

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

But the wise answered, saying, **Not so**; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.



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

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ONE DAY NEARER HELL

"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

God's word is full of loving entreaty to the sinner. Over and over again he is assured of forgiveness and salvation through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ the Saviour, if he will repent and turn to God . . . But the bells of warning also ring . . . A young man with whom the Spirit of the Lord had been striving, when earnestly solicited by his mother to come to Christ turned with a look of fiendish hatred and defiance and said, "I would rather be damned than yield." In an instant he fell forward. He cried, ". . . I am damned! I am damned!" and his soul passed into eternity.

A Christian physician was on the way home from the bedside of a patient, through a sparsely settled country. He took refuge from a swiftly approaching storm in a grocery store which also contained a grog shop. Two wicked men were present, under the influence. The lightning flashed; and the thunders rolled. They poured forth such fearful oaths that finally the storekeeper said, "Gentlemen, I am no Christian, but I want to say to you that your awful cursing is too

much for me. God will strike you, and maybe all of us dead right here with a stroke of lightning if you do not hush your bitter oaths." The leader of the two rolled up his sleeves, went to the door, cursed God and defied Him. A blinding flash of lightning descended, with a lurid flame of fire. Quickly the blinding light was gone. Only a fog of sulphuric smoke remained. In a moment that too had disappeared, and there lay God's defier in a heap, having sunk down on his feet, just as an empty garment let loose would fall. The physician said he did not believe that there was a bone left unbroken in his body two inches long.

A group of men sat in a blacksmith shop during a violent thunderstorm. There came an awful crash of thunder. Some of the men trembled, but one of them said, "I do not see what you are afraid of. I am not afraid to go outside of the shop and defy the Almighty. I am not afraid of lightning." He laid down a wager, and went out and shook his fist at the heavens, saying, "Strike, if you dare!" Instantly he fell under a fiery bolt.

An ungodly young girl in Texas was getting up a dance at her father's house to counteract the influence of a meeting being held in the

community, and to keep the young people away from it. She rode from home to home, giving out the invitations. At the last place, on leaving she uttered in a gay, reckless way these fearful words: "I am one day nearer hell than I ever was before. Pray that I may hold out faithful." She galloped away. In a few moments her horse came back, dragging the dead body.

A young man was deeply convicted. He was not a scoffer or a blasphemer, but respected the Christian religion, acknowledged the necessity of it, and expressed his full intention of seeking the Lord at some future time. Taken violently ill, he grew worse rapidly. The physicians gave him up to die. He said: "Oh! if I had taken your advice a few days ago, I should now be ready to die. God's Spirit strove with me powerfully, but I was stubborn and resisted Him. If I had yielded then I believe God would have saved me from my sins, but now, racked with pain almost insupportable, and scorched with burning fevers, and on the very brink of an eternal world, I have no hope in the future; all is dark and gloomy. I have resisted God, His Spirit, and His ministers, and now I must make my bed in hell; lost! lost; forever lost!" He breathed his last.

FOREGLEAMS OF HEAVEN

The Psalmist David, by faith and under divine inspiration, said, ". . . in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore". Oh what a prospect! It is "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory". It is immeasurably beyond words to describe. The imagination in its highest flights cannot picture the scene.

The children of God at death often get glimpses into Heaven as it opens to receive them. Stephen told his persecutors, "I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." He recognized Jesus, and as the stones came thick and fast, pelting him to death, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

The first martyr had a royal welcome by the Lord of glory into the mansion prepared for him. What was true of Stephen and recorded in the Scripture for our comfort has been true of multitudes of God's dear children since then.

One when dying said, "Christ is holding forth His arms to embrace me."

The dying words of another are made familiar to many in the precious hymn, "I am sweeping through the gates, washed in the blood of the Lamb!" (Gospel Hymn 666.)

Another child of God when dying said: "If this is death there is no dying. This is glorious. This is bliss, it is like a trance. If this is

death it is beautiful. I have been within the gates and I saw the children. (His two grandchildren who had gone to be with the Lord.) Among his last words were these: "Earth is receding. Heaven is approaching. God is calling me."

A certain man in Iowa passed a home where a devoted young woman lay seriously ill. He was accustomed to call for a few minutes' conversation with her and to inquire about her physical condition. One morning as he called, he found the family at her bedside. She was bolstered up in nearly a sitting position. Taking no notice of anyone in the room, she was intently looking off into the distance. She seemed to see a glorious city. "Now just as soon as they open the gate

I will go in. They will be here very soon now." As she looked, her eyes just danced. She leaned her head forward with a happy, eager expression. "There! there! they are coming now and I shall go." Then suddenly she sank back upon her pillow with such a disappointed look. "There they have let little Mamie in ahead of me, but next they will let me in. Pretty soon they will open the gate again, and then I will go in." Still gazing eagerly and expectantly into space, she lay quietly for a few moments. Then starting up she exclaimed: "There! there! they are going to open the gate. Now I shall go in." With head leaning forward and eyes straining to see, she again sank back on the pillows in sore disappointment. "There, they let Grandpa in ahead of me, but next

time I will go in sure. They will be back pretty soon." She still kept looking far away and talking. She seemed to see nothing save the sights of the beautiful city.

The man could not remain from his duties longer and quietly left. Later in the day he learned that soon after he left she had died, just as he had seen her, full of eager expectancy, and waiting for the gate to open and give her entrance into the beautiful city.

The scenes of that morning made a profound impression upon him. A few days after the funeral he called at the house and inquired who it was that the dying girl had called Little Mamie. She was a little girl who had lived near them at one time, but later had moved to some place in New York. "Who

was Grandpa?" He was an old friend of the young lady who had just gone to be with the Lord, and that he had moved to some place in the Southwest, giving the name. He at once wrote to each of the postmasters in the places referred to, asking for information, in the one case of Little Mamie and in the other of Grandpa. Several days passed. One day in the mail he received letters from the two postmasters, replying to his questions and worded very much alike. The person referred to had lived there, but had died on the morning of September 16, naming the hour . . . the very time when he witnessed that affecting deathbed scene.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

IN CHRIST'S LOVE

A letter written for publication for our church paper in Japan
Judy Bauer (Cissna Park)

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

Before I left Japan, I wanted to thank you for all you did for me during those two years and four months. I couldn't find the right words then and am still having difficulty.

I know I'm not the same person I was when I went to Japan. I like to think the changes in me have been for good. I think my faith in God is stronger because of my fellowship with you. You might even be surprised to know all the times and ways you have helped me, for some were not intentional on your part.

There is a very special place in my heart and prayers for all of you. I pray that God will bless you richly here on earth but much more in heaven for all the love and kindness you showed me. I hope I can repay in part if you come to my country.

The Zion's Harp hymnals, \$2.50 gold edge, \$2.25 white edge, postpaid. Contact Ray Gerber, R. R. 4, Bluffton, In. 46714, or Sam Aeschliman, R. R. 3, Bluffton, In. 46714.

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CONGERVILLE

Linda Knapp — Arlene Banwart

"Gather now in our lifetime the things that will carry us through unto His arms of compassion to life's end." Bro. Josh Broquard.

We had many happy hours and were truly blessed with the visits of ministering brothers, Josh Broquard (Fairbury), Eli Somerhalder (Burlington), Lloyd Kraft (Gridley), Noah Gerber (West Bend), Dale Moore (Elgin), Richard Schupbach (Phoenix), Robert Grimm and Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), and Akito Inoue (Tama-hata).

Bro. Akito thanked us for our prayers and support; we wish to thank him for his preaching. Luke 18 was read and meditated on. When he was in the third grade in school, he kept looking out the window toward his home, because he was concerned for his mother as they had very mean neighbors in front and behind them. When his father was sick, his father's brothers and sisters didn't come to see him very often. His father said, "In this life I didn't possess much; now I have a weak body, but I'm thankful and happy God gave me peace and forgiveness and my children are walking with the Lord . . ." And that evening he passed away. They buried him on the corner of the church lot.

After Akito's father passed away, the conscience of the father's only brother troubled him that he

did not treat him better. The brother then came to Akito's home and requested that they share the bones of his father. The brother continued to ask five to six years after Akito's father's death; his mother of course refused. They asked why the brother wanted the bones. He wanted the bones to put them in a special place, to worship them every morning and evening . . . that the portion he didn't do for his brother in his life, he could "compensate" for now.

It's a custom in Japan to have the names of one's ancestors on a small piece of wood. The family puts the best portion of food by it and claps their hands three times to call attention of the spirits and bows. This way they feel they are serving and showing respect. The brother couldn't bear that Akito's family doesn't do this. Do good toward others while they're yet living on this earth. Pray hard for our friends and relatives, that they might understand that their soul may be saved.

It was a blessing having the Conference in this area, as it brought many visitors to our congregation. The elders are watchmen, and are given grace to see the dangers that would tear down our faith. It behooves us to walk all the more faithfully and obediently.

Sometimes it seems we're walking on the outer edges of the straight and narrow way. A down-

fall never happens immediately. Little things begin to slip. If we forget to read the word a time or two, it matters. When the devil gets a little grip, he'll continue to work. There's full joy in walking with the Lord; the more faithful we are, the more joy.

Welcome to Daniel Glen, who was born to Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Gudeman on Aug. 19. He has two sisters, Debbie and Janet. Bro. & Sis. George Gudeman (Cissna Park) and Bro. and Sis. Levi Pfister (Fort Wayne) are grandparents. Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy Knapp were blessed with a little girl, Sara Kathleen, born Aug. 30. She has a brother, Darrick, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro and Sis. Bill Kempf (Eureka) and Bro. and Sis. Fredrick Knapp.

DETROIT Bonnie Popp

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit . . . Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." These words from Philipians were read at two services prior to the uncoming Conference of the elder brethren. God must truly have been speaking to His people. These words are direct and they are true; they should leave no question as to the purpose of the brethren coming together. What a blessing when we can come together in peace and love.

So delightful it is here
When in Christ's way we appear
And in unity do stand,
All to Him look hand in hand.

August 12 . . . A week-end of blessings twofold. We welcomed Dale Belsley and Jackie Barton as brother and sister in faith . . . A welcome to Bro. Akito, Sis. Marie and Bro. Toru, who were able to share the blessings of the day with us. Bro. Akito's words touched many a heart, and his counsel to the young converts was a reminder of the blessings of complete trust, humility and obedience.

Praised be the Lord who gives us strength, who leads and gives direction.

My brethren, when we kneel in prayer,

For each other make intercession.
T'will not be vain; Prayer as a
chain
Binds us in God together,
And when a part
Unites each heart.
In Jesus' name forever.

In Sunday School we sing: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine till Jesus comes . . . As this glorious light shone ever so brightly on Bro. Dale and Sis. Jackie on that wonderful day they arose new in Christ, may that same light never dim. They may have many years with which to serve their Lord and their Master. Let that light shine ever bright and lead some soul out of darkness and into the light.

Just a song of sunshine!
Let it flood the heart,
And of life's completeness
Let it form a part.

FORT WAYNE

Pam Steffen Eleanor Stieglitz

Halleluiah! Jesus is coming again! What a precious promise the Bible gives us. The second coming of Christ runs through the Bible like a river runs through a valley. When Christ returns, will you be ready to go into the air to reign with Him forever?

We have several students continuing their education at Indiana University this fall. They are Sis. Jane Stoller, Karen Bunch, Bro. E. Jay Winzeler, Stan Stoller, and Mike Schlatter.

There is beauty in the sunlight,
And the soft blue heaven above;
Oh, the world is full of beauty,
When the heart is full of love.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. Lenore Stoller and Bro. Melvin Sorg of Bloomington was announced.

The Lord has been watching over our loved ones during their illness. Ralph Swihart was medical patient at a local hospital. Sis Ruth Dotterer was a surgical patient. Phil Martin is convalescing nicely at home, following an accident.

A little girl, Laura Marie, was born to Al and Becky (Gerber) Pfister. May God's blessings rest on their family of four.

Wade Stoller's new address is
P F C Wade Stoller 316603278,

MATSG-MATCU, N.A.S. Glynco, Glynco, Georgia 31523. Wade would enjoy hearing from his friends during his time away from home.

LAMAR

Mrs. Raymond Braker
Mrs. Art Banwart

We are happy to welcome Sis. Edith and Bro. Martin Hohulin, their son Martin Jr., and daughter, Sis. Becky to our congregation. They have moved from Tremont.

Todd Robertson, grandson of Bro. Noah Schlupp, now has the cast removed from his leg. He broke the small bone in a farm accident.

Many of our young friends, converts and young members are returning to a new school term. Some to high school, some to technical schools, and some to colleges. As they meet the trials and temptations of the world in their youthful years, we pray they may walk close to the Lord and remember that our Father above gives the right to choose: a life of faith and of love, or abuse . . . But makes it quite clear that we must pay for the pattern we live by every day.

ROANOKE

Doris Mangold Erma Moser

Help us, O God, to treat every human heart as if it were breaking, and to consider the feelings of others as we do our own. Help us to be gentle, that we may learn to love one another.

We thank God we were blessed with the visits of the following ministers: Al Scheitlin, Elgin; Robert Beyer, Naumberg; Ed Aeschleman, Union City; Ben Mai-

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bach, Detroit; and Robert Miller, Portland.

Celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary were William and Anna (Beer) Hangartner, at their home in Roanoke. They are the parents of two children, Doris and Marvin.

One of the older brothers, Bro. Pete Pfister, observed his 98th birthday. He lives with his daughter, Sis. Lena, who cares for him. He also has one son, Peter Jr., one grandson and 5 great-grandchildren. Two other brothers of our congregation who also celebrated birthdays were Bro. John Mangold, who was 84, and Bro. Jim Weyeneth, who said he is 81 going on 82.

Those sick in hospitals and convalescing at home are: Sis. Mary Ann Fischer, Bro. Morris Knapp, and Joe Barth, son of Bro. and Sis. Morris Barth.

The engagements of two young girls from here have been announced. May the Lord bless Ellen Hodel, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene, and Michael Hinrichsen, son of Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene of Goodfield . . . Also, Jan Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Rich and Sis. Helen, and Joe Tanner, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Leona of Goodfield.

TAYLOR

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

Summer is passing swiftly by, and school days are here again. Bro. Kent Heimer goes back to NEMSU at Kirksville; Becky Hodel (Sis. Loida and Henry) has been working on her master's degree this summer and will continue during the school year. Sis. Marcia Sutter is beginning her last year of RN training. Steve Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) will start his first year at NEMSU in Kirksville. Sis. Ruthie Hoerr began her second year at Blessing Hospital School of Nursing. Sis. Lois Sutter and Sis. Ruth Cottrell finished their LPN training.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Dick and Sis. Charlene Sutter in the death of her father, Charles Winfield, who passed away after a short illness.

Sis. Elizabeth Sutter (our reporter for many years) returned from a trip to Europe, where she traveled with her foster son and his family to many different countries. Especially interesting was her visit

in Switzerland to the home where our grandfather was born (the Baregg); the home has been in the family since 1858. There are still nieces and nephews living there.

We feel so fortunate when God's word is proclaimed to us from Sunday to Sunday by our ministers, and rejoice when His servants come from a distance. Our visiting ministers were Jim Ramsier (Bay City), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Clarence Yackley (Phoenix), Eli Somerhalder (Burlington), and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott). Bro. Ramsier sounded the warning to those who are still delaying their coming to Christ, of the fast fulfillment of the Scriptures, and to us His children to ever watch and pray that none may be overtaken. Bro. Rinkenberger and Bro. Yackley gave us many good teachings, that none of us could say that we did not understand. We are always glad to have Bro. Clarence spend some time at Taylor, where his parents lived and where he was baptized. His Bro. Perry (and family) are the only ones still living at Taylor, out of a family of eight boys. The visit of Bro. Somerhalder and Bro. Schwab was an unexpected blessing from God!

When Shadows Deepen

When dark the shadows deepen
And, lo, the stormy skies
Give threatening flash and rumble
Before our fearful eyes,
The Child of God may tremble,
But sweet assurance finds
In knowing, sure and constant,
The Guiding Star still shines!

Most of the homes which were flooded in the West Quincy and Taylor area have been cleaned up and are ready for carpenters. Thanks to many helping hands, remodeling has already begun in some homes. A group of young sisters came one week-end to help with cleaning. It was certainly an act of love.

Steady hands, they pick up tasks,
Hold them firmly till they're
through;

What the day's Commander asks
Steady hands will try to do.

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

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

The young people gathered at the home of our new converts, Ford and Grace Haller, to sing. Grace is again in the hospital, after falling in her home. The Lord has been with her, and she has received peace in her heart and expresses a desire to be baptized. It humbles us when we see what miracles He performs daily.

Some were absent from the congregation as they journeyed to the annual Brotherhood meeting in Morton.

The engagement of Bro. Glen Funk and Sis. Sally Wullschlegler was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Augusta Wullschlegler of Wichita and Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violet Funk of Morton. An October wedding is being planned.

A fellowship supper was held in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman and for Bro. Glen Funk, who had recently moved here.

Our visiting minister was Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix.

WOLCOTT

Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." It is a joy to make known that our dear Friend Roy Keller has found grace unto repentance and now confesses peace with God. Roy attended our church years ago when a young boy, but during the intervening years did not attend. He states now that he never forgot what he was taught as a child. This indeed gives us courage, as the seed is being planted yet today into the tender hearts of our Sunday School children, trusting someday it too will come forth into full bloom.

God was indeed merciful in taking Sis. Emma Pelsy out of her suffering and to that Better Home which was prepared for her. Although Emma attended the Francesville church, the last while when she was yet able, we at Wolcott have many precious memories of her, as she and her husband, Paul, assembled with us often for many years. Her quiet, humble walk was an example to us.

We welcome Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer and their children, Do-

nita, Troy and Sharon back to our congregation. The past few years they have lived in the La Crosse area.

Our young people attending colleges are Sis. Connie Schieler, returning to Purdue for her second year; Laurel Widmer, a freshman at St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing at Lafayette; and Michael Radcliffe, a freshman at I.U. Extension at Gary.

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and our Friends
Who "on campus" now do dwell,
May you know our prayers are with you
And we daily wish you well.

Keep those lamps all trimmed and burning
As to your classes you do go;
May your lives shine forth with brightness
And a Christian witness ever show.

Shun the evils that surround you;
Master only what is good.
Keep your eyes on Heaven's glory
As a Christian soldier should.

Never yield unto temptation,
Then your learning will be blest.
Forward go, beneath Christ's banner;
Then you'll be ready for any test.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, and gifts, for the many prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. Bro. Larry Blume.

Service address change: PFC Jeff A. Blume 307624246, Echo Co 2nd Bn 2nd Marine, Camp Lejeune N C 28542.

AKRON Katherine Ries

Our heartfelt thanks to Thee, Dear Lord, for our visiting ministers: Harold Emch, Girard; Joe Ramsier, Ben Hartzler, Gary Maibach, Rittman; Ed Aeschleman, Union City . . . And the wonderful words of truth:

"When you hear the truth it is time to obey. When He knocks at your heart's door, open your heart. The latch is on the inside; only you can open it. Talk with someone who has had the experience. . . . The Old Testament account of the Lord's vineyard wherein wild grapes were after the most accurate plant-

ing and care. 'I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; . . . there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it' . . . no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation; for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. When you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Our dear friend, Glenn Greenbank, has opened his heart. We are thankful he has answered the call and was baptized Aug. 5 by our elder Bro. Rudy Graf. We welcome him as a brother.

Aug. 18, the annual Sunday School picnic was held at Mingo Camp, with a number of young people of Toledo attending.

Bro. Noah (Ned) Baumgartner was hospitalized for major surgery and is now at home, recuperating satisfactorily. Welcome to sisters Barbara (David) Graf and Carolyn (Randy) Miller to our assembly again, after hospitalization.

Bro. Dan (Demetrius) Emery, husband of Sis. Eva, passed away Aug. 6. Services were by elder Bro. Rudy Graf, assisted by Bro. Joe Ramsier. His wife, four sons, eight daughters survive, among them Sis. Esther (Els) Graf; Sis. Martha (Merrill) Laukhuf, Latty; Sis. Ruth (Dan) Knochel Detroit.

The husband, Friend Kenneth, of Sis. Olga Trostle, suddenly passed away Aug. 26. Besides Olga he is survived by his mother, three brothers and four sisters. Elder Bro. Rudy Graf conducted services. We extend our deepest sympathy to these dear sisters in faith.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Myrna Weertz and family have moved to the Cissna Park area. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home, and will miss them assembling with us.

Aug. 28, little Jill Schamback was born to Sis. Joyce and Bro. John. Dear Jennifer welcomes her sister.

BERN Esther & Stella Moser

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. Bro. Morris Rokey was elected to teach, along with Bros. John Lehman (superintendent), Wayne Strahm and Terry Farney. Sis. Janice Leh-

man is a new teacher for little folks, along with Sisters Mavis Meyer and Waneta Plattner. May God grant grace and patience, that the good seed may be sown in young minds.

At the same time, Bro. Roy Rokey was elected as trustee of the A.C. Home. Bro. Roy serves with Bro. Alvin Strahm.

The past month was vacation time for many folks, and we had quite a number of visitors, among them Ministering Bros. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park; Norbert Steiner, Croghan.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey have a new granddaughter, Tresha Lynn, born to Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger. Tresha has a little sister, Tamra. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Marion Kellenberger, Sabetha.

Jay Baumgartner (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy) was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. Hospital patients are Bro. Jake Wenger for tests and care; Bro. Louis Meyer Jr., with a broken and badly cut forearm, due to a mishap with a milo header he had made.

Now, a brief report on some of our past hospital patients: Sis. Lydia Hanhart is back at the A.C. Home, getting around with a walker. Sis. Lucy Harter was able to return to her home. Elwin Strahm is getting around with a cast on his injured knee. Improvement is slow for each.

Something to think over: When you can't sleep at night, don't count sheep . . . rather talk to the Shepherd.

EUREKA Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

August the 5, Sis. Janet Fisher and Bro. Floyd Frieden were united in holy matrimony, the ceremony performed by Bro. Leroy Huber. She is the daughter of Bro. Eli and Helen Fisher. His parents live at Elgin, Iowa. The new couple will also live in Elgin.

Visitors were many; we always appreciate. Bros. Earl Gerber, Forrest; Earl Kilgus, Remington; Irvin Stoller, Latty; Uriel Gehring, Bur-

lington; Dale Moore, Elgin; Gene Lehman, Wolcott; Frederick Knapp, Congerville.

We had church services on Friday evening, Aug. 24. On the pulpit were Harold Messner, Winthrop; Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott; Andrew Virkler, Bay City; Dale Moore, Elgin. Also this evening were a number of ministers in our audience. It was surely a blessed evening. Quite a number of our Eureka members had attended the Brotherhood Conference in Morton this day.

A son, Chad Andrew, was born Aug. 7 to Bro. and Sis. Harvey and Sharon Martin. A brother and two sisters "welcome".

Sis. Katherine Schumacher was a patient with a broken arm, but has returned home. Bro. Joe Klaus is showing improvement, but is still in St. Francis Hospital. Bro. Roy Blunier is a patient at the Mayo Clinic, where he underwent surgery. Bro. Vernon had minor surgery, but is home. Sis. Martha Grusy is still a medical patient in Methodist Hospital.

Why should I worry; God knows the way.

He knows each tomorrow; why trouble today.

To each day is sufficient the evil there of;

Each day has its sorrow, its smoothness and rough.

The grief of tomorrow today we can't bear;

Christ the same yesterday, today and fore'er.

Walking by faith till we overcome,
Only by grace we shall reach our Home.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder

Wilma Young

Fall is just around the corner. Due to hot dry weather, many trees are shedding their leaves early.

Bro. Matthias (Bud) and Dorothy Strahm and family from Chicago visited his mother, Sis. Lena, on their way to Colorado.

College students: Sis. Paula Bahr, daughter of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen, is attending Junior College at Iola. Richard Beyer, son of Vernon and Rosemarie, grandson of Bro. Frank and Sis. Elizabeth, is attending Vo-Tech in Emporia.

Bro. Andy Sr. (Lydia) Young remains in the hospital. He has shown little if any improvement. His address: Andy Young Sr., Newman Hospital, Rm 28, Emporia Ks 66801.

Lanette Young, daughter of Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy, has returned to school, after spending five days in the hospital with a severe case of poison ivy.

Bro. Joseph Somerhalder has been in the Topeka Hospital this past week. His body cast has been removed; he is being fitted with a leg brace.

Who is He that cares and watches
O'er our life and soul's estate?

Who is He that thus has drawn us?
Christ alone; His love is great.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

**The Dearest Path That Can Be
Trodden To The Church To Worship
God. . . .** Reading this sign in a flower garden . . . is the words we wish to say to the many beloved elders and ministers who worshiped with us in our church in August, coming from far and near.

We had two couples that began their new life together in marriage—"To Love and To Cherish". One was Bro. Daniel Gudeman (Wendell) and Sis. Rebecca Wuethrich (Robert) . . . The other, Allen Berger and Rebecca Howat. We know there is rejoicing in Heaven, when there is Christian rejoicing on earth. Everyone wishes these two dear couples **Happy Hearts to serve God until death.**

Our dear Sis. Emma Hageman Pelsy could go to her sweet rest. She was faithful unto her husband, Paul, who has to be in the Care Nursing Center. For anyone to know her made your life a little richer, as she was loved by everyone. A remark from a neighbor: "My little daughter prayed for her each morning she was in the hospital." The doctor and nurses said, "She suffered to teach us patience and a little more salvation." Now we want to continue to pray for dear uncle Paul.

Hospital patients are never alone, as there is always One who cares, so may there be a bright tomorrow for Sisters Carol Bucher, Evelyn Pelsy, Zura Streitmatter,

Bro. Ludwig Welker, and Emmett Ward.

We thank Thee, dear Heavenly Father, that Thou hast given us another dear brother and sister in faith, Earl and Elizabeth Anliker. May You always be with them in their home.

We welcome a cheerful bundle, containing the baby son of Eric and Sis. Donna Gutwein.

Farewell dear Brothers Toru, Akito and Sis. Marie, who left for their home in Japan. In his last prayer, Bro. Toru said, "This is my second church." Some of the farewell words of Bro. Akito were, "Children, as you now go away to college and to work, come here to the house of worship and to your parents as often as you can." Now our farewell to you three is, "To know you is to love you." May God be with you till we meet again.

LATTY

Connie Stoller LeAnn Laukhuf

Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann are the happy parents of a new baby girl, Karen Rose. Karen has seven brothers and sisters to welcome her home.

We were happy to have many visitors, including Ministering Bros. Homer Reineck (Toledo), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Edwin Bahler and Kenny Schneider (Remington). Thanks to them for their efforts of love.

Congratulations to Jeanette Stoller (Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen), who graduated from Parkview Memorial School of Radiology.

Hospitalized was Sis. Maria Heffner.

ALTO

Joyleen Blough

"Take hold of the stick little brother," she cried! "Hang on tight." Her dear brother was sinking helplessly into the treacherous quicksand. Slowly she pulled him until a strong rock was beneath his feet. He was safe at last.

How this reminds us of Psalm 40. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." All men in sin are in quicksand, which is drawing them down. Our loving Savior sees us in our helplessness. Jesus will reach down and take us out of our sins. Just like the little boy, who sunk into the quicksand,

sin does draw us down . . . and Christ will lift us . . .

Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman was with us Aug. 19. We thank him for his efforts in bringing the word.

ALTADENA Judy Cremer

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Clarence Graf suffered rib injuries, due to a fall. He is convalescing well, and all are thankful for this.

We rejoice and thank the Lord that the door of grace is still open for sinners to find salvation. Bill Cooper (Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia) and now Joyce Hackenjoes (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) have turned in repentance to the Lord and are finding the joy of true forgiveness.

I found this poem in a drawer at home and felt it held a beautiful comparison to our relationship with God.

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colors;
He worketh steadily.

Oftimes He weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

BREMEN Pauline Laidig

This summer we had a difficult time getting the grass to grow well on our lawn; consequently weeds would spring up in the vacant spots. As I pulled the weeds, the thought came to me how much this compared to our spiritual lives. If our minds and hearts are not well filled with the word and things pertaining thereto, weeds of discontent spring up and fill the vacancies. Each day we must strive anew to walk closer to the Lord, so our lives will be spiritually productive.

We welcome two new brothers

into God's family. Tom Conrad, Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary's son, and Steve Carothers, son of the Gerald Carothers, gave their testimonies and made their covenants with God, as their old lives were buried in the baptismal waters. Bro. Theo. Beer came to help with this service, and also blest us with his ministry. A church dinner was served and a time of good fellowship was enjoyed.

School days are here, and a number of our young folks are attending various institutions of higher learning. Gayle Zeltwanger has enrolled at I.U., Marian Germann and Bro. Tom Conrad have gone to Purdue, Bros. Terry Zimmer and Steve Suttor are attending I.U.S.B., Bro. Louis Gerber entered Bob Jones University, and Bro. Randy Suttor has chosen Taylor University at which to further his education. May their education fit them for beneficial service to mankind and honor to God.

We are happy that Sis. Anne Leman is able to assemble with us again. Sis. Helen Martin attends services when she can, and is always cheerful in spite of handicaps. Bro. Dan Germann enjoys visitors, as he is not able to go away from home much . . . And our dear Sis. Pauline Clauss must still endure the discomforts of the aged.

CISSNA PARK Margaret Rudin Grace Bauer

"Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end;
Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law;
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart."

The 27th annual reunion of the "Londoners" (a group of servicemen stationed in England during World War II) was held here the week-end of Aug 18. There are 49 men in the group. We enjoyed having guests from various states.

We were also blessed with a visit from Dr. Shantwan from India. He had many interesting things to tell us.

By faith Bro. Wayne Laubscher and Sis. Gloria Stock were united in Holy Matrimony . . . Thus united and in concord, Let us walk the path of life; Hand in hand Oh may love bind us; For each other's wel-

fare strive . . . We wish them God's blessings.

The engagement of Sis. Lillian Kaufman to Bro. Wm. Feller was announced. Our best wishes are extended to them. A Sept. 16 wedding is planned.

Connie Hari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hari, became the bride of Charles Gonez. They are at home at 4505 Bryan Pl., Downers Grove, Ill.

Our friends, Dennis and Sharon Walder found the need of repentance. They confess peace with God and man, and hope to bring their testimony before the congregation soon.

We welcome Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Myrna Weerts and their three children into our midst.

Our guest ministers were Edmund Kloter, Harold Schmidgall, Everett Hari, and Rudolph Graf.

Sis. Minnie Farney is a hospital medical patient.

Sis. Anne Walder, daughter of Sis. Lucille, has returned home after spending eight weeks in Berlin, Germany. Sponsored by her school of nursing, she worked in a small hospital in West Berlin. In this particular institution, a nurse's responsibilities included not only what we would consider nursing duties, but also cleaning, preparation of some of the meals, and other various functions. One of the nurses and one other worker could speak English, but of course, they weren't always working. Many days there were no English-speaking persons working, and almost all of her patients could not speak any English. Sometimes though, we find that it's not important to say a word; a smile or holding a hand are things that can be understood in any language!

Looking back on her experience, Sis. Anne states, "The experience was indeed worthwhile. I feel like I not only added to my nursing knowledge, but also have gained more appreciation for the little things we so often take for granted in our affluent society, and most of all, a spiritual gain. It seems back here in America, I too often take for granted the church and our great opportunity to fellowship. I think sometimes I depend too much on people, and not enough on God, for my help. In Germany, I had no one to turn to, so I had to take all to the Lord. The gains were tre-

mendous; I felt a closeness that I hadn't felt for a long time. The Lord does provide for His children, wherever they are! Just as it was great to go, it's great to be back home again, too!"

Thank-You Note: My very grateful thanks to all of my friends, neighbors, and relatives for the many cards, gifts, flowers, food, and your prayers, also the many visitors at the hospital and since I'm home. Your kindness shall never be forgotten. Willard Rudin.

FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Vicki Steffen and Joan Huette gave such wonderful testimonies of being born again and receiving peace in their hearts, and they were baptized. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Dave Steffen and Bro. and Sis. Lyle Huette.

We enjoyed having visiting ministers: Eli Somerholder, Sam Anliker, Leroy Huber, Willis Wiegand, Raymond Roth, Bro. Indermule.

To acquaint us with the work being done in another country, Dr. Shantwan gave explanations and made a slide presentation on things in India.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fehr were blessed with a new baby girl, Kimberly Renee. She has a sister and brother, Angela and Darren. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Clarence Koehl and the Reuben Fehrs. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Ida Rocke and Sis. Martha Koehl.

Bro. George Broquard and Sis. Marie Huber both were hospitalized for surgery and are home again.

Congratulations go to Sam and Sis. Ruth Walter in having a Golden Wedding Anniversary Sept. 12. A Silver Anniversary was had by Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber last month.

Note: We, the Merle W. Kaisner and William Kupferschmid families, wish to thank everyone for the many deeds of love and kindness, prayers, and expressions of sympathy during the tragedy and sorrow of our loved ones.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

The climax to our summer vacation visitors was reached on Labor Day week-end when we heard 'greetings' from many sections of the country, including Silvertown

and Rockville. The young members hosted a large group of brothers and sisters from Eureka, Junction and Latty, and the young couples hosted a group of couples from various churches. We are happy for visitors and find it a blessing to talk to many whom we have never met before. Dr. Shantwan from India was a visitor earlier in the month. He gave an interesting and informative presentation of slides from his country . . . We are always grateful for visiting ministers. Recent ministers were Noah Schrock, Paul Fehr and Nathan Stoller.

As God's children everywhere, we experienced joys and sorrows. It is with joy we report five new converts. They are Jenell and Clara Wulf, daughters of Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice; Judy and Debbie Metzger, daughters of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn; and Pam Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Lucy. The week after Pam started repenting, she became very ill. The doctors sent her immediately to a Houston, Texas hospital for daily special treatments. Her mother is with her for a ten-week stay. The report is that she is feeling better. Other hospital patients have been Bro. John Moser, Bro. Ade Moser, and Sis. Elizabeth Nester. June Mogler was hospitalized, following a car accident.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Eleanor Knobloch became the parents of a new baby girl, Susan Ellen, on Aug. 7. Grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Frieda Knobloch and Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock of Oakville. Bro. Ade and Lydia Moser became grandparents for the first time, when Julie Rae was born to Sam and Sharon Moser on Aug. 8.

Sis. Colleen Wulf and Bro. Tom Dogotch of Morris were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Leo Moser on Aug. 19. We regret to see her leave our community, but believe that God has directed her life and she will feel welcome in the Morris church. On Aug 10, Pam Leuthold and Tony Bosch were married in the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Alvin and Estelle Leuthold. This was performed by her uncle, Bro. Leo Moser.

Paul Metzger and Daniel Knobloch recently graduated from Northwest Iowa Vocational School at Sheldon, Paul as a carpenter and Dan as an electrician.

We are happy to have Ellsworth and Lois (Doorneweerd) Niemeyer and their little girl move to a farm home in our community. They formerly lived at Omaha, Nebraska, and more recently at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

MILFORD

Sandee Price — Sue Schieler

Two very special events have taken place in the lives of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate Price. Their daughter, Kathy has just recently turned to the Lord in repentance, and their son, Bro. Phil was united in marriage on Sept. 2 to Sis. Janie Knapp of Morton.

We've had the privilege of hearing the word brought to us by the following visiting brothers: Dave Kieser—Princeville, Chuck Hemmer—Peoria, Harry Sutter—Ft. Lauderdale, Robert Beyer—Naumburg, and Akito from Japan.

Sis. Deb Beer and Brent Kaiser were both involved in separate mishaps which hospitalized both loved ones, Deb with a broken arm and Brent with a broken ankle. We look forward to the day they can assemble again with us.

Bro. Rick and Sis. Andrea Stoller have been blessed with the arrival of Britani Layn, born Aug. 13.

Youth Fellowship Day was well attended the last Sunday of August, and we pray that the seed that was sown will bring forth one hundredfold.

PULASKI

Nancy Musselman
Ernestine Wuthrich

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Willa Funk (Bro. William and Sis. Verle) to Bro. Don Clark of Garden Grove.

We were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of Jane and Janet Schaer (Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah). Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger assisted Elder Bro. Noah Schrock in this blessed event. Bro. Carl Hartman was also with us that same week-end.

Bro. Roy Ehnle spent a Sunday with us and brought us the inspired word of God.

Our Sunday School has started again, after a summer recess. Bro. Russell Wuthrich was elected as a teacher.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich spent

several days in the hospital for tests.

Bro. Richard Teubel also spent over a week in the hospital, due to a blood clot in his leg. He will have to have an operation on it in the near future. They are both feeling much better.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

Visiting minister was Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo . . . sorry to have missed hearing him, as I always remember him as a young man when he came to his aunt in Ft. Wayne, while I was there to bid her good-bye right before he was called to the army in 1941 . . . made such an impression on me then, as we here had not experienced much of that yet at that time . . . always thankful when the boys don't have to go or are back safe and sound. Bro. Elmer Schmidt from Minnesota was here the same Sunday.

A number from here attended Camp Mack.

Shantwan Meshram, M.D. from India, showed his slides of his country at the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening Sept. 2 . . . always interesting to see how other people live and how thankful we should be for all we have and can do. We just take it for granted and don't realize how we actually live in luxury.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Where two or three, with sweet accord,

Unite to seek and praise the Lord,
**There, says the Saviour, will I be
Amid this little company.**

We enjoyed having Bro. Norbert Steiner of Croghan and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger of Cissna Park with us a recent Sunday.

Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger are the parents of a new daughter. She was born Aug. 8, and has been named Trisha Lynn. She has a sister, Tamra, to welcome her home.

Sunday School classes will resume on Sept. 9. New teachers selected were Sis. Libby Meyer, Bro. Ben Wysong and Bro. Roger Aberle. They will serve along with Sisters Shelby Meyer, Ruby Grimm, Bros. Harlan Meyer, Elmer Strahm, Gerald Grimm and Daryl

Meyer. Substitute teachers are Sisters Loree Plattner, LaVonne Aberle, Bros. Willard Bahr and John Aberle.

Bro. Harlan Meyer was re-elected to the board for the Apostolic Christian Home.

SHIODA

Willis R. Ehnle

My family and I climbed the second highest mountain in Japan, Mt. Kitatake. It is a mountain in the South Alps, less than a two-hour drive from our home. A friend of ours, Saito San, who sometimes attends church, was our guide. He is an avid Bible reader, but hasn't surrendered to the Lord as yet. Lois and our youngest daughter, Jewel, climbed part way with us, as far as the mountain hut where we all stayed the first night. The rest of us climbed to the top the following day, and then came down with the satisfaction of having had a mountain-top experience.

Coming down the mountain after Lois and Jewel joined us at the hut, we were absolutely amazed as we looked back up the mountain and saw where we had climbed the previous day: a very steep and strenuous way, over which you must pick your way up hill by grabbing the roots of the splendid trees whose roots protrude out of the ground in great abundance. I told Lois it is like the spiritual life. Often we must put forth much effort, and fight a courageous battle in order to gain the victory by the grace of God. Later, as we look back, we think, "I would not possibly have the grace or courage to walk that way again." Yet, by the grace of God, we persevere. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In a restaurant in Tokyo called World Snack Bar, I met two engineers from Iraq. The one gentleman was friendly and could visit some in English. We ate at the Indian food counter, food that was prepared in front of us by a cook from India. Certainly there are many interesting peoples on earth, and it is not God's will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Our loved ones from Japan who have been visiting in the States have all returned safely, and we sincerely thank all of you who

have shown them so much love and kindness in the Lord.

Sisters Linda Morrison and Betsy Erickson are participating in our Sunday School. One of them teaches our older children in the English language, and the other one assists in a class taught by one of the Japanese sisters, either Sis. Hiroko Natori or Sis. Eiko Nozawa.

The folks from our Tamahata Church have been coming to Shioda for church services during the summer, and have decided to continue the practice. The two churches are so small that more fellowship can be enjoyed by combining. They have automobiles to travel in now, and it is only about a 30-minute drive between the two churches. We certainly welcome and appreciate them at Shioda.

WICHITA

Glennis Allenbach

We of the Wichita congregation thank the Lord for another summer of watchful care over us. Although it is still hot weather, there is already a feeling of fall about us.

We were privileged to have with us our ministering brother Akito Inoue, his wife, Sis. Marie and his brother-in-law Bro. Toru from Japan. We certainly feel he is led by the Lord and paints a most clear picture in his sermons. It seems that oftentimes our foreign brothers have a special humbleness and thankfulness.

Being spiritually minded, I can't help but observe other peoples religions. I realize more and more that a person can be religious and still not attain heaven as a born-again believer. I have tried to put this type in a category and was not able to give it a name until recently when Bro. Sam Huber said it all in one sentence—that these are religious of man and not religious of God.

A little granddaughter was from a troubled and broken home, and was not accustomed to having many of the things some of our children enjoy as commonplace. While sitting in church one day, she was given some pennies by an older friend of the family. She was thrilled, because some were so very shiny, and that they were her very own. It was not long until a collection was being made. She turned to her grandmother, and said she

was going to give the shiniest one to the Lord.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we would always give the shiniest of everything to our Lord.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Aug. 12, Bro. Henry Beer was our guest minister from Milford. In his sermon, he refreshed our memories of the censer which contains prayers, which we read about in Revelation . . . also how the white-robed angel put a mark on all who sighed over the wickedness (Ezekiel) . . . also how our returned P.O.W.'s were so comforted they could remember parts of the Bible and songs. Surely we all should learn parts of the Bible and keep it in our hearts. We also enjoyed the song leader from Toledo that Sunday.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch has improved and is now at home. Her Brother, Ed is at the National Rest home. He seems as usual and cheerful when we visited him. Both are in Ft. Wayne.

Dr. Shanwan of India spent Tuesday with us. It was very interesting to see his pictures from India. We especially enjoyed the ones of the children's homes. Bros. Theo. Beer and Elmer Hartter were also with us in the evening.

We miss the college students who have gone to the different places: Nancy and Mark Souder, Lynn Klopfenstein. Then we also miss our serviceman, Ernie Stoller.

September is month for combined collection at Leo. See Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Schamback

Is there any pleasure
In life here on earth?
In what lot and measure
Have we peace and mirth?
Here where sin prevaieth,
Fear, distress and need,
For naught here avaieth;
Death we all must meet.

Our dear sister, Mildred Wieland, wife of Bro. Howard, has gone to meet her Saviour, and as most of us who knew her will remember her, her last days were filled with thinking of others.

As she lay in her hospital bed, she talked on the telephone to an-

other sister who was hospitalized, and read hymn 149 in the **Zion's Harp**—stopping frequently, because she was almost too weak to talk! This was Millie—always full of love and thinking of others. She was 48 years old, and is survived by Bro. Howard; a son, Bro. Rod; two daughters, Sis. Corrinne and Sis. Pam; her mother, Sis. Hilda Wenninger of Latty; and two brothers, Bro. Donald Wenninger of Latty and Bro. Harold Wenninger of Elgin.

We were blessed by the many wonderful teachings brought to us by visiting ministers, Art Bahler of Fairbury and Gary Maibach of Rittman.

Sis. Mildred Hodder (Jesse) was hospitalized for surgery; reports say she's doing well.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

**Eunice Schupbach
Kayleen Heiniger**

Beautiful hands of a little child,
see!
Waiting in Heaven, O loved one,
for thee;
Rosy-cheeked darling, the light of
your home,
Taken so early, is beckoning
Come!

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Annemarie Young flew home to Germany to share in the grief of the loss of their neice, two-year-old Heidi Maurer. It is difficult to understand why God chooses an innocent child for His bouquet . . . yet we think of the little tyke who said, "Mommy, is Jesus lonely without me?" . . . and rejoice that she is at peace in His care.

Thought: For many years I listened to the word of God, and then one day I REALLY HEARD IT! How blessed Bro. Alden and Sis. Tillie Nussbaum must feel, as another daughter, Cheryl, is at peace with God.

Another cause for joy—Bro. Melvin Sorg of Bloomington was announced to Sis. Lenora Steiglitz Stoller of Ft. Wayne.

Our congregation is growing. Not only do we heartily welcome Cheryl and Lorana, but also Doris and Annie Widmer from Fairbury. Since ISU has begun, we want to invite students to worship with us also. We do trust all will feel the love of our flock.

A few have moved . . . Steve, Lona and Dawn Elsasser are in Chicago, where he is studying osteonathic medicine . . . and Terry and Sharon Zimmerman now live in Fairbury. Please visit us often.

Several Sundays ago I overheard two brothers commenting what a privilege we have in Bloomington-Normal in hearing ministers from so many different churches. It is a blessing and a great assist to our faithful Ministering Bro. Everett Hari. Many thanks to Bros. Art Bahler of Fairbury, Joe Zimmerman of Morton, Walter Rehklau of Toledo, Dale Eisenmann of Chicago and Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

Another service was held with the elderly citizens of Woodhill Towers in Bloomington.

None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of
others
Comes back into our own!

Surely the songs of praise and words of love uplifted all who attended.

Our infant son, Mark Heiniger, was hospitalized for tests, but the stay was short and the outcome favorable.

BLUFFTON

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Rudy Graf assisted our elders in serving Holy Communion on Aug. 12. As we partook of the wine and bread, we were reminded to meditate on what Christ has done for us. We had over ninety souls taking communion for their first time—most inspiring.

Other ministers who were welcomed into our midst were John Steiner, Delbert and Kenneth Indermuhle and Bud Klopfenstein.

David and Linda Aschliman welcomed little Karen Jo into their home on Aug. 7. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Ida Aschliman. Bro. Ken and Sis. Ann (Gerber) Reinhard have received another blessing. Lynette Jean was born on Aug. 8 and is welcomed at home by three brothers and one sister.

Our shut-ins were Sisters Alice (Kenneth) Schaefer and Phyllis (Paul) Dotterer and Bros. Homer Gehring, Sam Steffen, Raymond Ringer and William Frauhiger Jr.

We wish Bro. Alan Stoller and Sis. Sue Pacala, who were announ-

ced to be joined as man and wife, a beautiful caring and sharing life together. Parents are Bro. Raymond and Sis. Flossie Stoller. A December wedding is being planned by the couple.

The Soldiers' Reunion (1963-67) was held in Bluffton. We appreciate all who travelled here to worship and fellowship with us.

Camp Mack was held again in Indiana, and many of our friends and young brothers and sisters attended the services near Milford. This freedom of worship is something that every one of us should appreciate more.

Cynthia Baumgartner, daughter of Bro. Truman and Sis. Marge, became the wife of Phillip Hoover on Aug 4. Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria Kaehr gave their daughter, Sara, in marriage to Kevin Beatty on Aug. 11. Aug 19 was the date set aside of the wedding of Bro. David Smith and Sis. Loretta Aschliman. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith and Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman are the new couple's parents.

October is collection month for the Silver Lining in Bluffton. Please give your \$2 donation to your reporters.

CHICAGO

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Preachers and laymen are each rowing different oars, but they are both in the same boat. When one oar is being pulled, there is a lot of splash but no progress. Let us see that both oars are being pulled.

The Brother Meeting in Morton concluded with the beautiful hymn, "Unity." Those who were present were deeply moved as the brothers sang the meaningful words and felt a fresh surge of inspiration and encouragement to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, supporting one another in fervent charity. Several brothers from our congregation were able to attend the conference and were glad to inform us that our brethren, and in particular our elder brothers, are doing their best, with God's help, to stand firm in the way of truth, and are unwilling to acquiesce to the evil ways of the world which may threaten to penetrate into the church. We should be thankful for the leaders God has

provided and be humbly willing to adhere to their warnings and admonitions.

During the past few months our congregation has been blessed with several additional members who have moved to the Chicago area. We wish to warmly welcome Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla Rassi and their daughter, Rachel Anne from Champaign-Urbana; Bro. Steve and Sis. Lana Elsasser and their daughter, Dawn Rachele. from Normal; Sis. Jan Blunier from Roanoke, and Sis. Patty Meyer. We also welcome Jerry and Jeri Kaufman and their daughter, Stephanie, who have moved here from California.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Doris Meiss have moved to Peoria. We enjoyed them while they were here and will miss them. We wish them well in their new home.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Frank Fisher is in the hospital.

The union of two hearts in marriage is always a blessed and joyful occasion. The engagement of Sis. Susan Stoller to Bro. Lonnie Steffen was announced Sunday, Sept. 2. They are formerly of Gridley and Congerville, respectively. They have our best wishes as they anticipate their forthcoming marriage.

We rejoice with Bro. Leonard and Sis. Charlotte Meyer on the birth of their daughter, Theresa Marie. She was born Aug. 25. Welcoming her home are her three brothers: Randy, Ross, and Ricky.

Our visiting ministers were: Carl Feucht from Lester; Al Scheitlin from Elgin; Maurice Frank from Leo; and Robert Miller from Portland. We were indeed spiritually refreshed through their ministry.

FORREST

Juanita Schneider Eleanor Honegger

An example of our life to spiritual life: When we were in school we listened to our teacher eagerly preparing us for our test of a subject in order to pass it; likewise, when we go to church do we listen to the minister eagerly, and directing us through God's word, so when our test comes on the last day that we will be able to hear God say, Well done, good and faithful servant.

Those of our sick who were in Fairbury Hospital were Neva Farney, Bro. Ed Bach, Bro. Sam Zimmerman re-entered the hospital,

due to a gall bladder attack, but is now home again. Jon Bach, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Clara, had his appendix removed. Mark Friedman, son of Henry and Sis. Marjorie, broke his arm.

When pure and upright hearts,
By flames of love ignited,
Are by the bonds of faith
More firmly yet united . . .

On Sunday, Aug. 26, Sis. Jill Nussbaum and Bro. John Schlipf were united in marriage. Jill is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Willis, and John is the son of Bro. and Sis. Ralph of Gridley. Bro. Ed Ringger assisted Bro. Perry with the wedding vows.

On Monday Aug. 20, our dear young Sis. Becky Kaisner Kupferschmid, 22, left this life to rest beyond the sunset. She had been in the St. Francis Hospital with injuries from the two-car accident which had taken her helpmate, Bro. Gary. She was the daughter of Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge Kaisner of Fairbury. She was born Sept. 14, 1950. She leaves three precious little sons, Chad, Corbin and Daton. Her husband and a daughter preceded her in death. Bro. Art Gude- man was here to conduct the services. The three little boys will make their home with their aunt and uncle, Bro. Al and Sis. Wanda Kaisner Kupferschmid.

Gary and Jane Brown are the parents of a little boy, Brad Allan. Grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Eleanor Honegger and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brown. Bro. & Sis. Paul Honegger of Forrest and Sam and Sis. Ruth Walter of Fairbury are the great-grandparents.

Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Carol Koehl are the parents of a baby boy, Mark Andrew. Grandparents are Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Janeta Koehl of Forrest and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marjorie Laukhuf of Latty. Great-grandmother is Sis. Martha Koehl of Fairbury . . . Bro. Richard and Sis. Maribeth Kupferschmid are the parents of a little girl, Shelley Jo. Bradley and Rodney welcome their sister home. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid and Bro. Ed and Sis. Clara Bach.

We were given much spiritual food with the visits of our beloved ministers, Earl Kilgus, Merrill Laukhuf, Ed Kloter, Joe Stoller,

Roy Ehnlé, Loren Strahm, Delbert Indermuhle, Harold Gramm.

Correction: Sis. Sharon Adams was proved on July 14, instead of Aug. 14.

Little Kathy Schneider, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Duane Schneider, broke her leg when she fell from a wheel barrow, and is now in a cast.

Thank you notes: I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, prayers and visits while in the hospital and since returning home. Mrs. Louis Koehl . . . I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards, gifts and many deeds of kindness while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Sis. Esther Gerber. (Sis. Esther is home doing fine) . . . Words seem so inadequate to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone, who with love and compassion extended their prayers, gifts of food, money flowers, cards and helping hands in our time of deep sorrow and bereavement in the loss of our dear loved ones, Gary and Becky. Three little boys will some day know of the deeds of kindness extended to them through hands of love. The families of William Kupferschmid and Merle Kaisner.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Kathy Sutter Henry H. Schwartz

Not long ago we read the story of David and Goliath. It's a story we've heard since our Sunday School days, but it is still alive with meaning for us. We were encouraged to face our problems, our "giants", with the same courage and supreme faith that David met Goliath. If we approach Satan and his host "in the name of the LORD of hosts" as David did we will be delivered and given the victory.

We were reminded also that Samuel looked on Jesse's sons and expected the tall, noble Eliab to be the anointed one, but God's choice was the lowly shepherd boy, David. God instructed Samuel thus: "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; . . . for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." We were cautioned to remember this example, and not to prefer one over another simply because of his wealth, rank or station. God's delight in His servant

comes not because of these outward things, but because of the inner spiritual wealth He sees in the heart. It is this which we must measure.

We enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Roy Luginbuhl from Rockville.

Several of our young people left for the North to continue their schooling. Sid Troxel, Marty Yergler, and Sis. Faye Gerber are at school in Indiana, and Sis. Patty Meyer is in Chicago.

If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

We have been blessed with visiting ministers. Our thanks to God for sending them and to each one for bringing the Gospel message to us: Robert Beer, Fred Marti, Eugene Pamer, Aaron Steffen, Roy Luginbuhl and Ernest Graf. The whole congregation enjoys the additional fellowship of visiting ministers and those accompanying them.

Bro. Jess' granddaughter, Linda Jardine, was married to John Duncan. Our daughter, Dianne, was married to Leslie Zunkel.

If you would know the greatest sum in addition, count your blessings.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

The secret of a happy life is to be converted, do your duty, and trust in God.

How true, especially for parents. How important it is to take time with our little children to teach them of God and His plan of salvation. So soon the years are past, and they must face the world. Have we as parents done our duty spiritually? Our young people are often surrounded by sin and evil, and really need parents and grandparents, in fact whole congregations praying for them, that they may be strong in faith . . . not only praying, but willing to talk and listen and love them, as Jesus loves us. Let's all be faithful in daily prayers for our young brothers and sisters who must face new adjustments, away from the quiet countryside and homes. Our young people appreciate your prayers!

Our wishes for a happy and blessed life together go to Jim and Janet (Schlipf) Stoller, who were married on Aug. 19. Janet and Jim both started repenting two weeks later. We are thankful they saw the need of making Christ the Head of their Home. Janet is the daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf. Jim is the son of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Ruth Stoller, of Eureka.

We are thankful to have more souls turning to the Lord: Viola (Meiss) McKinley, her daughter—Sandy, and Sandy's husband, J. D. Maurer. Our sympathy goes to Viola, whose husband, Cletus McKinley, was recently laid to rest.

Mark Neuhaus has also turned from sin and the world and is repenting. Mark has been coming to Sunday School with Ralph and Winifred Schlipf.

This brings the number to eleven who are repenting and seeking God. It strengthens we older children of God. Oh how we rejoice and are revived in spirit! Let's all pray for those who are still letting Satan hold them from the wonder of God's love, peace and life eternal.

Sis. Susan Stoller has announced her engagement to Bro. Lonnie Steffen of Chicago. They plan to be married Oct. 21. The parents of the couple are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Hulda Stoller, Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen of Congerville.

Thank Yous: We appreciate and thank all for their prayers, cards, gifts and food during my surgery. Sis. Betty Schmidgall . . . Many thanks to all for prayers, cards, gifts and food during my illness. Emma Ringger.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED Elmer Bucher

Gods word says: "As ye would that others should do to you, do ye even so to them. The carnal man would do to others as they have done to him. We as Christians must be on guard so that we do not act after a carnal nature.

The interest that was shown by the many visitors at the conference was greatly appreciated. The door is always open to anyone who will take a little time to visit and see what is being done for the handicapped.

On Tuesday evening, Aug 21, 19

elders were present for dinner and a brief review of the operations of the home. Their comments and reassurance of support was received with thankfulness by the staff and the directors.

Bro. Bob Knobloch says we should not think of giving until it hurts, but rather until it feels good. 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Every man according as he purposeth in his own heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

JUNCTION

Betty Manz Henrietta Manz

Recent visiting ministers were Vernon Schwab of Wolcott, Sam Aeschliman and Carl Kinfer of Bluffton, John Steiner of Oakville, Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis, and Eugene Fetter of Toledo. We have been much blest.

Bro. James and Sis. Carolyn Spangler have moved their mobile home here beside her mother and sister, Sisters Della and Annabell Manz. This makes them much closer to church, and we're glad to have them here. Their new address is Route 3 Box 162-A, Paulding Ohio 45879.

The evening before the Conference, our aged Ministering Bro. Henry Manz suffered a stroke. He is some improved, but still not good.

Several of our number have been absent for a time due to sore throats, flu etc., but most are again assembling with us.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

"Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock and the doctor from India paid us an evening visit. May the words of God be manifested in His people and know that truly His mercy endureth forever.

Bro. Pete Fankhauser has went to Lamar, to make his home with his daughter, Sis. Edna Frieden.

Brent Emch, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Susan, was hospitalized for a few days with pneumonia.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

The annual Homecoming at the

Limestone School for pupils and teachers and all friends of the school was well attended on Sunday, Sept. 2. A picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon, with a program following.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer, their daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren of Mansfield visited here and the Sardis Church in July.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the funeral services for Roger Bland in Wheeling on August 14; he was a grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood.

Jessie Hassig of Akron visited with the Hassig and Mullett families here during August.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Witschey of Taunton, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Frumm of Fairfax, Va., were among the many out-of-town relatives that attended the Witschey reunion here on Aug. 26.

Mrs. Arthur Thornton visited in Washington D.C. over the Labor Day week-end with her daughter, Miss Linda Thornton, who is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Easton Md, visited with the Witschey families here during the last of August, and also attended the Witschey Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer C. Lord of Girard attended the Limestone Homecoming on Sept. 2 and visited with relatives.

Like many places in the nation, we have suffered with the heat the last of August and first week of September, and rain is badly needed.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

We were privileged during the past few weeks to have Elder Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix with us during his vacation, spent with his daughter and family. We appreciate the loving exhortations brought to us through Bro. Farney's willing service.

Bro. Farney also shared with us many teachings, as he assisted our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock with the proving and baptism of Tom Steiner, son of Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose (Thomas) Steiner on Labor Day week-end. We rejoice, even as the angels in Heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents.

Jason David is welcomed in the home of James and Sis. Linda Rowell Gerst by his five brothers. Friends Alan and Sharon Anliker Baird are the parents of a second daughter, Rebecca Jo. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise (Wegman) Rowell and Bro. Richard and Sis. Luella (Winzeler) Anliker.

Note of Appreciation: I want to thank all who remembered me with cards, letters, gifts and visits. I appreciated them very much. Sis. Edna Wiegand.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Andy and Sis. Diane Moser have moved to LaCrosse, where Bro. Andy will begin new employment. At the same time, we welcome Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo Metzger, who have just moved to Oakville from Elgin, Illinois, as Bro. Galen begins a new job.

PORTLAND

Art and Betty Metz

Bro. Sam Schlatter of Junction and Bro. Ed Knecht of Silverton were our visiting ministers. We appreciate the labors of those whose duty is to proclaim the word, and realize that God will reward his faithful servants.

Bro. Paul Rumbold was seriously injured in a traffic accident. Paul suffered numerous fractures, and is expected to be confined at Wilamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City some time. Our congregation greatly misses Paul, from the old to the young. Paul is a special favorite of the young children, who at an early age sense his kindness and concern.

We are thankful for the safe journey granted Bro. Robert Miller and his family, who drove to the Midwest for the Conference and to visit with relatives.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

August has been a most interesting month, with many cherished memories.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon following regular services, a number gathered at the home of Emil and Lizzie Stahl. Gathering in the front-yard, under the shade of some large trees, we heard the testimonies of these older friends that some 25 years ago experienced peace with God. The baptismal trough from our old church was

used. These two dear souls could be baptized by our Elder Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Kieser. It was a touching experience when Bro. Will Huber greeted Bro. Emil, fellow shipmates when they migrated to this country from Germany. Will, in a weak trembling voice said he had almost given up hope that he would see the day when Emil would step into the water of baptism, and now he is so happy and feels he can depart in peace.

On a Wed. evening early in the month, we were so happy to have Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix occupy our pulpit. He told the stirring story of Ananias and Sapphira, and how it should be a lesson. We should accept the pattern God has given us.

It was a blessed evening. Also sharing it with us were the two Japanese sisters, Eiko Nozawa and Hiroko Utsuki, who enjoyed meeting those of like faith.

Another Wednesday evening, Bro. Harvey Grimm ministered to us. We were reminded that no matter how good our intentions are, we cannot do the will of God without His grace. The spirit and word work together toward peace in our hearts and faithful works . . . How worthwhile the struggle . . .

Many gathered on the following Friday evening, when we had a most precious evening . . . Occupying the pulpit were Akito Inoue of Japan, Alphis Strahm of Bern, and Robert Beyer of the Naumberg congregation. Others present were Robert Miller of Portland, Duane Metzger of West Bend, Harvey Grimm of Bern. Bro. Akito, in a most humble manner which came from the very depth of his heart, pleaded that we do all in our power to keep the precious faith, and not let worldly things come in. He said that he could observe some already creeping in. It makes him feel sad.

It was touching when he told how he had a desire to attend school, borrowed a friend's old bicycle, and rode a long way to the school. His family was poor, his father sick, and he had no money for lunch. He would go all day without food . . . on the way home would become weak, so drink water to fill his stomach, and go on. Now he feels it is all a dream that he has a home, food and clothes, and is thankful to God for learning the way of salvation, the most important thing . . .

Dr. Shantwan of Khardi District, Thana, Mararashtra State, India . . . He spent three days in the home of Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn Herrmann. A goodly number gathered the evening before to hear of conditions in India. Dr. Shantwan is a doctor in charge of the dispensary of the Rural Gospel Medical Mission in Kharti. He is 30 years of age, married, and has a son seven months old. He was an orphan left as a young baby at the door step of Mr. and Mrs. Baghwat.

When asked if he had any temptations for the material riches, he said he had no desire or temptation. He would much rather give what he can to those less fortunate, even if it means he and his family may have to go hungry for a time.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna Gehrig welcomed a daughter, Janina Sue, Aug 2. A little sister, Julie, welcomed her, as did grandparents, Robert and Helen Gehrig; Bro. Ed and Sister Lucille Knobloch of our congregation, and great-grandmothers, Sis. Carrie Gehrig, Florence Oppelz, and Sis. Pauline Knobloch, all of Peoria. Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Martin welcomed a son, Jeffrey Dale, Aug 23. He had two sisters to welcome him home, Lynn and Lori . . . grandparents, Sis. Louise Martin, Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha Steitmatter, and great-grandmother, Sis. Frieda Streitmatter.

How happy we are to learn that Bro. George Wagenbach is showing improvement. He has been at home the past few weeks. Sis. Lena Stichling, too is showing some improvement since coming home. Bro. Chris Martin is about the same, some days better than others, and has at times taken a short ride. Bro. Will Huber seems to be stronger than he was, but Sis. Ida still remains confined to her bed most of the time. We are sorry to hear Sis. Edith Stahl is in the hospital for tests.

The summer has quickly passed; the children are returning to school. When you hear of the conditions in our schools, observe the way some dress, listen to their conversation, it gives one great concern for our young folks. One young girl said how terrible disappointed she was with conditions, and had not even found one nice girl. We trust all our young folks

can be a light to those around them, put their trust in God.

They can be assured of the prayers of those who love and are concerned for them.

The condition of Bro. Chris Elsasser remains about the same. Chris suffered a stroke several months ago and is not able to talk, but he knows those who visit him.

Our young folks and many others were absent from our meeting Sunday, Aug 26, as they were in Peoria to witness the marriage of Bro. Steven Streitmatter and Sis. Mary Lynn Unsicker. We welcome Mary Lynn to our congregation and trust she will receive many blessings with us.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

We were privileged to have visiting ministers at mid-week services, and we want to thank John Steiner, Oakville, and Ken Schneider, Remington, for bringing the word of God in love and sincerity. "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: . . . worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness . . ."

Our sympathy is extended to Lynn and Art Riggensbach at the sudden passing of Lynn's brother, following a motorcycle accident.

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD" . . . When we have faith, the Lord gives us strength, it fills us with courage, especially those who are sick. Bro. Noah Bauman was in the hospital again, but is now home. Bro. Maynard Gasser was taken to Cleveland Clinic for surgery and is now home. Sis. Ida Winkler was also in the hospital, but is now home. We are thankful the Lord can heal the sick, and they can assemble with us again.

Tom Bauman, son of Richard and Gladys Bauman, and Anita Green have recently become engaged.

The wedding of Paul Rufener and Darla Stiles was held Aug. 18. Paul's folks are Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener. Ellen Rufener and Richard Johnson were married Aug. 25 by Bro. Joe Ramsier. Ellen's parents are Bro. Chester and Sis. Roma Rufener. The wedding of Charlotte Christian and Terry Waibel was on Sept. 1, performed by Bro. Joe Ramsier. Charlotte's folks are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Mildred Christian, and Terry's par-

ents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Esther Waibel of Bay City.

A son, their first, was born to Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Stoller. Little Brian Earl was welcomed home by two sisters, Dianna and Lisa. Janice Lynn is the name given to the baby girl born to Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Blough. Verla, Kim and Allen were glad for a little sister. Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beres are parents of a baby girl, Willow Anne; to welcome her home are Jill and Lex.

SARDIS

Karen Indermuhle

Praise God! In our pre-school age Sunday School we talked about love in the home. How important it is to love our brothers and sisters and live in harmony with those of our natural family . . . So necessary, too, is our love for the brothers and sisters in the Lord—God's family. May we all strive to live in peace, and pray that our love for all might grow more each day.

Our services in the morning here at Sardis starts at 10:30 a.m. The children have Sunday School during this morning hour. The afternoon church service begins at 12:30 p.m. We sincerely want to invite anyone to come and enjoy the blessings that come from assembling together in the Lord's name.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

Thought from a birthday card:

"If I can greet the early morning hour in meditation for a hurried day—

And watch with reverence the budding flower, trusting in His grace and guiding way—

I then shall walk with surer step and know

He marks each unknown path that I must go.

Although we weren't privileged to have visiting ministers in Bradford, many of us gathered with Princeville several times, when they had evening visitors. Particularly memorable were some thoughts of Bro. Akito Inoue, as he related his impressions of the conference. The love and fellowship encouraged him, but one thing was disappointing, and that was that some subjects should even have to

be discussed. He illustrated it this way: After World War II, when democracy was introduced in Japan, people were so enthusiastic, that even the classes of school children were encouraged to discuss policies affecting class matters. Some boys in his third grade class were ornery enough that they would climb into the room in the mornings through the windows. So the teacher called a class discussion on whether students should enter through the door or the windows. "Brethren," he said, "this was not a matter for discussion!" Perhaps we forget sometimes that we should obey the warnings of our elders, just as children should heed the advice of their fathers or teachers.

Sisters Hilda Dietz and Lyola Ringger were hospitalized several days for foot surgery. They are both getting along well and assembling with us again. Bro. Sam Kieser is in Methodist Hospital, Peoria, recovering from major surgery.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler Eleanor Herzig

Surely we are rejoicing as do the angels in Heaven over one sinner who turns his heart unto the Lord in true repentance. We are thankful that God's word is still expounded in its truth and purity, and that there are still loved ones making this most important decision in their life of serving the Master on this earth and working for that better home.

Bro. Joseph Ebersol was called from this life on Aug. 3. He had been cleaning up his yard, when he suffered a heart attack. He had not been ill. Joe was the last of ten brothers and sisters, and leaves three sons: Paul, Beaver Falls; Dr. Milton, Watertown; and Chief Master Sgt. Earl, stationed with the Army in Germany. Funeral services were held from the Croghan church on Aug. 6 by Bro. Leland Hirschey.

Emerson Schneider was taken from this life very suddenly, after suffering a heart attack, being a hospital patient only four hours. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, William of Burns Oregon, and Noel at home; two daughters, Dawn and Lori, both at home; his parents, Bro. William and Sis. Hazel Schneider; and three broth-

ers, Brayton, Donald and Ralph, all of Lowville. Funeral services were held by Bro. John Widrick at the Croghan church on Aug. 8. Our deepest sympathy is extended to both of these dear families.

On Aug 2, their first child, Aaron Bruce, was born to Bruce and Gayle Hirschey. He is also welcomed by his grandparents, Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey and the Glynn LaMoys, and his great-grandmothers, Sis. Rose Hirschey and Sis. Huldah Farney.

Emily Marie was welcomed by William and Gail Schneider of Burns, Oregon, on Aug 25. She is their first child and is also welcomed by her grandparents, Betty Schneider and the Harry Withers of Oregon. She also has great-grandparents, Bro. William and Sis. Hazel Schneider.

Both the Croghan and Naumburg Sunday Schools held their annual picnics during the month of August. They were enjoyed by the children, parents, and many others.

We have enjoyed the fellowship and visits of loved ones from Bay City, Rockville, Oakville and Milford. What a precious privilege is afforded us in this blessed fellowship with one another, when we travel many miles from our homes and find this wonderful brotherhood and love.

We are happy to report that Sis. Sarah Farney has been able to assemble with us again, after many weeks of absence because of a broken leg; however, she was a hospital patient again last month as the result of a fall at her home. Bro. Lawrence Farney has returned home, following surgery, and is feeling much better. Loren Virkler, son of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Celia, and Chris Virkler, son of Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois, have been able to return to Sunday School, following a few days' hospital stay for surgery on ingrown toenails. Sis. Irene Farney was a medical patient, and has been able to return to her home. Sis. Martha Steiner was a medical patient for two weeks and has been able to go to a nursing home. We hope she can return to her own home soon. Bro. Ron Herzig had the misfortune of breaking his leg; however, he is able to assemble with us. Sis. Sarah Virkler is still a hospital patient and remains in serious condition.

ELGIN, IOWA Eleanor Butikofer

How swiftly the seasons come and go. Even now we see reminders of autumn appearing. Ears of corn are fast developing in the many fields, most of the last crop of hay has been stored, and the new seeding of legume is visible. There is a riot of colors in the meadows and along the side roads. We see the yellow of the goldenrod, blue of the purple wort, russet of the sumac and intermingled we view with pleasure the pure white of Queen Anne's lace. Last evening we spied a row of barn swallows, balancing themselves on one of our electric wires, twittering and flying out from time to time, catching insects. One can't help but marvel at how wonderfully God created the earth and the life thereon. May we live according to the way He wants us to, so that we will some day find ourselves in the heavenly realms.

Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris spent a week-end with us. We thank him for ministering to us. He performed the marriage of Eunice Metzger to Dan Fehr of West Bend. The couple are now at home on a farm near Rodman, Iowa. May God ever bless them.

Sis. Karla Moore is now attending the area school at Calmar, Ia. She is taking a course in nurse's training. Trudy Pulfer has commenced her work at Kirkwood School at Cedar Rapids. She is training to be an operating-room technician. We extend our best wishes to both of these girls for a very successful career. We love them both.

Our church has acquired by bequests sufficient funds to add to our building, both a foyer and a carport. This addition will be situated on the west side of our church. The carpenters plan to commence the construction sometime this month.

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Mark Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen, R. R. Deer Creek, was married to Virginia Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Moore, Deer Creek, on Sat., Aug. 25.

Bros. Chris Hohulin and Ernie Diggelman were both hospitalized for surgery. Thanks be, they are

both now at home and well on the road to recovery.

A babe in the house is a well-spring of pleasure, a messenger of peace and love, a resting place for innocence on earth . . . A baby boy, Chad Phillip, was born to Bro. and Sis. Roy and Arlene Wyss on Aug. 30. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ed and Julia Wyss, Deer Creek, and Bro. and Sis. Raymond and Lydia Kuntz, Gridley.

Visiting ministers were John and Corbin Bahler, Rockville; Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis; Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Gene Metzger, Lester; and Kenneth Knepp, Roanoke. We heard many good teachings, but I was especially impressed when one brother reminded us how our Saviour prayed all night long for His strength from the Father. If He, the Lamb without blemish, needed to pray so incessantly . . . how much more do we, fallible men, need to pray without ceasing!

MANSFIELD Aaron A. Sauder

Our hearts were saddened when we learned of the accident the evening of Aug 21 which claimed the lives of two young men in our city, especially as one of the youths was our friend, Joseph Beard. Joe was born Jan. 20, 1952, and had recently moved to Florida, but was visiting here at the time of his death. Bro. Ben Maibach conducted the funeral services for the son of our sister, Caroline Domka Beard of our congregation and George Beard of Toledo. Our loving sympathy to the dear parents, his brothers David, Edward and Lorentz, his half-brother Robert, and his grandfather, George Beard Sr.

We also extend sympathy to Bro. Wallace Ramsier's family in the death of his father, Bro. Ben Ramsier of Rittman, and to Keith Kemper's family in the death of his sister.

Hospital patients have been Bro. John Oesch and John Them, both of whom have been released. Bro. Aaron Sauder has returned to the hospital for corrective surgery, and is improving satisfactorily.

Missing from our congregation are Sis. Mary Kleshinski and Sis. Linda Miller, who have moved to Florida and will worship with the Sarasota church. We ask the Lord's blessings on them and assure them a hearty welcome awaits whenever

they can return to visit us.

Welcome to Nathan Andrew, who was born to Dave and Sis. Jeri Beard on Aug. 20; little Aaron and Jesse are helping to love their new little brother.

Thank you to our visiting ministers, Bro. Aaron Steffen and Bro. Henry Beer.

LA CROSSE

Gwen Bucher Lorene Moser

Visiting ministers were Bros. Harry Bucher (Valpo) and Ezra Feller (Cissna), on Aug. 19, to help Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie Bucher celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Our friend, David Heiniger (Bro. John Heiniger and Sis. Lucille) was married on Aug. 11 to Pam Thomas. Also on Aug. 11, Ann Heinold (Bro. Harold and Sis. Margaret) and Kent Kemmerling were united in marriage.

Bro. Joe Heinold from Phoenix, here for his granddaughter, Ann's wedding, became ill and spent a few days in the hospital.

Labor Day week-end we enjoyed the visits of young folks from Lester and Rittman.

We are sorry to have Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer and their family leave our congregation and move to the Wolcott area, where he will farm. We trust the Lord will continue to bless them and their contribution to the Wolcott church. Even as they leave we welcome into our community Bro. Andy, Sis. Diane and Brandon Moser, from Burlington, Iowa. We hope they will enjoy assembling with us.

MORRIS

Esther Schaefer — Ann Meiss

Everybody ought to know the wondrous love of Jesus,
How He came to earth and died
that we might live.

Everybody ought to know that
though their sins are scarlet,
He's able and willing to forgive.
Everybody ought to know who
Jesus is.

Our Sunday School classes have resumed. New teachers elected are: Sis. Lyn Schmidgall, Bro. Art Nohl, Bros. John Zeltwanger and Eddie Koehl. Those having duties as substitutes are Sis. Ruby Schmidgall, Bros. Rich Meiss and Dewayne Nohl.

Fall weddings are being planned by Sis. Lois Moser (daughter of Bro. Alphai and Sis. Pearl) and Bro. Keith Schmidgall (son of Sis. Mabel and the late Bro. Francis) . . . and Sis. Diane Fehr (daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna) and Bro. Mike Schmidgall (son of Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia).

Bro. Steve Schaefer sustained a broken bone in his foot, when a cement block fell on it.

Bro. Randy Sutter had surgery on an injured knee, and Bro. Jerel Schmidgall submitted to an appendectomy. It is a joy to have Sis. Pauline Tohm assemble with us again, having spent many months as a shut-in.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr came from West Bend, bringing Dr. Shantwan of India to us. It was interesting to learn of his native land.

We were blest to have Bro. Ken Lawson of Minneapolis minister to us on Aug. 26.

Considerable damage was done at the John Zeltwanger home on Aug. 31, when a tornado touched down on their farm. Bro. John and Sis. Mabel and Connie were not at home at the time. Several other farms were more severely damaged.

Aug. 7 is the birth date of Robert Lee Domnick, son of Bro. Gary and Sis. Velma. Bro. Glen and Sis. Frances and Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr are the grandparents.

Many visitors spent the Labor Day week-end with us. Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda Schmidgall, Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Kellenberger, and Junior and Pat Nohl hosted a Ft. Sam reunion.

Bro. John Koehl of Fairbury was the oldest member present when relatives gathered from Illinois and Iowa for the Koehl reunion.

POST NEUHUTTEN GERMANY Tom and Tammy Speicher

On the 18th of August we were fortunate enough to again be able to assemble with our little group in Post Neuhutten. In that we must travel such a distance to be present at the Maurer's home, the few times that we are able to worship there are very uplifting.

Present other than the Maurers, my wife Tammy, and myself was Leon Rufener from Rittman.

Thanks to the fine tape service

with which we are provided, we are able to have full services in an atmosphere that is "the next best thing to home."

Earlier in the month, the Maurers and daughter Heidi had a very traumatic experience when their granddaughter and daughter, Heidi Rose, passed away quite unexpectedly. I have been asked by the Maurer family, who have so many years opened both their hearts and home to provide a Christian refuge for our church boys, to convey their heartfelt thanks for the cards, letters, and prayers extended by you in the States during this time of need. Despite the heartbreak, we all are able to find comfort in knowing that Heidi Rose must serve her name well, as a beautiful part of God's bouquet.

We hope to meet again soon at Maurers, but one never knows how soon. Regardless, we are made to feel secure in the Lord by many blessings we all receive: We have the freedom to prayer and study, and a wonderful sermon tape system from home, as we continue to enumerate our blessings, we find near the top of the list your prayers from home, but above all, we have Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit which comforts us, just as it inspired Paul to promise all true Christians in I Corinthians 3:23, and we are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

SILVERTON Judith Knecht

Though many miles separate us, we are again thankful for our visitors. How thankful we can be when we can meet and greet those of like mind and like faith and can feel the love of God flowing from heart to heart.

We were thankful to have with us Ministering Bro. Sam Schlatter (Junction) during the month of August. How grateful we should be that our great God works within the hearts of our young ministering brothers.

We are happy to have in our midst Sis. Beth Anliker and Sis. Esther K. They are visiting Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman and family. May they have a blessed stay.

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

TAMAHATA

Akito and Marie Inoue

It was with thanks and devotion to our heavenly Father that we could gather again with our loved ones here this past Sunday. Bro. Toru Saegusa, Akito and I were especially thankful that we were permitted a most blessed visit to the U.S., visiting our family and many brethren and friends from coast to coast. It was truly a blessing to be spiritually uplifted in so many ways: in the House of the Lord in large and small assemblies, Brotherhood Conference at Morton, singing and fellowship in homes, yes and especially in visiting aged brothers and sisters in faith, several of them confined to nursing homes. It was not uncommon to see Bibles with worn edges at their bedsides. To find them spiritually alert was an example for us all.

As our aircraft landed at Tokyo Intl. Airport, we proceeded through several gates of inspection: Quarantine, proper immunization against diseases; Immigration, checking of proper passports and visas; Baggage inspection. Although we could see our loved ones waiting for us, we were not allowed to meet them until we were cleared of the above processes. It all was a reminder to us who are walking on this earth, that at the Lord's return to gather His own, our passports to heaven will be prepared and valid to enter into heaven for time and eternity. While the day of grace is still upon us, we have the opportunity to be inspected daily of our life in the Lord. May it be the lot and portion of all of us to be a faithful servant, worthy to enter Heaven's gates and meet our loved, waiting on the shore.

As we gathered at Shioda for English service Sunday evening, we felt the vacant spots of our dear Sisters Judy Bauer and Sue Schock. We want to thank the Lord for their assistance in the vineyard here, not only in teaching in the schools, but also for spiritual counsel they offered. We especially welcome Sis. Linda Morrison of Mansfield, and pray the Lord will provide for her needs while she is here, and especially for her widowed mother she left behind.

Our new phone was installed while we were away this summer, and also included is our address. Visitors are always welcome . . .

1-41-4 Nishi Tsutsujiga Oka,
Chofu-shi, Tokyo-to, Japan 182 . . .
Phone 0424-86-9156.

MINNEAPOLIS

Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger

We visited Sis. Sophie Sikap-harija; she welcomed us with her usual radiant smile. She would appreciate being remembered by a note or card of cheer; her address is 7590 Lyric Lane, Fridley Minn. 55432, c/o Fridley Convalescing home.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Gus and Sis. Alma Baum in the sudden death of Bro. Otto Baum of Morton.

We have had many visitors. We welcome all, as we are glad when our assembly room is full.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi Mary Jane Leuthold

We thank our beloved visiting ministers for their true words of life, spoken without fear or favor . . . Everett Hari, Normal; Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park, Albert Scheitlin, Elgin; John Steiner, Oakville; and Noah Herman, Tucson. Might we humbly follow the good teachings they, through the Spirit, have shared with us.

Gary Koch, son of Bro. Cleo and Halo, and Margaret Lee Luers of Grand Island, Nebraska were united in marriage Aug. 12. May the blessings of God find a dwelling-place in their home.

With very sad hearts we bid farewell to Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith Hohulin and their family, as they moved to the Lamar area. Might God richly bless their new earthly home. Although many miles separate us, we are still bound to one another in the Spirit of the Lord.

Our friend, Pete Winzeler is in the hospital.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many friends and relatives, for the many kind deeds shown us during the illness and passing of our loved one. The family of Lena J. Woerner.

VALPARAISO

Camille and Wm. Feller

Many years of joys and sorrows have passed for two of our dearly beloved couples, and together, as in the past, they have reached another milestone in their life. Many

dear friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters in Christ were together to share in the joy of Bro. John and Sis. Tillie Heinold and Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie Jacob, as they celebrated their wedding anniversaries.

Bro. John and Sis. Tillie enjoyed their 60th year together as one in the Lord on Aug. 12. Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie, an August 26, celebrated their 50th year of wedding bliss.

We can only thank God for the wondrous gift of love that never faileth, no matter how many years go by. We know only by His loving grace these events have taken place.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli
Carol Messner

The Winthrop congregation is rejoicing with the parents of our converts, Tony and Dixie, children of Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia Messner; Le Ann Messner, daughter of Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva; and Mark and Linda Schmidt, whose parents are Ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel. Heartfelt prayers are offered for the many youths and those not so young who have not yet turned from the sinful ways of the world.

We wish to thank the Morton congregation for their kind hospitality while hosting the annual church conference.

Monica, daughter of Eldon and Shirley Stresemann, had her tonsils removed.

Along with school starting for another year, Sunday School again has started after summer vacation. How happy the children are to be back in Sunday School. Bro. Jerry Messner has been voted in, to teach the fifth and sixth grade class.

Men are not saved by the sacrifices they make, but by the sacrifice God has made for them.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Janice Frieden

As we watch our new church through each stage of building, we can hardly wait until it is completed so that we may worship therein. The bricklayers have nearly finished bricking the outside, and will soon begin on the inside. My prayer is that we never fail to give our precious Lord thanks for

the manifold blessings He has granted us throughout the building of this lovely structure . . . For without these many blessings, building His Church wouldn't have been possible.

We had a wonderful evening of fellowship on Aug. 12, when we gathered at the church for our monthly singing of praises to our Lord. Then on Aug. 24, we again gathered for a farewell supper and singing for David Wulf, who has returned to his home in Morris. We would wish for David God's richest blessings, for it has truly been a pleasure having him worship with us this last year, and he will be greatly missed by our congregation.

INDIANAPOLIS

Eric and Ginny Zeller

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods."

We had many visiting brethren. In addition to our Sunday services, a Thursday evening service was held, in which our visiting ministers were Ed Bahler and Vernon Schwab. The brethren were here to inform us of the plans for a home for homeless children. Our Sunday services were a blessing to us as we listened to the word of the Lord from Ben Manz from Junction, Elmer Hartter from Milford, Merle Laukhuf from Latty and Carl Kipfer from Bluffton.

We wish to extend our love and congratulations to our Sis. Becky Weutrich and Bro. Dan Gudeman on their marriage.

IOWA CITY

Joan Mogler

Our lives shine more brightly into the lives of others than we sometimes realize. A dear sister in faith has gone through many trials in the past few years, and has met them all with courage and patience. She has been in the hospital numerous times, and very seldom complains about the constant pain and problems that have confronted her. She continues on in faith, thanking her Lord for His goodness and mercy. An unconverted neighbor of this dear sister observed her actions and faith. He had never been a godly man, but was amazed at her patience and ability to ac-

cept her burdens. He openly admitted, "You know, watching and observing her, almost makes you want to turn religious." If we can just shed a little light along the way, our lives will not have been in vain.

Brother and sister, wherever you are,
Keep your lamp from growing dim.
Through daily trimming and constant care,
Those in darkness may then find Him.

We thank Bros. Roy Ehnle and Kenny Dietz from Bradford for bringing God's holy word to our small group. These brothers' faith shines forth in the world as well as from the pulpit. While inadvertently visiting with a neighbor of theirs at the hospital who is not from our faith, he spoke of the love and kindness these brothers show forth in their daily lives. Let us keep our lamps burning brightly in our own little corner, wherever we are.

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

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. A. Banwart

The Lord blessed us by words spoken from our visiting ministers, Carl Feucht, Lester; Cleo Rinckenberger and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski. Their efforts were appreciated, and we extend our invitation for their return.

Wedding receptions have been held by Bro. William and Sis. Rose Obermann for their son, Kent and his new bride, Linda Darling . . . and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr for their son, Dan and his new bride, Eunice Metzger. May they ever remember the Lord and look to Him as they begin life together.

We are happy that Shannon Fehr, son of Eldon and Verdell, is able to attend school, after receiving bad leg burns. Bro. Oscar Zaugg and Harry Thomann have improved since their hospital stay.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Howie and Dianne Leman

School is in session, and we have

some new faces in our congregation. We welcome Clarence Zobrist and Bro. Jon Knapp from Goodfield, Greg Peters and Bro. Mike Rocke from Morton, Bro. Art Anliker and Sis. Debbie Blunier from Eureka, Tom Martin from Roanoke, and Mike Bauer, Russell Egolf, Sis. Rita Eisenmann from Cissna. We also welcome returning students. Our annual get-acquainted weiner roast will be held at Lake of the Woods on Wed., Sept. 12.

Our Bible Study will now meet every Wed. evening at 7:30 in the Illini Union. Everyone is welcome. Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) ministered at our second session of Bible Study. His message was a truly inspiring one for college students and others as well. Our mid-week services often provide the spiritual strength needed to get us through the week.

Sunday, Aug. 26 was the day of our annual freshmen picnic. New U. of I students and their families were invited to worship with us and then enjoy a picnic dinner.

Bro. Richard Fisher and his wife, Sis. Dorothy and their children, Steve and Sonya have moved from Roanoke to Champaign. We are so happy to have another family.

We rejoice that Jim and Janet (Schlipf) Stoller have found the grace to repent and have decided to dedicate their lives to the Lord. They were married Aug. 19 at Peoria Fellowship Hall. Jim is a law student at the university, and Jan is completing her degree here also.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Ernie Gerst (Chicago), Dane Kieser (Princeville) and Ezra Feller (Cissna).

SARASOTA

Philip Wingeier

"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."

We are sorry not to report too much of our church, as it is slowly progressing . . . perhaps soon to have a roof on it. We have no definite time in which it might be that we will be able to have services in it.

The address is as follows: 333 N. Honroe Ave., Sarasota, c/o Philip Wingeier. Our address will be 5317 Antoinette St., Sarasota Florida 33580. Our telephone number is still unknown, as it will be changed

from the past four years. We are planning, God willing, to be in Sarasota on or before Oct. 15. There will be a place provided, God willing, where we will have services until our church is more complete. Anyone coming to Sarasota, please call Edward Getz, 756-4346, or Robert Reiman, 355-6767, for time and place of worship.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

Bro. Akito Inoue and his wife, Sis. Marie were with us on a Friday night. We enjoyed and learned so much of the lesson on the vine and branches. We also had with us on a Sunday Dr. Shantwan, a very friendly man of India doing good work there with the sick folk.

Visiting ministers were Maurice Frank of Leo, Robert Miller of Portland, Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop, Earl Banwart of West Bend. We were certainly blessed.

Being a Christian is doing
Things that are pure and good—
Striking up friendships wisely,
Living as Jesus would.

Sis. Sue Schock has written of her stay in Japan.

My two-year stay in Japan was certainly very rewarding, and I cannot thank God enough for the experience. Living in a foreign country and learning their customs and traditions was very interesting and broadening. However, I feel that the greatest gain I had was spiritual.

First of all, living in a country where they do not believe in a living God, but worship gods of stone, I could see how fortunate we are. It is difficult for the Japanese to believe in a living God and in His son, Jesus, born of a virgin.

It is also difficult for them to break away from customs that are centuries old. Much pressure is put on them from relatives and friends to go along with the customs, and even if they don't believe in it, just go through the ritual.

Regular attendance on Sunday at church does not seem important to many of them. They don't realize how important it is to receive food and drink for their spiritual bodies and to fellowship with those of like mind and faith. It is really a struggle for them, and they need our prayer.

Second, being away from family and loved ones in a strange country, you learn to lean more on God. It is not important where we are . . . Even if we are separated from our loved ones for a few years, if we are where God wants us and are serving Him with our whole heart, He will be near and will comfort, encourage and bless. The time here is so short, and what are we here for? For our glory or for God's?

Another thing I learned is the importance of full cooperation with our elder brothers. I was much closer with the problems that arose in Japan than I was here in Elgin. Although I knew this before, the importance of it was really impressed on me. The elder brothers are only interested in the welfare of the dear souls committed to their keeping and in the preservation of the church. Yet there are those who think they are being picked on when they are warned, because someone cares for them. If we would all be willing to give up all our worldly possessions, not only for ourselves, but if it would help a brother or a sister, we would all be better off. This life is short, and not the things we gain here, but the treasures we lay up in Heaven will benefit us in eternity.

I wish it could be everyone's privilege to have this experience. I cannot be thankful enough for it. There are three churches in Japan, one in Tokyo and two in the country, Tamahata and Shioda. My home was an apartment above the Shioda church. One other sister Judy Bauer, was with me. Once a month, Tamahata and Shioda churches would have a singing, alternating the host. It was a blessed time we always looked forward to. Once a month, Sis. Judy and I would go into Tokyo. Saturday evening there was a singing at the church, and we would stay all night with one of the Japanese sisters. Having this blessed fellowship, we got to know the brothers and sisters better.

There are about 35 members in the three churches, with Shioda being the largest. The Sunday Schools vary in size from time to time. The Japanese brothers and sisters teach. The Sunday School is held before the morning service. Most of the parents do not attend church regularly. We are encouraged when they do come, though.

Judy taught American children whose parents were missionaries. I helped out in the afternoon one year, because there were 4 grade levels and too much to cover for one teacher to do a good job. I taught kindergarten for 17 Japanese children. Most were from the Shioda area. Some rode a bus a short distance. They start when they are 4 and come for two years. They do not know English when they start, but can understand simple commands and statements fairly well by the time they graduate. I really enjoyed teaching them very much.

We cleaned our own school rooms. Some supplies we ordered from the states, but most were available in Japan. We gave dinner once a month at church, usually 16 to 20 people, sometimes a few more, sometimes less.

There is always some type of fruit in season. During winter there were mikans (like mandarin oranges) and apples, then summer oranges, which were bigger and not as sweet as the madarin orange . . . Strawberries in May . . . Then the best time, from end of June to first part of August, peaches . . . Big juicy sweet peaches. Grapes start end of July. They have many types of grapes, red, purple, green . . . big, little, medium. They last into October. In the fall we had persimmons. There were some pears and plums, but they are not so plentiful. Peaches and grapes were raised mostly where we lived. We had many given to us and could get them quite cheap otherwise. Persimmons also were raised in our area.

I really enjoyed my stay. It went by almost too quickly. I hope it can be God's will that someday I can go back and visit the churches and the brethren again.

PEORIA Mrs. R. J. Miller

The Lord again has given His counsel and His will;
He came to live among us, His His promise to fulfill.
His wholesome word accepting,
May we his likeness bear.
By works and deeds confessing,
His righteousness we'd share.

The word was brought to us by the following visiting ministers: Carl Feucht of Lester; Lynn Klop-

fenstein of Landersville; Noah Herman of Tucson; Loren Strahm of Gridley; Francis Rother of Morton; Darrell Klopfenstein of Ft. Lauderdale; and Uriel Gehring of Burlington.

Alabama churches visited us Aug. 12 and 13. Bluffton young members visited us the first week-end in September.

Dr. Shantwan of India visited us Aug. 15 at Fellowship Hall.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Meiss have moved to Peoria from Chicago. He is teaching at Peoria Central High School. She is Bro. Herb Stoller's sister. We welcome them.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Elizabeth Vogel have moved to our old folks' home. He is 82; she is 79.

Where God in truth abides
Where two join hand and heart,
We find a threefold cord
Not lightly rent apart.

Sis. Mary Lynn Unsicker and Bro. Steven Streitmatter were joined in holy matrimony Sunday, Aug. 26. Mary Lynn's parents are Bro. Leslie and Sis. Eunice of Edwards (Peoria church). Steve is from Brimfield (Princeville church) . . . Bro. George and Sis. Joanne Koehl's daughter, Beth Ann, was wed to Ken Williams at Fellowship Hall Aug. 18 . . . Bro. Roy Sauder had very nice services for both weddings.

Engaged to be married are Bro. Rod Causey and Sis. Sharon Herman, daughter of Bro. Clarence Hermans of Tremont. They plan a late September wedding.

Bro. Silas and Sis. Louise Sauder have a new little granddaughter, Ana Marie. Her parents are Robert L. and Janice Schaefer. She was born Aug. 18, the same date as a brother and a cousin, and her uncle was married on that day! Ana Marie joins four brothers and two sisters at home . . . Jill Marie Wagenbach also joins four brothers and two sisters at home! The blessed parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Marie, who reside on a farm near Washington, Illinois. Jill was born Aug. 21. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Louise Stickling. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Les and Sis. Martha Wagenbach.

Congratulations to Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara Geyer on the birth of their first child, a girl, born Aug. 29. Little Rachel is the

first grandchild on both sides, Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Haefli being the maternal grandparents, and Bro. Walt and Sis. Hazel Geyer being the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Bernie Meister was in the hospital, had an operation, and is able to come to church again.

In the hospital are Bro. Joe Herman, Sis. Ruth Hartman and Kayla Messerli, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Miriam. Please pray for them, as well as for those who are suffering at home, such as Mary Meister (wife of Bro. Dave), Sis. Janet Schubert (wife of Sigfried), and others.

Diane Feucht died Aug. 19. She was given the grace to repent, and she received peace shortly before her death. Bro. Walter and Sis. Iola's other daughter, Sharon, who was hurt in the same accident, is home from the hospital and doing okay. Her stitches were removed Sept. 6.

A Note of Thanks: May God bless each one for the prayers offered in behalf of Diane and Sharon following the accident. We especially felt your love and prayers for us all after Diane went home to be with her God. Your many cards, flowers and gifts of love are very much appreciated. Walter and Iola Feucht and family.

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

School has started for our grade and high school children. We hope that the college students who will be living away from home and who

would like to receive **The Silver Lining** will give their addresses to me, or directly to **The Silver Lining**.

PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

We know Autumn in the Valley is just around the corner when the nights begin to cool off, and after many long, hot days and nights, we are beginning to experience this welcome relief. September also brings the end of vacation and return to classes for students. We are happy that Ben Weber of Rittman has come back this fall to continue his studies at ASU, and we welcome newlyweds. Dennis and Ginger Herman of Morton to our assembly. Dennis is attending ASU.

We enjoyed many blessings from the visit of Sisters Eiko Nozawa and Hiroko Utsuki from Japan.

On vacation from Saudi Arabia were Al and Jovce Yacklev and little daughter, Deborah. We are looking forward to their return to the States in about nine months. Al's parents are Ministering Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera.

With great joy we received the announcement that Russell Pomeroy has found peace with God, and we look forward, with him, to his testimony and baptism, Lord willing.

Recovery has been slow for Sis. Emma Moser, who returned to Phoenix after being with her daughter and family in Lester for several weeks. Emma fell and broke her hip in April. Sis. Lois Elsasser had to go to Mayo Clinic for tests and is now in Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, where she underwent surgery August 31. Drenda Turner is also a hospital patient.

God laid upon my back a load,
A cross to bear along the road.
I staggered on, and lo! one weary day,
An angry lion sprang across my way.
I prayed to God, and swift at His command
The cross became a weapon in my hand.
It slew my raging enemy, and then
Became a cross upon my back again.
I reached a desert. O'er the burning track
I persevered, the cross upon my back.

No shade was there, and in the sun

I sank at last, and thought by days were done . . .

But lo! the Lord works many a blest surprise—

The cross became a tree before my eyes!

I slept; I woke, to feel the strength of ten.

I found the cross upon my back again . . .

And thus through all my days from then to this,

The cross, my burden, has become my bliss.

Nor ever shall I lay the burden down,

For God some day will make the cross a crown!

MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig

Mrs. Harry Kaiser

We welcomed two more precious souls into the body of Christ on Sun. Aug. 19. They are Barbara Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn, and Margaret Joos (Mrs. Paul).

The past month has brought us many visiting ministers for which we are most thankful. They are: David Bertsch, Leo; Eugene Bertschi, and Jim Leman, Roanoke; Lynn Klopfenstein, Landersville; Ernest Luginbuhl and Albert Schnieder, Rockville, Richard Schupach, Phoenix; Elmer Hartter and Walter Steffen, Milford; and Edwin Ringger, Gridley.

Sis. Marjorie Rother and Bro. Robert Bertschi were united in Holy Matrimony on Aug. 12 by Elder Bro. Eugene Bertschi. Sis. Janie Knapp and Bro. Phil Price were married Sept. 2 by Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger. Cynthia Pflederer, daughter of Lloyd and Margaret Pflederer, was married to Phil Oberlander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oberlander on Aug. 19. Michael Grimm, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Ethel, was married on Aug. 18 to Sandra Gish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gish. May the Lord bless these couples as they begin their new life together.

We welcome back to our congregation Steve and Sis. Kay Wiedeman and their two daughters. They previously attended church in Union City.

The engagement of Sis. Rebecca Herman, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma, to Bro. David

THE SILVER LINING

Bloom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bloom, was announced Aug. 19. The engagement of Sis. Jane Witzig to Bro. Doug Zimmerman was announced Aug. 26. Jane is the daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Aldine. Doug is the son of Sis. Edith.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Marie Domnick Rapp, who passed away Aug. 21. Surviving are a son, Frederick, and a daughter, Mrs. C. W. (Bonnie) Bellamy; four sisters, Mrs. Ellis (Catherine) Beal, Mrs. Arthur (Lois) Hauter, Mrs. Alfred (Salome) Carius, and Sis. Naomi Witzig. Her husband, Lawrence, passed away in 1965.

Sis. Bena Belsley passed away Aug. 31 at Rest-Mor Nursing Home. Surviving is one brother, Bro. Joseph P. Belsley, who now resides at the Washington Nursing Home.

Those sick or convalescing are: Sisters Naomi Witzig, Kathryn Jacob, Bro. J. B. Getz and Ernie Gerber. Sandy Schick is still in Methodist Hospital, but we are happy to report she is improving. Charlene Hirstein was a surgical patient in the hospital, but is back at Rest-Mor Nursing Home. Bro. Otto and Sis. Mary Berchtold are residing at Lexington House Nursing Home in Peoria.

Thank You Notes: We wish to thank our friends, neighbors, relatives and ministers for all the expressions of kindness, prayers and sympathy shown to us during the death of our husband and father. The Otto Baum family . . . We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many prayers, cards and kind deeds shown to us during the tragic loss of our dear daughters, Janice Kay and Kathy Lou. The Christ Knapp and Sam Staker families.

The Annual Conference

The annual conference was held in Morton on Aug. 22, 23, and 24. All members present during the conference represented some 67 churches in 16 states and Japan. All the active elders (38) were able to attend. In a special meeting for ministers held on Thursday evening, there were about 160 present.

On the final day, there were about 1200 members attended. A number of very timely subjects were discussed in Christian love by the elders for our instruction, our edification, and the preservation of the faith. All members present

were also given the opportunity to share their thoughts on these subjects. Possibly the true spirit of the meeting could be defined best by listening to the most beautiful congregational singing of the song "UNITY" at the close of this meeting.

We are so grateful for the spirit of cooperation and understanding from everyone that was so evident during the entire conference.

The following poem was written by Bro. Roger Belsley in memory of his grandmother. Sis. Emma Belsley, who passed away in May.

Recently You took from me a wonderful person.

Why, I do not know or completely comprehend,

But I believe with all my heart
Someday, sometime I will understand.

I am thankful that You gave her to me

For as long as You had.
She was such a big asset to my life,
Satisfied and happy, never angry or mad.

No one can live fourscore and ten
Without many daily burdens and crosses.

No one can be married threescore and more
Without many earthly gains and losses.

She served You and she loved You
Obedient to Your word, will and way,

And she went to be with You forever
One beautiful Sunday evening in May.

When I was asked to answer her light,

Never once did I think it to be the last,

But in this special room tonight
The Death Angel would pass.

I knew when I walked in the door
Things just did not look quite right.
I could not find a pulse;
Her respirations were shallow and
and light.

I cried; I called, "Grandma, please
Just one more time talk to me."
But my wish was not ever granted
She had gone to be with Thee.

Now her trials and tests are
Her humble prayers have ceased.
Oh may You see my great loss
And grant a blessing and increase.

It is different when someone special dies,
Someone you have known and loved,
But I would not wish her back.
She is finally resting in Heaven above.

UNION CITY Karen Martin

We were privileged to have Ministering Bro. Akito Inoue with us. It was also a pleasure to fellowship with Akito's wife, Marie, and his brother-in-law, Toru Segausa. As we listened to Bro. Akito, the joys of being a child of God were so evident. He reminded us what a precious thing fellowship is; and that the discouragement that sometimes comes when a congregation is small in number is not so great if we remember that we are all children of God—all the congregations everywhere the family of Christ!

Andrew Virkler from Bay City was a visitor.

I did a favor yesterday,
A kindly little deed . . .
And then I called to all the world
To stop and look and heed.
They stopped and looked and
flattered me
In words I could not trust,
And when the world had gone
away,
My good deed turned to dust.

A very tiny courtesy
I found to do today;
'Twas quickly done, with none to
see,
And then I ran away,
But Someone must have witnessed
it,
For truly I declare,
As I sped back the stony path,
Roses were blooming there!

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"The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved . . . Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy."

Swiftly again the fall season is upon us, the children returned to

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the schools of learning . . . And so the wheels of time turn . . . and to the end and the judgment, again reminding us to watch and pray for our souls and the many loved ones outside God's holy covenant.

August was the time to vote Sunday School teachers, also sisters for the kitchen committee.

We welcome Sis. Mary Mogler of

West Bend, who is living in our midst and teaching elementary grades, under Bro. Sam Wegman in the Tri Valley school district of Biggsville, Ill., only 15 mile from Burlington. We welcome Mary. She lives with Sis. Ilene Fisher, for which Ilene is happy for Mary's companionship, being also from West Bend.

Our dear Bro. Noah Schrock and shepherd of our flock spent Wed. evening with us. We'll miss him once he lays his burdens down.

Our building committee is slowly progressing with drawing plans for a new and better church facilities. If God be willing, it shall be. Bro. Don Hoerr of Peoria is kindly assisting us with needed help.

PARTING

Henry Souder Jr.

There's a murmuring and rumbling. The dark soul who kept the midnight hour with sin stares. Time has tumbled down the forgotten good of yesterday. There is the mad sinner. And the bad. The five foolish virgins stir to a nightmare of tragedy.

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

Parting. A black vault, stifling and smothering, past the last possible hope. No chance. No return. Too late.

That verdict is written today. In a thousand ways . . . And they have one thing in common: they do not love the light. The soul has a way of withering and dying . . . just like God says. Neglect leads to parting.

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

There's two parts to wretchedness. One reaches and cuts, mutilates and gashes, now. Sin has a variety of ways to torture, hurt and deal death. It puts one in a class from God, away from good . . . away from dear ones, apart from life. It classes with a savage assortment of evil spirits. With the

mean, and the dirty. Selfish, and every other sin-frenzied man.

The other part is the sentence. Our Lord showed its reality. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Utter, dejected hopelessness. Misery forever falling in hopeless bottomless, fact. Who knows the dreadful depth of those flaming waves! Who knows the hot blasts. The anguish. Who knows the heart-sinking despair, that this is it, forever!

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

The contrast of the beautiful only makes the heart hurt more. Every memory must be a stabbing pain. Far, far away, the righteous and the beautiful are forever happy. There is sweet friendship, love in endless ages. Every moment is satisfied, glowed in lovely light. The nation, the world is a glorious place. There is a colorful forever, where perfection is everywhere!

"And I say a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

We so want to be there. God's city is the ultimate in beauty, joy, and liveability. It starts here: its family, its dear people, its lovely citizens. If you have eyes to see, you can drink in wonders. In vessels of the body are hidden beauti-

ful spirits. Oh yes, and one day of repentance, one day of the cross is worth more than years of sin and the world full of gold. We live the love of that city now. We live in its glorious beauty then.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

If you have found . . . if death's parting wave is in glorious sunset . . . then you too will be in this dreamland of glorious satisfaction. It will be so lovely and captivating than our present place will not come into mind. Think of that engaging life, and its fullness!

The greatest of all views, the perfectly joyful pastime and pleasure, one that opens treasures now, and yet opens treasures then, above our thinking, is God. Companionship with God. Talking with Him. He tells as only His everlasting to everlasting heart can. Yes, He's like a dear dad or mother, or a sweet little one over there . . . He's love that warms, and joy that kindles . . . and more, and more, and more.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

Forever.