



Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

IN YOUR HANDS

You have wonderful opportunity, in your hands. What tremendous consequences are from life's "little" things. Your words can be blazing torches in the dark streets of life.

Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare think. Always carry a sense of the immense consequences which may depend on your full and faithful presentation of the truth.

A child learns.

When do babies learn? Evidence proves even before birth. It does make a difference, mother, the life you lead. It does make a difference whose peace holds your soul. One day old, and a baby can tell odors apart, a mentality working, a mind awake . . . an impression awaiting. At two, the little head can turn to get sweetened liquid. New born babies can focus eyes on shapes, and show actual enjoyment.

They show every set of learning process, and perhaps even more not in formal schemes. It does mean a lot whose song you sing, whose love you show.

Most phonological (sound) learning occurs the first three years. It is said, all the basic structures used by adults to make sentences are found in the grammar of nursery school children. The way you bring up a child has tremendous influence: A person's language, by setting pattern to which his linguistic behavior conforms, can determine deeply and strongly established ways in which he habitually perceives and thinks . . . And when he is old, he will not depart from it.

A parent's job is to create a climate in which a child can grow . . . And give a model, a pattern. When a child has a choice, he acts the way he thinks some model would act. This does not mean the way they tell him, but the way they act.

A child will repeat the behavior which makes him feel good. Train him in love. Encourage him. Then encourage him some more. Show your love. A behavior is strengthened when some expected result happens—and weakened when it does not.

Challenge that boy and girl. Everyday things can be beautiful. The shoeshine boy wasn't tired, but he would be if he just shined shoes. Teach the little one the love-

ly, like this: Wood's a pretty thing now—growing, split or burnin'. Every day can bring a new adventure.

Students work like beavers in a certain teacher's private laboratory. He teaches kids to teach themselves. It's an art. With prayer and God's Book, you can do it. This man encourages questions. His attitude on the question is, it may get a laugh 5 minutes now, but no question, the rest of the life.

He makes them nosey. The child should know the excitement of its own moment of discovery. As they progressed from one assignment to another, each success built confidence toward the next. He gives a comfortable climate, in which curiosity and independence can grow. Sensing his respect for their brainpower, his students learned to acknowledge it themselves. He stood back, and let them discover; even a failure of an experiment, they can learn something.

They forge lunch-time, munching sandwiches. They just loved to learn. If we look carefully, the pattern in holy scripture is a loving to learn. It is a beautiful climate. Training. Patience for mistakes. Trying. Success and more learning. We do well to absorb the beauty, deep down . . . and then to provide the model. Another, watching, can be excited in discovery.

Words, a life of good deeds and holy love can be melted into them. Plant a dream. A good climate for a child is: I love you . . . for what I am when I am with you . . . drawing out the beautiful.

You can, my wavering heart hears, and I shall . . .

Listen for back of the spoken word, chords of fear, loneliness, need for appreciation and understanding. A certain skilled workman led production. Six months before, this same man produced less than anybody in the plant. He had considered himself just naturally slow. As a child, his family had classed him the slow one. See what words can do!

A selected group of infants, whose mothers were retarded, were showered from the moment they returned home to mental stimulation, on a one-to-one basis. After infancy, they were placed in a

nursery school situation. They learned better than normal IQ children. It is said that a teacher who labels a child dumb makes it easier for that child to be dumb.

Words can hold back. Our job is to unleash the mind and make it roam in the beautiful regions of God. Like the artist who painted delightful fire, swirling scarlets, bursting clouds and tossed seas, we have the exquisite things of God.

Challenge can too often be displaced by too much no-no behavior. Genuine good manners are learned only from people who employ them, and challenge imitation. To show a stick is crooked, don't argue or spend time denouncing it, but lay a straight stick beside it.

The human mind is a wonderful creation. Forty dimensions have been identified. Among them are, originality, judgment, foresight, ability to visualize, to express ideas verbally, understand what is said . . . And how many more are yet to be found?

A child can play on a cello. That same child can learn the artist's way, and bring thrilling music, cascading from the heart. We should bring it to the rainbow. What is done should be done in the deep beauty of the heart.

Life has loveliness to sell . . . all beautiful and splendid things . . . Blue waves whitened on a cliff . . . Soaring fire that sways and sings . . . And children's faces looking up . . . Holding wonder like a cup.

Most children are beautiful in their way of doing things from the heart. There is sweet amazement of starlike things. There is bubbling meaning put into things. A child

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gives from the heart. Some elements in society and school would stunt some of this. The child can become one of a number.

That's where we come in, all of us. Train up a child. Let them know. Thy smile invigorates me. Plant in them the desire and the wonder to never be satisfied with anything but the Best.

One man just builds with bricks. Another builds a masterpiece in workmanship. It does make a difference.

Bring it to the rainbow!

God must have known that each of us

Would need right from the start
A guiding hand, a loving smile,
An understanding heart,
So he put all the qualities
Along with many others
Into this dear gift for all,
When He created mothers.

God Knew that everybody needs
Someone to show the way.
He knew that babies need someone
To care for them each day . . .
He knew they needed someone
sweet

To soothe their baby cries,
To teach them how to walk and
talk,
And sing them lullabies . . .
And God made mothers.

And then throughout their childhood years,

God knew that children need
Someone to smile at them . . .
Encourage each new deed.

As they grow up and all their lives,
God knew that everywhere
All children need a mother's heart
To understand and care,
And God made mothers.

I'll lend to you, for a little while,
A child of mine, He said,
For you to love the while he lives,
And mourn for when he's dead.

It may be for six or seven years
(or months)
Or twenty-two or three,
But will you, till I call him back
Take care of him for me?

He will bring his charms to gladden
you,
And should his stay be brief,
You'll have his lovely memories
As solace for your grief.

I cannot promise that he'll stay,
Since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down
there
I want this child to learn.

I've looked the wide world over
In search of teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd
life's lanes
I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love,
Nor think the labor vain,
Nor hate me when I call
To take him back again.

I fancy I have heard them say,
Dear Lord, Thy will be done,
For all the joy thy child will bring,
The risk of grief we'll run.

We will shelter him with
tenderness;
We'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we have
known
Forever grateful stay.

But shall the angels call him
Sooner than we had planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that
comes
And try to understand.

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BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Eunice Schupbach
Kayleen Heiniger

The earth is full of the goodness
of the Lord. The words of the
psalmist come to our minds as we
drive along the country roads sur-
rounding our community, and see
that the harvest-time is upon us.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Nussbaum
have announced the engagement
and approaching marriage of their
daughter, Connie to Les Woodcock.
They will be united in marriage in
Peoria on Dec. 8.

We are sorry to lose one of our
young couples, Bro. Keith and Sis.
Cathy Steffen. They have moved
to Indianapolis, where Keith has
found employment in the personnel
department in one of the hospitals.

We welcome newlyweds Bro.
Curt and Sis. Elma Lou (Schlipf)
Fleming to our congregation. They
are living in an apartment in the
Broadmoor subdivision.

We sympathize with the Walton
Fehr family in the loss of Mrs.
Fehr's father.

Progress is slowly being made on
our new church building. Some
framework is now done, and we can
now visualize a little more of what
the building will actually look like.
We are hoping for good weather
this fall, so that the structure can
be enclosed before winter sets in.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Sept. 30 . . . Happy Birthday to
the oldest living sister of our
church, Cora Boehning, who is 86.
Some went to sing for her at her
home, as she has her arm in a cast
since Labor Day, when she fell. She
is so faithful in our J.O.Y. circle;
being unable to attend, she always
sends her devotions, donation, and
has crocheted many lap-ropes and
slippers for the less fortunate. One
of her past memories was, when
her mother was sick, she baked 14
loaves of bread for the church
lunch, and had home-made butter
and apple-butter. Then she took
home the table cloths, to wash and
iron them.

We also had joy and thankful-
ness in our hearts to have Bros.
Don Sauder and Jim Leman of Ro-
anoke with us. Their first remark
was, "As we entered Indiana we
saw a sign, **Hoosier Hospitality Is
Not An Accident.**" That humbled
us, as it was really the Illinois
ly were uplifting to the old and
young.

Our Sis. Valeria Bucher (Wally)
was especially happy to see Roan-
oke company, as she is engaged to
Bro. Bill Wuethrich (Willis) of
there.

Norman Putts have their second
daughter, Tara, to love and to make
their home cheerful.

Some more signs along the way
have good meaning and give you a
smile: Think Happy Today . . . Eat
at Grandma's Pantry . . . Families
Like It Here . . . Good and Plenty
. . . Pop's Work Shop . . . Welcome
To City Of Friendship . . . Cheer-
fulness Oils The Machinery Of Life
. . . We Like It Here . . . Friendly
Acres . . . Sweet School . . . Service

Is Our Business . . . Announcement,
Have A Nice Day. . . . Dear Do-
Gooder . . . Flower City . . . Friendly
Service . . . America Is Beautiful
. . . I'll Walk With Him Always . . .
I Will Talk About You On My
Knees . . . and a sign on a restau-
rant table, If you believe in asking
grace before eating, feel perfectly
free to do so here—in fact, we are
pleased if you do.

Farewell—Dear Ones, Until
Next Month, Lord Willing.

TOLEDO

Lydia Meister

Suffer little children to come un-
to me . . . for of such is the King-
dom of Heaven.

What a dear experience it is to
feel a tiny girl's hand slip into
yours, and have blue eyes raised to
yours in complete confidence and
love; how it does warm the heart.
It must be thus our Saviour feels
when in humble confidence we put
our hand in His and walk with Him
on the Way which leads us Home
to our Heavenly Father.

In the past few weeks we have
been blest with a Sunday spent
with our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach;
added to this blessing was a mid-
week service with Edward Aeschle-
man of Union City, and Eugene Le-
man of Wolcott spent a Sunday
with us. Our spirits were refreshed
by the messages so richly given.
We hope they will visit us again
soon!

Our Sunday School pupils and
teachers enjoyed a day of fellow-
ship with the Akron classes. Thank
you, Akron, for your kind hospital-
ity.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Lydia Schlatter
opened their home to us to meet
Dr. Shantwan of India. He showed
slides of the people he works with.
We found his talk most interesting;
it makes the heart ache for these
dear people. The doctor spent
Thursday evening at church service
with us. He was welcomed in many
homes and seemed to enjoy being
with us.

Sunday, Sept. 30, the Alto Sun-
day School came to be guests of
our Sunday School classes. It was
so nice to have the children and to
meet the brethren of faith, and
again renew ties with dear ones
who had once been of our congrega-
tion, but now are at Alto. A picnic
supper was served at one of our
scenic parks. The autumn chill re-

mind us that the time of enjoy-
ing God's outdoor was coming near
its end, and about us we saw the
coming beauty of scarlet shrubs
and trees.

K. S. U. Libby Meyer

We want to extend a special
welcome to the many newcomers
in Manhattan with us this fall. Stu-
dents include Jan Baumgartner,
Irene Edelman, Janet Plattner,
Sharlyn Meyer, Darin Marti, Bro.
Phil Bahr (all from the Bern-Sa-
betha area) and Steve Gutwein
from Francesville. Sis. LaVilla
Langhofer is employed at St.
Mary's Hospital as an R.N.

Visiting Bro. Alphonie Strahm
brought out how Zacchaeus put
forth that extra effort (Luke 19)
and pleased the Lord. Our under-
standing was opened again as Bro.
Sam Huber spoke from Rev. 17 at
Bible study.

LATTY

Connie Stoller LeAnn Laukhuf

On Sept. 8, Jeanette Stoller and
Tony Wobler were united in mar-
riage. Jeanette is the daughter of
Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Stoller, and
Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs.
Wobler of Payne, Ohio. May their
life together be filled with happi-
ness.

Bro. Bill Jr. and Sis. LouAnn
Rager are the happy parents of a
baby girl, Krista Lyn. A sister,
Lisa welcomes her.

Hospital patients were Cindy
Stoller (Dallas and Betty), Bros.
Dan Sinn (Sis. Nellie), Ray Stoller,
Emil Stoller, Sis. Helen Schlatter.
Sis. Velta Laukhuf has been re-
quested by her doctor to return to
the Cleveland, Ohio, hospital and
clinic for treatment and tests.

The Latty young group was
privileged to travel to Cissna Park
and Rittman. We wish to thank
them for their Christian hospital-
ity. We especially enjoyed the
scenic drive to Rittman during this
fall season.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

"Be ye therefore ready also: for
the Son of man cometh at an hour
when ye think not." One of our new
converts stated, that he knew if the
Lord would come, he was not ready
and would go to hell. The realiza-
tion caused him to turn to the Lord

in repentance. We shared a mem-
orable week-end when Elder Bros.
Rudy Graf and Ed Hohulin were
with us Sat. Sept. 15. to hear the
testimonies of Larry Bocka (son of
Sis. Leora Gasser Bocka and the
late Bro. Emil), and Larry and
Nancy Banks (Bro. Dick and Sis.
Mabel Fuhrer Banks are Larry's
parents). The elder brothers also
officiated for the baptismal serv-
ices on the following day. With
thanks and praise to our great God,
we welcome these dear souls as
brothers and sister in Christ. We
also thank Bros. Robert Grimm,
Aaron Steffen and Ernest Graf,
who also ministered to us that Sun-
day.

Frank Bertka has been a hospital
patient. We extend our heartfelt
sympathy to Frank in the death
of his brother, John.

Also a hospital patient was Jesse
Beard, 21-month-old son of Dave
and Sis. Jeri. Little Jesse was found
to be a diabetic and must now have
insulin injections. We ask the Lord
to give an abundance of patience
and understanding to the young
parents in the continual care need-
ed by their little son.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

The richest man is he who finds
the best in each new day,
Who gathers harvests of bright
things and stores the good and
gay.

We had a blessed Sunday early
in September, when we had visitors
from Eureka and Roanoke. Many
words of wisdom were spoken
from the pulpit, occupied with
Bros. Marvin Schmidgal of Eureka
and Kenneth Knepp of Roanoke.
We were reminded that we must
follow the way of Paul, who bowed
low in repentance, and then lead
a new life, completely turned
around from our old life. Peter
looked to Jesus, and as long
as he kept his faith, he could suc-
cessfully walk on the water as
Jesus. As long as we keep our eyes
on God and Jesus, we will be able
to win against the tempest.

Our spirits were stirred with
precious teachings by Uriel Gehr-
ing of Burlington, Iowa. He started
by saying, "Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is for brethren to
dwell together in unity". We are so

very thankful to have him in our midst to bring forth the God-inspired message, pleading with us to preserve the true faith and unity of our precious faith.

A son, Benjamin Howard, was born to Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann on Sept. 20, and was welcomed home by a big brother, Kevin, and sisters, Deanne, Johanna and Kari. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther Herrmann.

We are so happy and thankful to have Bro. George Wagenbach able to worship with us again, even though he must spend his time in a wheel-chair. We are thankful he is showing improvement. Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth wish to thank everyone who remembered them with cards, visits, gifts, and the most welcome prayers.

Our hearts are sad, as we have three very sick brothers. Bro. Emil Lauber has had a series of strokes and is bedfast, helpless, cannot talk, and can only communicate by motions. He is at home, being cared for by his faithful wife, Sis. Louise, and his children, who come every day to help. Bro. Christ Martin, who lives next door to the Laubers, was taken to the hospital and is very weak. Bro. Chris Elsasser is in the hospital and a very sick man. Sis. Edith Stahl has been hospitalized for four weeks.

Our friends, Chris and Naomi Frank, who attend church faithfully, observed their 50th wedding anniversary with open house, Sept. 30. They were honored by their only son, Raymond, and his wife, son and daughter. A number of friends and relatives gathered to wish them well. May they enjoy many blessings together and especially in the assembly of God's people.

Notice: Since last spring there has been a double-knit, navy blue lady's coat, small size, hanging on one of our coat racks. If someone is missing it, please contact this reporter and I will see that it will be sent to the owner.

With summer now behind us and the beginning of autumn, a number of farmers are busy gathering in the harvest. Although it is early, a number of the trees are showing bright colors, and even a number of trees are already shedding their leaves.

WOLCOTT

Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf

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

These words surely express the feeling of our new brother-in-faith, Roy Keller, who gave his testimony and was baptized on Wed. evening, Sept. 19. It was a beautiful picture as he stood beside the baptismal waters, with the congregation singing, "Whiter Than Snow," and the glow of his face truly reflecting the inner peace of his heart. Bro. Wendell Gudeman assisted Bro. Alfred Bahler with this work.

A large group assembled at the Fellowship Hall on Sept. 16 for our annual Sunday School picnic. Song service was enjoyed after the meal, followed by presentation of Bibles and songbooks as promotional gifts.

We are thankful that Bro. Sam Furrer is able to be about and assemble with us again, after being hospitalized for tests and treatment.

A group from the Wolcott and Remington congregations gathered at Fellowship Hall on the evening of Sept. 2, to see the slides shown by Dr. Shantwan of India. It was also interesting to hear him sing and read scripture in his native language.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

We have enjoyed many visitors. Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont was here the first Sunday of September and ministered to us. We are always happy when he and Sis. Louise come to visit their daughter, Sis. Sharon Elsasser and family.

Two new babies were born.

One is a new little boy at our house. Benjamin Orel was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Rebecca Endress on Sept. 5. He has two happy sisters, Lavonne and Leann. His grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner of Oakville and Sis. Mildred Endress, Princeville.

Jeff, Barry, and Freddie Dietz are thrilled with their new sister. She was born Sept. 13 to our Ministering Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mar-

dell Dietz. Her name is Valerie Rose. Her grandparents are Sis. Louise (Fred) Grimm, Taylor, and Sis. Hilda (Herman) Dietz, Bradford.

ALTADENA

Mrs. Don Cremer

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would he say?

If He should come today
And find my love so cold,
My faith so very weak and dim
I had not even looked for Him,
What would he say?

Another summer is over, and the cool of fall is in the air. We have had a lovely month here with warm weather, now cooling off.

It was an exciting event when Sis. Lillian and Bro. Will Feller, from Cissna Park were joined as man and wife, here in our Altadena Church. We welcome them, as they are planning to spend several months here through the winter. May the Lord richly bless their new life together.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder

Wilma Young

And when in thy last distress,
Helpless friends around thee
gather,
Then this heart of righteousness
Yields thee comfort from the
Father.
Judgment brings no fear nor
fright,
For the Lord is thy delight.

Our community has been saddened by the passing of Bro. Andy Young, 81 years of age . . . Had he lived six weeks longer, he would've reached his 82nd. The last seven weeks were spent in the hospital; prior to this time, he led an active life, doing fieldwork, feeding cattle etc. . . always active in church work; he was a member 48 years. What a consolation when he told his family, "The Lord doesn't seem to want me to work here any longer, and I am ready to go." He is survived by his wife, Sis. Lydia; they shared 54 years together. He also leaves five sons, four daughters; a brother, Bro. Feldor Young.

He was a lover of children; even the three little girls I babysit with miss his friendly wave as he came by two or three times a day . . . he was our neighbor.

. . . Wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Michael Knapp. He became ill and passed away a few days later in a local hospital . . . came here to visit his two brothers, four sisters and their families. A memorial service was held here, another service and burial at Goodfield.

Bro. Sam Huber visited our congregation one Sunday. We thank him for a stirring message, invite him or other Ministering brothers to visit us often.

Hospital patients: Rhonda Owens, 3-year-old daughter of Sis. Marilyn and Steve, high fever . . . Dale Ish and two-month-old son, Darren were hospitalized the same time with encephalitis (husband and son of Sis. Janiece.) We are thankful all three have been dismissed and recuperating . . . Brian Bahr, son of Bro. Roy and Doris, was hospitalized with a high fever.

Stephanie Lynn is the new baby born to Sis. Marilyn and Steve Owens on Sept. 25. Marilyn has been dismissed; due to a high white count, little Stephanie must remain in the hospital until it clears. She has a sister, Rhonda, who is anxious to welcome her home. Sorry to hear they have moved to Nebraska, where Steve is employed. We wish them the Lord's blessing, hope they continue to worship with us as often as possible. Their address: Steve Owens, 4401 S 27th, Apt B, Lincoln Nebraska.

Our sympathy to Sis. Lena Strahm and family, in the unexpected passing of her brother, Harry Fuhrer.

Bro. Joseph Somerhalder is home, gets around with a leg brace and crutches, hopes to attend church soon.

Welcome rains began in September; after 11 inches of moisture, the sun is encouraging to the farmers. Most of the crops remain in the fields.

CONGERVILLE

Linda Knapp — Arlene Banwart

And ye, the church's members truly
Are folded in my heart's embrace!
In Christ ye are my brethren duly;

We share salvation through His grace.

We drink one cup; we break one bread.

One Saviour suffered in our stead.

What unity and blessings we experienced when we were served Communion by Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard (Fairbury), Leroy Huber (Eureka), and Perry Zimmerman (Forrest). May the love of God which filled our hearts be shared in loving one another.

Bro. John Wettstein has become a resident at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. We're thankful he can still drive his car to come and worship with us. When walking down the halls of the Home one day, I observed one sister reading her Bible and another brother reading the Zion's Harp. How wonderful it is that we have a Home where our loved ones' beliefs are understood.

Bro. Roy Schrock was given duties on the Building Aid Committee.

Hospitalized for surgery was Sis. Lorene (Bro. Carl) Schieber; for tests, Bro. Sam Zimmerman.

How do you show your love to God? Take up your cross, deny yourself, and follow Him. We shouldn't complain or murmur about our duties here in the church or any duties.

We rejoice with Bro. Steve and Sis. Bonnie Gerst on the birth of their son, Tadd Lyndon. He was born Sept. 20. Welcoming him home are two sisters, Tiffany 2½ and Trista, 1½. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Gerst, Oakville, and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Grusy.

We welcome Bro. Tim Zimmerman home from the Army.

Furthering their education are Sisters Mardel Grusy, physical therapy at Ill. Central College; Beverly Schieber, medical technology at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria; Bro. Tim Zimmerman, animal science, at Macomb; Jim Steffen, agricultural engineering, and Mark Steffen, mechanical engineering, both at University of Illinois. May God bless these endeavors.

Further teachings shared with us include:

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; . . .

covetousness, which is idolatry". When one looks up covetousness in the dictionary, it means avaricious—to lust after riches. How many are guilty of this covetousness!

Money is the root of all evil. When there is a lot left behind when a loved one dies, it often causes friction among the family. If we seek after the kingdom of God, He will add unto us that which is good for us spiritually.

Satan mixes the truth, thus deceiving us. He waters it down and makes the way broader; that's why we must seek the narrow way.

A quick and harsh word comes so easy, but it's so hard to take back. May we bridle our tongue. Pray more and speak less. Be a good hearer.

Grace

Grace it was that sought and found me

Wandering far from God astray;
Saved me with a great salvation,
Set my feet in His Highway.

Grace it was that justified me,
Cleared the guilty past away;
Made me fit for God's own presence,
Turned my darkness into day.

Grace calls, preserves, sets free from sin,
All because Christ Jesus died;
Grace reigns through righteousness alone—
God's just claims are satisfied.

Grace builds up and establishes—
'Tis the soil in which we grow,
And our lives become more fragrant,
As the more of Christ we know.

Grace meets me at the throne above,
Checks the sigh, and wipes the tear,
Grace has a balm for every woe—
Why not come? says He: Draw near.

Grace puts me in the priestly place,
Where for others I can pray,
And wait on God for further grace
To succor them on their way.

Since grace for us has done so much,
It should mark our walk and ways,
Speaking, singing, serving with grace,
Life and lip, all to His praise.

PHOENIX**Mrs. Allan Freed**

It was mentioned in a sermon one Sunday that a person doesn't really live until he is prepared to die, and we rejoice that Jacob Hoerr and Darby Knochel have taken the first step toward finding this new life in Christ. Their parents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr and Bro. Ted and Sis. Madelyn Knochel.

Brian Edward was born Sept. 11 to Bro. Don and Sis. Kathy Emch. His sister, Stacy—2, is glad to have a little brother. His grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene Emch and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bailey.

We have heard that Sis. Lois Elsasser is still hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic. She hopes to soon be able to go to Princeville, where she will recuperate at the home of relatives, Bro. and Sis. Harold Streitmatter. We miss her.

It was good to have Sis. Emma Moser in church on the 30th, for the first time since she broke her hip in May.

A hearty welcome to the following new arrivals: Bro. Wayne and Sis. Helen Kircher moved here from Burlington, Oklahoma. Their new address is 5115 W. Evans Dr. Glendale 85301. Sis. Connie Cawley came from Eureka. She is living at 2017 W. Claremont, Phoenix 85015. Ron Bobesku is here attending DeVry's Institute. His home is in Union City, and his address here is 1823 W. Campbell, Phoenix 85015.

Sept. 23, we were all invited to Bro. Earl and Sis. Emma Sanders home for a surprise reception for Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie Beery's 25th Anniversary. Our congratulations and best wishes to them.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Louisa Rokey, who passed away in Sabetha. She was the mother of Bro. Ervin Rokey of our congregation.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held the 20th, at Urban Park in Paradise Valley. It also served as a welcome to the members and friends who have moved here during the past year. A large crowd, including many visitors, enjoyed the bountiful meal and evening of singing. One of our visitors was Bernd Kasper of Berlin, Germany, a foreign exchange student, who has been at Oakville this past year. He was on a tour with

a group of AFS students, and we were glad he made the effort to spend the day with us.

TAYLOR**Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley**

We rejoiced the week-end of Sept. 8-9, when two souls became our sisters in the Lord. They are Evelyn Yackley, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara, and Jeanne Grimm, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona. Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Ezra Feller were here to prove and baptize them. Bro. Ezra and Sis. Ollie are Jeanne's grandparents. Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) and Bro. Kenny Dietz (Bradford) were also with us on this blessed occasion. Many relatives and friends also witnessed this impressive ceremony.

Four Sunday School teachers were elected for two-year terms. They are Bros. Norman Haerr, Paul Haab, Robert Hoerr, and Sis. Judy Feller. May God bless them and grant them the courage and wisdom to teach the children God's way.

Several groups have been here to help with cleaning up and repairing after the flood. Three families have moved back into their homes. The others are making progress in repairing their homes.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Paul Butikofer and Bob Pohl. How tireless are the efforts of all our ministering brothers. May God richly bless them for bringing us the word of life.

Christianity is not a new leaf, but a new life.

Thank You

It was a long five months ago, on April 23, that the Mighty Mississippi overflowed its banks and flooded the homes and lands of some 50 families between Taylor and Quincy. One-fourth of the families involved were brethren or friends of our beloved faith.

What seemed to be an insurmountable tragedy proved to be a blessing instead, for out of this came an outpouring of generosity and love never before experienced in this congregation. No sooner had the news gone out than we began receiving offers of labor to help clean up. Such offers were even more encouraging as we could see the damage increasing with each passing week.

When the time did come to begin the clean-up, car-loads of brethren from many congregations brought their shovels, hammers, and other tools, and converged on the Taylor area. What a pleasure it was to work with these brethren! Their whole-hearted enthusiasm to work proved to be an inspiration to all of us. We also enjoyed a wonderful fellowship with these brethren. Approximately 225 brothers and friends from the midwest participated.

Soon after the flood waters came, we were told that a collection would be made to aid the Taylor area. The response was overwhelming! Not only were our brethren given financial aid, but over 30 families in the Taylor area were also given substantial help.

We feel that much good was accomplished in helping our neighbors. Many of them expressed their deep gratitude in cards, letters, and words.

We thank you for your unselfish expressions of love and concern in our time of need . . . The Taylor Congregation.

WICHITA**Glennis Allenbach**

The Lord willing, in late October, Sis. Sally Wullschleger and Bro. Glen Funk of Tucson will be married in our Wichita church. This is Sally's home church. This date coincides with the proposed completion of our new addition. If it be the Lord's will, we would count it a blessing to be able to have the wedding in our new sanctuary.

It warms our hearts to see these two young people who have each made preparation for their heavenly home, now making plans for their earthly home together, in which they can serve the Lord.

Speaking of earthly homes, I remember the story of my believing grandmother, how she had to make the decision of leaving an established farm and home in Michigan to come to the homeless prairie, opened by the Cherokee Strip. She prayed many times for help in making the decision. She was given peace about this and never regretted it. She included the Lord and He was on her side. I've been told she opened her door to many strangers, and I wonder if perhaps she entertained angels unaware. In her later years, everyone called her Grandma, and I can't recall her

ever being selfish. She came to live with us when I was four years old.

Bro. Ed Souder included a poem in his news-letter this time about giving the flowers while they live. I cannot give my grandmother "flowers" now, but I can appreciate the examples and teachings she gave me from her *lifes bouquet*. She'd prefer it this way anyhow.

I am reminded of two lines from a poem I read recently.—

Home is the first school
And the first church for your children.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was a visitor

We are sorry to lose Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue Groom and son from our congregation, but our loss is the Kiowa congregation's gain. Jeff will be greatly missed by his 5, 6, and 7th grade class in Sunday School and we brothers and sisters who know him as a very sincere believer. Sue will be missed for her sincerity and ready smiles and friendliness. They are not so far away that we can't expect them to visit us often.

Here is a thought for the autumn season:

Every morning lean thine arms
awhile
Upon the window sill of heaven
And gaze upon thy Lord.
Then, with the vision in thy heart,
Turn strong to meet thy day.

AKRON

Katherine Ries

What glorious state, to be a lamb
of Jesus,
To feel the faithful Shepherd's
loving grace.
In all the earth there is no higher
standing
Than this, to follow in the
Saviour's ways.

We rejoice, as two more precious souls turn to the Saviour's way and have found peace. Friends Linda Pamer, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Eleanor, and Janice Greenbank, daughter of Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily, are waiting to give their testimony and looking forward to baptism.

We have been blest with inspiring messages by visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Theo. Beer, Milford and

Bro. Gary Maibach, Rittman. May it bring forth good fruit.

We are happy to welcome back to our assembly Bro. Noah (Mary) Baumgartner, and Sisters Anna Von Gunten and Helen Burr, who had been hospitalized, Bro. Pete & Sis. Eva Wenhardt and Sis. Frida Gruenig who were visiting in Europe. Bro. Pete & Sis. Eva in Hungary, & Sis. Frida in Switzerland. Pete was quite ill while there. We thank the Lord for the safe return of all.

November is the month to collect for **The Silver Lining**. Please contact your reporter.

ELGIN, IOWA

Eleanor Butikofer

See the faith, zeal and courage,
that would dare to do the right,
Which the Spirit gave to Daniel,
this the secret of his might;
In his home in Judea, or a captive
in the hall,
He understood the writing of his
God upon the wall!

So our deeds are recorded, there's
a Hand that's writing now.
Sinner, give your heart to Jesus,
to His royal mandates bow,
For the day is approaching, it
must come to one and all,
When the sinner's condemnation
will be written on the wall!

'Tis the Hand of God on the wall
Shall the record be **Found wanting!**
Or shall it be **Found trusting,**
While the Hand is writing on the
wall?

My mother, Sis. Elizabeth Schneider, will have reached her 90th birthday by the sixteenth of this month. Her faith has always sustained her spiritual life, to the extent that she feels that whatever God wills is well done.

The woods in this area are displaying gorgeous shades of gold, red and russet. Nature is at its best as far as color is concerned. The maple and oak trees appear the most colorful.

The birds are beginning to flock together, preparatory to their fall migration. A large flock of black-birds settled down in one of our maple trees and gave us a final twittering before they took off.

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

MINNEAPOLIS

Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger

A Thought

To reach the port of Heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against . . . But we must sail, and not drift . . .

We were richly blessed as our visiting ministers, Bro. Wayne Miller—Ft. Scott, Bro. Harold Messner—Winthrop, Elder Bros. Noah Schrock—Oakville and Paul Fehr—Morris, brought God's word to us.

At our annual meeting, Bro. Kenneth Schmidt was elected trustee and Bro. Ray Schmidgall re-elected Sunday School teacher.

TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Unto the soul that seeks the Lord
Rich promises are given,
The guiding hand of God on earth
A Home with Him in Heaven.
The Peace with God, O priceless
gift,
By faith in Jesus given,
Is but a foretaste of the joy
We shall receive in heaven.

What a blessed day, as we witnessed the testimony and baptism of another dear soul, Sis. Grace Haller. We pray that she will always find grace to be true and obedient and can find comfort in her present illness. Her condition seems to remain about the same.

We rejoice that another dear soul, Dale Knapp, has surrendered to the Lord in repentance. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Loren Knapp. What a wonderful time to seek salvation while you are young. May many more search their hearts and turn to the Lord, before it is forever too late.

Sis. Clara Lorenz would like to thank all the dear friends who sent her cards and letters, observing her 85th birthday. The Lord shines through her daily walk of life, and we pray we might show just a portion of this grace as we grow older.

Friend Matilda Ulrich had surgery and is again able to assemble with us.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Roy Farney of Phoenix, Carl Kinsinger of Altadena, Bros. Richard Schupbach and Clarence Yackley of Phoenix.

UNION CITY

Karen Martin

We have been blessed with many visitors during the summer months and have enjoyed the fellowship.

Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo ministered unto us during his visit to the East. We thank him for his services.

One of the dear sisters from our congregation came up to me and said, "Thank you for teaching Sunday School today." I was much admonished to think of all the years my children have gone to Sunday School, and perhaps I have never verbally expressed my thanks to their teachers. I was also lifted up to think how thoughtful she was to tell me; and hopefully I will remember to express my appreciation to our ministers and other Sunday School teachers too!

What a pleasure it was to see dear Sis. Bertha Wartman in our midst after her long illness.

If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come.

SILVERTON

Judith Knecht

All things are possible to him who believes: they are less difficult to him who hopes; they are easy to him who loves; and they are simple to another who does all three.

The birth of a baby boy occurred on Sept. 10 to Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Florence Leman. To welcome him home and supply him with abundant love are nine brothers and sisters, Paulette, Curtis, Dorene, Kenneth, Gleen, Laura, David, John, and Jason. The baby has been named Aaron Keith. May our Great God ever grant all parents the needed grace to bring their children up in the fear and nurture of the Lord.

FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Barbara and Ron Schafer gave their testimonies of their conversion and peace with God, and they were baptized. Barbara is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dick Wiegand. Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisted Bro. Josh Broquard this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Young are the happy parents of a new baby girl, Bonnie Jo. They also have another girl, Julie, and a boy, Bruce.

Samuel Miller, 74, passed away. He was the son of Sam and Lena Streib Miller. He never married, and surviving are cousins.

Sis. Bena Broquard passed away at age 91 at the home of her niece, Sis. Lena Zehr. Bena's three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death. Surviving are 25 nieces and nephews, 66 great-nieces and nephews, 148 great-great-nieces and nephews, and a great-great-great niece.

Kathleen Rieger and Dennis Davis were united in marriage. The newlyweds are making their home at Forrest. Dennis is the son of the Wayne Davis', and Kathleen is the daughter of the Leonard Riegers.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Charles Walder, Tremont, Bro. Earl Gerber, Forrest, and Bro. Robert Meyer of Bluffton.

Bro. Fred Feldman is in the hospital in Chicago.

Note of Thanks: We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many relatives and friends for the cards, gifts, and flowers sent to us on our 50th anniversary. Sam and Sis. Ruth Walter.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

Few fruits ripen from the spring-time sunshine;
Not till autumn is abundance shown.

Without waiting we ne'er feel the rapture

Of a precious, bounteous harvest grown . . .

And blessed is he, when the summer is gone

Who harvests the fruit from good seed he has sown.

Good seed was again sown from the Lord by our visiting ministers, Bros. Arthur Bahler of Fairbury, Arnold Gerst of Chicago, Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop, Earl Banwart of West Bend, and Henry Beer of Milford.

We welcome into our church circle Sis. Leann, who is now the wife of Bro. Don Schambach. They live at 118½ North Fourth Ave., St. Charles Ill 60174.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Janice Schrock, who have been spending a little time here this summer, have now gone to make their home at 15561 Norborne, Detroit Mich 48239, where Richard will attend

Wayne State University, to finish his course. Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo Metzger have left our midst to make their home in Oakville. May God bless these loved ones in their new places of abode.

Harvey, husband of Sis. Ruth Schurter, 772 Bluff City Blvd., Elgin Ill. 60120, has had surgery, and is getting along well.

We rejoice in having had another lamb added to the flock. Judy, daughter of Merle and Sis. Madeline Tobler, gave her testimony and was baptized into the death of Christ. May God be her ever present guide and staff upon her future way.

Many thanks to all for prayers, cards and gifts during my surgery. Sis. Katie Kachelmuss.

MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig

Mrs. Harry Kaiser

The harvest fields are bending with precious, ripened grain;
More reapers now are needed,
Ere Christ comes back again.

The call must now be heeded;
We cannot say him nay.
Since He has died to save them,
We must go forth today.

We'll come again rejoicing,
A reaper's crown to gain;
The harvest Home is coming,
When Christ comes back again.

We are so thankful and 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 the Heavenly Home.

We were pleased to have Bro. Harvey Grimm with us as our visiting minister. We thank him for his labor of love.

William Berger (85) passed away Sept. 18. He was the son of Ulrich and Fredricka Schmidgall Berger. His wife, Mary Menold, preceded him in death in 1954. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Ella) Cusick; two sons, William M. and Richard, all of Morton; and two brothers, Edward and John, also of Morton.

Sis. Anna (Dave) Rassi has been

in the hospital. Bro. John B. Getz and Sandy Schick are convalescing at home. Kent Knobloch was treated and released, after a bicycle and car mishap. Terry Slagel has a broken arm.

REMINGTON Anna M. Waibel

What is true joy?

A traveler, waiting for his train at a depot asked a man there, Say, mister, do folks enjoy their religion around here? Scarcely looking up, replied. "Them that has it does." Do you have it?

The Psalm writer writes, "And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation." Being joyful is truly an expression of gratitude.

Purdue students are with us again from time to time . . . trust each one feels welcome and at home to come and worship with us whenever possible.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin and Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott were with us Sun., Sept 23, at which time Bro. Alfred was appointed to take over duties here.

We really appreciated our visitors Sept. 30 from Bluffton, Roanoke, Eureka, Taylor, Fairbury, as around 6 or 8 couples from here were gone. The singing was really beautiful.

Our Sewing Circle had a group of patients from the Logansport State Hospital for supper and evening entertainment on Sat. night, Sept. 29. We can really give thanks for all our blessings, especially for our health when one sees how some people exist.

Morris Braker, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, and Janet McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mungo McClure of New Albany, Ind., were united in marriage Sept. 8. They are now at home at 900A Parkwood Drive, Joliet Ill 60432.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Marjorie Clauss of Eureka have a baby boy, born Fri., Sept. 28. Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene are the paternal grandparents; Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lula Fehr, Eureka, are the maternal grandparents.

Forgive

I've found a little remedy
To ease the life we live,
And make each day a happier one;
It is the word, **Forgive**.

So often little things come up
That leave a pain and sting,
That covered up at once
Would not amount to anything.

Tis when we hold them up to view
And brood and sulk and fret,
They greater grow before our eyes
Twere better to forget.

So when at night you seek your
bed,
Ere yet your eyelids close,
Lay all your problems, doubts,
and acts
Before the One who knows.

And wait the verdict of the One
Who knows just why you live,
And hear the blessed words of
peace:
Forgive as I forgive.

PORTLAND Art and Betty Metz

"The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."

Bro. Paul Rumbold is home from the hospital and is able to get around on crutches. We look forward to the time when he can again assemble with us at church.

A son, Eldon James, was born to Bro. Arthur and Sis. Betty Metz. Eldon's brother and sisters are Joel, Lisa and Amy. Grandparents are Sis. Persida Metz of Forrest and Sis. Florence Martin of Mar-engo, Illinois.

PURDUE

Linda Pfladderer — Lynell Bahler

Another busy school year has begun, and several new faces have become a part of our Purdue group. We welcome the following: Marian Germann from Bremen, Arlene Leman and Elaine Anliker (who are new converts), Sis. Lorene Pfladderer and Sis. Becky (Wuethrich) Gudeman from Francesville, Sis. Brenda Beer from Ft. Lauderdale, Laurel Widmer and Mary Beth Schwab from Wolcott, Bro. Gary Ifft from Forrest and Vic Heinold from LaCrosse.

During the summer we held one Wednesday night service. Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton was our minister. He was also with us for our Sept. 1 meeting, in which Bluffton

was our host. He spoke about how we should love one another and share with others the talents which God has given to us.

On Sept. 19, Bremen was our host. Bro. Earl Zeltwanger encouraged us to be a light in our daily walk of life.

Bro. Merle Bucher and Bro. Ed Frank ministered with us on Oct. 3 as LaCrosse was host.

TOKYO Yoshio Yamazaki

Terrible unusually hot summer was passed and really beautiful fall has come. Many people came back to Tokyo again, after the summer vacation. Our Tokyo church attendances are also a wonderful and blessed by our Heavenly Father. Especially our dearly brethren came back from their visiting in the United States this past summer. We had heard about many blessed reports from them through their mouth, and slides which they took in the States. We enjoyed them very much. Especially Sis. Hiroke Utsuki did enjoy the fellowship. She seems very healthy, both spiritually and physically. We surely believe that she will give us good example and influence to us by all her experiences in U.S. She said that she really appreciated for that American brothers and sisters' lovingkindness through your warm hospitalities in the Lord's sake. Also we Japanese brethren felt surely thanked God, and personal appreciations toward all brethren and dear ones in the States.

We are going to have special fall fellowship meeting from Oct. 9 and 10 in Yamanashi-ken, which is near our country churches. We wish and pray for that meeting will be blessed and joyful in Christ Jesus our Lord. In this time, Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue and their Tamahata brethren are taking care of the meeting.

Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father . . .

SHIODA Willis R. Ehnle

A lady who has run an orphanage in Tokyo for many years is seriously ill in the hospital. She has been the recipient of funds to help with the orphanage, and it is now

reported that she has a large bank account in her own name. The children are not especially well cared for.

Whether the report is exactly accurate or not, it points up what can happen. Anyone doing the Lord's work, who receives assistance in the form of free-will offerings or gifts, should share his records with someone who can help take responsibility for the offerings. In our fellowship, anyone who receives free-will offerings or gifts should be willing to share the record of those offerings with another responsible brother, preferably the brother over him in the Lord. To give freely to what you believe is a good cause, and then to learn later that someone mishandled the funds or used them for selfish purposes should be avoided. Responsibility for such funds should be shared. In that way one would tend to be more careful. We need to share with one another and esteem each other higher than ourselves. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

Bro. Roy Luginbuhl and his wife, Sis. Helen, joined us for an English language service at our Shioda Church at 6:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 24. Bro. Roy spoke on faith, and instructed us that, even in the face of mounting difficulties, faith tells us that we will be able to manage somehow, by the grace of God. The unusual day and hour for the service was because of the limited time they could be with us.

Sis. Betsy Erickson, who is teaching in our kindergarten, was especially glad to see our guests and to hear Bro. Roy preach again, as they have the same home church, Rockville. This love for our own home folks is a part of charity. "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Sis. Eiko Nozawa from our congregation has returned from visiting many of our churches and loved ones in the U.S., and desires to express heartfelt appreciation to all the dear ones who showed such love and godly hospitality. She particularly requested that her appreciation be expressed in the Silver Lining. I feel certain that she benefited spiritually from her trip.

BLUFFTON

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

"For each thorn, there's a rosebud
for each twilight—a dawn . . .
for each trial—the strength
to carry on,
For each storm cloud—a rainbow
for each shadow—the sun . . .
for each parting—sweet
memories
when sorrow is done.

Bro. Charles Drayer was laid to rest, after being ill for three months. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Eva, and his children, Bro. Mary Ellen (Leroy) Cable, and Mrs. Herman, David, Joel, Darrell, Mrs. Adella (Jerry) Gerwig.

After fracturing her hip in a fall at her home, Sis. Martha Liechty has gone to meet her Saviour. She is survived by two sons, Albert and Clinton Dubach; and three daughters, Mrs. Josephine (Ralph) Meyer, Sis. Justine (Paul) Baumgartner, and Mrs. Marjorie (Martin) Vagi. Martha also leaves behind five sisters: Sisters Mary Krumman, Emma Isch, Minnie (Joe) Isch, Salome (William) Fiechter, and Elizabeth (Jacob) Graber, and two brothers, John Aeschliman and Bro. Sam Aeschliman.

Bro. Samuel Baumgartner suffered a sudden heart attack while laboring on his farm. His survivors include his wife, Sis. Mary; and two children, Sis. Dorothy (Jay) Kipfer and Bro. Tom Baumgartner. Three sisters remain. They are Sis. Priscilla (Dan) Steffen, Mrs. Ida (Arthur) Wolf and Mrs. Martha Lee.

Bro. Vernon Leman of the Eureka congregation worshipped with us, and we truly appreciated his words.

Sis. Lucille Borrer saw her daughter, Jill, become the wife of Steve Bumgarner, in our fellowship hall on Sept. 8. Darrell Heyerly recently took Cheryl Lynn Adams as his bride. Darrell's parents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Lavera Heyerly. May God's love dwell in the homes of these new couples.

Several infants have been born to families in our congregation. Bro. Ed and Sis. Jeni (Fiechter) Schwartz became parents for the first time, with the birth of their daughter, Tonia Sue, on Sept. 8

Tonia's grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Doris Fiechter and Bro. Ed and Sis. Josephine Schwartz. Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn (Croy) Steffen are the parents of a son, Brent Gabriel, born on Sept. 10. On the same day, Bro. Neil and Sis. Karen Gerber welcomed little Jaila Michele into their family circle.

We are glad to report, Sis. Justine (Kenneth) Aschliman is back home after submitting to surgery. Lucy (Glen) Fiechter, and Sisters Glenda (Dale) Meyer and Catherine (Harry) Reinhard are also shut-ins this month.

We rejoice with Bro. Ron Kipfer and Sis. Linda Gerber, who were announced to be joined in holy matrimony. Parents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Kipfer and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Devona Gerber.

ALTO
Joyleen Blough

Value

Set not your heart on carnal things
As you walk this earthly way,
Nor of them an idol make;
These things fade and pass away.

Pursue not after fleshly pleasures,
Though some may make you light
and gay,
And some may even seem
enduring;
These must fade and pass away.

Trust not accomplishments of men,
So filled with change and decay,
Nor place your trust in mortal
power;
These things fade and pass away.

Build your house upon **The Rock**.
Begin it now; do it today!
And you shall gain a crown of life,
That fadeth NOT; and does NOT
pass away.

Our cups were filled to overflowing as we could hear the testimony and witness the baptism of two precious souls, husband and wife. How many souls would give anything to have their mate pick up his cross and follow Jesus. We welcome Bro. Paul and Sis. Margaret Jackson into the family of God. Margaret's parents are Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivan Feldman. May the Lord abundantly bless them in their Christian walk of life. To share with us this blessed day was

Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach.

It is always a real blessing to walk into church on Sunday morning and find many visitors. During the month of September: Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber (Eureka) and Bros. Al Aberle (Tremont), Henry Beer (Milford), Earl Gerber and Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), also Dr. Shantwan (India). May God's blessing be upon them.

BREMEN

Pauline Laidig

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

Many hands of our Sunday School teachers and others have helped point the way to the Saviour, who is the loving means of salvation.

Our Sunday School teachers were elected for the coming year. We pray they and Bro. Gene Sauder, the superintendent, will constantly be guided by the Holy Spirit, as they give of themselves in this very important service. Bro. Harold stressed in a sermon, our youth are very influential in determining the trends in our world, whether it be in the Christian, business or social area . . . So when we realize this, it behooves us to try to do our part to help direct them on right pathways; and more important yet is that we walk those pathways carefully ourselves, so they will be induced to follow.

Sometimes when I drive on wet pavement, I look in the rear view mirror to see how straight the tire tracks are, and sometimes it causes me to drive a little closer to the center of the lane. It might be well if we looked into our spiritual rear view mirrors from time to time. I'm sure I see room for improvement in the footprints I've left behind.

The Sunday School children presented a program, as some were being promoted from their present class to the next one. From the nursery class on through the high school class, they progressively told in song and verse how to become a soldier of God's army, and how to be victorious in the battles with

the enemy. We hope what they have learned will be beneficial to them through their lives.

The arrival of little Jeffrey Thomas brought joy into the home of Tom, Pam and Kimberly Missman. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty (Schumacher) Miller. Bro. El and Sis. Mae Schumacher are great-grandparents.

As a new life has been brought into the world, another has been suddenly called into eternity. Joseph Unsicker of Nappanee, Ind., passed away in his sleep Saturday night. He was the son of Joseph and Eunice (Walter) Unsicker, who had lived in the Bremen area for many years. Joe is survived by two sons, one daughter, three brothers and two sisters, one of whom is Sis. Mattie Clauss of Ft. Wayne. Funeral services were held in Nappanee.

Illness has again struck our congregation. Bro. Rich Grewe submitted to surgery, but had a very good recovery and is able to worship with us again. Sisters Kate Sauder and Hazel Clauss were medical patients in Elkhart General Hospital. Kate is convalescing at home, and Hazel is hopeful of returning home soon. We are always thankful when the Lord restores good health again.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

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

Take to God your plans and failure
Anytime and anywhere;
No one e'er has gone unanswered,
For He answers every prayer.

Wedding engagement: Sis. Kathy Wagonbach of Tremont and Bro. Nelson Rocke. Her folks are Bro. and Sis. Simon and Louise Wagonbach, and his folks are Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Pauline Rocke.

Our visitors have been the following: Bros. Noah Hermann, Tucson; Simon Wagonbach, Tremont; John Steiner, Oakville; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington.

Among the ill—Bro. Isaac Stoller was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital for a few days . . . Sis. Martha Grusy is a medical patient

in Eureka Hospital . . . Sis. Inez Mogler is a patient in the Arthritis Clinic in Ottawa, Ill., where she is receiving treatments. Bro. Roy Blunier has returned home from the Mayo Clinic and has been able to assemble in God's house to worship with us again. God has answered many prayers for Bro. Roy and his family. Bro. Joe Klaus is still in the St. Francis Hospital and shows much improvement. Again God has been ever near him and his family, where many prayers were offered in his behalf.

Beverly Kupferschmid and Eric Foster were married Sept. 15 at the bride's home. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid. His parents live in New Jersey. The newlyweds will live in Whitman, Missouri. He is in the Air Force.

FT. SCOTT

Ida Sinn

The engagement of Sis. Linda Sinn and Bro. Gene Banwart has been announced. Linda is the daughter of Sis. Juanita and Bro. Wayne Sinn, and Gene is the son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth Banwart of Lamar. We will lose Linda to the Lamar congregation, but we wish them God's blessings in their new life together.

Our hospital patients were: Jeffrey Fischer, with a slight concussion. He was injured by a cow on their dairy farm. Jeffrey is the son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lillian Fischer . . . Sis. Wanda (Mrs. Harold) Kraft, for surgery, and Bro. Fred Sinn, with a heart attack. Bro. Fred left the hospital just yesterday and is convalescing at home.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Max Reimschisel and Bro. Albert Scheitlin. Bro. Albert and Sis. Anne are spending some time here with their daughter, Carol (Mrs. Leon) Sinn and family.

In your church circles, the names of our little ones, by birth or adoption, are opportunities. These tiny years are important. If the church can make the warmth of love felt, something very good is being done. So go over and over the name, write it down, and make your acquaintance . . . let them know you love them, so the little one grows up in the bosom of the church.

the editor

LAMAR

**Mrs. Raymond Braker
Mrs. Art Banwart**

Among the sick: Sis. Marie Stewart was hospitalized, and Bro. Fred Lanz was unable to attend church services for awhile.

A surprise welcome for Bro. Martin, Sis. Edith Hohulin and family was held in the Lamar Park on a September evening. Home-made ice cream and cake was enjoyed by all who attended.

The engagement of Bro. Gene Banwart (son of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth) and Sis. Linda Sinn (daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Jaunita), Ft Scott, was announced. May God bless and direct them as they plan their wedding and future life together.

A baby daughter was born to Larry and Judy Marti; she was named Stacia Dawnielle. Grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Workman. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Anna Marti and Sis. Marie Stewart.

The autumn season has arrived, and machines are seen in the fields, gathering the harvest and preparing soil for fall seeding. As we remember the difficult harvest conditions of one year ago, we are humbly thankful for each day that our Heavenly Father allows us the privilege of gathering a portion of this harvest.

No one ever sought the Father
And found He was not there,
And no burden is too heavy
To be lightened by a prayer.
No problem is too intricate
And no sorrow that we face
Is too deep and devastating
To be softened by His grace.
No trials and tribulations
Are beyond what we can bear,
If we share them with our Father,
As we talk to Him in prayer.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

This area received welcome showers of rain, after a rather dry summer. The lawns are greener now than they have been for several months. In spite of the short rainfall, we are indeed thankful for a very good harvest. Again we find that God does provide.

We miss our two young sisters who have moved. Sis. Darlene Wulf has moved to Illinois and is employed at the Home for the

Handicapped, and Sis. Diane Fehr has moved back to Morris and will become the bride of Bro. Mike Schmidgall. She has been employed in this vicinity for a couple of years. We have several young folks in college, but most of them get home for Sunday, for which we are thankful.

Two of the older elders were among our visitors. Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. George Yergler spoke from God's word and their own personal wealth of experience. Bro. Noah Miller also accompanied Bro. Schrock for the midweek service.

Hospitalized were Sisters Elizabeth Nester, Carrie Metzger and Naomi Knobloch and Bro. Chris Kellenberger.

Thanks to everyone for remembrances, cards, kind thoughts and especially your gifts of love on our silver anniversary. Eli and Alice Metzger.

ROANOKE

Doris Mangold Erma Moser

We were truly blessed with many visitors. On Sept. 9, we enjoyed hearing Bro. Wendell Gude-man bringing us the Gospel message. The next week-end, several families from the Bremen congregation worshipped with us. Bro. Verdon Feldman and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger were our guest ministers, and they brought us many good teachings. Again, our Sunday services on Sept. 23rd were a blessing as we listened to the word of God proclaimed by Bro. Joe Braker and Bro. Chuck Hemmer.

This past month, Bro. Joe Zimmerman was a guest at a family gathering, celebrating his 81st birthday. Sis. Annie Schumacher observed her birthday with a family gathering. She was 82 years old.

Bro. Dan Fehr, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise, has received his discharge from the service. We are happy to have him home again.

Sis. Clara Scherer and Sis. Sylvia Blunier were hospital patients, but have returned home. Bro. Ben P. Martin is still a patient in the hospital.

A son and first child was born to Wendy and Steve Blunier. He was named Steven Harlow II. His grandparents are Bro Harlow and Sis. Sally.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Ann Hoff-

man are the parents of a daughter named Cheryl Marie. She is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney and Bro. Rudie and Sis. Mary Hoffman.

Bro. Rudie and Sis. Mary Hoffman announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Jim Tibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tate of Eureka. We extend our best wishes to the young couple.

BERN

Esther & Stella Moser

Sharon and Stacie Hartter welcome Amanda June into the family circle. Amanda was born Sept. 23 to Bro. Stephen and Sis. Lois. Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter are the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Sophia (Meyer) McClanahan is a new resident at the A.C. Home. Sophia comes from Midwest City, Oklahoma, where she made her home with a daughter the past eleven years. We welcome her back into our midst.

At Home tis well! O'er come now are all pains of pilgrim life.

Sis. Louisa (Strahm) Rokey, a resident since 1966 at the A. C. Home, passed away Sept. 18. We extend our sympathy to her sons in our congregation, Bros. Roy, Melvin, Joe and their families, also her surviving brothers, Bros. John and Alpha Strahm and families.

Sis. Leola Lehman (Bro. Edw.) was able to be moved from a Topeka hospital to the Sabetha Hospital. Leola is slowly improving from a stroke. Sis. Minnie Schrock was hospitalized for X-rays. After a short stay at home, Bro. Jake Wenger was again a hospital patient.

We must all have our quota,
Our portion and share
Of crosses to carry
And burdens to bear,
And no one knows God
Through joy alone;
It takes pain and suffering
To make us His own.

CHICAGO

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

A great joy for every child of God is to meet and greet a fellow believer of like mind, perhaps someone he has never met before. Our hearts are encouraged each

time we are freshly reminded of the many others who join us in the good fight of faith. We were happy to have Bro. Russel Rapp from Morton with us to minister the gospel. Ministering Bros. Ed Aschlimann from Union City and Roy Luginbuhl from Rockville were here. Bro. Roy and his wife stopped over on their way home from Japan.

We welcome Sis. Carol Ringger from Gridley, Ill; Sis. Karen Getz from Morton; Sis. Holly Gramm from Gridley; Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Morton; and Bro. Dave Wegman from Oakville (who have moved into the Chicago area and are assembling with us.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Nancy Pfiefer are the parents of a new little boy, Bart Andrew, who was born Sept. 11. His brother, Lance, welcomes him into the family.

CISSNA PARK

Margaret Rudin Grace Bauer

Give me the faith, O Lord, to see
That Thou art watching over me;
And when those little doubts appear,
Let me know that Thou art near,
For my heart knows and understands
My life is in Thy loving hands.
And with this faith may I be led,
Thy wondrous, holy word to spread.

Youth Fellowship was held here on Sunday evenings of Sept. 23 and 30. The churches of Peoria, Tremont, Forrest, Congerville-Goodfield, Gridley, Bloomington-Normal, Princeville-Bradford, Fairbury, Morton, Eureka and Ranoke all took part, along with our own Bible Class. Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Merle Bucher gave the inspirational messages. They left many teachings for our youth. What better way can our young people spend their time, than by coming to God's house and singing and praising His name. They were reminded the day may come that they will not have the word any more, when young men and women will be seeking the word, and the door of grace will be closed. In closing the brother said, "Why not now?"

Our dear friend, Craig Rudin, son of Bro. Willard and Sis. Tillie,

has repented and found peace with God and man. He hopes to bring his testimony before the congregation soon.

On the 15th of September, Dennis and Sharon Walder brought their testimony before the congregation. They were then baptized the following day. We welcome them into the fold. Bro. Alfred Bahler helped with this important work.

Bro. Dale Eisenmann brought the word to us; we appreciated his being with us.

Our dear friend, Anna Reutter, age 89, passed away Sept. 9 at Jackson Heights Nursing Home at Farmer City. She was laid to rest Sept. 12, in the church cemetery. Our ministers officiated. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Edith Calkins, Mrs. Kay Knapp; six sons, Orville, Earl, Paul, Ernest, John, and Dick; and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Webb. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Eulalia Eisenman and family in the loss of her daughter-in-law, Susan Eisenman (Ronald), Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Oct. 2. Her two children were with her, and were injured.

Born to Sis. Joan and Bro. Fred Waldbeser, Sept. 10, a son, Matthew Tod. He has three brothers to welcome him. Bro. Walter Hari, Bro. Fred Waldbeser, Sis. Anna Hari and Sis. Edith Stock were all medical patients. Bro. Eldon Steffen was a surgical patient. Sis. Minnie Farney has moved to the Gilman Nursing Home.

The engagement of Sis. Anna Eberhart to Bro. Joe Hari was announced. The wedding will be Oct. 11. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Joy Knapp, daughter of the Richard Knapps, was united in Holy Matrimony with John Neukomn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neukomn Sr., on Sept. 21.

We enjoyed the visit of the young groups from Latty and Junction, on Sept. 8 and 9.

Recently a sister was unable to hear the church services, but later she heard it on tape. She thanked the brother that had the closing prayer when she saw him, for having had such a nice prayer. Things that are done in weakness often-times give someone else a lift.

In loving memory of Sam Drayer, who passed away one year ago, Sept. 27.

Many a lonely heartache,
And often a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory
Of one we loved so dear.

Wife, Louise and Family.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Janice Frieden

Again it is wheat sowing time, and wherever we look, we see workers trying to get the seed planted, with sprouting, before a hard rain comes, which would ruin the seed that it could not bring forth fruit for the harvest. As we watch this process, it is so easy to compare it to our own lives. Our ministers and parents in the Lord are the workers. Through the teachings of our loving workers, we are nourished up in the ways of our precious Lord, that we will be able to withstand the hard rains, or trials of this life . . . And, having withstood all these trials until life's end, we will sprout into everlasting fruit for God's eternal harvest. It is only through God's grace that this plan has been made possible. Therefore, it is with great joy that we join together in songs of praise and thanksgiving to His name, as we did on Sept. 2, when Bro. Huber and Sis. Helen Farney opened their home for our monthly singing.

It was with much sadness that we bade Bro. Wayne and Sis. Helen Kircher farewell, as they left for their new home in Phoenix. It is our prayer that God will bless them in their new home, for they will be greatly missed in our congregation . . . And, as we say farewell to these two loved ones, we also say welcome to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Marilyn Groom and Joseph, who have moved from the Wichita congregation. It is a pleasure to have them in our midst.

Choir for the Sunday School children was started this month, and was held in the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden. We sang hymns, ate refreshments, and had a wonderful evening of fellowship with the children.

It is amazing how often God takes our everyday situations and teaches us lessons from them. One evening as I was driving home

from church, a dense fog was obscuring my vision. Then suddenly the fog lifted, and I drove out of it into a beautifully clear evening. Just as if the Lord were speaking to me, into my mind came the thought that those who are without God are walking around in a dense fog, not seeing clearly which way to go. Then, the Lord calls, and the fog immediately lifts so that the way is made clear. We are very thankful that it has been thus for our friend, Danny Frieden, who through repentance has found peace with God, and now wishes to be taken into the fold. Danny is the son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Kathy Sutter Henry H. Schwartz

Bro. Bob and Sis. Jan Sutter became the parents of Robin Lynn on Sept. 25. Along with the joy of these little ones there comes responsibility, and we pray that the Lord will guide Bob and Jan as they care for the little soul he has entrusted to them.

A Parents Prayer

Dear Father, Help us, O God, to understand its full significance. Grant that with our love there may be the seeing eye, the hearing ear, the understanding heart, so that we may better understand the needs of our children. May we then through our greater experience be fine and true and noble in the little things, that count so much in the making of character. Help, dear Father, to be patient, full of cheer, and to be all that we desire them to become. Amen.

The Sunday School children enjoyed an all-day picnic the first part of September. Bro. Bob Sutter hosted the affair at a ranch near here. Sunday School has resumed, following our summer recess. In the past year, we rejoiced in the harvest of souls whose hearts were seeded in our Sunday School. Therefore it is our continuing prayer that the Lord will bless the labor done there, and the tender hearts may receive the seed which brings fruits of repentance.

Over the summer we were happy to have several new families attend our services. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moser moved here from Elgin, Illinois. Dushan and Elinka

Okrinov moved from Canada at the beginning of the summer. Sixteen years ago they escaped Yugoslavia and the religious persecution going on there. The memory is still fresh in their minds, and it is an interesting story they have to tell. Bev Kaeb, daughter of Bro. Dave Kaeb of Fairbury, and Lee Carhartt, both students at Miami, also assemble with us. We welcome them all most heartily.

FORT WAYNE

Pam Steffen Eleanor Stieglitz

Which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span? Seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. In the following poem, we find that we can safely commit our future to God, for He is in every tomorrow.

God is in every tomorrow;
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise
Guidance and strength for the way;
Pow'r for each moment of weakness,

Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for all of my sorrows,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in every tomorrow,
Planning for you and for me;
E'en in the dark will I follow,
Trust where my eyes cannot see.
Stilled by His promise of blessing,
Soothed by the touch of His hand,
Confident in His protection,
Knowing my life-path is planned.

God is in every tomorrow.
Life with its changes may come;
He is behind and before me,
While in the distance shines Home!
Home—where no thought of tomorrow
Ever can shadow my brow,
Home—in the presence of Jesus,
Through all eternity—now!

GARDEN GROVE

Don Clark

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoe.

Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger visited us the first Sunday in September. We were happy to have them, and

especially grateful for Bro. Cleo's ministry.

On Sept. 30, Bro. Noah Schrock was moved by the words of David's 23rd psalm—The Lord is My Shepherd—to bring us a very inspiring message. Bro. Noah officiated at the marriage of Bro. Don Clark and Sis. Willa Funk. Bro. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Clark of Leroy, Iowa. Willa's parents are Sis. Verle and Bro. William. We are grateful to all of you, for each mile you traveled to share these precious moments with us.

GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

Our special thanks to Bro. Paul Gasser, who came to serve our congregation in our absence. Whether we are here or not, we know God's word in its purity is dispensed through our faithful brethren.

We had a day of blessed fellowship as Bro. Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis assembled with us. Thanks to him and those accompanying him.

Sis. Anna Hafely reached her 90th birthday in September. She is always a joy to visit.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Elmer Bucher

"If the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it . . ." One of the physicians mentioned on one occasion, that the love comes out of the walls at the Home for the Handicapped. This should be an encouragement to any who have loved ones in the Home, and are perhaps confronted with the decision of whether or not to take a loved one there.

The annual luncheon is to be held about the first of December. Any church groups wanting to send items for the gift shop or food to be sold on that day should keep this date in mind.

THE HOURS TURN ON

As the sun shines in the windows, and one thinks of home when you're away . . . the beautiful singing, loved ones, Sunday School . . . a lonesome feeling can come. Have you remembered your one at school with the Silver Lining. Let this sunshined ray glow into that room! It is a good turn, as we travel so rapidly the way we shall not pass again.

the editor

LA CROSSE

Gwen Bucher Lorene Moser

Be like a bird that, halting in its flight,
Rests on a bough too slight,
And feeling it give way beneath
him sings,
Knowing he hath wings.

These God-given wings of faith are ours to have, but we cannot know the joy of freedom unless we use them.

Those hospitalized were Bro. Elmer Heiniger, Bro. Sam Frank, Steve Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera), Doug Feller (Bro. Tod and Sis. Karen), Sis. Melva Bucher (Bro. Vernon), and Linda Albrecht (Jim). Bro. Sam, Sis. Melva, and Linda are still confined.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Norma Nuest (Bro. Gene), because of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ronnie Eisenmann, in an auto accident.

Thank you for the prayers and cards while I was at the hospital. Bro. Elmer Heiniger.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Sue Banwart

"... the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." We appreciated having Bro. John Steiner from Oakville bring us the words of Christ, the words of life, at our September Sunday service. We are also thankful for the many words of guidance for a true believer in Christ, brought to us by Bros. Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber of West Bend at a midweek service.

As we have again embarked on another school year, we would like to welcome Bro. John Schmidgall. He is the only new addition to the small group. Those returning to the area are: Kathy Banwart, Steve Bruellman, and Sisters Janet Mogler and Sue Banwart, all of West Bend, furthering their education in Marshalltown... Students returning from Oakville are John Banwart, Leroy Cordill, Bros. Gary Schultz, and Craig Wagenbach to ISU, and Bro. Lynn Frank attending college at Ankeny

Follow me the Saviour calleth;
Come to me, I am the way!

We rejoice that friend Georgia Griffith has turned her back to the world, and is prayerfully seeking

the way of the Lord in repentance. Georgia is working in the Ames area. We wish her God's grace and richest blessings in her new walk of life.

Our Creator's blessings have been showered on the home of Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane (Weigand) Schmidgall, as they welcome their first child, Aaron David, born on Aug. 16. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lois Weigand, and Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marion Schmidgall of Oakville.

We have resumed our scheduled services on the second Sunday of every month, and would welcome and invite visitors to come and worship with us. It is indeed a precious privilege to have God's unfailing word and His gift of the blessings of fellowship.

LAMONT
Betty Wernli

Should I restrain the Spirit's course

For fear of man so feeble?

Though Satan's hosts are raging here,

Should I not be more faithful?

Awed by a mortal's frown, shall I
Conceal the word of God Most High?

Bro. Alfia Strahm Jr. of Bern was a Sunday visitor in our congregation. We always enjoy those who come and share their labors with us.

In receiving a thank you letter for the fruits of the earth that we had shared with these loved ones, one has to think that it is unto those who are willing to spend and be spent in the ministering of the true word that we owe a deep gratitude and thanks... And above all, to our God who does provide these humble brethren to proclaim the gospel. We also know the concern that lies on each of their hearts, that in the end they become not a castaway, as even the Apostle Paul expressed this during his sojourn on this sod.

MILFORD

Sue Schieler — Sandee Price

He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer... whose spirit is entering into living peace... Tom Price, son of Sis. Leona and Everett Price, has received

this gift of grace, living peace... while Jesus is passing by, we hope more will follow.

A little "cherub" came to live with the following families: To Bro. Ned and Sis. Deb Speicher, Kerri Kay, on Sept. 22... to Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer, Rita Ann, Sept. 25... to Ted and Sandy Speicher, Nicole Diane, on Oct. 1.

We were all thankful for the Lord's mercy to Bro. Bob Beer, when his life was spared in a farm accident.

Sis. Mary Armbruster and Nancy Beer (Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois) were hospitalized. Sis. Frieda Stieglitz has made her residence with Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw.

On Sept. 30 we had our annual promotion program. As the children grow in stature, may they grow in wisdom.

Reverence is with men as with wheat... the light heads are erect even in the presence of the omnipotent, but the full white heads bow in reverence before Him... Surely this is true of the oldest member of our congregation. Sis. Bertha (Andy) Beer, who celebrated her 89th birthday. How true, that an aged Christian with the snow of time upon his head may remind us that those points of earth are whitest and purest which are nearest Heaven.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Samuel Schupbach, son of Clarence and Pearl Walter Schupbach of Hannibal (O.) passed away on Sept. 23 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his parents, his widow—Phyllis Barth Schupbach, and two daughters.

Blanche Durig Fitzsimmons of Moundville died on Oct. 1, after a lengthy illness; she was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Adolph Durig, and is survived by one daughter, two sons, two brothers and three sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Riggenbach of Paden City visited with relatives here on Sept. 29; he is able to drive his car and has passed his 87th birthday.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey and family visited with Miss Della Witschey on Sept. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riggenbach are spending a month in Califor-

nia, visiting with friends in different states on the way out and back.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville (Pa.), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McGuire, Mrs. Gene Wertz and children of McMechen (W. Va.), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon (O.) were guests of the Gus Wertz family in early October.

Mrs. Paul Barcus Sr. and son, John, Mr. and Mrs. George Cross of Canton, O., spent three weeks with Mr and Mrs. Okey Edge in San Leandra, California in September. Mrs. Edge, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Barcus are daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riggensbach of Port Isabell, Texas, visited with relatives here the first of October.

The West Virginia Hills are beginning to show their usual fall beauty, in the coloring of the many varieties of trees which make for a picture no artist can paint. Living as we do between the hills of West Virginia and Ohio, nature paints a real scene for us.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

Jesus loves the little children . . .

Happy parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Jean Wagenbach Lanz (Regan Todd, Sept. 5), Bro. Ed and Sis. Patty Kelly Stoller (David Edward, Sept. 7), and Mike and Marilyn Grimm Wilkerson (Melanie Kay, Oct. 1).

Melanie Kay was born just two days after her great-grandfather was laid to rest. Bro. Chris Donald Grimm passed away Sept. 27 at the Wapello Nursing Home. He was born Feb. 12, 1887, the son of Chris and Christina Waldbeser Grimm, and married Sis. Julia Massner on Dec. 4, 1912, in Rock Rapids. She preceded her husband in death on Sept. 24, 1967.

Survivors include two daughters: Sis. Ursel (John) Barth of Oakville, and Sis. Mavis (Kenneth) Kaiser of Morton; seven sons: Floyd (Hampshire, Ill.), David (Clinton), Bro. Charles (Wichita), and Bros. Clyde, Kenneth, Jess and Mark of Oakville; three brothers: Ed (Aberdeen, South Dakota), Bro. Eli (West Bend) and Ben (Peoria); and one sister, Sis. Lydia Feucht (Princeville).

We are so happy to see Carol

Massner Bonnesen in our assembly again. Carol joined her husband in service in Germany last spring and, while there, found the grace to repent.

Best wishes to Alice Perdelwitz and Mark Mabeus, who were married Sept. 8. Alice's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Viola Ackerman Perdelwitz of Oakville.

Note to Oakville subscribers: Payments for the Silver Lining may be given to your reporter.

PULASKI

Nancy Musselman
Ernestine Wuthrich

On Sept. 4, Darrin Wayne was welcomed home by the happy family of Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Wiegand and Daryl, Doug and Danny. Grandparents are Bro. Bill Wiegand of Morton and Bro. and Sis. Alvin Domnick of Peoria.

Ron and Kris Joos are the happy parents of their first child, Eugene Matthew, born Sept. 7. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Lorraine Joos of Peoria.

On Sept. 30, the Pulaski congregation was happy to witness the marriage vows of Bro. Don Clark and Sis. Willa Funk, at the Garden Grove church.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind . . ." On Sept. 23, Bro. Joseph Ramsier was ordained elder, exhortation given by Bro. John Bahler, who also reminded us to ordain our lives to be obedient to our elder, to submit ourselves to him, and the way to do this is through humility. The word tells us that God resisteth the proud, and gives grace to the humble. We need this grace to stay on the narrow path of life, which the Lord directs us through His elders . . . so that when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Bros. Rudy Graf and Sam Aeschliman also took part in this holy work. We wish to thank these dear brethren for their love shown us throughout the day. Also present with his father was Bro. Corbin Bahler.

We are again sorry to report Bro. Noah Bauman has been returned to the hospital, and is not feeling too

well. Sis. Pauline Hartzler is glad to be home and back in church, after her stay at the hospital. Sis. Lula Bachman is in the hospital. The Lord told Paul when he prayed that the thorn in the flesh could be removed: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

We pray the Lord will again heal His dear ones if it can be His will.

Following their wedding on Sept. 15, Sue and Dave Plahuta are living in Bowling Green, where they attend college. Sue's folks are Don and Clara Jenkins.

The engagement of Fred Ramsier and Shelia Fisher was announced. Fred's folks are Bro. Nelson and Sis. Aldine Ramsier.

Blessings from God have been showered on three families in the form of a little baby. A girl, Gina Lynn, was born to Bro. Andy and Sis. Roberta Stoller. Gwen is glad for a little sister. First-time parents with the arrival of Bradley Ernest are Bro. Richard and Sis. Karen Hartzler. A son was born to Bro. Harold and Sis. Carole Widmer. Dan, Darrell, Brent, and Laura welcome their new brother.

As we looked around the countryside, we see God's handiwork, in the bright colors of fall. The trees in the woods are changed, the corn is turning from green to brown, God telling us it is ready for harvest. God is getting the ground ready for the long winter sleep, and so in the spring it will be ready to awaken. So is our life . . . we sleep, then God awakens us to follow Him forsaking all others, dedicating our lives to Him, so that when the harvest of souls comes, we will be ready to follow the reaper to our heavenly home.

ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Ask ye what great thing I know
That delights and stirs me so?
Who hath bid me to believe,
And the gift of life receive?
Who hath made me just and free,
And a child of God to be?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ alone could and did perform such miracles within the hearts of our nine beloved young people, whose moving testi-

monies we were privileged to witness, which stirred the entire congregation.

Each one, in their own way and turn, related how the love of God followed them, and finally turned them from their prodigal ways and made them feel their dreadful separation from their God.

We were delighted to have Elders David Bertsch of Leo and Rudolph Graf, Akron, with us, who very ably assisted our elder, Bro. John Bahler, in this great work. Other brethren here for the occasion were Bros. Arthur Gudeman and Robert Beyer. The Christian fellowship together was most precious & blessed. Names of the newly converted are: Daniel Virkler, La-Net Virkler, Susan and Bonie Luginbuhl, Robert and Dan Goric, Kent Ballasy, Mark Hoffman and Thomas Luginbuhl. The parents, as follows: Kenneth and Christian Virkler; Robert and Pauline Luginbuhl; Janet and the late Peter Goric; Ernest and Alme Ballasy; Edwin and Elsie Hoffman, and Ervin and Viola Luginbuhl.

There are still elders and brethren who show their concern in maintaining this precious faith, in which so many dear ones have found their salvation. It was interesting and pleasing to hear all of these newly-converted, when asked if some relaxing would be preferred in the order now observed in the church, none would want this to happen. I am reminded of Bro. Perry Zimmerman, the elder at Forrest, who was a visitor. As he rose in the pulpit to begin his morning service, he looked over the filled church and with an expression of gratefulness, quoted a line or two of one of the authors of a hymn we often sing. He began with, "Oh how lovely 'tis to be With our Lord in unity." We surely received many blessings while he was in our company.

David Galat and his wife, Marlene, have become united to our church body of believers. They have worshipped with us for the past several years . . . a concern for their small children growing up and the love and fellowship which they themselves could enjoy within the church moved them to become a part of this precious fellowship. We most sincerely welcome them into this, our faith. They had formally belonged to the church at

New Haven, Connecticut, as members of the Apostolic Christian Church, Nazarene.

Sis. Bertha (Brecht) Gottier died at her home, at the age of 91, the oldest member in our church. She was the last of her family in her generation age. She had been confined to her bed for some time, and was conscious only at intervals. Her daughter, Sis. Rose, with whom she lived, cared for her faithfully to the end. Survivors besides Rose are three daughters, Mrs. Werner Kunzlior, Mrs. Russell Blin, of Tolland, and Mrs. Antonio Giacomini of Bath, New York; three sons, Alfred, Edward and Albert. Bro. John Bahler, elder, had the services, with prayers offered by Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl and Roy Luginbuhl. Burial was in the Ellington Center Cemetery, in the family plot.

Births for the month: Sat. September 21, a daughter, Trudi Louise, to Sis. Verona and Bro. Emanuel Schneider. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Walter Gerber and Sis. Louise and the late Bro. Edward Schneider. On Sept. 23, a son, Andrew Christian (their first child), to Sis. Kay and Bro. Kenneth Luginbuhl. Grandparents: Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Klotter, and Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Florine Luginbuhl, also a first to them.

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SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. John and Sis. Cornelia Aberle are the parents of a daughter, born Sept. 25. She is their first child, and has been named Rachel Ann.

Sis. Louisa Strahm Rokey, 89, passed away Sept. 18 at the Sabetha Community Hospital, where she had been a patient for two weeks. She was a lifelong resident of this community and had lived at the Apostolic Christian Home since 1966. Her husband, Joseph Rokey, preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1955. She is survived by one daughter and seven sons: Sis. Mayme, Bro. Roy, Bro. Melvin, Bro. Joe Jr., and Ben, all of Sabetha; Bros. John and Ira of Goodfield; and Bro. Ervin of Mesa, Arizona; two brothers, Bros. Alpha Strahm Sr. and John Strahm, both of Sabetha. Funeral

services were held Sept. 21 in Sabetha, with burial at the Sabetha Cemetery.

VALPARAISO

Camille and Wm. Feller

On Sept. 16, we were blessed with the ministry of Bro. Philip Wingeier. Our prayerful support is sent with Bro. Phil and Sis. Anna, as they journey to Sarasota Oct. 15, where the new church has neared completion. We have had the privilege of visitation from our many brethren from many churches. Surely the presence of God our Father was made manifest to all through these good works.

Our dear friend Mary Stump was admitted to the hospital.

Bro. John and Sis. Tillie Heinold and Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie Jacob wish to thank everyone for their prayers and gifts at their anniversaries.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. A. Banwart

Ring the Bells of Heaven; there is Joy today for a soul returning from the wild so ably reflects the feeling of our congregation in recent weeks. Our anxiety to get at earthly harvest has been quieted by many blessings from Above, as several friends have found it needful to turn to their Saviour in repentance. These include Wanda Grimm (now employed in Illinois), Kenneth and Ellen (Metzger) Dahlhauser, Dan and Eunice (Metzger) Fehr, and Robert and Barbara (Potts) Fehr. May the Lord grant them sufficient grace to build a firm foundation, so one day they too may be added to the fold, as we witnessed the past month. Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Paul Fehr of Morris truly led us unto Heavenly Pastures, as we heard the testimonies of Marlene Metzger (daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della) and Manuel Gerber (son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma). Thanks be to God, we can now embrace them as sister and brother in the Lord. Encouraging words of Bro. Dale Moore of Elgin, Ia were appreciated, as well as those of our other visiting ministers.

Kelly Fehr (son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole) is again attending school after his hospital stay, while Sis. Mabel (Walter) Zaugg has not

shown improvement since returning home from the hospital.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Charlotte Fehr are enjoying their new son, Andrew Ervin, born Sept. 11. He has two little sisters to welcome him home.

Our love shall not diminish are words left in our thoughts, as Sis. Leann Banwart and Bro. Don Schambach were united in holy matrimony by her father, Bro. Earl Banwart. May our loss be Elgin, Ill. gain, having Sis. Leann among them. Elder Bro Sam Anliker of Lamont and Bro. Nathan Steffen of Elgin spoke messages from God's word throughout the day, from which we could all greatly benefit. May our appreciation be shown in better obedience.

Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman announced the engagement of their daughter, Mona to Don Haverman. May they seek help from Above as they plan their future.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Mary Lynn Streitmatter

On Oct. 3, students at Western met for their first Bible Study of the season. We have three new students this year. Bro. Uriel Gehring ministered from St. Matthew 14 (the five loaves and two fishes). Later on in the same chapter, we read how Peter, because of his lack of faith was unable to walk on the rough sea. When Peter began to sink, the Lord stretched forth his hand and caused the water to be peaceful. Bro. Uriel likened the sea to the sin-sick soul, which when right with the Lord is at peace. Our constant prayer is that everyone can experience this wonderful peace, which only God can give.

If the Lord wills, the next meeting will be Nov. 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the New Salem Room of the University Union. All are invited to come and worship with us.

WINTHROP Delores Messerli Carol Messner

We helped Sis. Emma (Schmidt) observe her birthday at pot-luck supper. She is our oldest member, and has never lost her faith, through all of her sorrow and joys of her Christian life. Emma lives in Lafayette next to her son, Ministering Bro. Elmer Schmidt. "When our work here is done and

the life crown is won, And our troubles and trials are o'er, All our sorrow will end, and our voices will blend, With the loved ones who've gone on before. In a land where we'll never grow old."

Remember God is just a prayer away. Ronnie Messner has enrolled in college at the Morris University of Minnesota.

Sis. Esther Messner (George) was hospitalized for surgery and is getting along fine at home. We are grateful for our older brothers and sisters for the lights they have given us throughout their walk with God. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up . . ."

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

We heard very high appreciation from the family of Ruth Klopfen-stein and his ministry.

We heard very high appreciation from the family of Ruth Klopfenstein, who is making her home in the Home for the Handicapped. They stopped in especially to tell us how happy she was and didn't even think of coming back home. They were well pleased with the beauty and all the arrangement of the home. There must have been some that worked untiringly, and God enriched with His blessing.

Each of God's children can, like God scatters His sunbeams, shine His love to all about.

It was good news for us to hear Bill and Jan Hartman plan on coming here to live. They and their little daughter spent the week-end here. They live in Colorado.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch is at home and getting along real well. Her brother, Edward is still in a Ft. Wayne Rest Home and remains the same. Sis. Dorothy (Mrs. Robert Norr) attends services regularly. She is doing real well.

We are all thankful and overjoyed to hear the wonderful news Ron Bollier (Bro. John and Sis. Velma's son) is seeking his soul's salvation.

Kim Souder and Reno Lengacher are engaged. Kim is the daughter of Dwight and Betty Souder, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Elias Souder. Reno's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lee Lengacher.

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

FORREST

Juanita Schneider
Eleanor Honegger

Friends

I think of my friends as an endless chain:

The longer it grows as more friends I gain.

Each friend is a link, each link a part

Of a golden chain that entwines my heart.

Bro. Alfred Bahler united in marriage Kathy Rieger and Dennis Davis at the home of her parents, Leonard and Mary Ann Rieger. Dennis is the son of Wayne and Verla Davis of Fairbury.

Bro. Herb and Sis. Jan Bachtold are the happy parents of a new son, Ryan Scott. He has a sister, Heather, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold of Fairbury and Bro. and Sis. Merrill Laukhuf of Haviland (Ohio). Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft were blessed with a little daughter, Kristi Lyn. She has a brother, Brent to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber of West Bend and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Ifft of our congregation.

Our Sis. Leona Ricketts has been in a wheel-chair, due to a sore foot. She is getting along pretty good. David Friedman, son of Henry and Sis. Marge, injured his foot and now is in a cast.

Our friend, Jane Bounds, has found her need for the Saviour, has peace and is now awaiting baptism.

We were given many spiritual teachings through our Ministering Bro. Merril Laukhuf.

Sometime ago we asked for a poem of the books of the Bible. We had several replies, for which we thank you.

(Editor's Note: The following is printed, except the title, in German and English. Moses includes the first five books.)

Die Buecher des alten and Neuen Testamentes

In des alten Bundes Schriften
(In the old Bible Scripture)

Merke in der erstan Stell
(Notice in the first book)

Jmose, Josua, und Richter
(Moses, Joshua, and Judges)

Ruth und zwei von Samuel,
Ruth and two of Samuel)
Zwei der Konige, Chronik, Ezra,
(Two of Kings, Chronicles, Ezra)
Nehemia, Esther mit.
(Nehemiah, Esther with)
Hiob, Psalter; dann die Spruche,
(Job, Psalms, then the Proverbs)
Prediger und Hohes Lied.
(Preacher and Song of Solomon)
Jesaja, Jeremia, Hesekiel, Daniel
(Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel)
Dann Hosea, Joel, Amos.
(Then Hosea, Joel, Amos)
Obadja, Jonas Fehl;
(Obadiah, Jonah fleeth)
Micah, welchem Nahum folget,
(Micah before, Nahum followed)
Habakuk, Zephania,
(Habakkuk, Zephaniah)
Nebst Haggai, Sacharja
(Beside Haggai, Zechariah)
Und zuletzt Malachia.
(And at last Malachia)

In dem neuen stehn Matthaus,
(In the New Testament St. Matthew)
Markus, Lukas und Johann
(St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John)
Samt den Thaten der Apostel
(With the Acts of the Apostles)
Unter all vornen an.
(Over all went ahead)
Dann de Romer, zwei Korinther,
(Then the Romans, two Corinthians)
Galater und Epheser,
(Galatians and Ephesians)
Die Philliper und Kopper,
(The Phillipians and Colossians)
Beide Thessalonicher
(Two Thessalonians)
An Timotheus und Titus
(And Timothy and Titus)
Philemon und Petrus Zwei,
(Philemon and Peter Two)
Drei Johannes, die Ebraer,
(Three Johns, the Hebrews)
Jacobs, Judas Brief dabei.
(James, Jude, letter of the epistles)
Endlich schliest die Offenbarung
(Ending at last with Revelation)
Das gesamte Bihelbuch.
(Summing us the Bible book)
Mensch, gebrauche, was du liesest,
(People needed reading)
Dir zum Segen, nicht zum Fluch.
(For your blessing, not to ungodliness.)

MORRIS

Esther Schaefer — Ann Meiss

Lord God, my Father, mighty
shield,
Thou hast Thy love in Christ
revealed
Before this world's foundation.

Thy Son is now betrothed to me;
My heart its joy in Him doth see,
And bows in adoration.
What bliss is this! He that liveth
To me giveth life forever,
And I praise His name forever.

We welcome Sis. Colleen (Wulf)
Dogotch into our midst. We wish
her and Bro. Tom many blessings
of the Lord.

Bro. Otto and Sis. Helen Schaefer
gained a daughter-in-law, as their
son, Charles, and Judy Bell were
united in marriage on Sept. 15.

Mark Schmidgall (son of Bro.
Don and Sis. Virginia) and his
bride spoke their vows Sept. 28. It
is our prayer that they will in-
vite the Saviour into their hearts
and choose the way of the cross.

God has blest the home of Bro.
Dale and Sis. Rachael Zeltwanger
with a little son, born on Sept. 25,
and named Adam D. Bro. Ken and
Sis. Edna are first-time grandpar-
ents. Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha
Rinkenberger of La Crosse are the
maternal grandparents. Great-
grandmother Sis. Bertha Meiss of
Cissna Park came to get acquaint-
ed with the little one.

We're glad that Todd Hemming
is home again after being a surgi-
cal patient in Fergus Falls.

Much pain and suffering has
been the lot of Bro. Joe Fuechten-
berger, having had his hand badly
injured in a farm accident. Nearly
30 years ago, Joe lost his left hand,
so he is much handicapped. He is
able to be home again, having spent
some time in a Willmar hospital.

PEORIA

Mrs. R. J. Miller

Sis. Bertha B. Frank celebrated
her 90th birthday Sept. 12. She has
125 descendents, 119 of whom were
at the Peppermill in Morton, to
help her celebrate. One of her
twelve children, Barbara (Mrs. Bro.
Reuben) Herman, extends this
message: "Mother wishes to thank
everyone for their cards, kindness,
and gifts." She received 160 cards.
May God continue to bless her.

Sis. Lydia K. Siebenthal passed
away Sept. 28. She resided at our
Apostolic Christian Home on Sky-
line Drive for over two years, and
was always so pleasant to see or
visit with. Our deepest sympathy
goes to her three nieces, Rita
Chiavini, Ruth Rahn, and Irene
Stahl, and her nephew.

Bro. Robert Pohl of Burlington,
Iowa, preached a wonderful ser-
mon on faith, Sept. 9. Sept. 30 we
were privileged to hear Bro. Al
Aberle of Tremont in the morning.
In the afternoon, Bro. Roy Sauder
had the wedding service for Bro.
Rod Causey and Sis. Sharon Her-
man. We wish God's richest bless-
ings upon their marriage.

The engagement of Bro. Ron
Kipfer to Sis. Linda Gerber of
Bluffton was announced Sept. 30.

Sisters Emma Leman and Min-
nie Maibach were hospitalized, but
are out and better now. Sis. Lena
(Mrs. Bro. Christ) Schaefer fell and
broke her wrist.

Sis. Lynn Warren is in charge of
crafts now at the Home.

Sis. Shirley Klaus, who was hurt
so badly in an accident a few years
ago, makes lovely seascape pictures
and floral plaques from seashells of
all shapes and sizes. It humbles one
to think about how our great God
created so many beautiful shells,
and how they are such a tiny bit
of His whole creation. We can but
stand in awe and praise Him. Shir-
ley takes orders and sells what she
makes. God has worked miracles
on her, too, and we thank Him. Her
faithful parents are Bro. Ernest
and Sis. Vera Klaus.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi Mary Jane Leuthold

Summer is gone, and autumn is
here in its beautiful array of colors.
Beauty is God's handwriting.

Sept. 25, a little son, Trenton
William came to bless William and
Maizie Hopkins. He is the first
grandchild of Bro. Elmer and Sis.
Bernice Frank. Paternal grandpar-
ents are the Robert Hopkins of
Minier, and his great-grandmother
is Mrs. Salome Bartlemay of
Hopedale.

Announcement was made of the
engagement of Sis. Kathy Wagen-
bach, daughter of Bro. Simon and
Sis. Louise to Bro. Nelson Locke,
son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline.
They plan to be married Nov. 4.
May the Lord guide and bless them.

In the past few weeks, several
loved ones have been taken from
their earthly homes suddenly. Our
congregation sympathizes with the
families who have lost a loved one.
May God comfort each one.

Services were held for Peter A.
Winzeler, 76, who passed from this
life Sept. 14. He is survived by his

widow, Sis. Leah; one son, Vernon; and one daughter, Mrs. Ryan (Betty) Hild, two sisters, Sis. Katherine Winzeler, Tremont, and Sis. Bina (Aaron) Bertsch of Roanoke.

Services were held for Alvin Sauder, 64, who passed from this life suddenly Sept. 11. Surviving are his widow, Marie; two sons, Tom and Mike, Tremont; and a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Colleen) Holmer, Washington; a brother, Bro. Elmer Sauder, Tremont; and two sisters, Mrs. Ralph (Louise) Kurth, Gridley, and Mrs. Ted (Alice) Gans, Plainfield, Illinois.

Bro. Henry Dill is a patient at Methodist Hospital, and hopes he can come home soon.

GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Why is it that so many of us persist in thinking that autumn is a sad season? Nature has merely fallen asleep, and her dreams must be beautiful if we are to judge by her countenance.

Yes, nature has fallen asleep, for again it is harvest-time—and so it is with man. One day it will be harvest-time for each of us.

Our friend, Mike Knapp Sr., Goodfield, passed away on Sept. 22 in a hospital in Burlington, Kansas, where he was visiting relatives. It is a great comfort to feel assured that he found his Saviour before closing his eyes in death. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia Knapp, who passed away in 1969, and a daughter. Surviving are four sons, George A., Goodfield; Michael Jr., Eureka; Frank, Fayette, Mo.; and Harold, Danvers; a foster son, Ted McCarty, Lawrenceville, N.J.; three daughters, Mrs. Lavina Schmickpepper, Steger; Mrs. Evelyn Walker, Peoria; and Mrs. Mida Fehr, Hudson, also several brothers and sisters in the Kansas area. His funeral was in Goodfield on Sept. 25.

August C. Knapp, another dear friend in our community, died at 1 p.m. Tues., Sept. 25, at Eureka Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Nettie Rocke Knapp; two sons, Marvin and James, all of Goodfield; and two daughters, Mrs. Irma Opperman and Mrs. Fern Davis, both of Morton; a brother, Eli Knapp of Goodfield; a sister, Mrs. Peninna Miller of Deer Creek. He was preceded in death by a sis-

ter, Lydia (who was the wife of Mike Knapp Sr.). His funeral was Sept. 28 in Goodfield.

A baby boy, Frederick Jay, was born to Bro. & Sis. Ken and Phyllis Rokey, R. R. Congerville, on Sept. 7. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey, Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Adolph and Esther Tanner, R. R. Deer Creek. Bro. and Sis. Harold Hohulin, Goodfield, had a baby boy, Todd Anthony, on Sept. 19. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Esther Hohulin, Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Edward Guingrioh of Bradford.

We are very pleased to report that the building of our Fellowship Hall has been completed. Bro. Ed Hohulin had the dedication services on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23. This was followed by a very large potluck dinner for all the members and friends in our Goodfield congregation, plus some honored guests. On the following week, Sept. 30, Open House was held for our Fellowship Hall, with over 650 people in attendance.

JUNCTION

Betty Manz Henrietta Manz

“... and for you friends on the stormy seas, Jesus is standing by—there is help for you!” were the words of visiting minister, Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse. We pray that our dear friends will take these words from God to heart and seek the help that truly is ever present.

We were also thankful to have our elder, Bro. Loren Stoller of Laty with us for services; we do appreciate this love.

Our aged Ministering Bro. Henry Manz, who has been ill in the hospital, is now at home. His address, 220 N. Main St., Paulding Ohio 45879. He is still not good, and appreciates the prayers of the brethren and the cards of cheer.

Sis. Ruth Emma Dotterer has been spending a few weeks at home with her parents, Bro. Isaac and Sis. Frances, recuperating from major surgery. She is now able to be with us again for services.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Schamback

Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . the Lord has blessed us again with a new addition to our fold; we welcome Bro. Dennis Virkler as

our brother, and pray the Lord will grant him grace to remain true and faithful. Denny is the son of Bro. Andrew and Sis. Maxine.

Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington brought us many words of truth as he visited us. We thank God that our brethren can still travel freely to our various congregations to preach the word.

Aaron James Rylance has entered the world, to liven up the home of Jim and Dianne; he has a brand new cousin also, Mark Allen, son of Jordan and Lynn Kimmerly. Grandparents to both little boys are Marshall and Sis. Muriel Rylance.

“The LORD bless thee, and keep thee” . . . we pray for our Father to watch over those hospitalized, Sis. Lillie Friedinger and Sis. Loretta Mosher. . .

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler Eleanor Herzig

Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City was our visiting minister on Sunday, Oct. 7. Many wonderful teachings and warnings were given to us by the Holy Spirit through our brother. May each of us examine ourselves and ask the question, “Where do we stand?” Our thanks to Bro. Andy and his family for spending a blessed week-end with us.

We also enjoyed the visits of loved brethren from Oakville, Gridley, Minneapolis, Lester, Akron, and Bluffton.

We are glad to report that Bro. Lawrence Farney, Sis. Irene Farney, Bro. Leon Ebersol, and Sis. Martha Steiner have been able to assemble with us again, after having been hospital patients. Sis. Martha has been able to return to her home again. Pernal Virkler (Bro. Howard) has been able to return to her home, after being a medical patient for several days.

Bro. Ronald Herzig has been a patient at a Utica hospital for four weeks, as a result of his broken leg. He underwent emergency surgery and is much improved. Sis. Elvera Martin has been a medical patient for a few days. Sis. Sarah Virkler is showing some improvement, having been a hospital patient for several weeks. May each of those loved ones look to God for strength and comfort during the many hours of sickness. He is al-

ways there to extend his love to us.

Sis. Linda Virkler, daughter of Bro. Lowell & Sis. Celia, has begun employment as an LPN at the Carthage Area Hospital and is again living at home.

God Is Never Beyond Our Reach

No one ever sought the Father
And found He was not there,
And no burden is too heavy
To be lightened by a prayer;
No problem is too intricate,
And no sorrow that we face
Is too deep and devastating
To be softened by His grace;
No trials and tribulations
Are beyond what we can bear,
If we share them with our Father
As we talk to Him in prayer.

God asks for no credentials;
He accepts us with our flaws.
He is kind and understanding,
And He welcomes us because
We are His children
And He loves us everyone,
And He freely and completely
Forgives all that we have done,
Asking only if we're ready
To follow where He leads
Content that in His wisdom
He will answer all our needs.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Howie and Dianne Leman

Although many U. of I. and Parkland students return to their home churches on Sunday, we always have a large crowd at our Wednesday night Bible Study. We've really enjoyed hearing from Bro. Joe Braker (Morton), Bro. Ed Alt and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna) at these Bible Studies. Each delivered a very timely and spiritually uplifting message.

On Sept. 15, Beverly Kunfer-schmid, daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura of Eureka, was united in holy matrimony to Rick Foster of Rantoul. We have enjoyed their fellowship here and are saddened to learn they will be moving to Missouri at the end of October. Rick is with the U. S. Air Force.

Sunday Oct. 7 was the date of the announcement of Bro. Virgil Metzger's engagement to Sis. Mary Schneider of Forrest. No wedding date has been set.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Russ Rapp (Morton), George Lambert (Wichita), Ed Hohulin

(Goodfield), Ken Knapp (Roanoke) Al Scheitlin (Elgin). We always appreciate the efforts of those ministers who assist Bro. Dave Wiegand in spreading the Gospel of the living Lord.

INDIANAPOLIS

Eric and Ginny Zeller

This sunrise created by Thee, O Lord,
With the sky all rose and gold,
Hails a bright new day never lived before,
A day only one hour old;
With its golden hours untarnished,
Tis a treasure trove for me,
A day to live and love and serve,
A gift to return to Thee.

Our Sabbath days spent together this September were especially beautiful with the return of many of our student friends and brethren. We cherish each one of them, and thank the Lord for having them with us again. We were blessed to hear the word of God from many visiting ministers, among who were George Yergler from La Crosse, Maurie Frank from Leo, Bob Meyer from Bluffton, and Kenneth Schneider from Remington.

The Lord has blessed our congregation with new faces. We wish to welcome these loved ones taking up residence in Indianapolis: Keith and Kathy Steffen from Bloomington-Normal and Shirley Steffen from Milford.

HUNTSVILLE

From a Form Letter
John and Ann Wagler

Our kindergarten has opened with an enrollment of 29 boys and girls. In just a few weeks they have made some good progress. The main object of the kindergarten is to get the word of God implanted in their hearts and minds, trusting that one day the seed sown will come to a good fruitage. Probably, most of the children do not go to Sunday School, so they never get the word or any Christian training. We also give them the best instruction in scholastics, morals, manners, discipline and patriotism. Teachers are Linda Laidig of Bremen, Betty Faulkner of Huntsville, and my wife Ann.

The church here will soon be two years old. Sunday morning attendance is about 70. In the course of a

week we probably reach 125 people . . . We still owe \$16,200 on the original purchase of the church. The kindergarten addition of two nice rooms and wash rooms is nearly finished. The bricks have arrived after waiting nearly a year and will be laid soon. We are still owing some on the plumbing, which is finished. I would estimate that about \$2,000 will be needed to finish everything. The school will be self supporting from the \$22 per month tuition, per child.

The work done by our guests and visitors over the summer was a great help and much appreciated. It permitted us to be able to open school on time.

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350-44-0594, 40 Division FAU,
Comfairwest PAC, FPO Seattle
Wash 98767 (near Atsugi Japan).

IOWA CITY

Twila Whipple — Joan Mogler

Only one life . . . will soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last. We thank Bros. Bob Pohl, Harvey Heiniger and Albert Wuthrich for speaking God's word to us with the spirit of truth.

We are thankful to see several new faces at our gatherings this year. We welcome four new students to our congregation. They are Trudy Pulfer (Elgin, Iowa), Randy Massner and Sis. Twila Whipple (Oakville), attending school in Cedar Rapids, and Elaine Ackerman (Morton), attending school in Iowa City. We also welcome Dave Barth (Oakville), who has found employment in the Cedar Rapids area.

Since our group is larger this year, we plan to meet every Thursday evening at one of our homes. Anyone in the area would be welcome to attend. We still meet the first Sunday and third Thursday evening of every month for services, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Remember—our lives may be the only Bible some people read.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Edna Pohl Elaine Eisenmann

We were happy to have two visiting ministers among our other company. They were Ed Alt, Cissna Park, and Al Aberle, Tremont. We appreciate all our visitors.

Bro. Ernie Anliker is at home

again, after a stay in the hospital. He is feeling pretty good and enjoys company. Several others spent time in the hospital. They were Sis. Esther Wagler, Brian Anliker (son of Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie), Nathan Pohl (son of Fred and Carolyn), and Matthew Eisenmann (son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Elaine). All are home again and feeling better.

Bro. Ben and Sis Esther Wagler have left our area again for the winter months. They will reside in Zapata, Texas. They find the climate there is better health-wise for them, rather than our Iowa winters. We hope they have a pleasant stay.

We held our Sunday School election. Bro. Lloyd Massner was chosen for a four-year term; Bro. Gary Anliker for three years, Bros. Richard Taeger and Kenneth Scheitlin as substitutes. Bro. Dale Massner is our new superintendent and Bible Class teacher, with one year remaining in his term, and Bro. Paul Eisenmann has two more years to complete his term. Sis. Marge Hodel was elected for two years in the youngest children's class, to assist Sis. Charity Scheitlin, who has only one year left. Sis. Edith Massner and Sis. Judy Gehring are the new substitutes for them. Also that same day, Sis. Ruth Reiman was chosen to fill the vacancy on the kitchen committee.

Sis. Mayme Gerst is enjoying a trip to the Holy Land with several others. We wish her a safe return.

The engagement of Lynn Scheitlin (daughter of Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity) to Danny Townsend of Bloomfield, Iowa was announced. A November wedding is planned.

SARASOTA

Philip Wingeier

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Again we have not too much to report of our new church. Hopefully, when we get there, Oct. 13-14, we will see a roof on it, as they were unable to get the shingles for some time. There has been some spiritual activity through the summer months, when the brethren there got together in homes to worship . . . Bro. Floyd Weiland of De-

troit spent some time at Sarasota, Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville, also Bro. Klopfenstein of Ft. Lauderdale. We want to thank them for their efforts in sharing the gospel messages, we are sure enjoyed by everyone present.

The address for Sarasota church: 333 North Honore Ave., Sarasota Florida 33580; in care of Philip Wingerier, 5317 Antoinette St., Sarasota Florida 33580.

Anyone coming into the Sarasota area, please call Edward Getz, 756-4346 . . . Robert Reiman, 355-6767, for time and place of worship.

Happy Childhood Days

If I could be a child again,
Around dear mother's knee,
How sweet twould be to hear her
sing

The songs that used to be!

It seems I feel dear Father's hand,
As he would lead us on
T'ward heaven's bright and shining
shore,
Where precious ones had gone.

My Father's Voice in Prayer

In the silence that falls on my
spirit,
When the clamor of life loudest
seems,
Comes a voice that floats in
tremendous notes
Far over my sea of dreams.
I remember the family altar
And my father kneeling there,
And the old tones thrill with the
memory still
Of my father's voice in prayer.

I can see the glance of approval
As my part in the reading I took;
I remember the grace of my
mother's face
And the tenderness of her look,
And I know that a gracious
memory
Casts its light on that face so fair,
As her cheek, flushed faint—O
mother, my saint!
At my father's voice in prayer.

Anger is often more harmful than the injury that caused it. When Leonardo da Vinci was working on his painting "The Last Supper," he became angry with a certain man. Losing his temper, he lashed the other fellow with bitter words and threats. Returning to his

canvas, he attempted to work on the face of Jesus, but was unable to do so. He was so upset he could not compose himself for the careful work. Finally, he put down his tools and sought out the man and asked his forgiveness. He returned to his workshop and finished painting the face of Jesus.

Just This Minute

If we're thoughtful just a minute
In whate'er we say and do,
If we put a purpose in it,
This is honest thro' and thro'.
We shall gladden life and give it
Grace to make it all sublime,
For, though life is long, we live it
Just a minute at a time.

Just this minute we are going
Toward right, or toward wrong;
Just this minute we are sowing
Seeds of sorrow or of song.
Just this minute we are thinking
On the ways that lead to God,
Or in idle dreams are sinking
To the level of the clod.

Yesterday is gone, tomorrow
Now not comes within our grasp;
Just this minute's joy or sorrow
That is all our hands may clasp.
Just this minute! Let us take it
As a pearl of precious price,
And with high endeavor make it
Fit to shine in paradise.

One Day At A Time

One day at a time, with its failures
and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes,
with its weakness and tears,
With its portion of pain and its
burden of care.
One day at a time we must meet
and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and
strong,
To be calm under trial, and sweet
under wrong.
Then its toiling shall pass, and its
sorrow shall cease.
It shall darken and die, and the
night shall bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is
so long,
And the heart is not brave, and the
soul is not strong,
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near
all the way;
Give courage and patience and
strength for the day.

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Swift cometh His answer, so clear
and so sweet:
Yea, I will be with thee, thy
troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee,
nor grieve;
I will not forsake thee; I never will
leave.

Not yesterday's load we are called
on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and
shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or
back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but
for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is
His day.
He hath numbered its hours,
though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not
alone;
As the day, so the strength that He
giveth His own.

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow if thou
Another's soul would reach.
Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;

Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

In our hands is a gift divine.
We'll try on ev'ry hand
To make the paths of others shine
Like grains of gleaming sand.

The Lord will bless each passing
day
With sunshine or with rain;
The harvest then for toil will pay
In precious golden grain.

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

HAPPINESS

Henry Souder Jr.

Happiness radiates from God. Without Him, the various flights are, and lead to cinders and ashes. Happiness is love and joy, but also it is sorrow and suffering. The best, clearest, the only true happiness is lived in God's word.

It is beautiful, among the things that are awaiting: "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." That is one part of happiness.

Many things, wonderful things lay up. The more we give, the more we have, and not only money. Growing in love, going the second mile, we store increased capacity for love in the world to come. Those dear, familiar hearts . . . when we store love in them and they go, they are treasures! Hearts we have never seen, upon whom has been bestowed some gift, finishing in God, they are there. They'll mean more to us, for someday we shall know as we are known.

Happiness is in a heart that waits: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Inflation, death, misfortune, suffering, nothing can touch the treasure in God's keeping. It's a sunny day of joy, any moment, for one who

basks in the sunshine of that world. There is wonderful, joy-filled power.

Happiness is the light. "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." It takes the sunlight to bring out the colors, rayed in reds and golds, sunlit cliffs, all things bright and beautiful. It takes light through the pure and simple eye to show another world, so vastly wonderful we cannot now entertain all its beauty. Life in the Saviour opens the eyes to love, joy, goodness and all the other fruits of the Spirit. The deep things of God are wonderfully sweet.

The single look is in marvellous light!

Happiness is freedom from slavery. "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness."

The eye is what makes the difference. It is what we want to see that blocks or brings happiness. Deep down inside is what the Lord is telling about. An eye of evil is an active eye. It receives impressions, but they are all dull and dark, sins little and big. The god

of this world has blinded. What a prison is that darkness. Furious forces that are battling the right edge closer to what they want, final and unredeemable control.

Happiness is serving the good Master: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

One draws, the other drives. The line is sharp and clear. Read the description in holy word. Momentary gay feelings may come with triumph of a transaction not on the up and up. There are various other servings of the wrong. It takes power to withstand the push of the enemy. Evil shoots out in glitter, and fades into deadness and dimality. Is it in His word as right? Does it leave the afterglow? Is it enduring? Is it spent in His righteousness?

Happiness is the way of the cross. Resplendent, above all beauty, is the matchless loveliness and glory of the Master. The feet may be tired . . . the body ache . . . thorns may press . . . but knowing the Master, walking with Him brings joy and happiness eternal.

This is really living.