Streitmatter, who reached the age of 79. She had not been too well for the last two years, but when at all pos-

sible came to church, being there only recently. She became very ill and was taken to the hospital, where she at last asked that all pray that she could be relieved. Bro. Joe Stoller, a neighbor to the Streitmatter family, spoke words of comfort, as did Bro. Dave Kieser. She will be sorely missed by all, as she had a kind, cheerful spirit. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Jeff, two daughters, Sis. Mildred Huber and an infant, Verna. Survivors include five sons; Paul, Don and Bros. Jeff and Alfred of Princeville, Bro. Vernon of Washington, and five daughters: Sisters Lucille Thomas of Peoria, Sylvia Blunier of Roanoke, Doris Rocke of Delavan, Geraldine who lived with her mother and Shirley Kieser of Bradford; three brothers, Ben of Peoria and Bros. Fred of Roanoke and Dan of Princeville; and two sisters; Sis. Elizabeth Moser of Tremont and Sis. Marie Siebenthal of Eureka. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

We heard today of the birth of a little daughter to Bro. William and Sis. Diane Streitmatter. She will be welcomed home by two brothers. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Al and Catherine Baer. Sis. Frieda Streitmatter is her great-grandmother.

Farmers are working hard to gather in the harvest. There is an abundant harvest, yet there is much yet to be garnered in. So it is in spiritual life, we are glad for all the souls who have come to know the Lord, yet the harvest is so great. If only they could be gathered in, for we feel we are in the last days. There is much talk of peace over the world and does it not say in the Bible, when there is peace then cometh sudden destruction?

#### REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

On Oct. 15 my sister, Sarah, was married to Bro. Lee Blunier of Eureka, with many friends and relatives in attendance. Lee's family is a very devoted family with ten brothers and four sisters, and all were here. Our brother Arnold and wife from Lakeland Florida. We were very thankful for all to gather on a happy occasion. Lee and Sarah were on a very enjoyable trip to Hawaii. They visited our nephew Ken and wife (Arnold's son), who teach school there, but

will be coming back to the States next year. Lee and Sarah are at home at 304 E. Harrison, Eureka Ill. 61530.

Nov. 5, Bro. Tom Clauss and Sis. Marjorie Fehr of Eureka were announced to be married. Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene Clauss and Bro. Ralph and Lulu Fehr are the parents. We've had seven couples in our congregation announce their engagements this year.

... are always glad to report when each one is home and improving, after a stay at the hospital. Nora (Knochel) Orrison (Bro. Alf and Sis. Evelyn's daughter) and Sis. Eunice Knochel. She also wishes to thank all heartily for cards, prayers and all the many acts of kindness shown to her during her hospital stay and since she is home.

Fredrick Knapp and Willis Wiegand of Congerville were with us recently.

We pray for much grace and faith for all who come forth rejoicing as they find favor in God's sight to repent. Mark (Bro. Elmer's) Bahler is to give his testimony Nov. 26 and Libby (Bro. Edwin Bahler) is repenting.

#### WOLCOTT

Mariean Lehman — Arles Kropf  
Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Indeed, we of the Wolcott assembly have much to thank the Lord for. He has brought into our midst visiting ministers, Bros. Ken Schneider, Remington, Don Sauder and Jim Leman, Roanoke; Dan Koch of Tremont, and Wendell Gudeman, Francesville.

Leroy and Frances Farney and children are thankful for twin girls, Lynelle Carol and Lynette Cheryl, born Oct. 26. Girls were especially welcome in this family, since they had six boys and only one girl. This is their second set of twins. Bro. Aaron and Sis. Leah Farney are paternal grandparents.

With thankful and joyful hearts, we welcome our new Bro. and Sis., Steve and Luann Bahler, who gave their testimonies and were baptized the week-end of Nov. 4 and 5.

Sis. Irene Lehman is presently at Bluffton. Her address is c/o Herman Baumgartner, RR 2, Bluffton Ind 46714.

A Note: May God bless every effort of love shown to me during my

hospital stay and since I've been home. Thank you for each card, gift, letter, and prayer. Sis. Marjean Lehman.

#### DETROIT Bonnie Popp

So often in our daily walk of life, with family, friends and those we meet at work, we are placed in situations where it would be easy to lose our temper. It is sometimes too convenient to listen to words of gossip and to agree even if silently. I believe that those that have reached the golden years have found in their wisdom that there are no situations that are worth sacrificing even a fragment of the love that is found in the Lord. He did ask us to love others even as HE LOVED US.

We welcome into our fellowship in Detroit Sis. Jane Lehman from Remington and Bro. Alan and Sis. Sue Schweigert from Illinois. We are so happy to share their love and attendance in our little congregation.

#### TREMONT

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

Dan Schweigert, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida, has announced his engagement to Connie Call, daughter of the James Calls of Low Point. A Dec. 9 wedding is planned.

Our dear Bro. Elmer Kaeb had the misfortune of being burned over his back, legs and arms when a cornpicker caught fire. He is doing as good as can be expected, but will have a long slow convalescence ahead of him, as he will have skin grafting done. Friend Bill Carius has been hospitalized, but he hopes to return to his home soon.

Bro. Joe Kaisner ministered to us, and we can say we certainly can learn much from sincere, experienced older brothers in our faith. Bro. Ezra Feller also spoke much food for thought as he assisted Bro. Dan in bringing Lynn and Anna Marie Young into the fold. We certainly welcome them as our beloved brethren in Christ.

Our dear friend, Will Schurter, passed away Oct. 28. He had been in failing health for some time. Two sons, Harlan of Salem Oregon and Bill of Decatur; a brother, Bro. John; and three sisters, Sisters Rose Kahler, Hannah (Chris) Pfluderer, and Leah Schurter are left

to mourn his passing. Services were held Nov. 2.

Bro. August and Sis. Carrie Bolliger observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Many of us enjoyed sharing this day with them. They wished to have this **thank you note** included in the news: We wish to express our sincere thanks to all that remembered us with cards, calls and in thought on our 50th wedding anniversary.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

#### Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig

We are rejoicing with the angels that four dear souls have surrendered their hearts unto the Lord and have received His peace from above. Linda, daughter of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Celia Virkler; Terri, daughter of Bro. Norbert and Sis. Doris Steiner; Pam, daughter of Bradley and Sis. Regina Herzig; and Paul, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback, have answered this call and are awaiting their baptism. How thankful we are that the waters are still being troubled and dear friends have the opportunity to repent of their sins.

Bro. Dale Eisenman ministered unto us. Surely God sees our needs and answers our prayers when he sends beloved brothers to minister to us from time to time.

Sis. Lucy Hany has been able to return to the home of her sister, Sis. Dorothy Herzig, Castorland. She has been hospitalized as a medical patient for several weeks and is slowly gaining. Sis. Charlotte Virkler has been hospitalized as a surgical patient. She has returned home and is again able to assemble with us. Bro. Earl Rohr is hospitalized, having undergone surgery.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Isabelle Virkler and her family in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Cecile Moore, of Horseheads, N.Y.

### FT. SAM HOUSTON

#### Tom and Tammy Spiecher

As the month changes seemingly unnoticed, we at the Ft Sam Houston group find our respective military situations changing rapidly. While some of our group receive orders for a permanent station, others are arriving to begin their basic training. In our situation, as in any situation in the world which surrounds us, feelings tend to become of a self-pitying nature if we

don't lean heavily on the promises of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With a spirit of Christian joy in our hearts, we know that whatever our lot might be in life "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Four new individuals have joined our group during the month of October and early November. They are Bros. Mike and Jim Gramm, from Gridlev and Tucson, Randy Reinhard and Robert Maller, both from Bluffton.

Leaving our group were Calvin and Irene Peter, Tom Moser, and Ron Rigggenbach. They received orders to report to Letterman's Hospital in San Francisco for their permanent station.

We are very grateful that the ministering brothers feel it worthwhile to travel the distance and share with us the beauty of God's word. Those who spent time leading us in worship were Bros. Fred Knapp of Congerville, Joe Waibel of Bay City, and Vernon Schwab of Wolcott.

As the month of November comes and goes, let us not grow slack or forget to pray for one another . . . above all though, let us strive by the grace of God to love one another as he has loved us.

### INDIANAPOLIS

#### Tom and Carolyn Frank

In our Silver Lining articles during the past several months, we have tried to keep everyone as well informed as possible concerning the progress of building plans for a church in Indianapolis. It is not easy to write down the hopes of a group of members desiring to have their own church building without some fear of running ahead of God's plan.

We are thankful, however, for the power of faith, as ground was broken for the new church building on the 7½-acre tract of land northeast of Indianapolis. We appreciate the support of our elders in this undertaking and thank those brothers who have already given financial assistance. We concur with them that a donation for a church building in Indianapolis, however small, will be a wise investment for our Apostolic Christian faith . . . But we humbly submit that this should come from the heart.

Ministers for October were Bros. Edwin Bahler, Ed Frank, Theo. Beer, Orville Ringger, Ed Hohulin, George Gramm, and Elmer Witzig.

We welcome Bro. Erie and Sis. Virginia Zeller who are residing in Indianapolis while Eric finishes his remaining years in the School of Dentistry.

### MANSFIELD

#### Aaron A. Sauder

Flourishing youth, Thou our hope  
and our fond expectation,  
Hark to the voice that is calling in  
kind invitation!  
That hand obey  
Which oft has pointed the way  
To the dear Saviour's salvation!

What fitting words to be sung following the baptism of our two young converts, on Sunday afternoon Oct. 29. Bro. Rudy Graf was with us on Saturday evening to hear the testimonies and to perform baptismal services the next afternoon for our new sister, Cheryl Zimmer (wife of Bro. Jim Zimmer Jr.) and brother, Russell Sauder (son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Marcella Steffen Sauder).

A wonderful week-end was also shared Oct. 14 and 15, when the Ft. Wayne choir visited us, presenting a program of sacred music on Sunday afternoon. The blessed fellowship continued as we shared a potluck supper. Bro. Verlin Stoller accompanied the choir, ministering to us in both morning and afternoon services. Also speaking God's word to us this past month were Bros. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo and Gary Maibach of Rittman.

Our best wishes to the new Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones, who exchanged marriage vows on Oct. 13. The bride is the former Eileen Domka, daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Sabo Domka.

A son, Dale Andrew, was born on Oct. 20 to Bro. Richard and Sis. Carolyn Sauder; eight brothers and two sisters are also loving the wee baby. Paternal grandmother is Sis. Mary Fuhrer Sauder (Wm.).

To Sis. Anna Engwiller we give our love and sympathy in the death of her sister, Christine Engwiller Fernyak, wife of Carlton Fernyak. Christine was the daughter of our late elder, Bro. Samuel Engwiller.

Bro. Dave Beer has spent much time in the hospital, but we are thankful he is improving, follow-

ing surgery to amputate his right leg above the knee. Bro. Bob Sauder is also hospitalized, and Barbara Zimmer (daughter of Bro. Jim Sr. and Sis. Clara) spent a few days in the hospital for dental surgery.

#### RITTMAN

##### Florence Hartzler

We enjoyed hearing the word of God brought to us by His servants, and we wish to thank Bros. Eugene Fetter, Sam Schlatter, and Ernest Graf for their words of love.

Bro. Rudy Graf assisted at the marriage of Bro. Dave Graf and Sis. Barbara Gasser. Many friends and relatives gathered together for this occasion. Barbara and Dave will attend the Akron church.

We are always thankful when our loved ones who have been sick can be at home again. Sis. Lois Beres and Sis. Louise Riggenbach were surgical patients; Bro. Lawrence Stoller and Bro. Noah Bauman, medical. "It takes more than a little cloud to hide the skies of blue! It takes more than a hazy mist to veil the sunshine, too! It takes more than the black of night to dim a shining star, and God's peace and hope will brighten the corner where you are!"

Sis. Mildred Reusser has a new grandson with the arrival of Douglas Ray, born to Paul and Jenny Reusser. One sister, Sheri, welcomes the new baby, too.

We are thankful that the Lord has protected our Bro. Marvin Dotterer and has brought him safely home again. He has finished his Army duty and returned to civilian life. Bro. Larry Rufener has moved home from Pennsylvania, where he had worked for the past few years. Larry went to Pa. as a friend, and while there attended the Union City Church and found grace to repent, and now has come home a brother in Christ. How thankful we are that the Lord has answered the prayers of mothers and fathers who are so anxious and concerned for their children, and He still hears those that call on Him.

#### UNION CITY

##### Gail Gasser

Our hearts were greatly saddened to hear of the tragic accident which took the lives of Bro. Lee and Sis. Eunice Shock of Morton. They were the parents of Steve and Sis. Kay Wiedman of our congregation.

#### LEO

##### Mrs. Elias Souder

Bro. John Bollier was telling us in the church service of an experience while visiting a man in the hospital. The man had been there before and apparently seemed cured from a malignancy . . . but it came back. He was back in the hospital, and his doctor could not cure him. He told this man the truth and the man's eyes filled with tears . . . but they were tears of joy, for this man was looking forward to meeting his Lord and Saviour. When we look at death in that respect indeed the sting has been taken away. Our sympathy goes out to our sister, Leah and Bro. Aaron Schwartz and the remaining family in the loss of their sister, Sis. Mary. She leaves to mourn in addition three other brothers, Samuel, Bro. Henry and Jacob. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Maurie Frank and David Bertsch.

A short time before this, Aaron had spent some time in the hospital, but is better and able to be around. We are all concerned over the illness of Sis. Dorthy (Mrs. Robert Norr). She is suffering from blood clots at the Park View Hospital, in Ft. Wayne.

Bro. Elmer Schrenk from Alto spent Sun. Nov. 5 with us. If I remember right, Bro. Schrenk at one time came to our Sunday School. It's nice to renew old acquaintances.

Our church service time on Sunday is 10 o'clock. Sunday School, same time; Song service, 12:00; Second service, 12:30; Wed. evening service, 7:30; Bible Study, after the service.

A Thanksgiving dinner is being planned for Sun. Nov. 12 and a Sunday School program in the evening at our Fellowship Center.

#### FT. WAYNE

##### Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Just as physical breathing is necessary for a healthy body, so is spiritual breathing necessary for a healthy spiritual life.

Our aged brother, Elmore Schlatter, spent many hours confined to his bed, being cared for by his helpmate, Goldie. We know her physical strength was also becoming weaker with advancing years, but still she desired to grant his wishes to remain at home while she cared for him! A brief visit in their home on

Sunday evening, just before Goldie was to go to the funeral home for visitation for her mother, Lulu Harshbarger, we could feel and see that Elmore's hours here on earth could surely **not be long!** He slipped to his eternal rest in the wee hours of the morning of Oct. 10; his suffering and cares had been forever erased. Can we fully realize what it would be to experience the loss of our mother and helpmate at the same time? Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon by our ministers, with burial in a Ft. Wayne Cemetery.

Sis. Amanda Mills was involved in a minor auto accident one foggy morning. She suffered several fractured ribs, and we are thankful her injuries were not more serious.

Michael and Mary Marx and children, Rusti and Chad, moved into a home on Henrietta St. Their new address is 2036 Henrietta St., 46804.

#### MAYWOOD

##### Christini Locher

Our visiting minister was Elder Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City. What a blessing it is when we can meet from a distance and experience the true love of God.

Our annual election was held Oct. 15. Our Sunday School teachers are Bro. Ernest Dapper, superintendent; Sis. Marcelle Dapper, Sis. Penny Julien . . . trustees, Bros. Ernest Dapper, Ben Amman, Leonard Locher.

Sis. Mary Schick fell and hurt her leg. We welcome Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney back into our midst, after having spent the summer months in the Burlington, Okla. area.

On Oct. 29. the engagement of Sis. Penny Julien, daughter of Dee and Helen Julien, to Bro. Ron Erisman, son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Della Erisman of Bay City was announced to our congregation.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

##### Mrs. George Butikofer

My mother is still confined in the Methodist Hospital at Rochester Minn., but we are happy to report that she is gaining strength, and we hope that before long she will be able to leave the hospital. She is grateful for all the mail that was sent her way.

Our minister mentioned in his sermon yesterday of how we need help from above every hour of our

lives in order to live pleasing to our God and Saviour . . . that it is wise for us to take time to think of how we are conducting ourselves . . . by doing this we may realize that it is time for us to turn to the Lord, ask Him to forgive us for past sins, and to do His will in every respect, thus preparing for a departure from this earth devoid of fear.

Since the leaves have nearly all fallen, leaving the trees bare and rather bleak, we are delighted to see our feathered friends returning, thus brightening the landscape. We have placed seeds and suet in various locations and have already spied the black-capped chickadees and tufted titmice partaking of these morsels. We are looking forward to the purple finches appearance, which will be somewhat later in the season.

We at the Elgin Apostolic church send our greetings to all of the readers of *Silver Lining*.

Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Morton visited and ably expounded the scripture.

#### GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

In this past week, four more souls in our congregation have sought the path that leads to eternal bliss. We look forward, with joy, to the day when they confess peace with God and man and can be baptized in His holy name. Our friend, Larry Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla has accomplished just this, and is now looking forward to baptism and the laying on of hands.

Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Jim Hoerr (Peoria), and Fritz Knapp (Congerville) have visited us and expounded the word.

Our dear friend, Ethel Finley (Mrs. Chester Finley), Goodfield, has returned to her home after a spell in the hospital. We miss her smiling face when we assemble, and hope she'll soon be back with us.

#### GRIDLEY, ILL.

Ruth Gramm

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found . . ."

How thankful we are to have more dear souls leaving the way of sin and seeking the Lord. They are Holly Gramm, daughter of (Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth) and Gary Ringger (son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat).

On Oct. 16, Bro. Jim and Mike Grimm (sons of Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane) left for service in the armed forces. The Lord willing, their wives and infants will join them.

Karen and Joe Stoller, who have just recently turned to the Lord, are the happy parents of Mark Edward, who arrived Oct. 8.

Sis. Emma Grusy, who fell on July 19, is still in the Mennonite Hospital and unable to walk.

We were inspired by the group of young members who visited us from the La Crosse and Morton congregations. How thankful we can be when young people from all walks of life see the need of a life in Christ Jesus.

#### MORRIS

Ann Meiss Esther Schaefer  
Praise the Lord, all ye nations,  
praise Him all ye people.

How blessed it is to remember to praise the Lord, not only as we approach Thanksgiving Day, but every day.

We are especially thankful at this time that God has safely brought home two of our young brothers. They are Bro. Beirne Messner and Bro. Dale Koehl, both of whom have just recently completed their duties in the service. What a blessing it will be when someday we can all go home, but only if we have been faithful in the service of our Lord!

A blessed week-end of fellowship and worship was enjoyed by our congregation on October 21-22, as the Morris young people were host to several other young groups. Bros. Joe Braker and Bob Grimm shared the precious word with us. Joe grew up in this community, and he expressed the thanks and gratitude he felt for having learned the way of truth in this congregation.

Hospital patients include: Elder Bro. Paul Fehr underwent surgery on his back at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis. Bro. Noah Nohl was a surgical patient at a St. Paul hospital. Mary Spohr suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in Fargo, North Dakota. Bro. Lyle Zeltwanger and Gerald Joos met with an accident while trucking cattle in Montana; both were in the hospital for one day. All seem to be improving.

A daughter, Annette Marie, was born to Bro. Arnold and Sis. Sharon Koehl on Oct. 31. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eph and Eunice, and Virgil and Mildred Sauder.

#### ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Let us not forget the true purpose for celebrating our Thanksgiving Day in America. In 1620, William Bradford sailed from England on the Mayflower with a small band of courageous Pilgrims. They came to this country seeking a place to have freedom to worship God. These Pilgrim fathers were blessed, even though the hardship they endured was most severe. God gave them a bountiful harvest of corn and food, which brought them great rejoicing. To show their gratitude to God for His blessings, the Governor set aside as a great day of prayer and thanksgiving Dec. 21, 1621. The Indians were invited to join in with them in three days of songs, sermons and prayers. This was the first Thanksgiving service in America.

George Washington issued a decree that Nov. 26, 1789, be set apart as a special day for thanksgiving. Seventy-six years later, when the Civil war ended, in 1865, President Lincoln issued a proclamation, calling the nation, which was then torn and divided, to humility and prayer and thanksgiving, for he said, "We have been the recipient of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have grown and prospered as no other nation . . . But we have forgotten God! We have become too proud to pray to God who made us."

Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Rose Marti, having ended their several weeks sojourn here in America, returned to Bern, Switzerland, their homeland. We spent several very pleasant hours together in fellowship and in singing many lovely, familiar old German hymns.

Having undergone surgery for hernia, Bro. Wilbur Kloter has been discharged and is very much on the mend. Bro. Alfred Reutter is hospitalized for a spinal mishap. Other patients in or soon to be discharged are Bro. Will Schneider, Russell Heintz and Sis. Eloise Webb.

#### BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel

We are readying ourselves for the winter months; let us prepare our souls so that we have plenty of spiritual fuel to last through any storms on our life's journey!

We enjoyed the many blessings brought in the teachings of Bro.

Joe Schrock of Congerville; he warned of the things to unfold in these latter days, and the hardships in store for those who haven't God on their side.

**When a Christian dies, precious is the prize . . .** our dear old Sis. Katherine Wieland has gone to be with her Lord at last, after a long illness. We'll miss her sweet face, but can rejoice that she is now at rest. She is survived by six sons: Bro. Henry, Bro. Laurence, Albert, Edwin, Wilford and Ernie; and two daughters, Sis. Elsie Pashak and Katherine Wackerle.

**BREMEN**

**Karen Feldman**

Two more dear souls were announced for baptism, Martha Kaehr, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Arlene Kaehr, and Cindy Suttor, daughter of Bro. Ed. and Sis. Carolyn Suttor.

We are thankful Sis. Lydia Heuberger is able to be home again.

Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember.

God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
Make me lovely too.  
With Thy Spirit recreate me;  
Make my heart anew.

Like Thy springs of running waters,  
Make me crystal pure;  
Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur,  
Make me strong and sure.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight,  
Make me glad and free;  
Like the straightness of the pine trees,  
Let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens,  
Lift my thoughts above;  
Turn my dreams to noble action,  
Ministries of love.

God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
Make me lovely, too.  
Keep me ever by Thy Spirit  
Pure and strong and true.

**BERN**

**Esther and Stella Moser**

Sisters Dena and Leah Fechter, Emporia, are now living in the first A. C. apartment that is finished. On a recent evening, Elder Bros. Lester Hartter and Gene Marti, the

board members, building committee and their wives held a quiet dedication and house-warming. Each apartment consists of a living room, bedroom with walk-in closet, kitchen, dining area and bath, plus ample storage. The other three apts. will shortly be ready for occupancy.

The engagement of Bro. Darrel Stoller to Sis. Gloria Grimm, Sabetha, was announced. Parents are Bro. Harlan—Sis. Pearl Stoller, Bro. Nathan—Sis. Lois Grimm.

After a lengthy hospital stay, Bro. Louis Baumgartner is now a resident at the A. C. Home. He joins Sis. Lena, who stayed at the home during his hospitalization. Louis is feeling much better, but is on the take-it-easy list for the winter.

Other hospital patients have been Sis. Leah Bauman (Medical); Sis. Amanda Meyer (surgical); also surgical was Albert Plattner. Sis. Arlene Esslinger (Martin) had the misfortune to have a bottle of ketchup burst in her hand as she was filling it. Several stitches had to be taken to close the cuts.

In Christ we have . . .  
A love that can never be fathomed  
A life that can never die  
A righteousness that can never be tarnished  
A peace that can never be understood  
A rest that can never be disturbed  
A joy that can never be diminished  
A hope that can never be disappointed  
A glory that can never be clouded  
A happiness that can never be interrupted  
Resources that can never be exhausted.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Mary Lynn Unsicker**

On Nov. 1, Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Morton met with us and ministered from I Corinthians 13. This chapter instructs us to let our love radiate that those around might see Christ living in us.

Love of all gifts is the greatest  
Which the spirit does bestow.

We miss Bro. Lee and Sis. Eunice Schock and Joe and Sis. Florence Jacob, who worshipped regularly with us. They were killed instantly Monday, Oct. 23 in a plane crash near Pekin. Their daughters, Donna Jacob and Gael Schock are

sophomores at Western. In times like these we need a Saviour!

If God wills, we'll meet again December 6 at 8:00 in the Springfield Room of the Union. Everyone is welcome to come and worship with us.

Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of Thine.  
The veil of sense hangs dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.

I know Thee; yet I've seen Thee not,  
For Thou art oft with me,  
And earth has ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I meet with Thee.

Like some bright dream that comes unsought  
When slumbers o'er me roll,  
Thy beauty ever fills my thought  
And charms my ravished soul.

Yet though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love Thee, dearest Lord, and will  
Unseen, yet not UNKNOWN.

**Bluffton**

**Autumn**

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

Before the winds of autumn  
Have blown the leaves to earth,  
We see their golden virtues,  
Their beauty and their worth.

May I, when life is ended,  
As a tree in autumn's glow,  
When back to earth I'm falling,  
Such golden virtues show.  
Henry Beer

**Lamar**

**Do Not Judge Too Hard**

Pray do not find fault with the man that limps—  
or stumbles along the road,  
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears—  
or struggled beneath his load.  
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,  
though hidden away from view,  
Or the burdens he bears placed on your back—  
might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who is down today—  
unless you have felt the blow

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That caused his fall or felt the pain  
that only the fallen know.  
You may be strong, but still the  
blows  
that were his, if dealt to you  
In the selfsame way at the self-  
same time—  
might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too hard on the man who  
sins,  
or pelt him with words or a stone,  
Unless you are sure, yea, doubly  
sure,

that you have not sins of your  
own.  
For you know perhaps if the  
tempter's voice—  
should whisper as soft to you  
As it did to him when he went  
astray,  
'twould cause you to falter too.

Indianapolis

Little Things

Did I forget to thank Thee, Lord,  
For things that may seem small:  
A flower by the wayside,

A wild bird's lonely call;  
For all the daily happenings  
That we call commonplace,  
For autumn and for sunsets,  
And a neighbor's smiling face?

For life is made of little things,  
So let me not forget  
To count my smallest blessing,  
And before the sun is set  
To thank Thee, Lord, for everyone  
That adds a note of cheer,  
And our blessings will be  
multiplied  
Before another year.

# WONDERS SO WONDERFUL

Henry Souder Jr.

When God speaks, things hap-  
pen.

A city lies in the distance, on a  
journey. It is marked, measured on  
the map. As one approaches, things  
show that the city is approaching.  
. . . things like the advertising, the  
glow in the sky, the look of the lo-  
cality. We get there and see it is  
actually as it is. So with the heav-  
enlies. Real things outlie the ap-  
proach. They are there, and how  
beautifully.

The presence of God our Father  
is pure sweetness, bright love, and  
wonderful wisdom. What if we had  
hate, darkness and depression? We  
have Jesus, whose name should  
kindle such thankfulness. In many  
ways, the outliers to their city  
show a true believer is approaching.  
Oh those blessings! We live in spir-  
it in that fair land now. "Blessed  
be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us  
with all spiritual blessings in  
heavenly places in Christ:"

Holiday happiness is at its best  
at all times in our Father's house.  
Once we were wretched and  
wrecked, as a bar of iron. Profit-  
less. This twisted, sick soul, with  
its sight for things spiritual gone  
wandered aimlessly. God, who has  
such supreme reaches of wisdom,  
regenerated us. We may have the  
beautiful, deep wonders of being  
holy, and having sweet love, "Ac-

ording as he hath chosen us in him  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and without  
blame before him in love:"

Think of having His lovely,  
penetrating look into our face  
some day. . . and He rejoicing in it!  
The family relationship is wonder-  
ful. Actually members of His im-  
mediate family. There's nothing  
like it. . The eternal God whose go-  
ing forth has been from everlasting  
is our Father.

A place, a home, a happiness and  
eternity glow now in hope, as we  
approach. We live its life now. It  
is such a state that only God could  
have designed and defined, "Having  
predestinated us unto the adoption  
of children by Jesus Christ to him-  
self, according to the good pleasure  
of his will, To the praise of the  
glory of his grace, wherein he hath  
made us accepted in the beloved."

God is rich in everything good.  
Every turn of the road, every bend  
of His trail opens a wonder. Re-  
member the rigid driving of slav-  
ery? Remember the abyss of dark-  
ness that faced our trembling soul?  
There on the cross, such a sweet  
face, so kind a touch, so precious a  
heart . . . nailed to wood. Taking  
it all, for us. It is bliss to know this  
radiant person. Eternal voices  
open, joy and life break in beauti-  
ful dawn. What a country to reach,  
what a State to be in! How won-

derful is He, "In whom we have re-  
demption through his blood, the  
forgiveness of sins, according to the  
riches of his grace;"

Things fall into place that would  
be hard to understand. Understand-  
ing comes when the national rea-  
soning is put aside for the under-  
stood of His map. His things are dif-  
ferent. God predicts of His children,  
there will be tribulation. Pressing,  
pressing, It is in the pattern of holy  
word. This is the way of success.  
Pain is a vehicle to the skies. There  
is such sweet comfort in His will.  
He is well pleased about things to  
come. . . "Wherein he hath abound-  
ed toward us in all wisdom and  
prudence; Having made known un-  
to us the mystery of his will, ac-  
cording to his good pleasure which  
he hath purposed in himself:"

So very richly satisfying to the  
sorrowing heart are His plans. See  
there. You can place in your heart  
those dear familiar faces . . . the  
little one, the other beautiful ones  
that travelled out of the seen with  
mental eye picture for a little. Ac-  
tually in faith, the verse comes  
alive in all its vivid beauty and rich  
happiness. Voices, touches, smiles,  
hand in hand! All summed up in  
the Wonderful Saviour: "That in  
the dispensation of the fulness of  
times he might gather together in  
one all things in Christ, both which  
are in heaven, and which are on  
earth; even in him:"