

THE SILVER LINING

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GOING TO MEET MY DEAR OLD MOTHER

George Lennox, a notorious horse thief of Jefferson County was serving his second term. During the winter of 1887 and 1888, he worked in the coal mines . . . the roof fell in and completely buried him. Missed at dinner time, a search was instituted for the missing convict. He was found under this heap of rubbish. He was taken to the top, and on examination by the prison physician pronounced dead. His remains were carried to the hospital. His coffin was made and brought into the hospital. A couple of prisoners were to lift the corpse from the boards, carry it across the room, and place it in the coffin. They obeyed. About halfway, the one accidentally stumbled, lost his balance, and dropped the corpse. The head of the dead man struck the floor . . . A deep groan was heard. The eyes opened. . .

“ . . . I had a presentiment all the morning that something terrible was going to happen. . . All of a sudden, it grew very dark. Then it seemed as if a great iron door swung open, and I passed through . . . I started to move away from the doorway, and had traveled some distance, when I came to the banks of a broad river. . . I had not remained on the banks of this river very long, until I could hear the sound of oars in the water, and soon a person in a boat rowed up. . . I was speechless. He looked at me for a moment, and then said that he had come for me, and told me to get into the boat and row across to the other side.

I got out of the boat, and the boatman vanished out of sight. . . Looking out before me, I saw two roads which led through a dark valley. One of these was broad . . .

and seemed to be well traveled. The other was a narrow path that led off in another direction. I instinctively followed the well-beaten road. I had not gone far when it seemed to grow darker . . . I was met by a being. He resembled a man somewhat, but was much larger than any human being I ever saw. He was black as the coal I had been digging . . . His hair was very coarse, heavy and long. It hung down on his massive shoulders. His voice sounded more like the growls of a lion in a menagerie than anything I can recall. . . I trembled like an aspen leaf at the sight. He had his spear raised as if to send it flying through me. I suddenly stopped. With that terrible voice I seem to hear yet, he bade me follow him. . .

After he had gone some distance, a large mountain seemed to rise up before us. . . I could distinctly see these words, **This is Hell**. . . A large massive door swung back, and we passed in . . . All the way along I could hear deep groans, as of someone dying. Further on, these groans increased, and I could distinctly hear the cry for **WATER, WATER, WATER**. Coming now to another gateway, and passing through, I could hear it seemed a million voices in the distance, and the cry was for water, water . . . another large door opened at the knock of my guide, and I found that we had passed through the mountain, and now a broad plain lay out before me. . .

. . . a being somewhat similar to the first one came. . .

He spoke with a voice that struck terror to my soul. “Thou art in Hell,” said he, “for thee all hope is fled. As thou passed through the mountain on thy

journey hither, thou didst hear the groans and shrieks of the lost as they called for water to cool their parched tongues. Along that passage there is a door that opens into the lake of fire. This is soon to be thy doom. Before thou art conducted to this place of torment never more to emerge—for there is no hope for those who enter there—thou shalt be permitted to remain in this open plain, where it is granted to all the lost to behold what they might have enjoyed, instead of what they must suffer.

With this I was left alone. . . My strength departed from me . . . Drowsiness now took control of me. Half awake, half asleep, I seemed to dream . . . Stretching out and away in the distance, I saw vast plains covered with beautiful flowers. I, too, beheld the river of life and the sea of glass. Vast multitudes of angels would pass in and out through the gates of the city. I saw my dear old mother, who died a few years ago of a broken heart because of my wickedness. She looked toward me, and seemed to beckon me to her, but I could not move. . . A gentle breeze wafted the fragrance of those lovely flowers toward me, and I could now, more plainly than ever, hear the sweet melody of angel voices, and I said, **O that I could be one of them!**

As I was drinking from this cup of bliss it was suddenly dashed from my lips. . . I was brought back from happy dreamland by an inmate. . . He bade me follow him . . . I again entered the dark passageway . . . we came to a door . . . going along this, we finally found ourselves passing through another door. . . I beheld the lake of fire. Just before, I could see as far as

the eye could reach, that literal lake of fire and brimstone. Huge billows of fire would roll over each other, and great waves of fiery flame would dash against each other, and leap high in the air like the waves of the sea during a violent storm. On the crest of the waves I could see human beings rise, but soon to be carried down again to the lowest depths of this awful lake of fire. . .

Presently I turned my eyes to the door through which I had a few moments before entered, and I read these awful words, **THIS IS THY DOOM; ETERNITY NEVER ENDS.** Shortly I began to feel the earth give way under my feet, and I soon found myself sinking down into the lake of fire. An indescribable thirst for water now seized upon me . . . and calling for water, my eyes opened in the prison hospital.

I passed through all this . . . there is a HEAVEN and there is a HELL, and a regular old-fashioned Hell, the kind the Bible tells about. But there is one thing certain, I am never going to that place anymore . . . I am going to live and die a Christian . . . I am going to meet my dear old mother after awhile. . .

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDRENS HOME

Progress reports given in previous issues have brought us to the final stages of planning, with the building plans in the final stages of approval by the state agencies.

The next step in transferring our willingness and desires to a good and useful purpose will be the coordination of our resources, the top priority being voluntary help in the construction. There is a great need for anyone connected with the various trades, carpentry, sewer construction, electrical plumbing and farming, or any other service you might be able to render. In order that this work might be carried out effectively, please contact your local children's home representative or Dave Wingeier, 7336 Wingeier Ave., Alto MI 49302 . . . Telephone 868-6733.

Many willing hands will make this task lighter, and we all know each deed of kindness done for one another will not go unrewarded.

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APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN MISSION FUND Ben Maibach

For several years we have been conducting an elementary school in conjunction with a nursery school for American and Japanese students at our Shioda church in Japan. These classes are conducted by American sisters, preferably with a teaching certificate, although we have been very grateful for the services of qualified sisters such as nurses who are talented and can conduct the classes. In addition, these sisters have been teaching conversation English classes to Japanese friends in the area. We have had great difficulty in obtaining sisters to fulfill these responsible positions, and it now appears that unless we can have replacements for Sisters Betsy Erickson and Kathi Huber, we will have to phase out this portion of the work in Japan in the fall of 1975.

Interested and qualified sisters must have the approval and support of their home church and elder. Inasmuch as their presence in Japan is not only to teach the students, but also to set the proper example and help to strengthen the fellowship, it is important that their attitude, appearance and conduct exemplify a God-fearing woman. All expenses are provided for, including an apartment, and we have encouraged our teaching sisters to take trips in Japan while serving there. In addition, spending-money is provided. Most sisters who have given so freely of themselves have found it to be a very profitable experience, and their services have been very beneficial.

Time is of the essence, as plans must be made if we are to continue the school not later than May 1, 1975, and the teachers would be expected to be available in Japan by the first of August of next year. If after prayerful consideration you want to make inquiry, please contact Bro. Willis Ehnle 692-2 Shioda, Ichinomiya-Cho, Higashi go to top of next column

Is there some loved one you should be sending the Silver Lining? The love through the Silver Lining can go miles. Do as you would wish you had done. if their lips would be silent tomorrow!

Yatsushiro-Gun Yamanashi-Ken JAPAN 409-14; or write to me personally.

May our heavenly Father reveal His will in this very weighty matter.

PRINCEVILLE IL Ruth Ricketts

If you count the sunny and cloudy days of the year, you will find that sunshine predominates.

The sunshine has predominated the past few months, but we were thankful for a refreshing rain after nearly three months of dry weather and did lots of good.—.W weather. It was welcome and did lots of good. We had a killing frost before the crops had matured. Farmers are very busy gathering in the harvest, which is turning out better than they had hoped.

As we look through the country which is now very colorful, we can again think of the handiwork of God. Before the trees shed their leaves they display much beauty. Is it that way with our lives? Do we display a beautiful life before we are called from this world?

The death angel has visited our community twice in the past month. The morning of Sept. 4, our friend. Charlie Streitmatter enjoyed eating a good breakfast his sister Viola prepared. She went to the garden, and Charlie also went outside. Later she didn't see him, and began to call him but got no answer. She found he had been stricken with a heart attack and had passed from this life. He had been in the hospital some time ago with a heart condition, but was feeling quite well now. He had worshipped with us on Sunday. He was always a quiet man. Born Jan. 27, 1907, the son of Peter and Emma

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Kupfer Streitmatter. Surviving are two brothers: Glen of Speer and Pete of Princeville; five sisters, Sadie Streitmatter, Mrs. Marcella Wood and Mrs. Laura Hartness all of Peoria, Mrs. Elma Brown of Jacksonville, and Viola Streitmatter of Princeville. Services were held at the church the 6th, conducted by Bro. Joe Stoller and our other ministers. He was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery.

Sis. Louise Lauber was called in death. She had not been feeling well and was not able to worship with us for a few weeks, as her legs were troubling here. One afternoon she became quite ill and was rushed to the hospital, but she didn't live long after getting there. Our local ministers, Bro. Dave Kieser, and others conducted services on the 20th; she was laid to rest in Swan Lake Memory Gardens near Peoria, beside her husband, Bro. Emil, who died Dec. 21, 1973. She was born March 24, 1897 in Peoria, a daughter of Louis and Christina Stokes Mees. Surviving are four sons, Edmund, Walter, and Julius; all of Monica, and Fritz of Chillicothe; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Fessenden and Mrs. Verna Stoecker of Chillicothe and Sis. Lucille Unsicker of Peoria; two brothers, William of Biloxi, Miss., and Louis of Monica. . . . The families of the two souls wish to thank everyone who offered in many ways to help them during this time of sorrow.

Sis. Nellie Woertz hasn't been feeling well. She had come to worship with us a few Sundays, but has been back in the hospital and home again. Bro. Will Huber has had a series of light strokes and was in bed for some time; however, he is again able to care for himself. Recently he observed his 86th birthday, and a few days before, Sis. Ida had her 81st.

Bro. John Baurer was so happy to be able to worship with us and enjoyed meeting everyone. He said he is much better. Sis. Anna Roach is making satisfactory recovery from hip surgery at Mayo's, and is convalescing at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Bro. Ezra and Sister Lucille Rumbold. "To all my wonderful relatives and friends, my most heartfelt thanks for prayers, get-well wishes and gifts sent me while I was in the hospital and since returning home. It was wonderful to have neighbors come to

our room for visits and the telephone calls from loved ones are very much appreciated. Most humbly, Anna Roach." We are glad that Bro. Emil Stahl was able to be brought to his home, and that he is gaining strength, after surgery to mend a broken hip. He is being cared for by his daughter, Sis. Anna, and son Richard.

Bro. John Dapper spent two Sundays with us. We have treasured memories from his humble teachings. As we were assembling for singing at noon the second Sunday, the telephone rang, telling of the passing of Sis. Julia's brother in Mansfield. We express our sympathy and remember them in our prayers.

The first Wednesday in October we were pleasantly surprised by a visit of Bro. Robert Meyer of Bluffton. In the quietness we could feel the presence of God, and our cups were filled to overflowing.

We rejoice that we have three young souls who have turned their backs on the ways of the world and are enjoying peace in their hearts.

We were sorry to hear that our friend Eugene Rapp had a fall and injured his back. After spending some time in bed, he is able to get about slowly with the aid of a walker.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser/Mary E. Gudeman

God needed a little bud for one of His towers in His garden, so He chose baby girl Cassity Lynn. She was born Sept. 19 to Bob and Carol Bucher. Pneumonia developed, and she passed away Sept. 21. Grave-side services were held Sept. 23. Her surviving grandparents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jungles.

Our dear friend, Anna Meiss, had the misfortune of fracturing her other hip. She is released from the hospital and staying at Canterbury Nursing Home. Little Jimmy Bucher was taken to Mayo Clinic by his parents, Bro. Gary and Sis. Lois, for tests for his many allergies. He also spent a few days in the hospital, but is home again.

Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka) through his message warned each one of us to make ready and prepare ourselves, that when the book is opened, **will my name be written there.** We surely could feel God's Spirit as the word was spoken to us.

Happy grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth Heinold, when April Renee was born Sept. 25 to Bro. Jay and Sis. Jill Plattner (Morton). Holly Ann welcomed her home. Friend Alice Heinold is the great-grandmother.

History of the LaCrosse Church

The Apostolic Christian Church of LaCrosse made its beginning by a small group of brothers and sisters, mostly from Illinois moving to this community. The area being as new as it was offered many opportunities in agriculture. The older established Apostolic Christian churches were also being blessed spiritually and were growing in numbers. God had at various times provided opportunities in different parts of the world which were sought out and found, by His children, that they might be witnesses of His true word throughout the world.

In the year 1914, the Bro. Joe Swing family of Fairbury was the first family to move to the LaCrosse area. The year 1915, the families of George Yergler, Ed Troxel, Ed, Anna and Emma Wittmer, Andrew Heiniger, Sam Heinold, Joe Heinold and Harvey Adams established homes here. The following years, from 1916 to 1922 brought more families to this community.

In 1916 it was decided by this small body of members to erect a church building at the south end of LaCrosse. It was further agreed that this building was to be erected in the form of a home, trusting that when the Lord added His blessing with enough members, a larger church building would be erected. The building was completed and the first services were held June 18, 1916, with Bro. Ed Eglin of Morris officiating.

This little flock gathered every Sunday, waiting upon the blessing of the Lord, either to send a visiting minister or just gather to sing hymns, read scripture and have a prayer. This continued until Sept. 1918, when Bro. George Yergler was instated into the ministry. In 1924, Bro. Harry Bucher was instated.

These brothers and sisters which are yet living well remember the bond of Christian love which prevailed and tied this small church so close together. Although the

Lord always blessed them with sufficient food and raiment, there was no flourishing era of prosperity, which made the spiritual blessings so much more precious.

In the year of 1933 the Lord added one of the greatest blessings to the church, when 29 souls repented and were baptized.

Bro. George Yergler was ordained elder in 1936. By 1938, the church building proved too small for the growing congregation. Cissna Park had a church building which was no longer in use. It was dismantled, moved to LaCrosse and rebuilt. Dedication was held Sept. 11, 1938.

January 1948, Bro. Arthur Gudeman was instated into the ministry. April 1963, Bros. Merle Bucher and Edward Frank were instated.

In 1963, due to inadequate facilities, the church made a final decision to build a new church building. On October 16, 1966, the new church building was occupied the first time for worship services.

Bro. Edward Frank was ordained elder in Oct. 1971.

We are thankful to Elder Bro. George Yergler for his many years of being our faithful shepherd, his many good teachings and timely warnings. His concern is ever-present for our precious faith, this wonderful Christian love and fellowship. He also served as shepherd to other congregations.

ALTADENA CA

Linda and Mary Witzig

We were blessed with a visit from Bro. Allan Freed from Phoenix.

There are several who have been hospitalized. Released from the hospital and recuperating following surgery are both Sis. Joyce Hackenjos and Sis. Lois MacDonald. Sis. Hulda Imthurn of the Maywood congregation is at present in a nursing home. Her address is: Midtown Hospital, 1020 S. Fairfax, Los Angeles, Ca.

Sis. Doris Hecker is able to assemble with us again, after a lengthy absence following eye surgery.

Our sympathy is extended to those who have lost loved ones . . . To Paul Milinkovich in the loss of his wife, and to Bob and Sis. Judy Crockett, in the loss of Bob's father.

TOLEDO OH Lydia Meister

Autumn has arrived, and with it the beauty of all the fall flowers and varied colored leaves of trees, the music of the dripping fall rains. I found a patch of goldenrod along my neighbor's line, a rather unusual pleasure in our large city. Their lovely golden heads were lifted and waving gently in the breeze. How very much one appreciates all the beauty God so lovingly gives us to enjoy. It humbles one that He, the Creator has extended His Hand of love to give us the supreme gift of Life Eternal.

Sunday, Sept. 8, the Detroit Sunday School young folks joined our Sunday School classes. A picnic supper was held at Oswega Park. The sing hour was especially lovely and enjoyed by all. Bro. Hartzell Kaisner came with the young folks, and we were richly blest thru His inspiring sermons.

Our dear friends, Clara and George Beard have peace of heart and are looking forward to baptism. . . We are so happy for them and thankful that God has again given His loving grace to dear souls.

Sis. Emma Schick fell and fractured her left arm. She is home, after a stay in the hospital, and doing very well. I am happy to report. Kristi Weigle is doing well, after having a tonsillectomy. Kristi is Bro. Al and Sis. Mary Ann Weigle's young daughter.

David and Sis. Geraldyn Beard have a baby son, Matthew John. Keir Elan is the young grandson of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lydia Schlatter. Keir's parents are Penny and Larry Schlatter.

Bro. John and Sis. Karen Breitweiser have moved to their new home at 4632 Tamworth Rd., Sylvania OH 43560. Our dear friends, Irene and B. J. Ziegler are leaving for Sarasota, to spend the winter months.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" After only 3½ months, little Amber Detman has completed God's plan for her, and she has been called home. We extend our deepest sympathy to her parents, Leslie and Jean Detman;

her sister, Kimberly; and to her grandparents, Bro. Dick and Sis. Beulah Clark.

We are most appreciative of those who give themselves to the ministry of the word. We were fortunate to have Bro. Ben Manz (Junction) spend a Sabbath Day with us. Among our other guests were (Bros.) Henry Beer (Milford), and Joe Ramsier and Gary Maibach, of the Rittman congregation.

Our only birth has been to Bro. Alan and Sis. Sheryl Ringger. They became parents of their second daughter, Lana Mae, on Sept. 17.

Many of our loved ones have felt God's nearness, as they have experienced bodily afflictions. Bros. Jacob Meyer, Randy Steffen, James Geisel; Sisters Emma Kipfer, Salome Fiechter, Flossie (Ray) Stoller, Josephine Gerber, Ida Liebig, and Linda (Bill) Schaefer have spent days in the hospital.

Many marriages have taken place in our community. On Sept. 7, Steve Kaehr took Janis Shelley as his bride. Parents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Pauline Kaehr and Robert and Jessie Shelley. . . Sept. 8 was a special day for Bro. Keith Gerber and Sis. Kay Moser. They became man and wife in a very beautiful wedding ceremony. Parents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Gladys Gerber and Bro. Russell and Sis. Dorothy Moser. . . David Imel and Sharon Kaehr were united in holy matrimony on Sept. 14. Bro. Ezra and Sis. Tillie Kaehr and Mr. and Mrs. Belva Imel are the parents of this couple. . . Sept. 14 was also the wedding date picked by David Fleming and Judy Beer. Sis. Sarah and the late Rolland Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fleming are the parents. . . On Sept. 22 we witnessed another wedding. Bro. Tony Fiechter and Sis. Peg Kaehr became one in the Lord. Bro. Dale and Sis. Doris Fiechter and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Mary Ann Kaehr are the happy parents. . . Renee Frauhiger became the wife of William Biberstine on Sept. 28. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Bernice Frauhiger and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Biberstine are the parents.

Reminder: November is the month for Bluffton's Silver Lining collection. Please give your donation to either of your Silver Lining reporters. Thank you.

KIOWA KS**Janice Frieden**

Sis. Laverne Roth went to Oklahoma City to have her artificial eye cleaned and polished. As she was going into the Optical Building, she met a man using a white cane coming out. She learned later that he had lost both eyes and both legs in an industrial accident. Laverne said she has pitied herself many times since she lost an eye years ago due to a tumor, but how thankful she now is that she has only one artificial eye, and no artificial legs. Let's all count our blessings.

Our monthly singing of praises to our precious Father was held at the Fellowship Hall on Sept. 9, and we had a truly blessed evening of Christian fellowship.

We were saddened at the passing of Sis. Anna Miller. She had just recently returned from Stroud, Oklahoma, where she had been living for several years. We found it a great joy to have her in our midst again, even though her time with us was so short. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Anna's family.

To will what God wills brings peace.

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf
 "... grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word". How thankful we are for our ministering brothers who faithfully serve us from Sunday to Sunday and often in between. Too often we fail to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts in letting themselves be spent, that we might hear the wonderful word. To our home brothers, we say "thanks", and also those who visit. Our visitors were Bros. Frederick Knapp of the Congerville assembly and Irvin Stoller of Latty.

Two of our sisters, Marjean Lehman and Reva Waibel were hospitalized, but both are able to be in the assembly again, for which we are thankful.

Our best wishes go to Bro. Larry Blume and Sis. Lynell Bahler, whose engagement was made known on Sept. 15.

Sis. Arles Kropf, accompanied by Sis. Naomi Knapp of Cissna Park, were enroute on vacation on Sept. 20, when they were involved in an accident in Princeville. Naomi suf-

fered a broken collar bone and bruises and Arles badly bruised ribs. We thank God for protecting us from more serious injury and the Princeville folks for all their kindness to us until we could return home. . . May God richly bless each effort of love that was extended to me during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for your visits, cards, thoughts, and prayers. Marjean Lehman.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**Libby Meyer**

As we begin another semester, it is such a comfort that God has provided for us to come together and worship Him from time to time. We meet every other Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Dantorth Chapel, on campus. Everyone is welcome.

We are happy to have a number of newcomers this semester. They include Barbara Wernli, Jill Luthie (Lamont); JoAnn Shrock, Brenda Tucker, John Ott (Kiowa); Sis. Paula Bahr, Colin Young (Gridley); Sis. Beverly Bahr, and De-Veré Meyer (Sabetha).

Visiting ministers were Bros. Lester Hartter, Alfie Strahm, and Sam Huber.

LAMAR MO

Mrs. Raymond Braker/Marie Marti
 Love of all gifts is the greatest. We can have it so easily. If we have God in our hearts, we have love, and if we have love in our hearts, there God dwells. These words were spoken by Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Raymond Banwart and, in giving us the exhortation before communion service, they reminded us of the seriousness of this act, and that we should appreciate what our forefathers have done for us, by setting forth the purpose of such a solemn act. We were encouraged to hold fast to that same love we experienced the day of our baptism — the time when we felt so nothing. We can be taken back to that day and remember the solemn vows, and may it kindle anew the flame of love in our hearts. We were uplifted and refreshed when we could remember the Lord's death and suffering through Holy Communion. May we ever look forward and embrace those things that are eternal.

Lizzie Banwart (Eli) is in a Kansas City hospital, following a fall in which she fractured her hip.

Sisters Gail Banwart, Vera Frieden and Becky Hohulin have graduated LPN school in Nevada. Sis. Elaine Braker has enrolled in Burge School of Nursing in Springfield.

Here in Missouri, the hush of autumn holds the land in peaceful, quiet rest. The frost is on the meadow, and a haze hangs in the valleys. The bittersweet and sumac are brilliant, as are the beautiful trees. . . And God is in the midst of all.

BRADFORD IL**Rebecca Endress**

Sis. Julia Ehnle was dismissed from the hospital, following her surgery, and is residing at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Peoria. She seems to be getting along very well. She and her family would like to thank all who remembered her during the times she was hospitalized.

Bro. Ray Klumpp made a return trip to Rochester, Minn. for a re-evaluation, and he has shown improvement, for which we are thankful. He makes the most of the days when he feels good and has been able to do the harvesting along with his son, Bro. David.

A hard frost covered our area on Sept. 22, bringing to an end this year's 151-day growing season. The average season here is 189 days. Since the spring was so wet, many of the crops were planted late and had not matured before the frost. However, harvest is in full swing, and we can still say God has blessed us with an increase over what we planted!

We enjoyed the visit of Ministering Bros. Henry Grimm (Morton) and Phil Sauder (Cissna).

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

As Oct. 1 is with us, our minds return to the day three years ago, when on Oct. 1, 1971 our first resident arrived to make our facility his home. Many hours of labor and thought, combined with prayer preceded this day, to bring into fulfillment the benevolent dream to make this place a Home for God's Special People, the handicapped. While it would take a volume to convey the multitude of happenings in which we have filled our Home almost to capacity (the 49th resident is scheduled to arrive in January 1975), yet there is one

approach which remains constantly the same. In the beginning, as we began the uncharted course that lay ahead, a prayer lay heavily upon our hearts. We realized that of ourselves we would be unable to succeed in carrying out the responsibilities we so keenly felt. Our Source of Help lay with our Heavenly Father, for He alone could grant the wisdom so necessary.

We humbly acknowledge that only because there was this guidance from Above, and only because God moved the hearts of many interested people to help greatly, can we now stand amazed and know anew that **truly those things that are impossible with man are possible with God.**

As we continue to **Know Each Other Better**, we shall pay a visit to the Department where 48 special personalities reside. The term **nursing** in this situation is a meager term, because the staff in this department finds that their duties are much more comprehensive. They are a composite of the listening ear, the advisor, comforter, mother and father, the firm hand if need be, so that as nearly as possible a home atmosphere exists. Many unsung acts of charity will find a reward only in eternity.

As in a home, every resident who is able is assigned certain duties in keeping the Home and themselves neat and attractive. Ten residents go daily to a sheltered workshop five days each week; ten more are transported to PARC, a training center in Peoria. Twelve residents are confined to wheel-chairs; several are not able to feed themselves or take care of their personal needs. Some are mentally bright, but physically handicapped; others are physically strong, but mentally handicapped. This creates many challenges, but also gives many opportunities to show love.

JUNCTION OH

Henrietta Manz/Betty Manz

Ministering Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, gave us a pleasant surprise when he attended our Sunday evening monthly singing. He explained to us how Peter stood **afar off**. He said he believed this was Peter's downfall, that we shouldn't stand "afar off", but should be close to the Lord. Our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, spent a blessed Thursday evening

with us.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale have left for their winter home in Florida.

Many changes have taken place at the home of Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz in the month of September. On Sept. 22, Bro. Kenneth's engagement to Sis. Gwen Steiner (Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose) from Oakville was announced. On that same day, John went to Akron, where he is attending the University of Akron. Just a week later, Lester left for Mansfield, where he is attending Ohio State University extension.

Our other 1974 high school graduates, besides John Manz are Ed Schlatter (Sis. Juliet), who is engaged in farming here, and John Rose (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz), who is employed in Van Wert and lives at home.

We have had a killing frost. The tomato crop is over, and the farmers are harvesting soybeans.

Sis. Minnie Dotterer is again able to assemble with us part of the time. Our old pillars are feeling the infirmities of age, and we miss them when they are not able to be among us. Bro. Henry Manz was able to attend midweek services twice in his wheelchair.

MORTON IL

Emma Knapp / Peggy Joos

He that does good for the Lord's sake seeks neither praise nor reward; he is sure of both in the end.

These words truly apply to our beloved Elder Bro. Russell Rapp. We deeply appreciated and give thankfulness to him for the many devoted hours he has given in service and deeds, which will long be remembered and sought. Due to his health, he is now being relieved of his responsibilities of the Eldership. He will continue in his ministry, and we know he will still be devoting much of his time.

Prayer is the key in the hand of faith which unlocks heaven's storehouses. We prayerfully welcomed Bro. Joe Braker as our new elder, and solemnized this occasion on Sept. 8. Elder Bro. Roy Sauder was assisted by Elder Bros. Eugene Bertchi, Josh Broquard, Leroy Huber, Ed Hohulin and Dan Koch. We know the Bible is a surer and safer way through life than human reason. God is only a prayer away.

An open house was held on Sept. 8 for Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Mary

Jacob at the Townhouse. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

A baby boy was born to Dean and Sarah Grimm on Aug. 3. Little William Derek has two sisters to welcome him. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Eulah Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Murley Parker.

United in holy matrimony on Sept. 15 were Bro. Charles Sinn (Bro. Danny) and Sis. Karen Roeschley (Sis. Mabel). Karen will be missed in our congregation, as they will be residing in Ft. Scott. . . Sept. 29 was a special day for Bro. Mark Wuthrich (Bro. Jim) and Sis. Cheryl Schrock (Bro. Roy), as they were joined together as one.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Bros. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott and Harvey Grimm of Bern.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 5 for Sarah Baer. Surviving are two sons and four daughters. Her daughter, Ruth lives in Morton.

Friend Bertha Bernhardt was suddenly taken from our midst by the death angel Sept. 13. Her brother, Richard Bernhardt and two sisters, Sisters Mary Baum and Emma Bernhardt survive.

We know not when our clock of life will be stopped, as was Bro. Ervin Kahler's on Sept. 18. Our entire community was saddened by his sudden death. Those left behind are his wife, Sis. Edna Dietz Kahler; a son, Roger; and two daughters, Mrs. John (Marcia) Kelley, and Lisa at home. Ervin generated a love and friendship that will never be forgotten.

Marie Hager was taken from this life into eternity at age 80. In her last weeks of life she found her real peace with God, which she had been seeking for years. Surviving are one sister and four brothers.

Those hospitalized were Greg Menold and Sis. Mary Roecker. Patty Bertschi has been in the hospital.

We miss having the Robert Frank and Kenneth Huette families in our midst, as they are now assembling with the Tremont congregation.

Bro. Gilbert Bruell was elected to hold office of treasurer in the Morton congregation. Sis. Christine Zeller is our new Sunday School teacher. They will be serving the Lord in His church body.

Service address': S/Sgt. Scott L. Koehl 350-44-0594, 40 Div., Box 3, COMFAIRWESTPAC, FPO Seattle 98767 . . . Daniel R. Frank will be moving. David Frank has no address at present, until he reaches his new destination.

The Rapp family emigrated to America from Burgberg, Germany, a small village in the foothills of the Black Forests region of Germany known for the exquisite beautiful scenery and landscape. It is also known as the place where the cuckoo clocks are made and shipped all over the world.

Andrew, being the oldest of the 6 brothers, first came to America in 1874. He served in the German army during the War of 1870 serving undue hardship under the Army ruling concerning religious convictions. One evening his commander suggested he should leave the country. That very evening, a farmer with a load of hay came along and suggested he crawl under the hay, and took him over the German-France border. He met a group going to America the same evening, who invited him to go with them, and even financed his ocean trip and to Forrest, in America.

When he was but 15 years old, he was taught the art for architecture and the art of stone and masonry trade, a trade much in demand in Germany at that time, since most of the homes and large buildings were built from large crushed rocks and boulders—making them well built and durable. Seeking similar employment in the Forrest area, it was suggested that he come to Morton, which was said at that time to be a good booming town. That type of material was not available, so he sensed the need, to find a source to get brick needed for building house chimneys and also house foundations, and built a crude brick-making machine—one that required a horse hitch for power.

Contractors were soon demanding he make more and more bricks. He then asked his two brothers, Barthol and Christian, to come to America, now 1875. The two brothers came immediately directly to Morton, to help make brick in that crude way. They built a more efficient brick machine, almost like the first one Andrew had built, only faster. They also designed a

larger kiln, since the second press worked faster, decided to relocate their manufacturing across the railroad where the clay quality was as good, and built a shed to house the machine and locate the kiln near it for future expansion. The name of the business was now Rapp Brothers Brick and Tile Company. Sensing that they needed more help, they sent money for the rest of the family to come to America. The mother, father and three sisters, Katherine, Mary, Caroline lived from thereon in Forrest, and the brothers, Samuel, John and Matthew came to Morton. It was decided to commence making tile, so the farmers could drain off the surplus water, because of the heavy rains that were susceptible during the rainy seasons. This was about 1890.

The women folks would come to town with their husbands and sensed the need to Andrew, who was the manager of the pottery, that large mixing bowls were in much demand. So while they were planning, it was decided to use the new building for pottery exclusively. The three, Samuel, John and Matthew helped Andrew in building the two-story building - the first floor was necessary to have a special height ceiling, to enable the installation of the bottle-shaped kilns. They started to make mixing bowls, chambers with machinery and water pitchers, milk crocks. There was an immediate demand for all. A special "Skimming Milk Bowl" was made for the local friends, which they used to remove the cream from the milk for cheese making. The machinery was installed as the building was nearing being completed.

Andrew and Samuel were Sunday School teachers; and everything taught was in the German language. Andrew became elder of the Morton Apostolic Christian Church in 1895 to fill the vacancy of George Welk Sr., who died March 17, 1895. Andrew Rapp served until his death, May 2 1911.

ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder Mae K. Hodel

We were privileged to hear the testimonies of four of our dear friends: Rick Gerber (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Linda), Boni Hodel (Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty), Wally and Olene Blunier (Bro. Walter and Sis. Marian Blunier), on Sept. 21.

They were baptized and welcomed into the fold on Sunday, Sept. 22. Many were here for the happy occasion, including visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Bros. Nathan Steffen, Elgin; John D a p p e r, Maywood; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Elmer Bucher, Francesville; Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall from Eureka. Many wonderful teachings were shared to us, and the invitation was again given to all to come NOW.

Bro. Everett H a r i (Normal) spent a Sunday with us. He spoke of the many times they had assembled with us, when they lived here and after they moved to Normal before services were held there.

Our sympathy is sincerely extended to Sis. Diane Whited on the loss of her only brother, Greg. He died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Bro. Russ and Sis. Jane Descarpentrie welcomed a baby daughter, Kerstan Anne; born Sept. 6. She has a little brother, Brandon. Bro. Herb and Sis. Joyce Blunier are the happy parents of a little girl, Elizabeth Mardell, born Sept. 12. Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann Hoffman have a little son, Eric Lee, born Sept. 13. His little sister, Cheryl welcomed him home.

Hospitalized and home again are Sis. Jane Schumacher, Bro. Fred Herbst, and Joe Barth. Our friend, Ed Gerber still remains hospitalized, following surgery for injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He has had surgery three times, to set a broken wrist, a broken elbow, and a broken leg.

Notice; will the lady who took a size 44 off-white sweater, and left a size 40 the night of the church supper Aug 4 please contact Sis. Rose Sauder.

LITTLE THINGS

Did I forget to thank thee, Lord,
For things that may seem small,
A flower by the wayside,
A wild bird's lonely call,
For all the daily happenings
That we call commonplace,
For autumn and for sunsets,
And a neighbor's smiling face?

For life is made of little things,
So let me not forget
To count my smallest blessing,
And before the sun is set,

To thank Thee, Lord, for everyone
That adds a note of cheer,
And our blessings will be multiplied
Before another year.

PORTLAND OR
Judy Cremer

The sun was almost down, and a beautiful rosy glow was resting on Mt. Hood as we arrived at the top of Larch Mountain Sept. 30. A few of the brothers and sisters and many of the older Sunday School kids went to have a picnic and enjoy the magnificent scenery from Larch. We ate in darkness, as the sun disappeared too quickly, but that made it more enjoyable, having to ask everyone where the food was. We found ourselves more sharing and thoughtful when dependent on each other like this. The air was chilly, the fire crackled, adding a little warmth, when we saw a young man sitting several yards from us, alone, with a small fire going. My husband, Don, approached him, began a conversation and asked him if he would like to join us. We had plenty food, and everyone readily offered it to him. He ate with us and talked of his travels. He was on his way to Mexico from Alaska. He sat quietly while we sang hymns, and before leaving, we told him the way of salvation. He had ideas and philosophies quite common in today's youth, but was open enough to accept a New Testament. How many there are around us each day with confused ideas, not understanding that God is real and can change their lives. We must tell them, since we know truth.

Our visitors are always welcome in our small assembly and how glad we are He brings them our way.

The seasons have changed, and Fall surely is here, with its clear crisp air and the smell of burning leaves. Children I watch walking past our house are back in school. So much of what our children learn today is bred of an evil and wicked society. What a responsibility each Christian parent has to teach his child the truth, the solid, firm foundation in this troubled world.

SARASOTA FL
Linda Miller

Although unseen, Thou art with us

And while we wait in sadness,
The time is brief till we shall pass
Into Thy realm of gladness;
Forevermore to be with Thee,
To view Thy glorious majesty,
And praise Thy name, O Saviour.
Abide with us and be our stay
And guide us safely to the day
We see Thy face forever!

As we sing this humble song from the Zion's Harp, the Christian feels assured that the Lord will abide in all presence through our life here on earth, till we shall see Him face to face. One of our loving brothers, Leon Virkler of New York, has gone on to meet his Saviour face to face. Our Sarasota congregation is much saddened by his departure from us, but has the faith that the Lord has taken him to far better things than earth could ever offer. Bro. Virkler told us of his most earnest prayers, through his life with us, one of which was to see a permanent church in Sarasota, and the other to see his loving wife, Lydia a sister in faith. Leon lived a full life, in which he lived to see the Lord fulfill his prayers. How wonderful it must have felt for him to have gone on to better things, with the love he shared with all and the peace that he has left for many to enjoy and remember him by. Oh, the "Precious Memories" that the Lord leaves with us. He has done so much for us. A shining face that will be missed by all throughout the coming season.

Our congregation has been blessed with many visitors in this past summer. Many of our winter residents have been back with us for short stays periodically. Soon we are hoping to see our congregation grow again, as our winter residents join with us. Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria has been with us and will remain for a few weeks. We are thankful for our elder brother's visit and are anxious to see them back for a longer stay again.

REMINGTON IN
Anna M. Waihel

Bros. Joe Kaisner and Earl Gerber, Forrest, were our visiting ministers. We appreciate all that came and worshipped with us.

Bro. Robert Clauss is home from the hospital and slowly improving, for which we are all very thankful. We had a severe electrical storm around here and lots of

rain. Bro. Robert's house was struck, and several of their appliances were burned out, but no fire. No one was home at the time.

We have had severe frost damage early in the season. Some gardens and fields were not affected.

Sis. LaNelle Bahler (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Maryln) was announced to Bro. Larry Stoller (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma) of Wolcott.

We wish to express our thanks to those from other congregations who remembered us during the time that Bob was in the hospital and since he has returned home. We sincerely appreciate every greeting sent and every prayer on our behalf. Bob and Mildred Clauss

He conquers who accepts and makes the most of life;
He conquers who yields not to disappointments,
Who transforms sorrow into pleasant remembrances
Who lives for today and not the past.

SHIODA JAPAN
Willis R. Ehnlé

Eating eel on top of a bowl of rice in a Japanese restaurant is not unusual. I have done so and observed the cook catch the eel from a tank and prepare it on the spot. I learned something new about eel restaurants. We discussed it at my Japanese language school where I am now attending class each Thursday afternoon, in an effort to improve my ability in the language. Our teacher explained that once a year the owner of the eel restaurant has the Buddhist priest come and pray, apologizing to the eel for having to take their lives. This is said to be based on a superstition that if the priest does not come, some calamity will come over the family, such as one of the children becoming blind. Therefore, although no one claims to really believe it, there is a certain fear that something might happen if the priest is not called. It is similar, perhaps, to knocking on wood when talking about never having had an automobile accident, or like avoiding walking under a ladder, a couple of superstitions to which some people in the states give some recognition without really believing in it. Children of God should not be superstitious, but

should trust in the Lord. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord". Children of God should not pray to animals, dead or alive, but should pray to, and honor the true and living God. The words of I Thessalonians 1:9 are similar ". . . how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God".

Sept. 15 is a national holiday in Japan, a day for showing respect to the elderly. On that day our Sunday School teachers and pupils visited a home for the elderly, where there are 72 residents. It is a new building, with one hallway 120 meters in length, good for taking a walk inside. Several hymns were sung, and bananas were distributed to the residents by the children. Later, we took two new Bibles to this home and placed them on the bookshelves for the residents to read. The Lord Jesus said, Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He might send forth laborers into the harvest. We all should be laborers in the harvest in some way or other, and even the children can help.

To all the young couples in our fellowship who are or will be rearing children, we offer our prayers that all of your children might repent early in life and serve the Lord and our church faithfully all the days of their lives. The parents should pray often, from the beginning, in the presence of the children. The children will grow up realizing that this is the consuming passion of the parents, and that it takes precedent over education or position in life. If all children of believers repent, the church, Christ's body, will be greatly blessed and more and more people will be drawn to Him. **Seek thy Creator in the days of thy youth.**

To those who have grown children who have not yet repented, take heart, there is hope. **With God all things are possible.** Let us do all that we can to show that we care.

ALTO MI Sue Root

This do ye in remembrance of me until I come again. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach were with us to share Holy Communion. Bro. Ben reminded us that there are two types of repentance. There is a repentance unto conversion

and repentance unto purification. The latter type is that which is required of each of us as we prepare and take part in this solemn occasion.

The elder brothers were with us again to announce that Bro. William Gerst received the support of the membership to become our new minister. May God bless and grant rich grace to Bro. Bill and his wife, Sis. Judy who must support and help him.

Friend Marilyn Schutte (Sis. Virginia) was hospitalized for a short time. She has returned home and resumed normal activity.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The elder brothers, while here, read and expounded on the 8th chapter of Romans. This has often been of help to me and the brothers encouraged us to read it often, to find strength and encouragement along the pathway of life.

BREMEN IN Pauline Laidig

Bloom where you are planted! What real meaning these words contain, and how pleasing it is to our Heavenly Father if we seek His grace to willingly do so. Bro. Edwin Bahler left us with this and many other good teachings and thoughts when he and others from Remington spent a Sunday with us.

We are very sorry to have Bro. John, Sis. Jayne and little Rachel Ann Conrad leave our community, but we wish them much happiness in their new location in Cissna Park. We'll look forward to your visits, John and Jayne.

It is always a pleasure to watch our children and grandchildren grow and develop in knowledge, and especially that of a spiritual nature, so there was a good attendance at the Promotion Program last Sunday evening. Our Sunday School children spoke and sang of the good teachings they have learned in this and past years. As is the custom, a Bible was presented to each student going into the high school Sunday School class, and it is hoped they will often turn to its pages for guidance, peace and comfort throughout their lives.

We are happy to report that all of our hospital patients are home

again, although it was necessary for Bro. Joe Bauman to return to the hospital for awhile after his first dismissal. Sis. Elizabeth Yackley had quite a siege with pneumonia, but is gradually gaining her strength back. Bro. Lou Gerber is able to assemble with us again, although he is not entirely free of discomfort. We are thankful to the Lord for His healing powers.

I am sorry in mentioning our young folks who have gone to college that I slipped up in including Dennis Zimmer (Bro. George and Sis. Helen), who is attending Ball State, having previously gone to I. U.

CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

Chicago church has been so continually blessed. September was no exception. On Sept. 8 three of our elder brothers, Rudie Graf, Akron, John Bahler, Rockville, and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, worshipped with us and led us in considering an elder for our church, since our beloved elder, Al Fisher, died in April. As a congregation, moved by the Spirit, we felt that Bro. Dale Eisenmann would be God's choice for our new elder. The elder brothers mentioned that sometime in the future the elder body will want to meet Bro. Dale and, providing they concur in the congregation's decision, they would then establish a time when he would become our ordained elder. Meanwhile, Bro. Dale, as our deacon, will confer with Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger when needed, and continue to keep order in our congregation. May the Lord truly bless the brothers in their roles of spiritual leadership within our church.

Sept. 15, (Bros.) Russ Rapp of Morton and Joe Schrock of Congerville ministered unto us. We thank them for their willingness to be His instruments, and praise Him for His word. It's also good to have U. of I. and Northwestern students back worshipping with us—we appreciate their fellowship.

CONGERVILLE IL Arlene Banwart / Mary Schrock

As hand in hand you enter
a life that's bright and new,
May God look down from heaven
and bless the two of you;

May He teach you to be patient
as you learn to live together,
Forgiving little human rifts
that arise in stormy weather—
And may your love be big enough
to withstand the strongest sea,
So you may dwell forever
in love's rich tranquility.

Sept. 22, Sis. Vera Grusy, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie, and Bro. Brad Wieland, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret of Bay City were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Edwin Ringger. The following Sunday, we witnessed the marriage of Sis. Cheryl Schrock, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly, and Bro. Mark Wuthrich, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice of Morton. Our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard married them. The wedding sermons were encouraging to all of us, advising us to pray when we feel thankful, not just with a problem we're struggling with. Be open with one another, even if you don't understand; approach the other with love and reverence. Being hurt is selfish.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Kenneth Indermuhl, Sardis; Roy Wieland and Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Bob Pohl, Burlington; Elmer Bucher, Francesville.

Tim Dietrich, eight-year-old son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sherri, broke his leg at school and is in traction at Eureka Hospital. Having surgery was Bro. Curt Ehnle, who is in church again.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Elizabeth Zobrist and Dave Zimmerman in the death of their brother, Theo. Zimmerman. He passed away Sept. 17, and graveside services were held by Bro. Frederick Knapp.

"I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, gifts, and cards while I was in the hospital, also for the food and many nice things done for me and my family." Sis. Lula Zimmerman.

ELGIN IL

Louise Steffen/Katie Kachelmuss

Wonderful the power of Christ our King;
Mighty to save is He; many that sleep in the dust will sing.
At His coming they shall resurrected be.
Many of them that sleep in the dust

Shall awaken to life and sing, in the glorious resurrection of the just,
At the coming of our blessed Lord and king.

Bro. John Reber passed away at the age of 72 years. Bro. Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse conducted the funeral services, which was attended by many friends and relatives from here and out-of-town. The Reber's address is R. 2, Box 127, Elgin IL 60120.

Our ministering visitors were Bros. John Bahler of Rockville and Rudolph Graf of Akron. May God give the increase to all the good teachings, and may He bless His servants. Bro. Edward Gudeman attended our Sunday morning services, after an absence on account of illness. Sis. Ruth (Harvey) Schurter and Bro. Joseph Lauber are in our midst again after surgery.

Bro. Frank Schock, 508 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin IL 60120, was hospitalized for surgery, and is now at home with his loved ones.

FRANCESVILLE IN

Sharon Neihouser / Helen Huber

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." On Sept. 29, an Open House was held for the addition that was built earlier this year. A special thanks goes to each one who put forth their time, effort, and talents on this new building.

Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) and Edwin Bahler (Remington) were our visiting ministers. We thank them for sharing with us the riches in Christ Jesus.

A bundle of joy came to the home of Rod and Brenda Werner when Regina Lynn was born. Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich are the maternal grandparents.

On Sept. 15, the engagement of Sis. Mabel Pelsy to Bro. Leon Wuethrich was announced. May God bestow His many blessings upon their married life together.

Hospitalized were Sisters Vi Von Tobel and Louisa Anliker.

GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder/Wilma Young

A meeting was held far away from earth;
It's time again for another birth,

Said the angels to the Lord above;
This special child will need much love.

His progress may be very slow;
Accomplishments he may not show,

And he'll require extra care
From the folks he meets down there.

He may not run or laugh or play;
His thoughts may seem quite far away.

In many ways he won't adapt,
And he'll be known as handicapped. . .

So let's be careful where he's sent;
We want his life to be content.

Please, Lord, find parents who
Will do a special job for you.

They will not realize right away
The leading role they're asked to play,

But with this child sent from above
Comes stronger faith and richer love,

And soon they'll know the privilege given

In caring for this gift from Heaven.

Their special charge, so meek and mild

Is Heaven's very special child.

We are enjoying beautiful fall weather; lawns are green, trees turning various shades of colors, many brilliant arrays of flowers in bloom.

. . . Glad to see Mary Jane Kraft (daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine) back in our assembly, after spending twelve days in the hospital for observation and treatment.

. . . Wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Sarah Beyer in the passing of her sister, Emma (Ben) Beyer, Eureka, Kansas.

We have resumed World Relief meetings in our church basement; members and friends are welcome to assist in knotting quilts, making cancer bandages etc. . . . a nice time of fellowship, while doing for others.

MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgall

A little daughter, Kathy Ann, born on Sept. 9, has been welcomed into the home of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Sharon Feuchtenberger. Kathy has three brothers and one sister. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger are the grandparents.

LuAnn Schmidgall (Bro. Gene and Dorothy) was united in marriage, on Sept. 7, to Mike Brandt of Morris . . . Rita Koehl (Bro. Edward and Sis. Lillian) and Gary Rose of Morris exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 28.

Sis. Emma Spohr has been released from the hospital, and is able to get around in her home with the aid of a walker. She wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards, gifts, prayers, and visits, while she was in the hospital and since she is at home.

We have had no visiting ministers this past month, but we are grateful to our ministers who proclaim God's word to us. We are thankful to God that we still have an oasis, where we can go to be strengthened and refreshed, as we sing in one of our beautiful hymns:

Word of life the fountain flowing
Purely from the throne above,
Life and strength to him imparting

Who accepts the word in love.
As a blossom that is blighted
From the sun's own heat severe,
Thirsting in the barren valley,
Stoops to drink its waters clear.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Elaine Anliker / Lorene Pflederer

"The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." How wonderful it is that we can enjoy this precious heritage as we again gather for Purdue services.

As the fall season opens, we welcome many new people. New students are: Tom Troxel (La Crosse), Mary Lou Clauss (Remington), Sis. Lili Bahler (Remington), Debbie Stoller (Wolcott), Brent Kaiser (Milford), Sis. Janna Lou Schieler (Wolcott), and Jeff Gutwein (Francesville). Those working in the Lafayette area are: Bro. Dave Metzger (Francesville), (Sisters) Barb Frank (La Crosse) and Doris Bachtold (Forrest). Couples are Bro. Mike and Melody Gutwein (Francesville), Bro. David and Sis. Becky Pearson (Indianapolis), John and Cheryl Knobloch (Bradford), and Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Frank (La Crosse). We are looking forward to a blessed year at Purdue.

Many words of encouragement

and instruction were given during our September services by Ministering Bros. Bob Meyer (Bluffton) and Harold Zeltwanger (Bremen). Also with us were Ministering Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Ed Frank.

On Oct. 2, we were thankful to have Bro. Elmer Witzig with us from Gridley.

May this be our goal for this year, as brought out by Bro. Zeltwanger: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

RITTMAN OH Florence Hartzler

Oh what joy when we hear a dear soul, with a burden too hard to bear, called upon God for help, and He answered his prayer. We are so thankful God still calls, and souls are answering, as Bernie Hilty has given his heart to the Lord. His parents are Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty.

Even as we welcomed into our brotherhood Bro. Ken and Sis. Jackie Babin, we also bid them farewell, as they are moving to Morton, where Ken will be working. We pray they will always remember the words of guidance given them by Bro. Rudy Graf, as they gave their testimony and became one of us.

A new baby arrived at the home of Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda Dotterer, a little boy, named Thomas Paul. Kathy and Steve are glad for a new playmate. Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer, and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Mildred Christian are the grandparents. . . A daughter was born to Art and Lynn Riggenbach, named Bethany Ellen. To welcome her home were Karrie, Kellie, and Wendy. Grandparents are Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Riggenbach.

At the midnight hour, the Lord called a dear one home, and now Sis. Josephine Bauman is at rest, forever with the Lord. Funeral service was Sept. 24, Bro. Joe Ramsier officiating. Our sympathy is extended to the family: daughters, Marjorie Weber, Evelyn Hessidence, and Sis. Janet Graf; sons, Marvin and Arthur. Four sisters also survive, Sisters Emma Ramsier, Elizabeth Ramsier, Esther and Lula Bachman.

Sis. Selma Hartzler had the misfortune of falling twice; the first time she fractured her wrist, and the second time a fractured hip.

After being in the hospital a few days, she was able to return to the nursing home. Bro. Herman Ingold underwent surgery; Bro. Isaac Rufener Sr. and Sis. Martha Beery were also hospitalized.

The oldest brother in our church is Bro. Albert Gasser Sr., who had his 90th birthday. Even though he is still able to come to church, his health is slightly declining. He lives with his children in the Rittman area, and spends some time with his daughter, Sis. Leora Bocha in Mansfield.

Little Jerry Winkler, infant son of Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane had surgery, and is coming along real good.

The peace of God has been felt by four of our repenting friends, and they are now awaiting to be taken in to the fold. Those announced were Nancy Hartzler, Pat Klotzle, Brenda Winkler, and Sheila Steiner.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

New Sunday School teachers were elected at the September business meeting. Bro. James Sutter, Sis. Elaine Hoerr, and Sis. JoAnn Wiegand were elected to serve with Bros. Norman Haerr, Paul Haab, Robert Hoerr, and Sis. Judy Feller.

Tom Cottrell (Bro. Wm. and Sis. Ruth) submitted to back surgery for a ruptured disk. The operation seems to have been successful; he will be at home recuperating for a few weeks.

A foreign exchange student, Olav Skinnos from Kroderu, Norway, is living with the Gene Riney family for the duration of his senior year at Palmyra High School.

Robert Heimer (Sis. Naomi) and Paula Whiston were united in marriage Sept. 14.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Judy Feller are on a vacation in Spain.

The month of September has surely been a blessed one for us at Taylor, with visiting ministers four Sundays, the second Sunday, Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, Ill.) They came to get his mother, Sis. Rose, who visited us for awhile. The third Sunday, Bro. Bob Pohl (Burlington) . . . The following Sunday, Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington) came to visit with us—the first time since Bro. Ron was put into the ministry. They had made their home in Quincy

some years ago when Ron taught in Quincy. He mentioned in his service of the faces he was missing since he was here last. How time changes so many things! So each one of the ministers brought us many good teachings that all could understand.

On Sept. 29, Sis. Evelyn Yackley (Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara) from our Taylor Church and Bro. Richard Sauder (Bro. Bob and Sis. Elizabeth) of Tremont were united in holy matrimony by Elder Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont. Bro. Phil Sauder (Cissna Park) and Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin, Iowa) were also with us. It was indeed a very blessed Lord's Day. We will miss Evelyn's ready smile each Sunday, but our loss is Tremont's gain.

The Lord has spared us tragedy by allowing Kevin Hodel (Henry and Sis. Loida) to be rescued from a corn dryer, in which he was playing in the corn. Possibly all parents should warn their children of the danger of playing in grain.

Let us stop for a moment and consider God's wonderful creation with changing seasons: Spring-time for planting the seed, Summer to cultivate, and Fall to harvest. So it is with our lives. Sunday School teachers sow the seed of God's word in the hearts of little children, then God's ministers cultivate it by the preaching of the word, so that when the harvest-time of our lives comes, our Heavenly Father can garner in the ripened grain into His everlasting Home.

Have courage, then my faithful one...

I suffered all the way;
Thy sensitive and loving heart
I understand today.
Whate'er thy grief, whate'er thy care
Just bring it unto me;
Yea, in thy day of trouble call;
I will deliver thee.

TOKYO JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For na-

tion shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers place, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

It is so important in this generation now that... true Christians should stand firm against the devil and work harder and harder. Our Tokyo and the countries The Apostolic Christian Churches in Japan decided church cleaning every year on Sept. 15. It is our national holiday. In this year, on Sept. 15 was on Sunday, so we did clean the church next day, Sept. 16 instead of 15th. Bro. Akito, Sis. Marie Inoue, Sisters Junko Hatsuumi, Yoshiko Sakuta, Takako Horiuchi and myself came to the Tokyo church and worked together in the Lord. It was real blessed time we had, and after that, Sisters made Yakisoba lunch and we enjoyed it very much.

We are going to have the special fellowship meeting on the mountain's side this coming national holiday, on Oct. 10. This time our Tokyo church's turn and hope many brethren and friends come and join with us.

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

We were blessed with much spiritual food the week-end of Sept. 7, when Elder (Bros.) Gene Marti, Leo Moser and Bro. Bert Butikofer were with us for the proving of Pat Zaugg, son of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Francis. On Sunday we witnessed his baptism, and we welcome Bro. Pat to the fold.

It was made known to us Sept. 8 the engagement of Sis. Clara Banwart, daughter of Bro. Paul and the late Sis. Elizabeth, to Elder Bro. Sam Anliker of the Lamont congregation. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new life together.

Our hearts are touched with compassion, as it is reported little Lana Jean Fehr, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara has leukemia. She has been a patient in Rochester, Minnesota. At present she is at home, but will require treatments from time to time. Her condition is what doctors expect of her at this time. The family has appreciated the concern of others with their prayers, cards and gifts.

May we think of them in prayer

who have heavy crosses to bear, and may their faith help them to stand the trials of life.

WICHITA KS Glennis Allenbach

Memory is beauty-folded love
Taking up house within a wounded heart.

The above in loving memory of Timothy Wullschleger, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Geissy. Timothy passed away Sept. 11, at the age of 21, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. His parents are sustained by their faith. In the seasons of his life, winter came early.

This being a nostalgic time of year, I have been searching through my old books and magazines again. At an estate sale recently I came across some old magazines, in a pile on the kitchen floor of this old house. Some of these date back to 1919. I purchased them for a small amount. At the back of most of them was a special column entitled "Our Own Calendar" — containing thoughts for every day of the week. I have enjoyed reading these. The following is from one of them from November 1925:

Love took up the harp of life,
and smote on all the chords with might;
Smote the cord of Self,
that, trembling, passed in music
out of sight.

Isn't that a beautiful thought,
for we know that in true Christian
love, self is out of sight.

Have you ever had a person's
name or a thought of a person suddenly
come to mind? I have, and
I think the following poem is interesting
in that respect.

I cannot tell why there should
come to me
A thought of someone miles and
miles away,
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless a need there be that I
should pray.

Too hurried oft are we to spare
the thought,
For days together of some friends
away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and
we ought

To read His signal as a call to pray.

Friend do the same for me; if I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude.
Be very sure I need it; therefore pray.

Our congregation is growing. We have a new addition. Received with much love is Angela Rochelle Payton, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Jacelyn. She has one brother Christopher.

AKRON OH Linda Pamer

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord;
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord;
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory;
Great things He hath done.

Music is one of God's miracles, but sometimes we take it for granted. How wonderful it is that God inspires many people to write beautiful melodies and words that are a praise to Him and comfort and blessing to us.

Sis. Anna Hanla is still in the hospital, after having surgery. After surgery, Sis. Grace Schuckert is recovering at home.

Bro. Philip Webber passed away on Sept. 10. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Emma; son, Bro. Philip Jr. of Pa.; and his daughter, Mary Balazs of Virginia. Sis. Janet (Leon) Graf and family have our sympathy in the passing away of her mother, Sis. Josephine Bauman. On Oct. 2, John Dockus passed away. His daughter, Sis. Margaret Gangel, has our sympathy.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Carolyn Miller have a new baby, their first. They have named him John Matthew. Grandparents are Glen and Sis. Ella Miller and Bro. John and Sis. Martha Palitto.

Robert and Diane Horn named their new baby Kimberly Graf. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf.

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

It looks like we are going to have an early winter; we are already having cold weather. Now it doesn't seem like summer lasted very long.

Libby Irej was in Athens Hospital for a few days, then had to go to Decatur for surgery. Sis. Anis Perry has been real sick at her home.

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein visited us the 20th.

We had a bad gas explosion the 5th of September in Athens. Around 16 buildings were damaged; a few completely destroyed. It happened after closing, so only three people were hurt.

BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

On Sept. 22, many from our congregation assembled with the Congerville church to joyfully witness the wedding vows of Bro. Brad Wieland and Sis. Vera Grusey. We welcome Vera to our congregation and wish them God's richest blessings.

Thy word, O Lord, forever is the mirror where we see Our faults and duties as they are, Our likeness unto Thee. The word of truth was brought to us by our own ministers and by visitors: Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit), Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley), and Bro. Elmer Bucher (Francesville).

Are we paying attention to the Bible to see how we should be living?

Hospitalized was Friend Winsor Mosher, husband of Sis. Loretta.

BERN KS

Esther & Stella Moser

Our congregation increased by two more new babies. Rebekah Lynn was born Sept. 18 to Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verona Strahm. Sara, Marcia and Ted are happy to have her in the home. Grandparents are Bro. Fmil-Sis. Grace. Bro. Virgil-Sis. Marie Hartter, Sabetha. Bro. Alf Sr., Sis. Lena Strahm are grandparents to Jason, born Sept. 21 to Clayton and Meriam Menold Strahm. Two big sisters and two brothers are pleased to help care for him.

We enjoyed our guest ministers, Bros. James Ramseyer, Freeland, Michigan, and Gene Marti. Interesting visitors from Bern, Switzerland were Matilde Bauman and her

friend, Beatrice Meier. Matilde is a sister to Bro. Paul Bauman, who assembled with us for nearly a year sometime ago.

Kathleen Lehman (Bro. Edw-Sis. Leola) was united in marriage to Dennis Osterhaus on Sept. 28. We wish them much happiness as they start their new home at 311 North 11 St, Sabetha.

Sis. Julia Plattner fell down some stairs, fracturing her jaw bone . . . is getting along nicely, but unable to do much chewing, as yet. Bro. Frank Hertzell met with a machine accident while at work, losing part of an index finger. Both suffered a lot of pain, but are able to be out and at work again.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sisters Minnie Schrock and Lillian Edelman in the sudden death of their son and brother Delmar's wife, Emmaline Studer Schrock, Hazelton, Kansas. Emmaline grew up and lived in this area until her marriage.

BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl / Elaine Eisenmann

Our hearts were both humbled and gladdened on Sunday, Sept. 22, as we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of our new sister-in-faith, Kim Oberman Salek, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosie Oberman of West Bend. We enjoyed having ministering Bros. Noah Schrock and Harvey Heinger for the occasion. Sis. Kim and her husband LaVerne just recently were blessed with the birth of their first child; now Kim has had her rebirth in Christ. Both are truly miracles of God.

Another happy occasion was observed on Sept. 29, when Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther (Dietsch) Wagler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (which was Sept. 30). An open house was held for them at their son-in-law and daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. James Weiss, and many of us were able to attend. The Waglers are the parents of five children: William N. Wagler, Mrs. Ralph (Phyllis) White, Mr. James (Dana) Weiss, and Paul R. Wagler, all of Burlington; and Mrs. Steve (Karen) McCullough, Wever. The couple has 16 grandchildren.

Bro. Dale Massner has been absent from our congregation for several weeks due to illness; however, he is recovering nicely, and we hope he can assemble with us

soon.

We sympathize with our dear sister Rekie Anliker, in the death of her mother, Sis. Elfrieda Schaffer. Her mother was 96 years old and ready to meet her Maker, but it is always the ones left who must bear the burden of losing a loved one. Rekie lost her husband, Ernie, just a few months ago, and we certainly share her losses with her.

We welcome Sis. Mary Mogler (daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma of West Bend) back to Burlington this school year to continue teaching. We are very happy to have her new roommate, Sis. Sally Beutel (daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice of Tremont), also a teacher, assemble with us, too.

The following report of a visit to Sis. Sarah Gerst, who now lives with her son near Columbus Junction, was given to me to share with you: On a Sunday evening, three widowed sisters-in-faith and two couples drove together to visit our aged sister, Sarah Gerst, 40 miles away, where she lives in the home of her son and family. Belatedly, we also remembered her 84th birthday with cards and a cake. She is in good health, but for a painful leg once broken. Her wheelchair gets her about real well, and her spirit is good, accepting her lot, yet thankful for God's blessings. She was happy to see us, although we don't drive there as oft as we should. We all benefitted from the fellowship together. Ministering Bro. Robert Pohl read a chapter and spoke to us all thereon. On our way homeward, we all spoke of the blessing of the evening.

We all should try to spend more time visiting with those who are ill, shut-in, etc. As was written above, they do appreciate and look forward to these times, and usually we are the ones who receive the biggest blessing.

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Oh the rest of simply trusting!
Yielded to my Father's will;
In His loving arms enfolded,
Just to trust Him and be still.

We were blessed with the visit of three ministering brothers: James Ramseyer, Bay City; Fred Knapp, Robert Walder, Congerville.

Another soul is seeking the Lord thru repentance. He is Allan Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester and Ruth. One by one the Lord is still calling.

Hospital patients: Sis. Leah Moser was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Lydia Stoller was in the hospital for surgery. She lives in one of the "Homes" cottages. Bro. Eli Somerhalder is a surgical patient in Proctor Hospital, Peoria.

Bro. Sam Farney, age 83, passed away at the "Home" Sept. 8. He had been a resident for six years.

Ron and Betty Colclasure have a baby boy, Marc Aaron, born July 28. He has a sister, Jackie Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ernest and Mary Fehr of Eureka and the Percy Colclasure's of Colfax, Illinois. Ron and Betty live in Argentinia, Newfoundland.

Life is a book in volumes three—
The past, the present and the yet
to be.

The first is done and laid away;
The second we're writing day by
day.

But the third and last of the vol-
umes three

Is locked from sight—God keeps
the key.

Here are some college students and where they go: Janet Schmidgall—I.C.C.; Sis. Patricia Rocke, Sis. Luann Rocke — Methodist School of Nursing; Marge Blunier — ISU; Ron Crawford — Bradley; Dan Hangartner — Eureka.

FORREST IL

Juanita Schneider
Kathryn Steidinger

Today was just an ordinary day—
I went about my tasks the usual
way;

The path was one that I had often
trod,

But oh the difference—Now I walk
with God. . .

Today was just an ordinary day,
The usual work, and then a time to
pray,

But oh the sense of peace at even-
tide

To know that God and I walk side
by side!

Our friends, Leonard and Mary Ann Rieger have learned to know the joy of walking with God since they turned to Him in repentance.

Several engagements have been announced. Sis. Devon Nussbaum (Bro. Byron and Sis. Neola) and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Bro. and Sis. Bill) of Cissna Park are planning a Dec. wedding. . . Vicki Huette (Bro. Art and Sis. Velda) and John Bellis are planning to be married in November, and Sylvia Rieger (Harvey and Sis. Dorothy) and David Freese in late winter.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Gladys Koehl welcome their first grandchild, Jason Dean, born to Charles and Marsha Albritton; Sis. Martha Koehl and Alf and Sis. Clara Maurer are great-grandparents.

We sympathize with Bro. Charles and Sis. Rosa Tyler since the death of their son, Ernest. His wife, Laverne survives along with several children, also a sister, Sis. Louise Anliker.

Sis. Carrie Wiegand is living at the Americana Nursing Home in Urbana. We're thankful that her health permits her to assemble with us on Sundays.

We were richly fed when we were visited by Ministering Bros. Gene Lehman, Frederick Knapp, Art Bahler and Merle Kaisner.

We enjoyed hosting the Youth Fellowship two Sunday evenings. (Bros.) Dave Kieser and Ed Alt gave us all very timely inspirational messages.

Bro. William Kupferschmid has returned from Mayo Clinic, where he had tests. Mrs. Mary (Rieger) Bradley was a surgical patient at Fairbury Hospital. Curtis Friedman (Henry and Sis. Marge) was a patient at Fairbury Hospital, and was transferred to Carle Hospital at Champaign for tests. Ryan Bachtold, (Bro. Herb and Sis. Jan), Margaret Bachtold and Ann Metz were medical patients at Fairbury Hospital. Bro. George Lehmann, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, is now convalescing at home. . . "Sincere thanks to everyone who remembered me with prayers, visits, cards and gifts during my stay at the hospital and since returning home. Your least one in faith, Bro. George Lehmann.

FT. LAUDERDALE FL

Kathy Sutter

We find that over the summer we have grown in numbers. Our as-

sembly is just a little fuller this fall than last, and it lifts our spirits to find it so.

Among the many activities planned for our young people is a trip to visit the Sarasota Sunday School. This exchange will be a first-time experience for them, and we hope good fellowship will spring up between our two young groups. We note with a certain concern that our young people are under the daily influence of many who do not believe the doctrine of salvation or subscribe to the values of Christianity. It is so important, then, that they have sober and sound instruction in Sunday School. That work has been entrusted to (Bros.) Bob Yergler, Roger Sauder and Sis. Faye Gerber.

Gloria Akel, daughter of Charles and Sis. Louise, is continuing her studies in northern Florida. We will miss her when we assemble. Sis. Vi Gerber was hospitalized. She is feeling better and can be with us again.

Bro. Al Schneider of Rockville visited us and fed our spirits with the good word. We enjoyed his messages and fellowship.

The last two days have brought a relief from the hot, humid weather we've been having. Stepping out yesterday into a cool breeze was a true delight. It reminded us that fall is here, and our winter residents and visitors will soon be arriving. We extend a hearty welcome to anyone making plans to be in South Florida in the near future. We assemble at 750 N. W. 46th Ave., and will be glad to have you worship with us.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Harvest-time is here once again, and the question arises both in the minds of farmers and consumers, "What will the harvest be?" This year, with heavy spring rains which delayed planting, the summer drought, and the early frost, there is a somewhat ominous concern that the nation's grain supply may not reach expectations and could result in widespread shortages.

In like manner, we as part of God's vineyard or crop may be concerned of what God's harvest will be when He gathers in His elect from the four corners of the earth. How will we hold up against the

perils of the elements which confront us daily in an evil world? Are we flooded and even drowned by the cares and activities of this life? Do we find ourselves in a spiritual drought, by neglecting to seek the showers of blessings which come through fellowship with the people of God, the hearing of the truth, and much prayer? Will we be overcome by the evil one and perhaps quench the Holy Spirit, even as an early frost can kill bountiful crops of corn and beans?

Let us recognize the many dangers we are up against and seek to withstand or escape them. Then, when the master Husbandman is ready for His Harvest, He will not have to discard or reject a lot of barren and ruined plants, but will be able to reap a rich and bountiful harvest of true and faithful souls, and accordingly grant ample rewards.

My husband and I are happy and thankful for a new little girl, born to us on Sept. 11. Her given name is Charity Catherine, and she is welcomed home by her sister, Elizabeth. Her grandparents are Sis. Anna Klopfenstein of Gridley, and Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller of Portland. Her great-grandmother is Sis. Elizabeth Pfister of Roanoke.

Again this month we have been privileged to hear the word of God proclaimed by those who are willing to speak without fear or favor of man, but with humility and reverence before God. Bro. Joe Stoller was here from Princeville and also Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington.

IOWA CITY IA

April Wiegand — Twila Whipple

How many times do we wonder why some hard trial has come our way? We wonder how it could ever work to our good. It seems that nothing could come from such a situation but sorrow and harm . . . And then, how many times do we have to look back and say, "If we only had more faith, more trust that all things work together for good to them that love God." We see that our Father's hand was in it all, that He knew just what we needed, and in His infinite love He gave it to us.

In a factory building there are wheels and gearings,

There are cranks and pulleys, belt-ings tight or slack—

Some are whirling swiftly, some are turning slowly,
Some are thrusting forward, some are pulling back.

From the mightiest lever to the tiniest pinion,
All things move together for the purpose planned;
And behind the working is a mind controlling,
And a force directing and a guiding hand.

So all things are working for the Lord's beloved;
Some things might be hurtful if alone they stood.
Some might seem to hinder; some might draw us backward,
But they work together, and they work for good. . .

And the force that holds them, speeds them and retards them,
Stops and starts and guides them— is our Father's hand.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield) and Noah Schrock (Oakville).

LATTY OH

Karen Klopfenstein

Le Ann Laukhuf

Sunday, Sept. 1, we were privileged to hear Ministering Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka), as he was here for the Huber reunion with many other visitors. Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse) also gathered with us that Sunday. Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit) was with us on the 14th. Let us remember these faithful brothers in our prayers as they strive to teach us the truth.

There is beauty all around, when there's love at home. . . And so a new Christian home has been established here. Bro. Ray Stoller and Sis. Carol Sinn were united in holy matrimony on Sept. 8. Bringing us the word for this occasion was Ministering Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington). Parents are Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite Stoller, and Bro. Carl and Sis. Bertha Sinn.

We want to extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Marilyn Kipfer and children, Sis. Ricki and Jon. They have moved from Leo to a newly-built home in Paulding.

Bros. Doug and Kenny Clauss have moved to the home for the handicapped in Morton. Their mother is Sis. Mattie Clauss.

We are glad to report, Bro. Roy Stoller (Beulah) is home from the hospital, after suffering from a heart attack. Sis. Helen Schlatter (Ben) is also home, after major surgery. Jim and Margo Price's little boy, Tony had to be hospitalized for croup, but is now home and doing better. Janice Plummer (Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann) fractured her arm when she fell off a horse. Friend Archie DeLong (Sis. Bena) is in the hospital, suffering from a stroke.

On Oct. 4, Sis. Anna Stoller (Bro. Emil) passed away suddenly, while recovering from major surgery. She was 75 years old. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger/Donna Metzger

We enjoyed a blessed Sunday when Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, occupied the pulpit and brought to us anew the word in truth and purity.

We miss our two young sisters who have moved to the Silverton area. Margene Metzger, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna, is working as a nurse, and Judy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn, is attending Oregon State University at Corvallis.

Hospital patients have been Lydia Moser, who was injured in an automobile accident; Monte Gerber, four-year-old son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Erma, who underwent tests; Arnie Wulf, hospitalized with lung infection, caused by moldy corn when cleaning out a silo in preparation for filling; and Sis. Sheryl Knobloch, surgery.

Dale Sticking has been discharged, having served six years in the Air National Guard.

Submitted by Sis. Emma Meyer and family in memory of Bro. Alvia Meyer, who passed away one year ago, Nov. 26, 1973:

He fought the noble fight of faith;
He kept the faith and vow.
He left a pleasant home on earth;
A fairer waits him now.

Dear children, oft your father
brought
You to the Lord in prayer.
Oh follow on to know the Lord,
If you his rest would share.

Now rest, my loving comrade, rest!
In peace fore'er abide.

We hope to meet in Eden's vale,
With thee there to reside.

Bro. Alvia was a true light to both of us who report from here. Before our conversion, he was always kind and friendly, and when we repented, he sincerely rejoiced. If we could describe him in one word, it would be "enthusiasm". He was a diligent conservationist, always seeking a better way to till the soil. He was interested in livestock, always seeking a better way to handle and raise them. He was a true man of God, always seeking a better way to serve his Lord. Although he had a large family of children and grandchildren, he was interested in all young people of the congregation. His love and faith in them was an inspiration in his many years as a Sunday School teacher. Along with Sis. Emma and the dear family, we all miss him very much.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL

Howard and Diane Leman

We have enjoyed many visitors this year - both on Sundays and for our Wed. evening Bible Study. Oct. 5 and 6, our church overflowed as we were host to college week-end. Many students came to worship and fellowship with us. We also appreciated the efforts of all the ministers who helped conduct Bible Study groups for the students. Many of us received helpful guidance and spiritual insight through our discussion groups.

Another young married couple have decided to let Christ head their home, as Jim and Debbie (Ehman) Tilbury began repenting. We thank the Lord for his grace, and only pray that many more will choose His Way of Life. Both Jim and Debbie are students at U. of I.

Our young members (and some older ones, too!) continue to gather every Mon. evening at the Americana Nursing Home, for song worship with the folks there. We continue, also, our monthly all-church Bible Studies and pot-lucks.

As I write of all our church events and happenings, I am overwhelmed with thankfulness to the Lord. We are so very lucky to have a Church in which we can find true salvation and then be encouraged

in our Christian lives by a united body of believing brothers and sisters. Hopefully we can always praise The Lord for this and be more willing to share it with others.

PULASKI IA

**Ernestine Wuthrich
Janice Rinkenberger**

Our congregation rejoices with our new converts: Roger and Ken Wuthrich, sons of Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline Wuthrich; Lynn Townsend, daughter of Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity Scheitlin of Burlington, Ia.; and David Schaer, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah. We are all renewed in our faith when we can see such a noticeable change in life.

On Sept. 8, a group of 40 came from Gridley, Ill. Everyone enjoyed a blessed day of singing and fellowship. The men's group sang some special hymns. Someday we pray, we may enjoy such blessings everyday!

Bro. Ron and Sis. Chris Joos are the happy parents of a girl, Tamara Marie. Eugene welcomed little sister home. Bro. Bob and Sis. Loraine Joos, Peoria, are grandparents.

Some have begun harvesting here. It's always a time that brings one closer to God, as He is the one who determines how much we will reap. This is also true of our spiritual life. Man can do so much, but it is only with God's help that we are able to accomplish our goal of eternal life.

CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

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

The green of spring and summer
Has turned to red and gold.
Whence come these tints so
glorious
Which now the trees unfold?

An artist may be skillful,
But hardly can portray
These trees in autumn's splendor,
In colorful array.

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

These beautiful words penned by the author in My Garden of Verse surely portrays to us how wonderfully God has created our world. New York State and the general area around us has been beautiful with these vibrant colors, with the birch trees bringing forth their brilliant yellows and the maples their beautiful reds and crimsons. May each of us always appreciate what has been given to us without asking, and may we also appreciate what can be ours ONLY for the asking. By asking of God, repenting of our past, and beginning a new life, we can be assured of a Heaven not made with hands, but by Hands unseen. After viewing the beauty He has created in this life, we can hardly fathom the beauty we will see in heaven.

Sis. Lydia Virkler has been able to assemble with us, after several weeks of hospitalization and recuperation following heart trouble. Bro. Clyde Virkler was a medical patient for several days, and has been able to assemble with us. Lori, daughter of Betty Schneider, has returned to school, after spending several days in the hospital with pneumonia and bronchitis.

We were able to assemble with the Naumburg congregation and hear many warnings and teachings from our visiting ministers. They were: (Bros.) Al Langhofer from Wichita, Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka, and Dave Roberts from Union City and Philadelphia. We thank each of them for their messages and visits.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to our Ministering Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves and their family. Floyd's brother, Clifton, was taken from life, after an illness of two years.

Our Sunday School children, parents, and friends, enjoyed their annual weinmer roast at Whitaker Falls State Park.

DETROIT MI Bonnie Popp

How lovely are the faces of the men who talk with God—
Lit with an inner sureness of the path their feet have trod ...

The blessing is ours to hear the word from men who do talk with God. Though different in manner, the message is one that upholds unity in the Spirit. Let us pray a

blessing of thanks, and request that this unity in the Spirit forever remain. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Bros. Gene Lehman and Ed Aschleman shared their ministry of the Lord with us.

A loving welcome to Bro. Morey, Sis. Janic Weiss and their family, who have transferred from Elgin, Illinois.

If I cannot say the kind word today, then help me to show kindness in my face.

OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), Joe Stoller (Princeville), Fred Knapp (Congerville), and Gene Leman (Wolcott).

Our friends, Ingrid Buster (Mrs. John) and Ruth Gieselmann Gerst (Mrs. Jeff) have found peace and hope to give their testimonies in the near future. We wish them much peace and joy in their newfound faith.

Sis. Gwen Steiner (Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Thomas Steiner) and Bro. Ken Manz of Junction (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Sauder Manz) have been announced to be married Dec. 1. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings.

Friends Kent Grimm (Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Frederich Grimm) and Denise Heitmeier were united in marriage on Sept. 28. May the Lord bless them in their new life together.

ROCKVILLE CT Carlton J. Lanz

The peaceful country scenes in the valleys and surroundings in these New England states remind us that this is the harvest season of the year. At the same time, it reminds us of the passing of the seasons like the summer and the beginning of our beautiful autumn. No season compares with it in its display of colorings. We have an opportunity again to see this transition take place, when the foliage turns into a spectacle of glory of colors. From the smallest shrub to the mighty oaks and great maples, all take on their new colors simultaneously, some gold, some purple, brilliant red, and a great many others.

We see this every year: it is transitory in nature, yet it at-

tracts millions as it moves on to its peak and fades. Many call it nature, but to those close to God in spirit can appreciate it more in depth, that it is definitely the divine work of the Almighty God, The Creator. Who is it that can measure the wisdom and love of God.

In our church circle, there are four dear young friends who can attest to a testimony that they are at peace with their God, having completed a conversion. They now have a desire to become united to the Body of Believers. Names are Wilfred and Fredricka Whitman, Guy Champ and Bill Roscher.

Thank you note:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and gifts offered to us during our little daughter's hospitalization. We have surely felt that God answers prayers. Bro. Don and Sis. Sandy Schneider

AMES IA Georgia Griffith

The road is straight and the gate is narrow that leads to eternity.

These were the words of Bro. Noah Shrock from Oakville, who blessed us with the message from the Book of Life at our September Sunday services. We are thankful for those who travel the miles and form the lifeline for those of us who are endeavoring to remain afloat on the stormy seas of life.

As we begin another school year, we welcome four new additions to our group: Sis. Connie Gress, Sis. Julie Anliker, Linda Fehr of West Bend, and Bruce Frank of Oakville. Connie attends dental assistant training in Marshalltown, Julie is enrolled in Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Des Moines, Linda attends American Institute of Business in Des Moines, and Bruce attends Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny.

Those returning include: Bros. Gary Schultz and John Schmidgall of Oakville to ISU, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen Banwart and Krista, who reside in Ames, Steve and Rose Bruellman of Marshalltown, and Sis. Georgie Griffith, attending nurse's training in Ankeny. It is indeed a privilege to assemble with those of like mind and faith.

We have resumed our scheduled services on the second Sunday of every month, and welcome and in-

vite visitors to come and worship with us.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi / Mary Jane Leuthold

God has gifted two families with sweet baby daughters. On Sept. 17, Melinda Diane came to live with Herbert and Mary Lou Fritz. Also to welcome her is sister Erika. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Cleo and Halo Koch. . . Little June Anne made her arrival Sept. 13 to Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner. She has a sister, Joan and brothers Glen, Todd and Michael. Grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber of West Bend and Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia Steiner.

Sis. Pauline Waldbeser has not been able to assemble with us for some time. We hope to see her in our church circle again soon. Sis. Emma Funk, who has been at Restmor, remains about the same. Due to a ten-speed bicycle accident, Eldon Pulfer, son of Bro. Leslie and Sis. Wilma, was confined to the hospital 5 days. He needed many stitches and had the misfortune of losing some front teeth.

We wish many blessings for Robert Hall, Delanen and Mona Yergler, who were united in marriage August 30. Mona is the daughter of Gene and Sis. Betty Yergler.

Many friends and relatives attended the wedding of Bro. Richard Sauder and Sis. Evelyn Yackley at Taylor, Sept. 29. We welcome Sis. Evelyn into our midst and wish them both the Lord's guidance and blessings.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Rose Kahler in the passing of her son, Bro. Ervin. We are also mindful of his wife, Sis. Edna; their 3 children, Morton; also his sisters, Sis. Lenora, Mrs. William (Marjorietta) Largent, Tremont and Mrs. Homer (Gladys) Oswald, Morton.

We extend sympathy to Sis. Elizabeth Moser in the passing of her brother, Bro. Alfred Siebenthal, Roanoke, also to his niece, Sis. Doris (Ornal) Rocke and to the Moser families.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

Again, the changing leaves, the quiet days of Fall are with us—Nature is the time-vesture of God that reveals Him to the wise, and hides Him from the foolish.

A baby girl, Julia Lynn, was born to Ron and Barb Wiegand, R.R. Eureka on Sept. 11. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla Wiegand, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Unsicker. Ron and Barb decided to give their lives to Jesus before their baby was born. What a wonderful way to welcome a child into this world.

Bro. and Sis. Jay and Jill Plattner, Glen Ave., Morton had a baby girl on Sept. 25. They have named her April Renee. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Ruth Heindold, Kouts Ind., and Bro. and Sis. Walter and Hannah Plattner, Morton.

Bro. Kores Knapp has moved from his farm home to a room at the Eureka Rest Home, where his wife, Sis. Nettie has been a resident for quite some time.

Bros. Chuck Hemmer, Peoria and Jim Leman, Roanoke have been our visiting ministers.

Connie Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry and Perceda, Goodfield, was married to Gene Zacha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Zacha Sr. from Mason, Ill. in August. The couple is making their home in Bloomington.

LAMONT KS

Betty Wernli

The engagement of our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker to Sis. Clara Banwart of West Bend has been made known. We are so happy for both of them, and may God ever bless their life together.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Sally Funk and baby of Tuscon have moved into our community and are now a part of our congregation. We hope they ever feel the nearness of our Lord as they make the change, and we extend a hearty welcome to them, Sis. Clara. and our new converts. To a small church such as ours, one can't imagine the gratitude we feel as God does seem to bless us, for even a few added to the congregation gives new life and thankfulness to Him who alone can give.

Rodger and Patricia (Bever) Redding have a new baby boy, Mark Alanis, born Sept. 28. Sherry is ready to welcome little brother home. Grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Mary Isch.

UNION CITY NJ

Karen Martin

It was indeed a blessed Sunday

when a huge bus load of visitors from Illinois came to be with us. Ministering Bro. Dave Kaiser gave us much spiritual food, and it was wonderful to have the fellowship of those who came. It was a special pleasure for me in Sunday School to see the large room just filled with young people. Bro. Dave so aptly put it, "Children, you have charmed my heart."

We were saddened to hear of the death of Bro. Phillip Weber's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with Phillip and his wife, Sis. Janice.

The East is especially beautiful in the fall as the trees change color. Sometimes we become immune to God's beauty all around us. From my upstairs windows I can see the hills of Valley Forge Park in the distance, but there are many days that I forget to look at this gorgeous view, even though all the effort it takes on my part is to look out the window. . . But the things of this world beckon; all the little things that take up one's time each day, and I am reminded that our salvation can just as easily be taken for granted; unless we give it constant time and attention each day, we can become weak and unguarded.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

Sis. Pearl Greuter spent several weeks in the hospital and has recuperated after a severe heart attack. We were all happy to see back at our church service and feeling much better. . . Karen and Marv Pfister are getting over the chicken pox. They are the daughters of Sharon (Getz) and David Pfister. It was nice to have the Levi Pfister family here at church after their reunion on Saturday.

David, son of Lillian Levy (Mrs. Wm.) was married. His mother and her sister, Ida Graff have been attending our church. They are planning to leave here very soon for their home in Florida. We will miss them.

Henry and Alice Beer entertained us with the tones of their Golden Wedding celebration one Sunday evening, which was very interesting.

It was a blessed Wed. evening when Bro. Robert Beer from Mansfield attended our Bible Study and ministering to us thru the church service. We were able to gather oil

for our lights as he spoke to us on the ten virgins.

Fall has come upon us, and soon, if we live, we will be looking back over the year as we read in the 90th Psalm, "... a tale that is told." That has been one of the things we were studying in our Bible Class Study.

Jill and Kenneth Norr are the happy parents of a little girl called Jodie.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Jeanie Haerr / Kayleen Heiniger

We are always happy to report when our little congregation at Bloomington - Normal is growing. Our Bro. Ray Bauer and Sis. Marcia Thomas of Peoria were united in marriage Sept. 15 at Peoria. We welcome Sis. Marcia to our church.

Tamara Leigh Virkler is a new arrival in our group. She was welcomed by Sis. Dianne and Bro. Kenny Virkler and her brother Ryan on Sept 18.

We rejoice with our Bro. Kenny Rinkenberger and Sis. Devon Nussbaum, whose engagement was announced Sept 22.

Know Each Other Better is a good theme for us all to work on. Perhaps some of you would like to know the Bloomington-Normal congregation better. Of the 40 families who attend church here, 31 are couples under 40 years of age, and 9 families are young married couples. As one would expect, this creates a large Sunday School in the intermediate and lower grades, with a very small Bible class. Of our 70 Sunday School this creates a large Sunday School age children, only 9 are high school age. One was baptized last year, and 3 are now waiting for baptism, so that leaves only 5 students in our Bible class.

A large majority of the friends and members of our congregation grew up on farms in the midwest, but we do not have one farmer in our congregation. We do have 4 very active retired couples, a jeweler, salesmen, several in accounting and secretarial types of work, some teachers, a school superintendent, contractors of various sorts, several realtors. There are large factories in the Bloomington area where several of our members and friends work, along with technicians in various fields, a medical doc-

tor, a few nurses, and many students who attend one of the universities. Very few of the couples knew each other very well before moving. Our love and fellowship grows only in proportion to the love with which we support the church. Although many of us have parents or family living within 30 miles of Bloomington, of the 70 Sunday School children, none have grandparents that attend the Bloomington-Normal Church, and only a very few aunts or uncles.

As many of us live today in apartments, trailer houses or on city-sized lots, it seems quite impossible to raise our children the way we were raised. We all fondly remember the houses that would hold any amount of Sunday company, and a freezer and basement that could produce enough food to feed them all. I think "the good old days" as we look back on them must have presented a challenge to the young families who tried to bring up their children in the fear and nurture of the Lord, as real as the challenge we face today. There is so much evil in the world today—but there is also opportunity. Opportunity to let our light shine in today's world by supporting our church, and how closely it follows God's word, and our Sunday School and its activities. As parents, we always have the opportunity of putting church and church friends first in helping our children to follow God's way.

Our Bloomington-Normal church is not unique among our churches at all, even though it is only 5 years old, but it is very special to the members here who plant, water and pray God giveth the increase. Just as the miracle of repentance and conversion is very special to the individual who experience it. Know Each Other Better is a good idea; visit us on Wed. evening or Sunday if you can.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Minnie B. Weltz Della Witschey
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., visited here with the Durig families the last of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey, who have lived in Dallas Texas for several years, have been transferred by his company to Parkersburg, WV, and are now living there.

P. W. Johnson, who has been very ill for many months, is a pa-

tient in the local hospital at this time.

Mrs. George Witschey of Wadsworth, Ohio, passed away. She was a daughter-in-law of the late Ben Witschey of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Feris Whitesell of Winfield, Illinois were recent guests of Mrs. J. C. Froelich and family.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., were the guests of Mrs. Gus Weltz and Mary Ann Brothers the last of September.

Winter came early; on the morning of Oct. 2, we had a heavy frost. On October 3 we had a light freeze, which destroyed some late garden vegetables; our growing season this year was very short.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riggenschach of Paden City visited with relatives; they will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20.

Mounterville Potts, a son of the late A. M. and Anna Emch Potts, passed away in Arizona several days ago, and the remains were shipped back here. His wife passed away also several weeks ago and was sent back here for interment also.

PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

Bro. Tom Freed has found employment in Globe, AZ, as a diesel mechanic, having returned here to visit after finishing school in Indiana. Tom will continue to assemble with us.

Friend Esther Harmon is recuperating nicely, following major surgery. We're looking forward to her worshipping with us again soon.

Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest. John Kaufman has found this rest and peace that God promised, and is awaiting baptism.

We welcome Sis. Lena Vege, who is here on an extended visit. Her address is 1726 E. Mt. View Rd. Phoenix Az. 85020. Also we're glad Sis. Lois Elsasser has returned home, following her surgery.

On Sept. 15, a daughter, Amy Kathryn was born to Elmer and Julia Greenbank. Scott welcomed little Amy home. Another little bundle of joy was born Sept. 24.

John and Sis. Bonnie Greenbank

are blessed with a son, Toby J.

Steve Lemons, son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart has gone to Japan to further his education. His address is 5-5 Tarina-Machi 2-Chome, Fushw-Shi, Toyko 183, Japan.

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. James Ramseyer of Bay City was our visiting minister. We are always happy to have him come.

Sis. Irene Lehman was in the hospital for surgery. She is now recuperating at home.

Bro. Nathan Grimm is in the hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aberle are the parents of a son, Nicholas Edward, born Sept. 14. He has one sister, Brenna to welcome him home. His grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle.

James and Miriam (Aberle) Sutherland of Arlington, Va. are the parents of twin daughters, born Sept. 27. They have been named Elizabeth Ann and Susan Olivia. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Alpha and Sis. Irene Aberle.

SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

We were privileged to have a visiting minister with us. Elder Bro. Edwin Hohulin from Goodfield was with us, and left us with many good teachings.

Our little congregation gives a warm and hearty welcome to two young sisters from the Lester congregation. Sis. Margene Metzger, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna, has been moved to come to our area and seek employment. Sis. Judy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn, will be spending the next 12 weeks attending college in Corvallis, Oregon. We are happy to have them both with us, especially on week-ends, and wish them God's blessings in their undertakings.

We are sorry to see Sis. Esther Kachelmuss return to her home congregation of Elgin, Illinois, after spending most of the summer with the Leroy Leman family. We enjoyed her being with us none-the-less, and appreciated the helping hand she so willingly lended.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 a year, regular addresses.

SARDIS OH

Karen Indermuhle

Praise the Lord! It's worthwhile writing the article "Know Each Other Better," as the assignment can bring joy and blessing to the reporter.

I visited Sis. Willetta (Carl) Indermuhle one chilly evening. Visiting with Grandma makes anytime warm with love.

Having been the youngest member for so many years, Sis. Willetta is now the oldest member still able to attend church services. Carl and Willetta became members of the Family of God during their first year of marriage.

She remembers in years past the Ministering Bros. Joseph Ingold and Rudy Indermuhle, her husband's father. After the death of Bro. Ingold, Bro. Rudy ministered until his blindness and ill health made it impossible to preach. With none to replace Bro. Rudy, just a forenoon Sunday School class was held. Every Sunday, Sis. Willetta had the responsibility of teaching this class.

Willetta recalls the early years as being somewhat lonely, as she was the only young member. Sis. Irma Klotzle (John) came then and relieved Sis. Willetta in teaching Sunday School, for a time.

In later years, a visiting Minister would come, and Sunday services were held either at the West Virginia church or Sardis church in turn.

The horse and buggy were the means of travel to church in the summer, and the sled with two horses in the winter. Willetta remembers well the many long hours of hard work in the home and in the fields for the women.

Her three children answered the call of God, and in 1948 Willetta's son Delbert and Fred Marty (Rittman) became the ministers here. After Bro. Fred moved to Rittman, Bro. Delbert served the small congregation faithfully for many years alone.

For 10½ years, Sis. Willetta took care of Bro. Carl, who had become blind. Carl passed away in December 1972. Willetta never regrets the time and work spent caring for her loved husband.

Grandma Willetta is so thankful for her kitchen, with stove, running water, etc. and bathroom and an oil stove. She remembers

the chore of bringing in the wood and coal in earlier years.

Sis. Willetta rejoices that her three children and most of her grandchildren are serving the Lord. She has a prayer within her heart for all to answer the Lord's call. Her 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren are her joy. They're a blessing to her and I know that blessing works both ways.

Grandma Willetta loves to attend midweek singings and Sunday services. As she grows older, serving the Lord becomes more important, and the need to grow closer to Him every day is greater. Some bright day the Lord will call His saints home. Praise God!

WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner and Marcelle Dapper

Whatever you do, wherever you go,
Remember God does all things see.
However you stand, whenever you
speak

Does it all with Him agree?

The darker the night of sin be-
comes,
The brighter your lamp will glow;
But should you e'er extinguish it,
This, too, will plainly show.

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

"Oh give thanks unto the LORD"
. . . Laurie Clapp, granddaughter
of Sis. Celina Schmidt, has surren-
dered her heart to the Lord. May
the Lord's hand of grace be ever
near her side.

We are happy to have Sisters Janet and Jackie Mogler of West Bend worship with our congregation since they live in Mankato. Jackie is taking a business course, and Janet is working in a nursing home.

Early frosts and dry weather has dropped yields of our crops a great deal in this area. . . . But the Lord says, having food and raiment, herewith we should be content:

Doug Messner, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry is home on leave from the armed forces. It is always a pleasure to have our servicemen

home and worship with us.

Students going to college or vocational schools are: Dean Messner, Pam Messner, Dixie Messner, Holly Nelson, Karen Howk, and Ronnie Messner.

Howard and Charlene Lauwagie are the parents of their first baby, a son, Mitchel Dean. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt.

MINNEAPOLIS MN Kathryn Olson

We have been having beautiful fall weather. The trees have been so pretty, but the leaves are starting to fall. We should be ever so thankful that we can enjoy this wondrous beauty of God's creation, and that we live in a country where we have an abundance of our earthly need and the freedom to spiritual needs. We have it so easy to obtain and work out our soul's salvation. Many fail to take advantage of it, and therefore are missing out on the many blessings of our Lord and Saviour... The peace that passeth all understanding. You cannot hope to enjoy the harvest without laboring in the field.

Little Timothy Lawson had the misfortune of breaking his leg while riding on a bicycle.

We welcome a new family in our midst. Dwight and Alice McConnell and daughters Cindy, Debbie and Cheryl. Their new address is: 8835 Penn. Lake Circle Bloomington MN 55431.

Our congregation will miss Sis. Caroline Sauder. She will make her home at Hoffman after her marriage to Bro. Jim Reuter.

Our annual election for Sunday School teachers and trustee was held. Those chosen were Bro. Sid Messner, trustee; Sis. Vera Schmidt, teacher; and Sis. Viola Aupperle, substitute.

"Many thanks and appreciation to the many friends who sent birthday cards and gifts" Sis. Viola Aupperle.

MILFORD IN

Sue Schieler — Sandee Price

Have you ever entered the House of the Lord and sat down beside a praying brother or sister who silently radiated the Son of God so brightly that you felt the warmth of His Spirit? Have you ever gone up and down the pews with your eyes, and noticed the many suffer-

ing afflictions in the flesh or those in such trial that it shows upon their face? Maybe if we'd notice our brother a little more and self a little less, we too could know the Spirit so richly that others would feel the radiance of Jesus just to be near us. What greater success are we striving for?

Bro. Louis Rassi was hospitalized for surgery. Little Joseph Beer, one and one-half year old son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Jan, fell from his crib and broke his right arm.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella Beer celebrated the 58th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Vernon Feldman of Bremen visited our congregation on Sept. 22.

Our Promotion program was held Sunday evening, Sept. 29. The new teachers that have been instated for a 5-year term are Sis. (Willard) Sue Schieler and Sis. (Steve) Joyce Kaiser. We surely wish them a **teacher's grace** as they take on the responsibility.

Mrs. John (Ailene) Hoerr is scheduled for cataract surgery. As the infirmity of the physical eye is removed, may we all be reminded that the spiritual eye needs surgery now and then too, causing us to set our sights on things above... those things that are not seen with the eye, but are eternal.

Bro. Henry Beer was born Nov. 14, 1900 at Mansfield. The family moved to Milford in 1912. He says he is told he learned to talk rather late as a child; and that even to this day it is easier for him to express himself with a pen than in oral speech.

From a child he had a natural love and admiration for plant life. He planted his first garden at the age of six. He was able to attend high school, loved reading and took three years of German, not realizing at the time how this knowledge of the language could be used; when at the age of 20 or past he with five older brethren was assigned a duty to assisting and translating the German Zions Harp to English. He is the only one living who assisted in this exacting work. His love and ability to write poetry came as a help.

After graduating from high school, he substituted in three different schools in teaching, then after a short normal course at

Goshen College, he taught in a one-room school for one year. During this time he was called to repentance and was baptized on Jan. 11, 1920. At the time he said it seemed he was more of a problem than a blessing, for few, if any, had come into the church as public school teachers. He said dear old Bro. Henry Souder said, while hearing Henry's testimony, he felt it would be good if there were more Christian teachers.

Henry was asked to assist in teaching Sunday School at the age of 20, and taught for 26 years. He was married by faith to Sis. Alice Getz on Aug. 17, 1924 at the age of 23.

The first Christian poem written by Bro. Henry was "My Day's Journey", No. 79 in the Hymns of Zion. Bro. Henry and Sis. Alice built the first greenhouse in 1927, and conducted a floral and landscaping business until now. Being a lover of God's creation, trees, flowers, birds, and natural landscapes, he found many occasions to testify of God's greatness to many people.

In 1932, after Bro. Haab passed away, Bro. Henry's brother, Theo. was left alone in the ministry, and he was asked by the congregation to assist in the ministry. Henry and Alice had nine children, but one dear boy at the age of 9 suddenly was taken from their family circle.

Bro. Ernest Graf Sr. reviewed Bro. Henry's collection of Christian poems and urged him to have it published, for the reading enjoyment of our brethren, namely "My Garden of Verse". The poem on Prayer is one of his favorites and is set to music in song No. 205 in Hymns of Zion. Bro. Henry entered the church with a strong conviction on the scriptural command of missionary work, for he always felt to whom much is given much is required. Since it was not destined for Henry himself to be engaged in this field, the Lord chose his daughter, Sis. Lois (Mrs. Willis Ehle) to carry out his heart's wishes and convictions.

With the help of other brethren he was able to compile the hymnal "Hymns of Zion". It is now in the 6th edition of 37,000 copies. He is convinced that song service is an important phase of our church and Christian life.

In 1940 or after, the Sunday School textbook "Footsteps to Zion" was published. He hopes, too that this has been a blessing to all to read it. Bro. Henry says life to him has been sweet and full of many challenges, and made more precious by the many dear brethren whom he has learned to love and know through the years.

Of recent years Bro. Henry, as part of his retirement work is operating for the benefit of the brethren a Christian Book Store. They have named it "Good Things for the Christian Home."

The lovely hymn "Faithful until Death Remain" came in the selection allotted to his translation, and this contains his one deep heartfelt wish: To be faithful unto Him who first loved and chose him to follow Him.

On August of this year he and his wife, Sis. Alice observed their golden wedding anniversary. He can hardly speak of it without tears of joy the occasion brought them . . . we were all so thankful the day could be so beautiful for them, since Henry had undergone major surgery just months before.

If there is ever a little bouquet of flowers on your doorstep, or some fresh produce, you can always make one guess and be correct: "Bro. Henry was here today."

Even tho' this is so much a part of his character, he is always so careful to add: God shall be honored for anything I have said, done or acquired. Another he often quotes is: I'd rather be better than what I appear, rather than to appear better than what I am.

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

Autumn is a time to see the changes nature brings . . . noted two wedges of wild geese wending their way to the South, honking as they flew by. The strong breeze prevalent today hurled many leaves to the earth. Speaking of leaves, we view some gorgeously attired trees, some in flaming colors and others still in modest green. God gives us lovely things. Autumn is a time to pray our thankfulness to Him for the blessings of a harvest-time. Our farmer friends and brethren are beginning to harvest their corn crops.

Bro. Gottlieb Pulfer just recent-

ly reached the 91st milestone of his life. Born in Buchel in Canton Bern Switzerland, he emigrated to America with his parents when he was five years old. Two brothers, Charlie and Fred and three sisters, Mary, Rose and Eliza completed the family group in 1888. They came directly to Elgin, Iowa. My grandparents (the Schneiders) provided them with a place to stay for a while. They were very industrious, so soon found work, and the parents established a farm homestead, which remained as such for many years.

Bro. Gottlieb married a Swiss girl from Barau in Canton Bern. We knew her as Sis. Bertha Ruch; this was in 1923. Two children were born to this union, Marian and Paul. Marian passed away when she was twelve. Paul and his wife, Sis. Evelyn and children live on the farm established by Gottlieb and Bertha, who moved from the farm to live in Elgin, in 1951. They both enjoyed gardening, vegetable and flower growing. Their canna border was always gorgeous, and we marvel how even now since his wife has passed away, Gottlieb manages to maintain a nice bed of cannas. Bertha passed away in 1972. Since her passing, he keeps house by himself, and does remarkably well. He is always present in church when not ill, which is not often, and is one of the first to arrive Sunday mornings. He has been a good example of being energetic, of getting things done. May he feel the nearness of our dear Lord in all his efforts.

As a worthwhile thought, one of our brothers-in-faith gave this: "Trust in the Lord and it's not so hard to be obedient to the word of God and as a conclusion one is happier."

CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin/Grace Bauer

Patience works with steady tread,
Faith, with uplifted eyes,
And Hope, tiptoeing on ahead,
Sees first the sun arise.

The engagement of Sis. Devon Nussbaum, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Byron, Forrest, to Bro. Kenneth Rinkenberger, son of Bro. William and Sis. Marjorie was announced.

The engagement of Sis. Bonnie

Hoffman, daughter of Sis. Helen and Bro. Harry, was announced to Bro. Dennis Kaufman, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie.

We had our first killing frost on Sept. 23. Much of the grain was not matured, and therefore not ready for frost, but we have to trust the Lord will provide, as we have never been left in want.

What a pleasant surprise to see Bro. Joe Anderson and his mother Sis. Mary, at Thursday evening services. They had returned home that day from Houston, Texas, where he had undergone treatment. He will continue his treatments with his home doctor, and will have to go back to Houston.

Sis. Kate Walder was a hospital medical patient, for observation and tests. She is home and feeling better. Bro. Adam Knapp is in the hospital for tests and treatment. Sis. Reka Hoerr had the misfortune of falling and breaking her wrist. Sis. Naomi Knapp has a broken collarbone, due to an accident. Bro. Lucien Kuntz is a hospital patient, having had minor surgery.

Our Bible class spent a Sunday evening at Forrest for the Youth Fellowship gathering.

Bro. Dale Eisenmann was a guest minister. His message was on love and prayer. We were told we should all pray for our government.

We welcome Bro. John and Sis. Jayne Conrad and Rachel to our community. They moved here from South Bend, Indiana.

FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

God commands us to Give attendance to reading (I Timothy 4:13) and "Study to shew thyself approved" (II Timothy 2:15), and then we can put God in remembrance (Isa. 43:26) of some of His promises, and He will "Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel." (Psalm 20:4).

We rejoice that Warren and Shirley (Koehl) Fehr, Mrs. Norman Young (Lola Ifft) and Mrs. Ben Bolliger (Carolyn Ifft) have expressed their desire to have Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord of their life.

We were blessed with the visits and inspiring messages of Elder Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford, Bro.

Vernon Leman of Eureka, and Bro. John Dapper of California.

The engagement was announced of Bro. Dave Kaeb, son of Bro. and Sis. David Kaeb, and Sis. Brenda Hoffman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harry Hoffman of Hoopston.

Danna Jean Banwart was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Donna Banwart, making them a Dad and Mother. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Pat Hartman and Bro. and Sis. Earl Banwart of West Bend. Great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Banwart of Ft. Scott. . . . Bro. Warren and Sis. Delores Zehr were blessed with a baby girl, Sarah Lee, born Oct. 1. Other children are LeRae, Quinn, Wendy, and Nelson. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss and Sis. Lydia Zehr.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Wiegand had an enjoyable and safe vacation trip to Europe, visiting many of the countries.

We welcome Sis. Nettie Jacobs, as she has moved from Indiana to Gibson City, residing with her daughter and her husband until her home is built. Also, Ann Holmes has moved into an apartment in Fairbury.

Sis. Donna Huber is home from having had surgery, Johanna Wenger had a cataract removed, and Tillie Maier is home from being hospitalized for a cracked pelvis.

FT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

Joys unspeakable describe the blessed moments we spent over the week-end, as our friend, Edwin Fischer gave his testimony of faith yesterday evening, and today as he made a covenant with his God in the waters of baptism. We welcome Edwin into the fold as our brother in Christ. Bro. Sam Anliker was here to help our Bro. Raymond Banwart in this work.

Bro. Roy Grimm spent a Sunday with us on their way to Springfield, Mo., on business. We are always happy to have brothers visit us and lend themselves to speak God's word unto us.

Bro. Charles Sinn and Sis. Karen Roeschley were united in marriage at Morton by Bro. Sam Anliker. We welcome Sis. Karen to our congregation. They are at home on the farm on Route 5.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 a year, regular addresses.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Janice Herman

The freshman students attending college this year are: Cynthia Schmidgall, Barb Hoffman, Marla Baurer, Jean Leman, Sandy Schick, Kim Ward, Laura Hauter, Barb Gramm, Kathy Hoerr, Marla Blunier, Edith Witzig, Gary Rassi, Ron Jones, and Dave Rapp. Menonite Nursing students are: Ann Roth, Sonia Kuntz, Debbie Traub, Linda Steffen and Shelly Ehman.

October 5 and 6 we enjoyed meeting new faces and old at college week-end in Champaign. We are thankful that we still have opportunity to enrich our spiritual life with fellowship.

MANSFIELD OH

Aaron A. Sauder

May God's blessings go with the Cordrey family, whose address is now Route 2 Box 187, Greenbriar Tennessee. A farewell supper was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 22, for Bro. Jack and Sis. Joyce Nolen Cordrey and their four children, Cherie, Johnny, Billy and Peggy, as Bro. Jack's employment has taken them to another state. Jack and Joyce have taught in our Sunday School and been active in working with our young people; they and their children will be missed by us. We hope they will return to visit us often.

Three sets of grandparents are announcing arrivals of wee bundles of love: Carl and Sis. Ruth Sauder Weiss have two new granddaughters: On Aug. 15, Michele Lynn was born to Ronnie and Marilyn Layland. Jim and Sue Weiss are the parents of Kandi Rana, who was born Sept. 9; they have 3 boys and 2 girls to help welcome the new little sister. Sis. Mary Fuhrer Sauder (Wm.) is great-grandma. . . . Bro. Wally and Sis. Helen Oesch Ramsier have a new grandson: Jeff and Cherie Ramsier are the parents of Jeremy, who is their first child. Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl) of Mansfield and Sis. Lizzie Ramsier (Ben) of Rittman are the paternal great-grandmothers. . . . Bro. Donald and Sis. Naomi Fuhrer Cordrey are grandparents to a baby girl. Paul and Sandy Cordrey are the happy parents of Constance Deann, born Sept. 23; she has one brother, Allen Paul.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garrison, who have moved to 2439

Bayonaire, Mansfield. We are so pleased to have Don and Joanne attend church and worship with us.

Sis. Barbara Gross Bricker has been a hospital patient, but has now been released.

Again, with only a moment's notice, a dear friend was called out of our midst. Martin Erhart was taken from this life on Sunday, Sept. 29, at the age of 69. Our love and sympathy is extended to his wife, Ella Beer Erhart; his sisters, Sis. Eva Fuhrer (Dan), Sis. Julia Dapper (John), and brothers, William, Carl, Fred and Joe. . . The family of Martin Erhart have asked to relay their thanks to all who in any way showed their love and sympathy in the death of their dear one.

Thank you to Bro. John Dapper who ministered to us on Sept. 15 and again on Oct. 6. Bro. John was in Illinois, when he was notified of the death of his brother-in-law and returned to our community.

PEORIA IL

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Walter Steffen (Milford), Ed Alt (Cissna Park), LeRoy Huber (Eureka), and John Dapper (Maywood), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley) held the monthly service at the Apostolic Christian Home.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to these families: Bro. David Meister Jr.'s wife, Mary, died in Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla., following a lengthy illness. Services were held at Sheridan Road Apostolic Christian Church. Bros. Skip and Mark Meister are her sons. Joe Bittner's wife, Helen, passed away. Her sisters-in-law from Peoria are Sisters Priscilla Bittner, Barbara Hoerr, and Persida Eberhardt. Bro. Ed and Sis. Bernie Meisters' aunt, Irene Walraven, passed away. She was living at the Apostolic Christian Home on Skyline Drive. Bro. Sam Farney, formerly of Peoria, died at the Apostolic Home in Eureka, where he had lived since 1968. Services were held at church. May the Holy Spirit be the Comforter of these families who have laid their loved ones to rest, asleep in Jesus.

Hospitalized during the month of September were: Norm Rocke, Bros. Phil Hassler, and Conrad Woerner. Each are home from the hospital now.

Sis. Louise Asal suffered a heart attack early in September. . . "I

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wish to thank everyone for everything they did for me while I was in the hospital and since I'm home." Sis. Louise Asal.

Births: New parents are Bro. Rod and Sis. Sharon Causey. Their little boy, Michael Thomas, was born Sept. 18. Congratulations also to Bro. Bruce and Sis. Leila Witzig. Genanne Kay was born Aug. 1. Genanne has a brother, Marshall.

Wedding: Bro. Ray Bauer and Sis. Marcia Thomas were united in holy matrimony Sept. 15. Sis. Lucille Thomas and Bro. Erb and Sis. Mary Bauer are their parents.

Ray and Marcia plan to reside in the Bloomington area.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Lucille (Mrs. Bro. Wayne) Unsicker over the death of her mother, Sis. Louise Lauber of Princeville.

INDIANAPOLIS IN Wayne and Judy Steffen

Harvest is a happy time—
A time for gathering in
What the earth in its abundance
Does yield each year to men.

After taking up a partial collection, we are ready to begin landscaping our church. Our Sunday School picnic was held on Sept. 8.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Ken Schneider, Remington; Ed Frank, La Crosse; Homer Reineck, Toledo; Jack Bollier, Leo; Wendell Gerber, Bluffton; and Maurice Frank, Leo.

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UNDERGRADUATE FOR ETERNITY

Henry Souder Jr.

God is a wonderful Teacher. Sitting in His presence, attention is intently gathered in great things. The heart becomes warm in glad things. The look becomes centered on His glorious life.

There is glad good news: "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith." More than a life style. It is actually knowing the eternal God and Jesus Christ. Listening to His word, that's how faith comes. **Out of faith unto faith.** A continuing. A progress. Word becomes action, and action is word in reality. Whatever we do.

Among the courses in God's curriculum is God's justice. The teaching of judgment to come is basic to any degree of His. The time is coming. The sinner will flee. No place at all shall be found. They knew better, but they willfully choked down the facts. The time of terror is sure to be history: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"

The elect choose wisely His beautiful way. His care and concern are an open book, plain to all. His footsteps are love, and are heard without question. He loves to give all

opportunity. The real, open door is to life eternal. It is a career of compassion to consider and do His wonderful care. He clearly shows: "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them."

Please don't fail! The answers to this exam today are the grades of eternity. This Professor has the sky as His classroom. Men may blow their bubbles. They always burst. God teaches with His flaming sunset . . . star-studded universes in august spaces . . . His miracles of men redeemed, yielding concrete joy, peace, love. Beyond things made, the creation teaches what He loves, and what He is. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, **even** his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

A willful sinner sinks deeper and deeper. The things that are unsuitable make him unfit, perhaps forever, for the glad things of God. Every soul that loves false-named knowledge forges chains, fitting them on because he wants to. There was a time when the breath of spring touched. It wasn't appreciated. No admiration of the beautiful One who gave. Deeper

and deeper spirals the dungeon of despair. Why will someone deliberately push away the rich life of the good Shepherd. Sin. It colors the eyes with black-blindness. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

Be glad you can hear. Be happy that every suffering course pressing and pinning teaches of His power. What beautiful grades can be rendered! Be elated that you are free from the feelings that crowd in spoken, printed and pictured lust. Breathe deep in His feelings of freedom in the beautiful.

There comes a time for the unbeliever. Sin works messy tragedy. Read on in this wondrous Romans 1. God gives them **up to . . .** He gives them **over to . . .** a sad state. Woeful, wrecked, reeking with sin. "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Wretched enough is it to have those wretched pleasures, let alone the future, wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Child of God, Pause. Give thanks to Him who gives you light and gladness without end.