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FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS

Let us count our blessings which spring from Him. Let us give thanks always for His mercies; for our sins pardoned and buried in the sea of oblivion. . . His wonderful grace that is bestowed on all who will believe. . . For the comfort and guidance of His precious Holy Spirit, which dwells in the heart and bosom of all reconciled souls. . . For the hope of a better life after this short life is over. Let us review our own life and refresh ourselves again of all His benefits to us. How patiently He led us on the way, how manifold were His gifts, both spiritual and temporal, bestowed on us His children.

In days of old, the priests and Levites expressed the praise and thanks for the people of God. Today, however, in the new dispensation of grace, it is the privilege of every child of God to kneel in the presence of the Father, to thank and praise the Lord for His gifts of love. Daniel loved to kneel in the presence of his God three times a day, to praise and give Him thanks. King David's heart overflowed with thanks in Psalm 103. He spoke, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life

from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;" In the New Testament, in Christ's ministry, he taught that man ought always to pray, and in everything give thanks.

On the basis of these examples from God's word, we as children of God are instructed to make prayer and praise a happy (or a blessed) habit of our daily lives. So let us conclude with the words of the Psalmist:

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

WORLD RELIEF

(Editor's note: We hear from the end of the journey where there is opportunity. It behooves us to pick up the precious opportunity of doing good unto all men. Better than a \$100 bill — much, much more!)

. . . disaster caused by hurricane Fifi . . . 200,000 survivors are homeless—camped under plastic or palm branch shelters, crowded into schools, huddled together in empty box cars which used to carry bananas. Our hearts ache as we see hungry families who have lost their homes and their corn crops, almost ready to harvest. Many have fevers, malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia. Others have infected wounds from cuts by barb wire and twisted tin roofing, which they received while fighting their way through the swirling water and debris.

The tragedy in the town of Choloma, 10 miles north of San Pedro

Soula, came at 1:00 a.m. . . most of the people were sleeping. Twenty inches of rain fell in 40 hours. Landslides in the mountains above caused temporary dams on the river . . . without warning, these broke, carrying everything before them, trees, rocks, houses and people. Some houses remained, but filled up with 3 to 5 feet of mud, buried people right in their beds. So far 1680 have been dug out. The death toll in Choloma alone is estimated to be nearly 4,000, and there are probably another 6,000 in the rest of Honduras.

A large area below Choloma looks like a vast lake. This is the rich farm delta, where a major part of the food for Honduras is produced . . . the majority escaped with only the clothes on their backs. The refugee camps are dry, but difficult to reach, with big lakes of water on all sides of them — and mosqui-

tos! Rains continue three weeks after the hurricane, which makes a discouraging picture for the farmer trying to raise a little corn and beans for his family. How is he going to live these next 5 months, until the next crop? And where is he going to get the seed for planting?

A haunting memory was a sad father, walking the railroad track, back to his hungry family with an empty sack. He couldn't even find corn to buy for their tortillas! The fields below Choloma are still flooded . . . possibly half of the country's food supply has been destroyed by this disaster. A "veloria" (wake) was being held for 3 children who had died that day of diarrhea. One little mother, in rags, held her sick baby in her arms, as she told us the flood took away her house. Her husband died 5 months ago, and she had 3 other children with no food.

Stories can be multiplied by the thousands.

Many of your letters have asked, "What can we do to help?" This was the question asked by Contractor Ed Haas, of world relief of the Apostolic Christian Church . . . Ed flew soybeans, rice and flour from Mexico. It is difficult to put on paper the emotion that surged through our hearts, when Ed arrived with this food from Mexico.

Shipments of grain, food, clothing, medicine, may be sent by boat: (Shipments coming by boat are entered duty-free with the PAHS special permit. Please do not mail packages to Box 191, SPS, as duty is high; however, small flat objects, as garden seed, can be mailed in manila envelopes with metal clasps.)

Co-ordinating shipments: Ed Haas, 740 E. State St., Elgin, IL 60177. Phone 312-741-3711 . . .

Small packages sent before Christmas may reach the convoy waiting in Texas: . . . Needed at orphanage are children's clothes, especially boy's shirts . . . hospital needs diapers, shirts, pants and dresses for children.)

Family Bundles For Refugees: (wrapped in a plastic covering inside a flour sack.) For a man of 140 pounds, shirt, pants, shorts and sweater; for a woman of 120 pounds, knee-length dress, underward and sweater; for a baby, diapers, shirts, gown and blanket; for two girls, large and small, dresses, panties, and sweaters; for two boys, large and small, bluejeans, shirts, sweaters; and a washable blanket, towel, comb, toothbrush, dish, spoon, pan and possibly shoes.

The mayor of San Pedro Sula reminded us after the hurricane, "Man shall not live by bread alone". These people are wounded in spirit, and thousands of Bibles are needed for the healing of the soul.

GIRARD OH Kathryn Emch

We visited our shut-ins. Sis. Anna Hafely, at the Nason-Wood Nursing Home, is an alert 90-year-old. Her Bible is her constant companion. Sis. Ruth Bollinger at Glen View Manor is always so happy to see her friends, and delights in going out for a visit and being able to assemble with us. Sis. Elizabeth Games, who lives with her children is always so interested in any bits

of news of her brothers and sisters in the Lord. Sis. Charlotte Emch, at the Windsor Home, is so contented. She says the people are lovely and the food delicious. Bro. Carl Emch is at the Assumption Nursing Home.

Bro. Jess Emch was unable to assemble with us today as the result of a fall. We praise the Lord that he has no broken bones.

Bro. Rudy Graf, our elder, spent a Sunday with us. We enjoyed his message and visit. It is always a pleasure to fellowship with those of like faith.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

When Paul wrote advising Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed . . .", he also laid the same responsibility upon us. Those of us who through faith find ourselves shouldering our share of the responsibility at the Home, be it in a key position or a lesser one, still feel our first allegiance is to be a "workman" for our Heavenly Father. Secondly, our wish is to be diligent in whatever is our assignment with the residents. We pray for wisdom that our attitude may always be found to be that we labor "heartily, as to the Lord", a formula which is reliable.

During moments of quiet meditation when we realize the wisdom of God's direction, we marvel. Even nature confirms our amazement. No two leaves, snowflakes — and yes — no two people are exactly alike. Each one of us is created just as we are for a purpose, and if that purpose is to fulfill a responsibility here, then we pray for divine wisdom to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". To this end we need your prayers.

Still wanting to learn to "know each other better," we shall visit the Activity Department of the Home. Webster defines activity as an educational procedure designed to stimulate learning through firsthand experience. It is this type of activity which takes place under the supervision of the staff of this department. Imagine, if you can, what takes place in the course of a day's time, when the therapy of music, physical exercise, crafts of various kinds, embroidery classes, Bible study, nature study and others is applied to all or some of the

residents. Some phases of activity are required of all who are able; others are for those who show ability and inclination.

Interesting observation we have had time to make is that most respond positively to good quality, soothing music; another is the joy of accomplishment. Sometimes after long and patient effort, a resident is able to learn a skill which gives him a feeling of worth, which in turn helps to minimize the ever-present handicap. Much could be said about the many activities and their value to the residents. Anyone who wishes to enroll in the school of observation need offer only eyes, ears, and heart as tuition. It is noteworthy that here, too, many hours of volunteer help enhance the worth of the program.

We miss having Sherry Roth at our Home. She has gone to Phoenix to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roth, who moved from Fairbury.

Approaching the season of thanksgiving brings about profound thoughtfulness. Reviewing our many blessings creates within us a desire for rededication to serve diligently the Giver of those blessings. If we feel inadequate to live our gratitude, let us remember that, though we may not know everything, we may still know God's will; though we are not rich, we may still be generous; though we have not all wisdom, we may still have understanding, and though our influence may not be great, it can still be good.

FT LAUDERDALE FL

Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz

We welcome back to Florida Steve Schlatter, from Bay City. Steve will be continuing his studies

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in central Florida this winter. We are glad for every time he can be with us. We also enjoy the fellowship of Bro. Rodney Gress, formerly of West Bend. Rodney is employed at West Palm Beach, and we welcome him to our assembly.

The coming of lovely weather has brought a few of our winter residents. We welcome them back. With everyone back from vacationing, our winter people arriving, and a few new families and friends, our assembly has grown. We are thankful for every soul who attends.

Sis. Frances Schwartz had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist. A cast that extended above her elbow restricted her movements, and she was unable to assemble with us for a few weeks. Sis. Francis wants to thank all who remembered her with cards, prayers, and help. Everything was appreciated very much.

Charles Akel is hospitalized.

We are expecting a large number of visitors over the Thanksgiving season. We look forward to the fellowship we will enjoy with them, and add one more item to the list of blessings we are thankful for.

Thanksgiving—as the years have gone by, we have gathered many memories of this very special time; we remember family gatherings and good times, bountiful harvests and plentiful tables. . . . But most of all we can remember the faith of those who spread the tables and labored in the harvest.

LAMAR MO

Marie Marti / LuEtta Braker

Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont spent a Sunday with us, bringing the ever new word of God. We do appreciate those who visit us to share God's teachings with us.

Bro. Fred Lanz passed away Oct. 9 at the age of 82. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Sam Anliker and Lester Braker. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Emma; two daughters, Marie Simons and Reba Pfander; and one son, Calvin. Although he had been in failing health for sometime, he was able to attend church most of the time and always attended the monthly singing if possible. His hearty greeting will be missed by all of us. We are reminded we are going down the valley one by one, to meet our Lord.

He was a man, to fit the Lord,
Sturdy and stark his hand,
Steady as a rock beneath the soil,
His body strong to welcome honest
toil.

And like the land,
He wore exceeding well—
Mellowing with the years . . .

Sis. Emma Lanz and family wish to thank the many who so willingly helped them during Fred's last illness and his passing.

Oscar Banwart was a patient in the hospital, but is home again. Lizzie Banwart has been able to return to her home from a Kansas City hospital, where she has been since suffering a broken hip.

Linda and Rick Barton are the parents of a baby girl, Brandi Kay, born Oct. 29. Grandparents are Sis. Bonnie and Bro. Leonard Braker.

REMINGTON IN Anna M. Waibel

We are thankful to have Sis. Lillie Frey assemble with us again, after a stay at the hospital. Sis. Emma Beckley had a cataract operation and is now at the Americana Nursing Home, Cason St., Lafayette IN 47902.

(Bros.) Vernon Schwab and Alfred Bahler of Wolcott were our visiting ministers.

Our congregation collected to send for the Rumania church.

We have had unseasonably warm weather lately. The leaves of all the trees have been beautiful. We usually take these things for granted. God's creation is beautiful.

How many things to be thankful
for
Are lovingly sent from heaven's
store
Of life's good things—the sunlit
sky,
The smile of a neighbor passing by,
The musical notes of a songbird
gay,
Shouts of the children at their
play,
The beautiful scenes that please us
so
As the changing seasons come and
go,
The love of friends who are so dear
and true,
Strength for the work that is ours
to do.
Oh, who can name all the blessings
rare
That come from the Heavenly
Father's care!

SARASOTA FL Linda Miller

Wake us, Lord, we pray,
That to Thee our way
We pursue with firm endeavor,
Seeing naught and halting never
In this earthly day—
Further Thou our way!

The Lord is showering us with the beauties of fall. Soon the winter season will be here and another year drawn to a close. Time goes fast, yet we earnestly pray that in these last fleeting moments more will come unto Him.

Elder Bro. Roy Sauder's stay lasted into this month. He and his loving wife have been wonderful assets to our congregation in their visits. We miss them very much.

Back with our congregation for a season are Burley and Irene Zeigler, Toledo; Lester and Sis. Edna Rosher and Bro. Ernie, Rockville. We would like to express our sincere welcome to them and to those who will be coming soon.

By the efforts of Bro. Dave Eisenmann and Bro. Doug Sabo, an addition has been made to the home of Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier. A portion of the screened porch has been closed in, to provide a showering area for Sis. Ferne and an additional lavatory for the home.

As a reminder of the Thanksgiving season, may all share the blessings we are given and give thanks for all.

SHIODA JAPAN Willis R. Ehnlé

We were sitting in the office of our little company where I work part time, and Mr. Akiyama, one of our customers and an acquaintance of mine over the past 11 years, told several of our people that my unwillingness to tell a lie is probably a problem in business. I told them that my conscience would not permit me to willfully tell a lie, that I know I must appear before God on the judgment day. Actually, honesty should be an aid in our vocations, but all concerned should have the same policy of honesty, as it does become confusing if those with whom you work say one thing to a customer and you come along and say something else.

In our conversation with others, it is good to speak of the judgment.

In Acts 24:25 we read, And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled.

How blessed if we can escape the judgment of the unsaved and avoid hearing the words of our Lord. "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire". Nevertheless, for the judgment of how we have served the Lord, Every one of us shall give account of himself to God, Romans 14:12, and Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. . . Matthew 12:36.

Therefore, let every person of the Apostolic Christian Church take the lead, now and henceforth, to be scrupulously honest and avoid at all costs any misrepresentation of ourselves or our products.

The other day Sis. Kathie Huber and I visited in the home of Saori Suzuki, one of our 20 kindergarten children. It's part of our home visitation program. Grandfather Suzuki is 80 years old and lives there with his son and his family. He told me in English, "I like Buddha and I like Christ, but I have no faith." Then in Japanese, "I'm troubled. I am without faith." I explained to him that Buddha left some good teachings, but that forgiveness of sins and true salvation is through Jesus Christ. He said, "I understand." "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Let us not wait until we are 80 years old to make peace with God, although even then, if we have a clear mind, it is not too late.

The early church was blessed by having various gifts of the Spirit. However, the greatest gift of all, and on which there is no limit in any age, is the gift of charity. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor . . . and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

Evidentially it is more than giving away our goods and our money. I ascertain that it has something to do with attitude, with a humbling of oneself and an esteem for others, an esteem for the one who sits beside us in church.

ZAPATA TX

Esther Wagler / Dolly Stoller

"God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

As a little child relies on a

Care beyond his own;
Knows he's neither strong nor wise
Fears to stir a step alone,
Let me thus with thee abide. . .
As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

We are always thankful for those who take the time to worship and fellowship with us, while in our area.

We had the privilege of meeting and greeting Sis. Sandy Leman from Roanoke, who is teaching at Crvstal City Texas.

Winter-time brings many visitors to our place of worship. We are so thankful to have a nice warm climate and a place to worship. We are depending on tapes for our Sunday services now, but beginning Nov. 17, we will have visiting ministers every two weeks.

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

We have changed our church services from 7 to 6 on Sunday night. We have been having more and more people to worship with us. We have five more converts. They are: Esther Barnett, Randy Moore, Harold Haggermaker, Reba Macbay and Cathy Macbay.

Elder Bro. David Bertsch from Leo visited on Oct. 27; Holy Communion services were held.

Bro. Henry Perry started to church on Oct. 20, got off the church bus, and instead of going in had to be carried to the hospital. He is home now and doing some better. . . Sis. Alma Haggermaker had surgery on the 25th; then on the 28th she had a stroke. Lois Goode fell and broke her hip. She is home from the hospital, will be in a wheel-chair for a few months. Little 2-year-old Donna Kay Williams was in a car wreck and crushed her hand. She has had to have skin grafted twice. Her grandmother is Sis. Charlene Roberison. Eunice, the oldest girl of Bro. George Kelly is in Pulaska Hospital. She has suffered a heart attack. She is one of the handicapped children.

FRANCESVILLE IN

Sharon Neihouser / Helen Huber

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Oct. 6 was set aside for Dedication of our new addition, and we were privileged to have Bros. Eugene Bertshi (Roanoke) and Harry Bucher (Valparaiso) to minis-

ter the word to us. Following the services, a supper at the church was enjoyed by all.

Two little girls have brightened two homes. . . Shannon Marie to the home of Chris and Sharon Huber. She has a little brother to welcome her home. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred Huber are the paternal grandparents. . . Kristin Nicole has come to the home of Bro. Dale and Sis. Anne Ward; she has two brothers and two sisters to welcome her home. Paternal grandparents are Emmett and Sis. Lena Ward.

Sis. Delores Reinhard is on the sick list this month. We trust she can soon find strength and assemble with us again.

Debbie Bucher, daughter of Bro. Dwight and Sis. Carol was married to Dwain Davis on Oct. 12.

On Oct. 13, Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) visited and left us with a question for each to ponder. A traveler was walking down a road, and he came to a man working in a beautiful garden. The traveler remarked to the gardener that his master must walk in this garden everyday to enjoy its beauty. The man replied that his master was gone and had not walked in the garden for many years. The traveler then said, "You have the garden ready if your master came tomorrow to walk in his beautiful garden." The gardener then replied, "No, it is ready if he came TODAY". Are our gardens ready if our Master came today?

GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder / Wilma Young

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Daily we thank the dear Lord for His many blessings: surely we would be ungrateful if only at Thanksgiving time we remembered to thank Him.

What a pleasant surprise to have our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker spend a Sunday morning with us. We rejoice with him that he again has a helpmate, wishing Bro Sam and Sis. Clara the Lord's richest blessings as they journey through this life together.

Bros. Vernon Schwab and Al Langhofer spent another Sunday morning sharing the holy word with us. Our appreciation to each for their efforts.

Sis. Lena Strahm attended the World Relief meeting at Newton.

Little Brian, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, is gradually growing weaker. It is difficult for him to swallow. Mary Jane Kraft, their teenage daughter has been hospitalized several times recently; at present, she's recuperating from a tonsillectomy. Frank Knapp was hospitalized for observation and treatment . . . glad to report, he is home, getting along O.K.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser / Mary E. Gudeman

"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." The greatest of all is the power of love. We can never pay our debt of love for the way God has loved and loves us. We can continue our expression of love to one another. . . The love that serves for the sake of giving, not for the sake of the returns. . . The power that makes life worth living, and eternity, with peace, certain.

We pray for God's peace and contentment for Bro. Sam Frank, Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Heiniger, who have been unable to assemble with us lately. Sam is staying at Willows Nursing Home in Valparaiso.

Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last has conquered;

None of self, and all of Thee.

We are looking forward to hearing the testimonies of five dear friends: Jaclyn and Jill Nuest, Shari Bucher, Tim Bucher, and Jeff Fritz, who answered the Saviour's call, have repented and received this precious peace in their hearts from God.

A number of loved ones gathered together to wish God's blessings to Sis. Henrietta Heiniger for her 80th birthday Oct. 15; Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel observed their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 16.

We thank Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville) for his willingness to serve us Sunday, Nov. 3. One chapter he so humbly read and meditated on was Matthew 25.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki / Marie Inoue

This morning, I read in word of God about Jesus healing 10 lepers when they came and asked Him to heal them. It is very wonderful

teachings to us today. Then I thought that I could compare about the people in this time. About 2000 years ago, the Lord God sent us a Saviour, Christ Jesus to this world for healing to the spiritual lepers. However, I wonder how many people are returning to the Lord and thank Him. It's really unfortunate thing. Just only a few returned and thanked Him and serving to the Lord. The world becomes more busy day by day and more complicated and dirty. . . The Harvest is near but the laborers are few.

We had four sisters from the States this time whose names are Ann Wolder, Patty Steiner, Arlene Siegle, Joan Mogier. It was the third Sunday of October, and our beloved sisters Betsy Erikson, Kathy Huber, Hiroko Natori and Eiko Nozawa from the country church visited us. We had real blessed fellowship with them. In the evening, we all invited the supper at Bro. Saburo Utsuki home. I believe that the American sisters felt as same as we felt, we are one mind together in the Lord.

On Oct. 10 we had a blessed fellowship meeting for our 2 churches on the edge of Tokyo, a rather hilly and wooded area. The ministering brothers spoke of Abraham, our topic. "Why was Abraham called the **Father of Faith**"? Noah and Enoch also had strong faith, but Abraham was the first to whom God said, Through your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed! Abraham, like many in Japan was the only believer in his family. Perhaps God chose us like Abraham. Do we put our faith above everything else as Abraham did?

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman / Arles Kropf

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

Peace, peace is mine.
Jesus came Himself and sought me!

Sold to death, He found and bought me!

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

We rejoice with Laurel Widmer, that she has experienced this peace, and are looking forward to hearing her testimony on Dec. 8.

It was very inspiring on Oct. 6, when we could see a large assembly of our youth (the Gridley IL Bible Class) along with our own young people, filling the assembly room of our church for morning services. They were accompanied by their teachers, along with Bro. Elmer Witzig, who gave us much food for thought during the day. It was brought to the attention of the young people that it is our hope that the friendships made on that day will in time become dearer as they become brothers and sisters in the precious faith.

Another blessed day was enjoyed the following Sunday, when Bro. Jim Hoerr from the Peoria assembly spent the day with us.

We have been blessed with good weather for the harvest of beans and corn. We have so much to be thankful for as the Thanksgiving season is nearing, and may we remember to thank God every day, and not only on the day set aside by our government as Thanksgiving Day.

AKRON OH Lynda Pamer

When a raging storm unceasing
Hurls wildly over me,
And I struggle 'gainst the hazards,
Though I can hardly see.

The door of someone's kindly heart,
Be it friend or kin,
Swings wide and to its warmth and light,
I am invited in.

I find a loving shelter there,
A gracious word and smile,
Which sets aglow my torch of faith
In just a little while.

God has blessed Bro. Sandor and Sis. Kathy Bako with a new bundle of joy. The Bakos named their baby girl Viola. She has four sisters: Rose, Esther, Erika, and Susie.

Ministering Bro. Roy Luginbuhl of the Rockville congregation visited us. The Lord surely blessed us with many precious teachings.

AMES IA Georgia Griffith

"And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last." We are truly thankful for the encouraging words brought to us by Ministering Bro. Clifford Grimm at our October gathering.

We wish to welcome Lewis Peasley of Garden Grove to our group. Lewis is attending ISU in Ames, and we are glad to have him with us.

It is now the fall of the year and crops are being harvested. It is quite obvious to us the plight of the farmer, rushing to gather in the harvest before the killing frost comes and many acres are lost. . .

We are truly grateful for those gathered in by His labors, and hope for many more to heed the call.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber / Donna Drayer

On Oct. 6, Bro. Bob Meyer and Sis. Ann Jones became one in the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lela Meyer and Richard and Dorothy Jones. Bro. Roger and Sis. Pauline Kaehr gave away their daughter, Mary Lou, in marriage to Bruce Raber in a ceremony on Oct. 12. Bro. John Yergler had the privilege of performing wedding ceremonies for two of his grandsons. On Oct. 20, Bro. Rick Yergler was united with Sis. Joyce Geisel. Bro. Richard and Sis. Lillian Yergler and Bro. Everett and Sis. Alice Geisel are their parents. Bro. Kim Yergler took Sis. Sue Heyerly as his wife on Nov. 3. Kim's parents are Bro. Truman and Sis. Marcella Yergler, and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mabel Heyerly are Sue's parents.

Little Klint Ryan was born on Oct. 4 to Bro. Phillip and Sis. Jean Moser. Bro. Sy and Sis. Velma Fulkerson were blessed with the arrival of two grandchildren into their family circle. Skye Elizabeth was born on Sept. 13 to Ron and Kay Fulkerson of Nashville, Indiana, and Jason Warren and Kay on Oct. 21 to Warren and Kay Rauche of Indianapolis.

Sisters Emma and Mary Steffen and Bros. Ed Schwartz, Jacob Meyer, and Edward Kipfer have been hospitalized.

The engagement of Sis. Judy Steffen and Bro. Donald Isch was announced. Parents are Sis. Lucille Steffen and the late Bro. Norman Steffen and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Isch.

Bros. Homer Reineck (Toledo) and Joe Schrock (Congerville) were our visiting ministers. Many words of wisdom were brought to us. We are thankful for gifted brothers to bring us the Wonderful Words of Life to strengthen us on the pathway to Heaven.

Leon Schultz, husband of Betty

Schultz, was laid to rest at the age of 46. A son, Timothy; a daughter, Holly Ann; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Schultz; two brothers, Nile and Grant; and three sisters, Mrs. William Storms, Louise and Miriam Schulz also survive. We do not understand why a young and active husband and father would be taken, but it is a great comfort to know the Almighty God's work is always perfect.

Friend Dan Kehr passed away at the age of 87. His wife, Sarah, preceded him in death several years ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Melvena (Lawrence) Gerber and Mrs. Lorene (Robert) High.

We are very happy to report that Randy Reinhard, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Virgene . . . and Steve Maller, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Gladys, have completed their duty of serving our country and have returned home.

The time of year has approached in which our government sets aside for its people to thank their Creator for the many wondrous blessings. May this poem serve to remind each of us of the innumerable blessings that He has so richly bestowed on us.

We give our thanks to Thee, dear Lord,
On this Thanksgiving Day,
For all the many blessings
That Thou has sent our way.
We thank Thee for our daily food,
For our loved ones far and near,
For the warmth and shelter of our homes,
For each season of the year.
We thank Thee now for every gift
That come from Thee above,
But most of all we thank Thee,
Lord,
For Thy unfailing love.

BRADFORD IL Rebecca Endress

From a visiting minister: "When we take our burden to God in prayer, we should not pick it back up again after we are done praying. That isn't showing any trust. We should leave it there; He will answer prayer." We received many blessings from the visits of Ministering Bros. John Bollier (Leo), Sam Schlatter (Junction), and Bill Kupferschmid (Bloomington-Normal).

Our Bible Class students and teachers would like to thank those from Elgin IL for their hospitality

and warm welcome. Our group enjoyed a week-end there. Much work and planning went into it, and we know the students will have pleasant memories.

Thank you: "All of your prayers, visits, gifts, and cards were greatly appreciated during my illness, hospital stay, and since I'm home." Raymond Klumpp... The doctors would like to reduce or eliminate the medication Ray has had to take for his condition (a collagen disease); this has not produced good results so far and today (Nov. 3) he was not able to come to church. Many in our area have been ill with flu.

Bro. Jordan and Sis. Sharon Elsass and their four children welcome a new baby girl. Heather Lynn was born Oct. 7; her grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, Tremont, and Sis. Leila (and the late Bro. Chris) Elsass of Princeville.

BREMEN IN Pauline Laidig

"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing." It is good to set aside a day for Thanksgiving, but we have so much to be thankful for and to praise the Lord for daily. Even though the harvest this year was not so good, as we look at the pitiful conditions around the world, we surely still have some to share with others.

We appreciated very much having Ministering Bros. Ed Alt and Steve Rinkenberger from Cissna Park and Walter Rager from Toledo spend a Sunday with us. Among Ed's many good teachings, the passage he mentioned, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" seemed to stand out and give one reassurance. In his message, Steve cautioned about the sly deception of Satan, and how easily the changing of a word or two can cause one to be misled. We need to ever be on guard.

A new little bundle of joy has joined the family circle of Bro. J.N. and Sis. Karen Feldman. Annette, Sarah and Jeff will really enjoy their little sister, Joyce Irene. Willard and Sis. Aldean Feldman are the paternal grandparents.

Sis. Elizabeth Yackley had to be hospitalized again for awhile, but is now recuperating at home. Bro. Joe Bauman continues to improve.

Our choir and others spent a most blessed week-end with the Peoria

congregation. They will long remember the love and kindness shown to them, and wish to express their thanks to everyone.

I had a pleasant visit with Sis. Anne Lemman. She recalled many instances that occurred when she, her late husband, Bro. Will and their family, and her father and mother, Bro. John and Sis. Mary Gerber and their single children moved here from Forrest in 1911. They had bought neighboring farms about six miles northeast of Bremen. Two other married daughters, who had moved here previously lived in the same neighborhood, Sis. Lydia (Ed) Getz and Sis. Mary (Ed) Hirstein. A son, Will, and family moved here also, but Joe and John chose to remain in Illinois.

Being a minister and having a concern that there be a place in which to worship, Bro. John came out before moving and prepared an extra dwelling that was on his farm for their church building. A little country school was added later to meet their needs. There were no furnaces in those days, so Anne well remembers polishing the heating stoves and cleaning the church. Gathering together on Sunday was looked forward to by this new congregation.

The first crop of fruits and melons was so delicious, and Anne said her father enjoyed them so much, but he was not permitted to partake of the next year's harvest, as the Lord saw fit to call him Home. This was quite a shock to everyone, especially Sis. Mary, as she was left with four children: Leah, Sam, Lou and Jeff. Farming was somewhat different too, but with the help of their brothers-in-law, the boys continued to farm the land for a number of years.

The little Wyatt Depot was the arrival place of many newcomers, and visitors who were met by Will and others were made welcome in their homes until they could move into their future homes.

Some of the ministers that served the flock after the passing of Bro. Gerber were Bros. Jake Schuch, Fred Von Bergen, and Chris Zimmer. A few years after moving to Indiana, Sis. Leah married Bro. Henry Souder of Grabill, and they lived on a farm there for five years before returning to live in Wyatt. As time went on, and the rest of her children got married,

Grandma Gerber (as most of us called her) moved to Bremen, and later built a home close to the new church (which was built in 1924 in Bremen).

Having taken her sister and niece in to live with her, Grandma Gerber found it difficult to keep up her home alone, so Henry, Leah and their little daughter, Carol, moved in with them and cheerfully helped make a comfortable home for all.

Henry was called into the ministry, and outside of an occasional illness, has faithfully taken his place on the pulpit for many years, as well as performing other duties for the welfare or upkeep of the church. However, the time came when he and Leah no longer felt able to maintain their home nearby, so they are now contentedly living in an apartment at 803 W. Mill St., Bremen.

Anne Lemman still lives in the home she and Will built when they left the farm. She is fortunate in having most of her children in Bremen or nearby, and enjoys their frequent visits and attention. She attends church whenever she feels able to. Anne and Leah have shown much hospitality over the years, for which I'm sure they will be blessed.

Anne's sons still operate the mint business Will started years ago. Bro. Lou, his wife, Sis. Emma Lou (Zimmer) and son, Bro. Louis, live in Wyatt, where Lou still spends some time in the bank, which he opened before the depression. He still recalls those rough times, and has mentioned how grateful he was that the bank was able to carry on, and it is still prospering today. Lou has two married daughters living in Wyatt also; they are busily engaged in their father's business.

Lou has had quite a bit of pain caused by rheumatism and gout this fall, and needed to spend some time in the hospital. We are glad he is able to assemble with us again. As our regular songleaders were gone yesterday, Lou again performed this service, which he had done for so many years, reminding me of this special talent he and others in his family had and used to the glory of God.

ELGIN IL

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

At Home 'tis well; with God in close relation,

The soul forgets the sorrow it has borne,
With pain overcome on that bright, golden morn,
Rejoices in our God's sublime salvation.

Our uncle and brother—Bro. Albert Wewetzer's wife, Sis. Julia passed away at the age of 80 years, after a lingering illness. Services were held by Bros. Nathan Steffen, and Perry Zimmerman of Forrest. Bro. Albert and his family wish to thank all for the many expressions of sympathy and deeds of love shown to them in their bereavement.

A group of young people from Bradford, Francesville and Remington Sunday Schools spent a week-end here. Bro. Edwin Bahler accompanied the Remington group, and we had a blessed time assembling together around a table set with spiritual food and drink, served by God through His servant, for which we are always thankful.

Sis. Emily Preiss, 215 Hill Ave., Elgin IL 60120, has been hospitalized, is showing signs of improvement, and God willing, we hope can return to her home soon.

Robert and DeAnne Cox are the parents of their first child, a son named Jay Williams, born Oct. 17. The grandparents, Bro. Lyle and Sis. DeLores Kellenberger welcome him, with the great-grandparents, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Anna Lohbauer, Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger, their first great-grandchild.

Bro. Morris Willaert, 165 S. Worth Ave., Elgin IL 60120 has been hospitalized, but is again at home with his loved ones . . . and we're glad to have him among us again in our assemblies.

Philip Steffen, son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marilyn, has recently begun his second year of teaching school for the Peace Corps in the Ethiopian village of Kembolcha (population 5,000). It is a real privilege to be able to go to school in Ethiopia, and the 7th and 8th grade boys he teaches must periodically pass the national exams in order to stay in school. Failure to pass the tests almost always puts an end to their education. Some boys whose parents cannot buy the needed equipment never get to attend school.

In some aspects, Ethiopia is still

back in the Biblical times, complete with camel caravans, the proverbial women at the well, walled cities and courtyards, turbaned and bearded men and heavily veiled women. Donkeys, sheep, goats and cattle freely roam through the rutted, mud town streets. There are huge open air markets where anything can be bought, such as sandals, kitchen utensils, clothes, chickens, jewelry, grains and vegetables, furniture and the like.

Ethiopian society is very structural, and formalized by rank, age and sex—women are considered as almost nothing.

Before the fall term began, it was necessary to repair the classroom desks. Working with the hands is looked down upon by Ethiopians and especially teachers, but soon the boys became interested and were eager to help. Phil writes that it took much patience in teaching them to hammer nails and saw wood, as they had never seen this done before.

Phil's own home is constructed of stick, stone and mud walls, which are then whitewashed. It has a tin roof and red mud floors, spread on much like cement, but after a hard rain it sometimes needs to be resurfaced. In order to hasten the preparation of his meals, he purchased a gas stove to cook on, rather than use charcoal or wood as the villagers do. The people were unconvinced of its worth, especially when after 8 months, the fuel ran out.

Since Phil's the only white "ferenzi" or foreigner in the village, it has taken some time for the people to stop staring at him. Now "Mr. Phleep," as he is called, is warmly accepted and feels very much part of his community. He will complete his 25-month tour in July 1975.

Anyone wishing to send mail may address it to: Phil Steffen, c/o Post Office, Kembolcha Har-rar, Ethiopia.

CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin / Grace Bauer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Let us keep these words in mind as we observe Thanksgiving Day.

We can hear the hum of the corn dryers; the farmers have been busy with their harvest.

Our midweek church services have been changed from Thurs. evening to Wed. evening with a co-

operative effort by both the school system and the area churches.

Sis. Gloria and Bro. Wayne Laubscher have been blessed with a baby girl, Rachel Ann. Sis. Arlene and Bro. Lester Stock and Sis. Marie and Bro. Ben Laubscher are the grandparents. Sis. Sandra and Bro. Sidney Kaufmann have a baby girl, Veronica Renee; she has 2 sisters to welcome her. Sis. Aldine and Bro. Walter Kaufmann and Mr. and Mrs. Kietzman are the grandparents.

Sis. Lydia Kaufmann, age 80, passed away at her home Oct. 21. Funeral services were held Oct. 23. Survivors include her sister, Clara with whom she lived: one brother, Bro. Albert.

Our sick: Sis. Nima Knapp was a hospital patient for observation. Bro. Elmer Jacob was again a hospital medical patient, but he is home and getting along good. Bro. Adam Knapp has returned home, after having been in the hospital 7 weeks for treatments. Sis. Jean (Mrs. Francis) Knapp is a hospital medical patient. Sis. Lillie Wald-beser is a hospital surgical patient. Sis. Ida Frank is at the hospital in Ft. Wayne, where she expects to undergo surgery. Rodney, 9-year-old son of Sis. Jerry and Bro. Gary Farney, had the misfortune of falling and breaking his leg. He is in the hospital in traction. Sis. Til Hari (Mrs. Al) is a hospital patient for tests and observation.

The word is like a fountain that never runs dry. We have been blessed with visiting ministers: Bros. Robert Grimm, Charles Hemmer, Karl Westfall, Kenneth Schneider.

"I wish to extend my sincere and humble Thanks for the many acts of love and kindness shown to me during my illness, especially during mom's and my stay in Houston. Jon Anderson.

When we think of our forefathers that have passed on 74 years ago, this is history. Such was Bro. John Reeb, who served the Cissna Park church from 1890-1900. John was born in Alsace-Lorraine in the year of 1836. His parents were of the Lutheran teaching. One day a soldier came around selling Bibles. He told the soldier he wasn't satisfied. The soldier told him about a religious sect and took him to these people, which was the Apostolic Christian faith. When he heard the first sermon he said, "This is what

I want." He repented and was baptized at the age of 19. He was made minister, and later became elder. He was married to Anna Blanck. They were blessed with 6 children.

On Oct. 10, 1889 they with 5 of their children left Alsace-Lorraine to come to USA. One son came before to escape going to the army. There was a group of about 40 that accompanied them. They crossed the ocean on the ship "La Tor-raine." Some were afraid the boat would sink, and one was quoted as saying: "Oh no, Minister Reeb is with us and I know God won't let anything happen to us." They often sang the hymn on the deck, "God is Still with me." They sailed with happiness into the haven of New York. He settled on a farm near Cissna Park, across the road where our old church stood. His great-grandson, Curtis Sauder now farms this. He had a loving way with young people. He was much respected by young and old. In the year of 1893, a group of 81 repented and were baptized. We have yet one living sister among us yet that he baptized. This is Sis. Anna Beer.

He had a concern for his people; on Saturday, he would tell the hired man to unhitch his horses early, so as to be ready for the Sabbath. When he heard of anyone sick, he would go to visit. Many times he would take the widows along to visit the sick. The last year, he was not well, and many times at night he had to sit up in a chair and was found praying for his church.

CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Schrock / Arlene Banwart

We rejoice with Karen Schieber, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma, who has turned to the Lord in repentance.

We need to always remember to look up to God and not get too bogged down with our earthly cares. This was brought out in a sermon one Sunday when (Bros.) John Steiner, Oakville, and Simon Wagenbach, Tremont, visited us. Our Bible Class enjoyed the visit of Eureka and Taylor Bible classes. Bro. Joe Braker, Morton, led the group of about 80 young people in a Bible discussion Sunday afternoon.

The engagement of Bro. Fred Zimmerman, son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula, and Sis. Mary Ellen Hartter, daughter of Bro. Dan and

Sis. Dorothy, of Eureka was announced.

Welcomed was Christopher Dale, born Oct. 11, the new baby of Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary. He has two brothers, Jeff and Brad. Grandparents are Bro. Sidney and Sis. Helen Leman of Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. John Gaston.

Hospitalized were Sis. Norma Stahl and Bro. Ed Steffen Sr.

We would like to share some of the good teachings we have received: The Laodicean church is the nominal church of today and the Lord was on the outside knocking, not on the inside, as the church of Ephesus. . . Our traditions are based on God's word. When the elders meet together and lay out guidelines, they are like fences around, to keep us in line with God's word. Those enclosed are protected from those things without.

Think what comes forth from our lives. Are we a happy people? A person was brought to repentance because she saw all the happy faces in church and wanted to be happy too.

What does meekness mean? It denotes a person with a quiet spirit, teachable. . . Seek after meekness. If we're meek, God will guide us.

Bro. Lyle Steffen was born June 24, 1937 to Bro. Ed and Sis. Bena Gudeman Steffen. He has four brothers and two sisters: Bros. Duane and Ed, Congerville; Jerry, Goodfield; Eldon, Cissna Park; and Sisters Eda Mae Rocke (Eldon), Eureka, and Phyllis (Howard) Zobrist, Goodfield. He lived in the Congerville-Goodfield area till May 1973, when he went to live at the Home for the Handicapped, Morton.

"Repentance was the most important happening in my life. I was scared of an accident when riding in a car and that I wouldn't go to heaven." Lyle was baptized May 1959, with Jim Rokey.

He used to have the New Testament on records and now he has it on tapes. As I visited him, the tape was playing, "This world is not my home." The songbooks are a source of enjoyment to him, and a Tabernacle book was lying on his desk. He looks forward to church, and comes to Congerville church every Sunday. He enjoys the fellowship of young members, and

told that once a month they go and sing for someone.

He "feels sorry for people who live alone, but God is there." Lyle seems to have a good attitude toward life and always has a ready smile.

Our oldest member, Sis. Lena Schieber, very alert at the age of 94, lives in the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. She was born near Congerville to Rudolf and Ernestine Korman Engel, and had one brother and one sister. Her parents were farmers; as a girl, she did housework by the week for \$1.50. In 1903 she married John Schieber. They had six children: Bro. Victor (Morton), Bro. Carl (Danvers), Sis. Emma (Congerville), Mrs. Esther Troike (Belvidere), Bro. Harvey (Congerville), and Bro. Harold (Carlock).

When Sis. Lena was thirty years old she repented, and was baptized in the Mackinaw River with her husband, John, and Joe Zimmerman, Noah Schrock, and Rosie Guingrich.

Sis. Lena remarked that "Times were different years ago, but we had good times. There wasn't time for trips and we didn't have a car. Church was the best place — we always went there."

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

We were blessed with visiting ministers, and many good teachings for each of us were spoken. They were: Bros. Uriel Gehring, Robert Pohl, Burlington; Dale Moore—Elgin IA; Ben Fehr—Ranoke; Robert Meyer—Bluffton.

We were privileged to hear the conclusions of the conference on a tape, the evening of Sept. 29 and the rest of it on Oct. 6. We must surely feel that our beloved elders are trying with God's grace and guidance to keep our precious faith. Now we should again dedicate ourselves to be more obedient and pray more sincerely for our elders.

Announcement: Sis. Maryellen Hartter and Bro. Fred Zimmerman from Congerville. Her folks are Bro. and Sis. Dan and Dorothy Hartter, and his folks are Bro. and Sis. Orville and Lulu Zimmerman. A January wedding is planned.

Births: Michelle Renee, to Bro.

and Sis. Keith and Dorothy (Anliker) Leman, born Oct. 18. She has a brother, Chad . . . A daughter, Dawn Marie, to Bro. and Sis. Robert and Charlene (Wiegand) Schumacher, born Nov. 3. A sister and three brothers welcome.

Among the ill are: Sis. Katherine Goetzinger suffered a broken hip, was in Methodist Hospital where surgery was done and a pin was put in. She has returned to the "Home". Sis. Anna Bittner was in Methodist Hospital for tests, but has returned to the Home. Sis. Nima Zimmerman was a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital. Bro. Joe Eisenman is a patient in Eureka Hospital following a heart attack. He has been in about 4 weeks now.

O steal away softly to Jesus,
To Him let thy heart be outpoured;
Thy Father, who seeth in secret
Shall give thee a gracious reward.

MILFORD IN

Sandee Price / Sue Schieler

Visiting our congregation were (Bros.) Leroy Huber of Eureka and Robert Beer of Mansfield.

Two dear souls have been added to the fold, as Sandy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Frank Beer, and Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank of Warsaw were proved and baptized Sunday, Nov. 3.

God has worked in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, as Bro. Jesse Beer has been called to minister to our congregation. We wish him much grace and strength as he undertakes this important duty. Bro. Phillip Beer was elected to fulfill the unexpired term in Sunday School.

Sis. Laura Wuthrich has been moved to the LuAnn Nursing Home in Nappanee. Sis. Alice Beer was hospitalized, but is worshipping with us again.

Bro. and Sis. Mike Zimmerman plan on celebrating their 50th anniversary Nov. 24. Their children will honor them at a reception held in the Fellowship Hall. . . Bro. and Sis. Sam Reimschisel celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family.

MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgall

When pure and upright hearts,
By flame of love ignited,

Are by the bond of faith
 More firmly yet united,
 The light of hope beams forth,
 In radiance far and nigh,
 Invites us to partake the
 Blessings from on high.

This beautiful hymn **The Union of Hearts** was sung as we witnessed and solemnized the wedding vows of Sis. Carolyn Sauder of Minneapolis congregation and Bro. Jim Reuter. Carolyn is the daughter of Virgil and Mildred Sauder of our congregation, and Jim is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Lena Lou. We also enjoyed having Bro. Ken Lawson of Minneapolis with us for the occasion.

We want to thank Bro. Leo Moser of Lester for his visit and also for bringing Bro. Noah Schrock, of Oakville, to our congregation; mid-week services were held. It was a blessed evening, with many good teachings.

Hospital patients were Bro. Joe Feuchtenberger, who had the misfortune of breaking his ankle. . . Sis. Diane Fehr, (Lloyd) for surgery; both are out and around again. . . Jimmy Nohl, young son of Alvin Jr. and Tippy, had the misfortune of having a toy arrow hit him in the eye, while playing with a friend. He still does not know whether he will have sight in his eye, has to remain quiet for another week, which we know must be hard on a young boy. Sis. Barbara Schmidgall (Gilbert) is a surgical patient in the hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Glen and Sis. Frances Dominick in the loss of her sister, Lucille Owens, of Kiowa.

The engagement of Bro. Rich Meiss, formerly of our congregation, and Sis. Cheryl Nussbaum of Bloomington was announced. Rich is the son of Bro. Harold and Sister Ann. Cheryl is the daughter of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Tillie.

"I wish to thank all for the many cards, letters, gifts, prayers and visits while I was at the hospital and at home. We both want to thank everyone for the nice cards, gifts and letters for our 46th Anniversary, Oct. 31. Ferd and Pauline Tohm.

MORTON IL

Emma Knapp / Peggy Joos

The most important ingredient in any marriage is love, which is expressed so clearly and beautifully in I Corinthians 13. These words of

guidance were suggested, as Douglas A Tetrault (Mr. Ferrell and the late Mrs.) and Debra Marie Aberle (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Lois Bauman Aberle) were united in holy matrimony Oct. 19.

Joe and Lena Stieglitz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, with an open house and family dinner at the home of their daughter, Sis. Annette and Bro. Lawrence Tanner. They are also blessed with three grandchildren, who were present for this very special occasion.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Hilda Waibel Roth plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27. They have one daughter, Mrs. Curtis Helen Koch and two granddaughters. Since Hilda has been confined to her home, cards would be appreciated in lieu of gifts. Address is 417 Bauman St., Morton.

Who's new: Ed and Sis. Sally Fritz are the parents of a son, Philip Andrew born Oct. 17. The new baby has a brother and two sisters at home. Grandparents are Sis. Dorthy and Bro. Ed Witzig of Gridley and Sis. Martha and the late Bro. Emil Fritz.

We welcome Bro. Ken and Sis. Jackie Babin in our assembly. They have moved here from Cleveland. They attended the Rittman congregation.

Visiting Ministers: Bros. Edwin Bahler and Earl Kilgus spent a Sunday with us. We enjoyed many words of comfort and admonition.

By trials, God is shaping us for higher things. Those hospitalized were Lola Ann Kauffman, Sisters Rose Musselman, Margaret Ricketts, Sylvia Schmidgal, Lavina Kilgus, and Joanne Roecker.

"We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and relatives, for all the thoughtful expressions of kindness and sympathy shown us during the sudden death of our beloved husband and father." Sis. Edna Kahler and family. . . "I wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, fruit and prayers." Sis. Mary Roecker.

When Holman Hunt's painting **The Light of the World** was unveiled, an art critic thought he had found an error in this representation of Christ, standing in a garden at midnight, holding a lantern in one hand and knocking on a door with the other hand. "There is no handle on that door." "That is correct," replied the artist. "You see,

that is the door to the human heart; the door can only be opened from the inside."

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie Weltz / Della Witschey

"Happy" and Ann Hodel of Roanoke spent a few hours with us on Oct. 16. They had been on vacation, and saw some of the beauties of nature in the trees of Tennessee and other places.

James L. Wade of Cleveland, O., spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade in October. Fred Widmer of Rittman and Ben Weber of Wadsworth, O., visited here on October 27 and 28, also attended services at the Sardis church on the 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lord of Girard visited with the Barth families here on Nov. 2. Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Jr. and little daughters of Huntington, W. Va., visited here with his parents on November 2 and 3.

Mrs. Frank Schupbach was hospitalized for a replacement of a pacemaker in her body and is doing nicely again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg spent a brief time here on Nov. 5; they had been to Wheeling, W. Va., where she received an artificial limb, having had leg amputation in mid-May.

Mother nature has painted a beautiful picture of the colored leaves the past few weeks, but most of them are down now, while we have had but little cold weather.

Mrs. Grace Emch Calvert died in her home on Sunday, Nov. 3. She was a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Emch and was preceded in death by her husband, K. W. Calvert Sr., five brothers and four sisters. Surviving are one brother, Frank Emch of Louisville, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. J. C. (Mollie) Froelich of New Martinsville, four stepchildren.

FAIRBURY IL Joyce Huber

In addition to the promise of salvation, God lists thousands of additional promises, saying in II Cor 1:20 they are "all" for us. How wonderful, that as we have needs we can find the promise to fit our need, get knowledge of it, claim it, just as we claimed the salvation promise; "lest, a promise being left us . . . any of you should seem to come short of it."

We rejoice that Ben Bolliger has

turned to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Bro. Dan Roth and Sis. Patty Meyer of Chicago were married and took a wedding trip to Jamaica. Patty is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fred Meyer of Florida. The newlyweds will be residing at Bloomington.

Bro. Lloyd Zimmerman and Sis. Helen Vaughan were united in marriage.

Sis. Clara Steffen passed away to her eternal rest. Altho she suffered much pain, her cheerful presence is missed. Surviving are 4 brothers: Andrew, Bro. Sam, Bro. Alpha, and Bro. Ezra; 3 sisters: Sis. Lena, Sisters Lydia Bachtold and Louise Sabo.

Terry and Sharon Zimmerman were blessed with a baby, Suzanne Margaret, born Oct. 4. The new little girl has 2 brothers: Bryan and Douglas. Grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Bertha Wingeier of Alto and Bro. Lloyd Zimmerman.

Sis. Anna Huette has undergone surgery; Sis. Ruth Walter was hospitalized.

We enjoyed Visiting Minister Bro. Earl Banwart.

GOODFIELD IL Elna Grimm

Beautiful faces are they that wear
The light of a pleasant spirit there
Beautiful hands are they that do
Deeds that are noble, good and true
Beautiful feet are they that go
Swiftly to lighten another's woe.

We saw eight more "beautiful faces that wore the light of a pleasant spirit" when we looked into the eyes of our new converts . . . namely Dick and Carla Hohulin, Ron and Barb Wiegand, Cindy, Rick, Phyllis and Art Wiegand.

Dick Hohulin is the son of Bro. Eli Hohulin, Goodfield; his wife, Carla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Cherry Valley. Ron Wiegand is the son of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla Wiegand, R. R. Deer Creek; his wife, Barb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Unsicker, Mackinaw. Cindy and Rick are also children of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla. Phyllis and Art are children of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty Wiegand, R. R. Congerville. It never ceases to thrill our hearts when we can listen to these wonderful testimonies. The Lord still works in His beautiful, mysterious ways. Each

one of these eight converts had his or her own experience. We know they are just the perfect work of our Lord and Saviour . . . and oh, how He can work in a submissive soul!

You cannot hope to enjoy the harvest without laboring in the field.

A baby boy, Chadwich Raymond, was born to Roger and Trish Gerber, Eureka, on Oct. 9. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerber, Eureka, and Bro. and Sis. Elna Grimm, Goodfield . . . A baby girl, Jodee Lynette, was born to Joe and Janet Tanner, Morton on Oct. 31. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona Tanner, and Bro. and Sis. Rich and Helen Zimmerman, Roanoke.

Bro. and Sis. Harold and Carol Hohulin, Goodfield had two little boys in the hospital. Little 1-yr.-old Todd had foot surgery, and 5-yr.-old Tim pneumonia. They are both at home and doing well. One-year-old Jackie, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jim and Joy Hohulin, Morton was hospitalized for eye surgery. She, too is home, and getting along real well. Bro. Reuben (John) Streit, R. R. Deer Creek, was hospitalized very briefly after meeting with a truck accident. He escaped without serious injuries, for which we are very grateful. Sis. Katie Goetzinger, who is 93 years old, broke her hip at the A. C. Home in Eureka, where she is a resident. She had to be admitted to Proctor Hospital in Peoria for surgery. She is now back at the Home. For her age, she has made a marvelous recovery.

Visiting ministers have been . . . Bros. Edmund Kloter, Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Frederick Knapp, Congerville; Joe Kaisner, Forrest; Leroy Huber, Vernon Leman, Eureka; and Joe Braker, Morton.

Bro. and Sis. Wes and Mildred Knapp, R. R. Congerville announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Lou to Steve Baner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baner, Eureka. A spring wedding is being planned . . . Bro. and Sis. Roy and Arlene Wyss, R. R. Congerville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcia Rae to Gerry Waibel, son of Bro. and Sis. Leon and Reva Waibel, Wolcott. They are planning a January wedding . . . Ron Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen, R. R. Congerville, is engaged to Jean Scherer, daughter of Bro. and

Sis. Bob and Ruth Scherer, Roanoke. They plan to be married in June. Chuch Hinrichsen, also a son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene, is engaged to Brenda Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Moore, Mackinaw. They are planning a February wedding . . . Bro. and Sis. Chris and Vi Hohulin announce the engagement of their daughter Linda, Bloomington, Ill. to James Schmidt, Goodfield. Mr. Schmidt's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Schmidt, Wheeling. The couple is planning a July wedding.

INDIANAPOLIS IN Wayne and Judy Steffen

Take nothing for granted,
for whenever you do
The joy of enjoying
is lessened for you—
For we rob our own lives
much more than we know
When we fail to respond
or in any way show
Our thanks for the blessings
that daily are ours . . .
The warmth of the sun,
the fragrance of flowers,
The kind little deeds
so thoughtfully done . . .

May we always be thankful for the blessings God has given us, and especially for His Son who died for us.

Landscaping has begun, with the planting of many trees and shrubs around the church. We want to give special thanks to Gary Bollier, who drew up the landscaping plans, also, Jim Hoerr of Peoria, who provided the trees and shrubs, and Nick Knobloch of Bradford, who furnished the truck in transporting the trees and shrubs. We also want to thank those from Bluffton who made a special effort to come down and help.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Elmer Bucher, Francesville; Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; Carl Kipfer, Bluffton.

JUNCTION OH Henrietta Manz / Betty Manz

Oct. 6 was the wedding day for our Sis. Dorothy Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) and Bro. Gus Dietrich (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred), Silverton. Many were here for this occasion including, besides Ministering Bro. Clarence Dietrich, Silverton, our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, Bros. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, Hen-

ry Dotterer, Rittman and Eugene Fetter, Toledo. Sis. Dorothy is far from home, but we know God is in Oregon too.

John Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) has returned home from college and is employed in Paulding.

Our monthly World Relief meetings started in October. We have both an afternoon and evening meeting one day a month. We meet in the homes, and old and young gather together for a common cause.

Recently when Sis. Evelyn Manz went into her mother's bedroom (Sis. Mary Sauder) to tell her good morning and to see how she was, Mary said she was just thinking of a poem she had learned in school. She hadn't thought about it for a long time, she said, but still remembered it:

"I remember, I remember the house where I was born,
The little window where the sun came peeping in at morn;...

How different the fall of age is from the spring of youth.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Friend John Storrer, from Archbold, who passed away. He was the son of Bro. Jacob Storrer, who many of us remember as a minister in Archbold some years ago.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Libby Meyer

"Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." God has blessed us with great joy, in that our friend Brenda Tucker is repenting. We pray that she might always cling to the Lord and be blessed.

We really appreciated having Bros. Jim Ramseyer, Ben Maibach, Joe Schrock, and Lester Hartter to minister to us. One brother mentioned that he had seen a sign which said no gas today, he had to think, what if it said No grace today.

KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

Autumn is here, and as I stood and watched the strong winds pluck the leaves from the trees and send them drifting to the ground a thought came to me: Those leaves started as tiny buds in the spring and blossomed into beautiful green leaves in the summer months. They suffered heat, cold, wind, and rain, and many were

plucked from the trees early in their life before autumn ever came. Since it has come, all the leaves are starting to fall, though one never knows from which branch the next one will fall. Our life is so easily compared to those leaves. We, too, are born into this world as tender buds and grow up suffering the trials and tribulations of this life. We, as the leaves, never know when we will be plucked from this life, whether early or late... We can be so thankful that a loving God saw fit to grant us, who deserved nothing but death, victory over death through His own Son, Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for us upon a cross, that we might have a new life in Him.

Many blessings of fellowship with those of like faith were ours: On Oct. 6 we sang at the Kiowa Manor, and then gathered at the Fellowship Hall for Sunday evening singing. On the 27th, Elder Bro. Roy Farney worshipped with us and uplifted us with two beautiful messages from God's precious word. Later we returned to the church Fellowship Hall for a supper. Midweek services were also resumed this month.

Sis. Carrie Michel, Sis. Myrtle Rathegeler and Cammie Frieden, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Milicent, were hospital patients. Thankfully, they are recuperating now, Sis. Carrie at the Kiowa Manor, and Sis. Myrtle and Cammie at home.

The World Relief workers had a tiring but blessed day on the 15th when they met at Newton Kansas, to package the goods to be sent to those in need.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Emaline Schrock of Kiowa, and to the family of Lydia Gaug, of Harper, who both passed away suddenly. Ministering Bros. Ronald Nelson and Ronald Allenbach officiated at Mrs. Schrock's funeral, held here; and Ministering Bro. Raymond Roth and Elder Bro. Roy Farney officiated at Mrs. Gaug's funeral, held at the Harper Funeral Home. The following is a very beautiful poem that was read at Mrs. Gaug's funeral:

Think of
Stepping on Shore
And finding it Heaven!
Of taking hold of a Hand
And finding it God's Hand!
Of breathing a new air

Of finding it celestial air;
Of feeling invigorated
And finding it immortality;
Of passing through storm and tempest
To an unknown calm;
Of waking
And finding it Home!

LATTY OH Le Ann Laukhuf Karen Klopfenstein

Sis. Anna Stoller was laid to rest Oct. 7. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Emil, and nine children: Sis. Lillian (Bill) Eisenmann, Mrs. Roscoe (Elizabeth) Waters, Mrs. Jack (Marie) Moore and Sis. Eunice (Roger) Gerber (Latty); Sis. Lorene (Myron) Hackenjos, (Latty); Mrs. Alan (Nathalia) Getz (Eureka); Sis. Anna Lou Grimm (Earl) Princeville, Bro. Melvin and Mildred Stoller (Latty).

Hospital patients were Virginia Stoller (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy), Eric and Tony Price (Jim and Margo). All three children are home and doing well. Archie DeLong (Sis. Bena) is home recuperating from a stroke.

Bro. Orville (Bluffton) assembled with us on Oct. 6 to bring us the word. We want to thank him for his efforts. Also visiting with us was Elder Bro. Theo. Beer (Milford).

Oct. 26, Elder Bro. Joe Waibel, (Bay City) was with us to assist in putting in a new minister. With the Lord's help, Bro. Ray (Ann) Sinn was revealed to the congregation as that brother. Our prayers are with Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann, and we certainly will give them our support.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Edith Stoller wish to thank all who remembered them in prayers and with notes and kindness during Sis. Edith's back surgery. . . She is back in church with us.

LESTER IA Alice Metzger / Donna Metzger

Our cup runneth over. Among our new converts are the daughters of both Sis. Donna and myself, a first-time experience for both of us. Words are inadequate to describe this humbling, yet joyful feeling. Several young couples have turned from the world of sin in repentance. They are Diane and Dale Stickling, children of Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold and Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stickling. . . Cindy and Bob Leut-

hold, children of Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice Metzger and Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold. . . Beth (Moser) and Gary Metzger, children of Sis. Donna and Bro. Jake Metzger and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger. . . Pam and Tony Bosch, children of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bosch. . . Sandy and Ronnie Feucht, children of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Feucht. . . and Rose and Steve Knobloch, children of Bro. Gus and Sis. Florence Knobloch and Bro. and Sis. Lou Wenger, Sabetha. One partner of each couple is a niece or nephew of our beloved elder, Bro. Leo Moser and his wife Sis. Leona. All praise and honor to God, our Creator, for troubling the waters.

God has so wondrously drawn the hearts of two dear young souls together—announced was the engagement of Sis. Beth Metzger (Bro. Freddie and Sis. Esty) and Bro. Dennis Hartter (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie) Sabetha.

Several among us have had to spend some time in the hospital. Home and feeling better are Sis. Elaine Kellenberger, Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold, Bro. Howard Mogler, and Kent Metzger, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Dolores.

A precious bundle of love, Travis Roger, was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Janet Knobloch on Oct. 23. So excited to welcome him home were Thadd, Trent, Troy and Tricia. Grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch and Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Banwart, West Bend.

We are thankful to two of God's servants who found time to visit and preach the Gospel. Beautiful and inspiring messages were expounded by Bro. Harold Gramm, Morris and Elder Bro. Noah Shrock, Oakville.

MANSFIELD OH

Aaron A. Sauder

What a blessed week-end we shared, when our three converts brought their testimonies on Saturday evening and were immersed into the waters of baptism on Sun., Oct. 13. We welcome into our fellowship Sisters Brenda and Joyce Ramsier (daughters of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Oesch Ramsier) and Bro. Clair Keever (husband of Sis. Beverly Zimmer Keever). Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Joe Ramsier ministered to us on

Sunday and conducted the baptismal services.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Sis. Louise Sabo (Henry) in the death of her sister, Clara Steffen of Fairbury. Many of our congregation knew and loved Sis. Clara, as she had often visited us in the past.

Carol Enderle (Raymond) was a hospital patient. Sis. Wilma Sauder (Bob) is in the hospital in Columbus as a surgical patient.

The Vesper Choir wishes to take this opportunity to thank the entire Sardis congregation for their love and hospitality on Sunday, Oct. 20, when the choir traveled by bus to the southern part of our beautiful state and were guests of the Sardis church.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we realize how abundantly we have been blessed in the past by our loving Heavenly Father. With the poet we would raise our voices to sing:

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Holy Ghost,
Who dwell in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore,
Who is and shall survive,
Now and forevermore.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

While fear hints, There's something God will deny,
No good thing is faith's decisive reply. True to the words of this beautiful Zion's Harp hymn, we can surely attest that God has not withheld from us the cup of blessing, but has provided in abundance. Because the Lord is our Shepherd, we have everything that we need. He has led us beside the still waters and has made us sit down in green pastures. We have comfortable homes, plenty to eat, clothing to put on, and most valuable of all, we have the priceless plan of salvation and faithful brethren who are yet proclaiming it in truth. As we count our blessings during this Thanksgiving season, may our hearts be encouraged and inspired to walk closer to our Maker, who has given us richly all things to enjoy.

We are thankful that God is continuing to call souls to repentance and a newness of life in Him. Karen Baker, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf

gave her testimony of faith in Christ and was baptized on Nov. 3. We rejoice with her and with her parents, whose four children are now all a part of the covenant of grace.

Sisters Ella Cargill and Emma Ringger and Bro. Clarence Stoller were in the hospital. When our loved ones are afflicted in the body, we can nonetheless take courage in the words of the apostle, Though our outward man perish, the inward man is renewed day by day.

The joy of giving was manifest among us, when our church made a generous collection for the brethren in Rumania. The government of that land announced that these churches would again be allowed to open. May God's word have free course in that area. We were glad for this opportunity to do good, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

We appreciated the visits of four ministers: Bros. Dale Eisenman of Chicago, Everett Hari from Bloomington, Dave Wiegand from Champaign, and Jim Ringger from Bradford.

LAMONT KS

Betty Wernli

A Christian, now baptized,
To me much grace is given.
Why was this granted me?
That I with Christ am risen!
This is the holy aim;
He who does this neglect
Cannot truthfully claim,
I'm one of God's elect.

With joy unspeakable in all our hearts and in those of our converts, Barbara & David Wernli, were they baptized in the name of the blessed Trinity. As in their testimonies they did reveal the call of the Lord and His condemnation on their life of sin, they could also tell of His wondrous peace and grace. Upon this could they be buried in the watery grave, to arise to a newness of life. We surely did enjoy all those from far and near who did spend this most blessed day with us, especially the visiting ministers, Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott, Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott, (Bros.) Carl Hartman and Sam Huber of Sabetha, Raymond Roth of Kiowa, Al Langhofer of Wichita and Loren Strahm and Lloyd Kraft of Gridley.

The beautiful day of our Lord, Oct. 27, found many of our congregation in West Bend to witness the marriage of our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker to Sis. Clara Banwart. May this union ever be to God's praise and honor, as it was richly brought forth of their duties to each other, to the Lord, and His church.

Sisters Eva and Matilda Emch have changed their residence from Emporia, where they lived for many years, to Madison. We are glad to have them close to us.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathryn Olson

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High; To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night..."

Our congregation had a very meaningful sermon on charity, brought to us by Bro. Leroy Messner, Winthrop. We are thankful for the love and fellowship he and Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill. shared with us the past month.

NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

Many blessings were received on the week-end of Nov. 2 and 3, as we witnessed the testimony and baptism of Terry Virkler, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn. Bro. John Bahler (Elder) from Rockville was with us for this important occasion. Then on Sunday evening we heard the reading of the memorandum.

Hospitalized during the past two months were Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Taube, Sis. Esther Wallace Gertie Herzig, and Roy Sturtz.

OAKVILLE IA

Martha Wiegand

We welcome Sis. Ruth (Mrs. Jeff) Gerst into our fellowship. Friend Ingrid (Mrs. John) Buster is waiting the opportunity to give her testimony, which was delayed due to an accident which befell their 4-year-old son Ward. His injury was less serious than first suspected, and we are happy to report that Ward is back home with his family.

Bro. Edward and Sis. Patty Stoller are parents of a fine son, Mark Andrew, who is welcomed at home by Christina and David.

We enjoyed the visit of the West Bend Bible Class and those who

accompanied them. About thirty students were with us.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Michelle Wiegand (Bro. Al and Sis. Martha) and Bro. Craig Wagenbach (Bro. Paul and Sis. Dorothy).

PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

The congregation was invited to join Bro. Glen and Sis. Alice Baumgartner to celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Our friend, Jean Getz (Ron) has found grace to turn to the Lord in repentance. We wish Jean God's blessings and guidance in her new life for the Lord.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach are the maternal grandparents of a darling baby girl, Tonya Richelle. Tonya is the first-born of Sis. Chelly and Bro. Fred Kaiser (Morton).

I would like to thank my relatives and friends for the visits, prayers, cards, and gifts during my surgery and recuperation in Illinois and at home. Sis. Lois Elsassner.

PORTLAND OR

Judy Cremer

Men read and admire the gospel of Christ.

With its love so unailing and true—

But what do they say, and what do they think

Of the gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter to men:

Take care that the writing is true. 'Tis the only Gospel that some men will read—

That Gospel according to you.

We are being read. . . "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men;" We have this responsibility to our Lord to be His diligent followers.

Sis. Lottie Bartel has spent several weeks in Portland, and last week returned to her home in Kansas. It was a blessing having her in our congregation again. Bro. Paul Rumbold is convalescing well from his surgery, and it's a blessing to have him with us, looking so well.

May we shine brightly with His joy at Christmas. Although it seems hard-times are ahead and Christmas may not be as gay and festive for the world, let us shine

forth the glory of Him, for all the world to see. Our joy and happiness is inside our hearts.

PURDUE

Elaine Anliker / Lorene Pflederer

"... be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Thus were we forewarned about the deception that is so prominent in the world. We were glad to have Bro. Gene Bertschi of the Roanoke congregation share the word unto us on Oct. 16. As La Crosse was our host, we were also thankful to have Ministering Bros. Ed Frank and Merle Bucher with us.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We were reminded how important it is for us to be good lights wherever we are in our daily walk of life. This was the message brought to us by Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington on Oct. 30.

As the end of the year draws near, we want to wish everyone God's richest blessings throughout the coming seasons.

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers were Bros. Ben Maibach of Detroit and Al Langhofer of Wichita.

Sis. Mary (Strahm) Hartter, 88, passed away Oct. 13 at the Sabetha Community Hospital, where she had been a patient since Oct. 1. Her husband, Bro. John preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1972. She is survived by 4 daughters and 1 son: Mrs. Anna Sears, Silver Creek, Wash.; Mrs. Lorene Beck, Edgewater, Colo.; Mrs. Lydia McKinney, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Dorothy Wenger, and Johnny Hartter, Sabetha. Services were held Oct. 15 at the church, with Bros. Lester Hartter and Harvey Grimm officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Bro. Nathan Grimm is in the Lincoln General Hospital at Lincoln, Nebraska where he underwent back surgery.

The engagement was made known of Sis. Beth Metzger of Lester and Bro. Dennis Hartter of Sabetha.

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

SARDIS OH**Karen Indermuhle**

We were privileged to have the Mansfield Choir with us one Sunday. The choir, under the direction of Bro. Charles Sauder, presented a concert at the Hilltop Community Center.

The blessings were many as our congregation, community people, and a host of visiting members and friends gathered together for a special service of song. As the choir lifted their voices in sweet harmony, the Lord was given due praise, honor, and glory.

How precious is the God-given ability to sing. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the choir and Bro. Charles for the effort they put forth to come here, so that we might be blessed.

The Lord gave us this gift of song as a blessing to us and to Him. While praises and rejoicings are sent to the Lord, our faith is strengthened, our burdens lightened, and our hearts are filled with joy in the Holy Spirit.

It would be wonderful if this Thanksgiving Day and every day, as we remember our blessings, that we thank the Lord and rejoice in song. Let's thank Him for those troubles and burdens which were sent to us to strengthen our faith, and bless us.

Singing through the day, at our various jobs and earthly chores, we can show the Lord our thankfulness and impart a little joy to others round about us, too. Sing and rejoice!

BAY CITY MI**Carolyn Schamback**

God has given you his child to love;
He sent him from His home above.
He let you keep Him for awhile,
To brighten your home with a smile.

None of us knew how long he would stay,

We only knew that we could pray.
Six years, so short a time to live;
Yet each of you had learned to give.
Lee has gone now to his home above,

But you can be near him, because you love.

These words were written by one of our sisters for Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandy Wieland, as they lost their little 6-year-old Lee on Oct. 31. Lee has been sick for most of

his short life, with his share of discomfort, so we do not wish him back; yet he will certainly be missed. He surely was an instrument of God, as Bro. Joe Waibel pointed out, since all who were in contact with Lee were moved to love and compassion, and made better people for these feelings. Lee's favorite song was "Jesus Loves Me", and as the choir sang it for him again, we couldn't help but be moved to hope that some day we can join Lee and his Jesus in Heaven. Besides his parents, Lee leaves his brother, Nate; sisters, Margo and Marlise; grandparents, Bro. Henry and Sis. Marie Wieland and Bro. Emery and Sis. Margaret Molner.

We've had many in the hospitals: Sisters Leah Ramseyer, Ella Wackerle, Naomi Thomas, and Helen Meylan; Bro. Vic Knochel; and Denoris Knochel, son of Sis. Doris. Sis. Ella is still recovering from a heart attack and needs our daily prayers.

We know that God has a divine Plan for each of us, and someday we'll know and understand why He has allowed misfortune to cross our path, for only from bad times can we learn to appreciate the good.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL**Jeanie Haerr / Kayleen Heiniger**

Announcement was made on Oct. 6 of the forthcoming marriage of Bro. Dennis Kaufmann and Sis. Bonnie Hoffman. We're so thankful God has directed you into our community.

That same Sunday, baptisms were held for another young couple, Jim and Ann Kellenberger. It was humbling to hear of the events causing them to repent—talk at work of war and the end of the world, a tornado warning, friends repenting, touching sermons, fellowship with members and a hymn. Our Lord's patience was shown as He called repeatedly.

Our visiting ministers include Bros. Vernon Wettstein, Herman Kellenberger, Steve Rinkenbergr, Clarence Kachelmuss, Edmond Klotter, Elmer Bucher, Walter Anliker, Leroy Huber and Dan Koch. We remember about a year ago, when our roster of rotation ministers was dropped, many of us wondered if we would continue to receive many visits. You can see God doesn't forget; He blesses even more abundantly.

In this Thanksgiving season, my heart immediately turned to the unselfish service of our Elder Bro. Dan Koch. Although having the oversight of two churches (Tremont and Bloomington), he doesn't neglect his duties here. We are very grateful for his wise spiritual guidance and time he spends in visits, phone calls, and decision-making on our behalf.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**Janice Herrmann**

Our annual Christmas Program has been set for Dec. 10. The program will consist of singing by the ISU group and a service. All are welcome to attend.

Many from our ISU group traveled to Purdue University for their mid-week service. A blessed evening was spent.

Our Fall semester is drawing to a close. We are thankful to God for his unfailing guidance thus far.

IOWA CITY IA**April Wiegand / Twila Whipple**

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Stoller (Princeville), Joe Schrock (Congerville), and Harvey Heininger (Oakville). It means so much to see the faces of loved ones who have travelled to be with us.

We extend our best wishes to David and Beth Hall as they begin their life together. They were united in marriage on Sept. 29.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Edie Anliker, whose mother passed away on Oct. 21. How true it is that when one member suffers, the other members suffer also.

PEORIA IL**Betty Miller**

"Memorize passages from the Bible. Don't clutter your minds with useless thoughts." What a wonderful suggestion brought to us by Bro. Verdon Feldman! He and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger preached Nov. 3, as the Bremen choir was here for a blessed week-end. Bro. Art Baurer delivered some timely messages Oct. 20, when the Princeville Sunday School visited Peoria. For three weeks, Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder were in Florida.

Ninety-seven-year-old Sis. Mary Koelling passed away. Her funeral was Oct. 29. She had made her residence at the Buehler Home.

Congratulations to Rich, Bonnie, Ricky, and Matthew Hodel on the birth of Jill Marie, Sept. 25.

Feoria choir visited Toledo, Oct. 12 and 13.

Sisters Elsie Hess, Donna Ferraro, Nancy Herman, and Dorothy Hoerr were in the hospital. Sis. Mary Martin was in the infirmary at Buehler Home. Debbie Herman, daughter of Bro. Alan and Sis. Lois, broke her leg.

Sis. Donna Ferraro is the new activities director at our A. C. Home.

Bro. Rich Meiss and Sis. Cheryl Nussbaum are engaged to be married. Bro. Harlan and Sis. Maizie Thomas announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois, to Alan Boaz.

RITTMAN OH Florence Hartzler

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life! what a joy to receive these words from our dear brethren, and we especially want to thank (Bros.) Don Sauder, and Fred Knapp for the love shown thru their message.

The Lord needed another bud for his bouquet, so he chose to call little 3-year-old Tony Adkins. Our sympathy is extended to his mother, Rita; her parents, Harlan and Vivian Ramsier; and great-grandmother, Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier. About five years ago, Rita lost a little girl, two brothers and one sister in a tragic accident, and she and her parents need our prayers in this time of sorrow. **I am not skilled to understand what God hath willed, what God hath planned; I only know at His right hand is One who is my Saviour.**

The Lord has called two of our aged brothers to be with Him, as one by one our loved ones leave us. Edwin Indermuhle, age 72 was taken suddenly, even tho his health was good. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Elda; sons, Bros. Lloyd, Darrell, Galen, and Dwaine; daughter Sis. Lilas Rufener; sister, Sis. Clara Grossenbacher. Funeral was on Sunday, Nov. 3, Bro. Joe Ramsier officiating. After failing health, Noah Hilty, age 84, passed away at Brenn-Field Nursing Center. Funeral services are to be held Wed., Nov. 6. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Erma; son, Bro. Herbert; and to his 12 step-children.

A little boy, Tony Edwin was welcomed in the home of Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Joan Indermuhle, and also Chad is glad to have a brother. Sis. Elda Indermuhle and Richard and Sis. Melba Miller are grandparents. Sis. Barbara Mathys has a new grandson with the arrival of Dwight Allen, born to Blanche and Wayne McCoy. A daughter was born to Valerie and Tom Thompson, and is named Audrey Renee. Bro. Art and Sis. Janet Maibach are grandparents.

It's good to see Sis. Elizabeth Musser in church again, following her recovery from surgery. Bill Oppliger was a hospital patient, and Bro. Herman Ingold is still a patient in the Wooster hospital. Sis. Alma Curie wants to thank everyone who helped in any way during her illness, for cards, flowers, and visits. She is sincerely grateful to all.

The time of Thanksgiving is upon us, altho we should thank God every day, not just one. What are you thankful for? Is this your prayer to God: "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul; Thank you, Lord, for making me whole; Thank you, Lord, for giving to me, Thy full salvation so rich and free! Is it free? It surely is, and let's thank Him!"

TREMONT IL Lydia Rassi / Mary Jane Leuthold

John Edward Dill came to join Bro. Glen and Sis. Marilyn and family in their home. He was born Oct. 7.

We enjoyed the special blessings of (Bros.) Harold Schmidgall of Gridley and Bro. Schneider of Remington, as they ministered unto us.

Bros. Leroy Huber and Joe Braker shared the glad task with Bro. Dan Koch of proving six souls. Bros. Joe and Dan conducted baptismal services on Sunday for: Pete Aberle, Bro. Ernie and Sis. Freida; Ken Koch, Bro. Dave and Sis. Francie; Dennis Rassi, Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia; Susan Huette, Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn; Debbie Rinkenberger, Friends Ray and Cleta; and Jodi Roberts, Don and Sis. Eileen. May they grow each day anew closer and stronger in faith and grace unto our Lord.

Bro. Ed Sauder had the misfortune of falling and hurting his back. He is able to assemble with us.

WEST BEND IA Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. Raymond Anliker

The duty that was laid upon Elder Bro. Leo Moser of Lester was the uniting in marriage of Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker of Lamont and Sis. Clara Banwart on Oct. 27. Clara is the daughter of Bro. Paul and the late Sis. Elizabeth. On this blessed day, many friends and relatives were here to witness these sacred vows. Among them were Elder Paul Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa; Elder Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris; (Bros.) Carl Hartman of Sabetha, Bro. Roy Wernli of Lamont, Dale Moore of Elgin, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski.

Our congregation was blessed with services by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City.

Little three-year-old Lana Fehr, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara, who is a patient taking treatments at Rochester, Minnesota, shows much improvement.

On Nov. 2 and 3 the Oakville Bible class hosted a week-end of fellowship for our Bible Class, as well as the Bible class from Burlington, Iowa. We thank the Oakville brethren for their efforts.

CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

This month has been such an eventful one for us. On Oct. 6, Sis. Patty Meyer, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie (for many years from Chicago—now from the Ft. Lauderdale Church) and Bro. Dan Roth, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene Roth, Fairbury, made their vows of holy matrimony and were united in the Lord by Bro. Dale Eisenmann. We enjoyed sharing their lovely wedding day with them, many visitors and their families and friends.

... And Dawn Elsasser has a playmate! Crystal Marie was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Lana Elsasser Oct. 25. May she bring much joy to her parents and sister, and to her grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Lillian Elsasser, Princeville, and Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma Pflederer, Francesville.

This past Sunday (Nov. 3) we were so happy to hear the beautiful testimony of Miklos Bozzay and witness his baptism. Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Bro. Dale Eisenmann shared the responsibilities.

We appreciate the efforts of Bro. Russell Rapp, Morton, who ministered unto us Oct. 13 and Bro. Bill Gerst, Alto, who spent Wed. evening, Oct. 30 with us. One of the special blessings in our small church is the singing of the Sunday School children. Being small makes it somewhat easier to manage our group, so we sometimes have a short group of songs presented as much as once a month (this month Oct. 13). It seems to work well for the children to come into the assembly immediately following morning service to sing 3-4 songs. All different age levels appreciate the chance to sing—and the chance to listen. Both the singers, their parents (who help at home, especially with the younger ones), and the Sunday School teachers, particularly Sis. Sandy Ringger, truly provide a special joy and light with their songs.

WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner / Marcelle Dapper

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

David, a man after the heart of God, so wonderfully throughout the Psalms sings and gives thanks unto the Lord continually. David's teachings should be on our lip and tongue, as we seek by His grace to serve the Lord.

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake". Visiting ministers who proclaimed the word of God to us were (Bros.) Carl Feucht of Lester and John Dapper of Maywood. Bro. John and Sis. Julia visited at the home of their son, Bro. Ernest and family. We all enjoyed their warm love and fellowship while here.

Gary and Sharon Messner are the parents of their first baby, a daughter, Angie Lee. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine.

Jesus Christ is the only person who can bring man to God and God to man.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL

Dianne and Howie Leman

In Urbana, all our cups are overflowing with the most joyous news of all. Two of our freshmen students at U. of I. are repenting: Judy Hodel, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Marge of Roanoke and Ben

Hoerr, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr of Peoria. We wish them God's boundless mercy and grace.

Congratulations to Bro. Bill and Sis. Connie Witzig, who are now the parents of their first child, David Ryan, born Oct. 30.

We welcome Karen Schlipf Baker as our sister-in-faith. She gave her testimony and was baptized on Nov. 3 in Gridley.

Sis. Ann Walder has just returned to our congregation, after a trip to Japan.

As of Nov. 24, we will have another couple in our Urbana church. Bro. Curt Rassi and Sis. Kathy Gramm will then be united in holy matrimony. Curt is the president of our young group.

PULASKI IA

Ernestine Wuthrich
Janice Rinckenberger

Our congregation has been blessed again in another new convert, Danny Townsend, son-in-law of Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity Schietlin of Burlington. It strengthens our faith to see souls repenting, and wanting to walk with the Lord.

Bro. Noah Schrock from Oakville was with us one Sunday. We are thankful for the wonderful words of the Lord spoken unto us.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

Some of our loved ones have gone to warmer climates. Marjorie and Al Frautschi have arrived at their home in California. Lillian Levy and Ida Graff have gone to their home in Florida.

Sis. Leah Schwartz, at the age of 85, went to be with the Lord. Four brothers survive, Aaron, Samuel of here, and Henry and Jake in Florida. She was one of our faithful volunteer workers on helping to prepare mailing the Silver Lining, and helped as long as her health permitted.

There has been much rejoicing in our midst, when Susie and Beth Steiglitz made their decision to walk in the steps of the Saviour. The girls are cousins . . . also we rejoiced to have Roberta Norr Klopfenstein, wife of Dennis Klopfenstein, and Ron, son of Velma and John Bollier give their testimony and taken into the church. Bro. Lauren Stoller of the Latty congregation assisted Bro. David Bertsch on Saturday evening.

Baptisms were on Sunday.

It was a true blessing to have Bro. Noah Schrock spend the Sunday here after the Sat. Missionary meeting. Bro. Schrock is an old-time friend of the Leo congregation, and we recall some of the times when he was here when most of the traveling was done by train. Sometimes it meant getting up to catch a 4:00 train.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch remains at the Indian Village Health Center and is about the same, and Bro. Edw. Bertsch is about the same at the National Rest Home, in Fort Wayne. Bro. Jos. Conrad has had the flu, is getting better, but still very weak. Sis. Leah Conrad is doing quite well.

Ground-breaking for the Children's Home is planned for Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, with a dinner at the Fellowship Center.

PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

We have enjoyed glorious autumn weather, and the farmers have been busily gathering the harvest, which is nearly all done, with much plowing already done also. Many are the blessings for us all to enjoy.

We have been richly blessed with visiting ministers for which we are grateful. Early in October, Bro. Nathan Stoller of Bradford came to spend the day with us, and how we treasured the timely admonitions and the soft, kind invitation for the friends to surrender their lives into the Lord's will and taste of the joys of a Christian's blessings.

The following Sunday was a gloomy, rainy day, but we felt the warmth in fellowshiping with visitors from various congregations. We had no visiting ministers, but thankful for the words of inspiration from our own beloved ministers. The thought was brought out that even though it is gloomy and rainy outside, we know the sun is shining, just not penetrating through the clouds. Is it so in spiritual life—the word and love of God cannot penetrate hearts because pleasures of this world stand in the way? The advice was given to remove the gloom and shadow and let the love of God shine through.

Bros. Earl Kilgus of Remington, Henry Kilgus of Forrest and Harvey Grimm of Bern were visitors another Sunday. Meditating on James 5 was most rewarding. One can reach the heart of God through

sincere prayer. We were reminded how much power there was in prayer and advised to pray often. After services Bro. Harvey said he felt perhaps he visited us too often, and those with whom he was sneaking all felt he surely did not. He said, after all this was his home for a number of years and here attended Sunday School.

The last Sunday in October, Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria occupied the pulpit. We were told to be watchful and prayerful and we would reach a safe end. We were reminded too that man's life doesn't consist in the abundance of the things he possesses, but greater wealth is found in spiritual things, for this shall bring great gain.

Sis. Hulda Martin had a fall, in which she received a gash on her head, requiring five stitches to close the wound. Bro. Jim Plattner had a piece of his little finger torn out, when he caught it in a gear of an IBM machine and had skin graft. Kevin Wagenbach had a badly injured finger, when a pony stepped on it. Carol, the little daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Diane Streitmatter, rode her tricycle down three steps, and her teeth protruded through the skin; she had several stitches; and all this happened the same week. All are healing nicely, for which we are thankful.

Sis. Mary Leuthold has been suffering from severe back pains and has not been able to come to church for several weeks. Sis. Natalia Feucht, Bro. Daniel's wife, has been receiving tests and treatments in the hospital. Sis. Anna Roach has been convalescing nicely from hip surgery for a new hip socket. The pain has been relieved and she has worshipped with us again. Sis. Nellie Woertz puts forth effort to worship with us, and we trust she feels spiritually strengthened.

One evening Bro. Walter Herrmann visited with Bro. Will and Sis. Ida Huber before coming to church. He said Will had been too weak to pray out loud, and was so thankful for Walter's visit and short visits from others. He felt stronger again and sent his greetings to the church. Not long after this, Bro. Will became so weak he was taken to the hospital, where he is receiving treatment. Walter visited him, and he was so weak Walter could hardly understand him. When he left Will had tears in his

eyes. He has said that he is waiting for the better home.

Bros. Bob and John Wieland had a fire in a new corn bin they had just filled with 10-12,000 bushels of corn. It was equipped with a new drying system, and in some way became overheated. The corn began to burn. They were able to get about 5000 bushels out, but the auger broke and they had no way saving the rest which smoldered for several days. Despite their loss of the corn and the new bin, they were thankful they were able to save the several other bins nearby.

ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder / Mae K. Hodel

At home tis well; Then let us hasten thither,
Through pain and death on to our homeland shore . . .

Bro. Fred Siebenthal passed away at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Ellen (Steiner); two daughters, Mrs. Ruth (Lewis) Martin, and Sis. Pearl (Earl) Martin; a brother, Ben of Peoria; and two sisters, Miss Marie Siebenthal and Mrs. Elizabeth Moser. The family wishes to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness in our bereavement and loss of our loved one.

Our friends, Melvin and Marty Fischer have a little daughter, Cheryl Darlene.

Our dear friends Eddie Gerber and Elsie (David) Sauder were hospitalized. Both of them have returned home, for which we are thankful.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgal from Eureka.

Steve Bates and Diane Sauder exchanged wedding vows Oct. 26.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". . . Our friends, Robert and Ann Knepp have found grace and peace from God and will give their testimony of faith in the near future.

"We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends and ministers for your interest and care expressed in cards, gifts, visits, prayers and in help rendered in numerous ways during my stay at the Eureka Hospital and since returning home." Bro. Fred Herbst and Sis. Norene.

SILVERTON OR Mrs. Joan Dietrich

What a blessed week-end we had, when some of us were able to witness the marriage of our Bro. Gus Dietrich to Sis. Dorothy Schlatter, Junction. Both Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin) and Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) left us with many wonderful teachings. We know Sis. Dorothy will be missed by her family and friends, but we extend a warm welcome. On Oct. 20, a reception was held for them in the home of the groom's parents, with both Silvertown and Portland churches.

This time of the year we are reminded of Thanksgiving, but it seems like no matter what the season or time of the year, we have so many things to be thankful for. As we look out and see the beauties of God's colorful creation, we truly are a fortunate people.

The spring, the summer, and the fall,
And winter with the snow,
Have pictures which, to one and all,
Without a fee they show.

So much to see, so much to do,
I wonder how and why
Man ever walks a street or two
And keeps a downcast eye.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer / Eleanor Yackley

We have been blessed with unseasonably warm fall weather, which helped the farmers harvest the crops for which they worked hard and long. . . But we know that without God's blessings, this labor would be for nought. Most were blessed with a bountiful harvest.

We rejoiced with Sis. Rosemary Hoerr of our congregation and Bro. Allen Massner of Burlington, Iowa, on the announcement of their engagement. They plan to be married Dec. 1. Our loss will be Burlington's gain.

Ministering Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago) and family were here for a Sunday. We were blessed with the Bread of Life, of which we are always in need. This was their first home church after they were married. All of Margie's folks still live here or nearby, so their visits have a double purpose.

Clarence Kolthoff was at Blessing Hospital with pneumonia, but

was able to go home again.

Sarah Fayhrow passed away Oct. 14 at the age of 93 years. She was the mother of Sis. Beulah (Bert) Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa.

It seems death is no respecter of person or age, as was again experienced in our community, when three young lives were snuffed out in a truck-train accident. The driver is in critical condition, and does not yet know that his bride of three weeks was killed. These young people were all well-known to many of our young folks at church. We have been reminded by our ministers how serious and uncertain life is, and how we should prepare ourselves; none know when the Master may call.

Each of us has only one life, and it may soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last.

So we pray many may yet heed the call while they are able and be ready for that unending eternity.

Walter Stratton, father of Mike Stratton, suffered a heart attack on Nov. 3. At the time of this writing, he was in the intensive care unit of Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

VALPARAISO IN Camille and Wm. Feller

Many of us look upon this time of year as the season of thanksgiving—to be thankful for the harvest the Lord has provided, for His undying charity, His mercy, hope of His second coming. Let us exhort ourselves, brethren to the giving of thanks and supplication always, as our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Our dear Bro. George Yergler, who has been our beloved elder and has shepherded our small flock over the past twelve years, has found it on his own behalf to set aside the chores and labors of his eldership and ministry. George for better than fifty years has preached the Gospel message to many. As Bro. George has shared his Christian love and warm fellowship with us, on Oct. 20 our congregation, as a small token of our love, gave a supper in appreciation for what George through the help and inspiration of the Good Shepherd has done. (Bros.) Ed Frank (La

Crosse) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) were able to share their fellowship with us on this memorable day. Elders Bro. Wendell and Bro. Ed have been appointed to lead our flock with the help and grace of God.

On the same Sabbath we held Holy Communion to commemorate the suffering and death of our dear Lord Jesus, because of the love He has for us. With renewed courage of faith to continue fighting the good fight, love and fellowship are newly strengthened, and the soul is more intimately united with its God and Lord in observance of the Lord's Supper.

We are happy to hear that Sis. Alma Morris is out of the hospital and at home from a recent operation.

WICHITA KS Glennis Allenbach

"Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou has made summer and winter." We had our first snowfall this Monday, Nov. 4. Some of the flakes were as big as dollars. They seemed so thick and white and unexpected.

We truly enjoyed having God's word brought to us by Bro. Jim Ramseyer. He was kind enough to spend an evening with us, while at KSU on business. As I recall, he was speaking of blessings and adversities. How sometimes in our thinking we forget to include some of the important ones in our blessings. He asked the question—"Do you remember when you lost your fear of death?" I wonder how many of us, if we were asked to list our blessings, would have remembered to include this!

The Lord continues to provide us with good ministers. We were so happy to have Bro. Ronnie Allenbach, from the Kiowa Church, give his first sermon in our church. Ronnie has been a teacher; he's an example of a teacher making a good minister. They seem to have a talent of explaining the word in detail.

The churches from Kansas were well represented at Newton. Our World-Relief groups totaled 56.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Ann Marie Warner are doubly blessed. They are the maternal grandparents of twin girls—Mikki Shawn and Ricci Dawn. The parents are Don and Roianne Burns. The twins have a

sister, Soni and brother, Jerry.

Our dear Sis. Ruth Yackley has been in the hospital for her third pace-maker surgery. She is supposed to get to come home sometime this week.

Sometime ago, Bro. Henry Souder was visiting in our home and as he was leaving, he motioned to a painting I had standing on an easel and suggested for me to consider using such as this as a theme when writing for the Silver Lining.

I believe everyone is given the potential for creative talents of some kind. The Bible gives vent to this. They may not always be a visual reality, the kind that can be written down, painted or sung. Webster's dictionary says of creation: the act of making, inventing or producing. There's not many, if any, things that couldn't be put in these categories. So who's to say he doesn't have a talent! God has shared this gift of creation with us, and we should count it as blessing. Now we don't always understand the division of gifts, but we do understand they are for Christ's sake and the edification of the believer. I hesitate to put this on a personal basis, but let this be my testimony. Whatever creative talent I have, great or small, I count it a blessing. It has many times smoothed the road and lightened the load of the burdens of life. There is some connection with God that cannot be put into words, perhaps it could be called food for the soul.

A Christian can feel this in his work, in his crops, in a child, in a flower garden, in a home, a church, a song, a painting. Wouldn't the word "love" come close to saying it all? The word speaks of many gifts, but goes on to say the more excellent way is to use these with love. They must be governed by love.

I am reminded of a sad story I was told. As I recall, several of the children had gathered together in the parents home, when the mother brought out gifts that she had received over a period of time, and gave them back to the ones who had given them, saying she had no use for them, so was returning them rather than having them just put away. Could we liken this somewhat to a situation where for some reason or other our talents are left packed away, so to speak. How God

must feel when some of us say, "I have no talents". It's kind a like returning the presents. We know life can't be all harvests, happy children, flower gardens, songs and paintings. I doubt that we would live close to the Lord if it were.

I have mentioned my husband Oliver's adversities before, but again I would like to mention his courage. In weaker moments I can sense he feels he has no strength left for talents of any kind, but I know better! I know he has the talent for conducting himself as a Christian and has been a good example.

A bell is not a bell till you ring it . . .
And love is not love till you give it away.

**ALTO MI
Sue Root**

Mr. and Mrs. James Blough are the parents of a baby son, Nicholas James. The grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Elouise Blough and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCaul.

Two of Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna Steffens' daughters were hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. Michelle and Treasure are home and getting along fine.

Brenda, daughter of Sis. Virginia Schutte was hospitalized for back problems.

**BERN, KANS.
Esther & Stella Moser**

I thank Thee, dear Lord, for
flowers that bloom
And roses that bud midst the dust
and gloom —
The fields, the grain, soft winds
that blow,
A drop of rain, the scythe and
the hoe.
I thank Thee, dear Lord, for
music and song
And knowledge to choose the
right from wrong—
The cerulean sky, birds on
the wing.
I thank Thee, dear Lord, for
everything.

A I started to write my notes, the thought crossed my mind that by the time they are read Thanksgiving Day will be here. Although everyday is a day of Thanksgiving for the Christian, we take a little extra time to count our blessings and give special thanks to the Giver

of all good and perfect gifts.

Bro. Neil and Sis. Evelyn Hartter and little brother, Christopher, welcomed Jananne Marie into the family circle Oct. 16. Grandparents are Bro. Lester—Sis. Ella, Bro. Wayne—Sis. Pearl Miller (Ft. Scott).

On Oct. 8, a goodly number from our congregation went to Newton for a work-day on World Relief. All felt it well worth the effort put forth.

Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott) was our guest minister on a Sunday. The next Sunday we enjoyed a double blessing, when (Bros.) George Lambert and Max Reimschisel (Wichita) ministered to us. We were given much food for thought, and told to watch and pray.

Diann Esslinger, (Bro. Martin - Sis. Arlene) was hospitalized for tests and treatment.

**CROGHAN NY
Alice Virkler**

We surely had a blessed day together on Nov. 4, when we were privileged to gather with the Naumberg congregation. We were able to listen to the testimony of faith of Terry Virkler on Saturday evening, and then to gather on Sunday to witness the fulfillment of Jesus' teachings when we witnessed his baptism. We welcome Terry into our congregations as a dear brother-in-faith. His parents are Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn. Our Elder Bro. John Bahler was with us for this occasion. He also shared the teachings, warnings, and admonishments, administered to us through the minutes of the Conference. We thank Bro. John for his services.

We also want to thank Bro. Dale Eisenmann for the teachings he shared with us on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Bro. Ted Virkler Jr. has been able to assemble with us again, after having been hospitalized for surgery. Bro. Niles Farney is a patient, having undergone hip surgery.

Sis. Laura Virkler was called from this life at the age of 85 years on Oct. 16. She has been in failing health and has been unable to assemble with us for several years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her son Edward, Lowville, and her daughter, Mrs. George (Hor-

tense) Brown of Alexandria Bay.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Bro. Seth and Sis. Olivia Schulz and their family of our congregation and to Betty Schulz and her family in Ft. Wayne, at the time of the death of their son, husband and father.

BURLINGTON IA

Elaine Eisenmann-Edna Pohl

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts. . . But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings".

The month of October brought joy and sorrow, and that is life here on earth, but one day it will be only peace and rest for the overcomer.

Announcement was made of Bro. Allan Massner and Sis. Rosemary Hoerr of Taylor. May God bless them in their life together, and Allan's 3 motherless children.

Ministering Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka spent a Lord's Day and fed us richly with God's wonderful word. Bro. Ben Fehr from Roanoke gave us another blessed Lord's Day.

Sorrow came to the home of our Sis. Edith Anliker and Bro. Gary of Iowa City. Her mother, Mrs. Iola Danohoe passed from this life Oct. 21, at the age of 56 yrs.

We have joy in reporting the surrender to the Lord of friend, Danny Townsend of Bloomfield, Ia. Our Sept. report told of his wife's repentance, the former Lynn Scheitlin. They attend Pulaski church. The Lord reminds us we must be willing to forsake father, mother, brother, sister, and even helpmates for Him, and in the end we are blessed thereby.

**DETROIT MI
Bonnie Popp**

Father, we thank thee:
For grace to help in thought and deed,
For faith to walk, our hands
in thine,
For truth to know thy law divine."

It has been said that the art of thanksgiving is thanksgiving. Let us thank God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

We are thankful for the visit and

inspiring words of Truth of Bro. Andy Virkler. As a spark was ignited in each of our hearts, may we . . . pass it on.

We welcome as a brother in faith, Joseph Bobchek. As his words expressed a sincere desire to serve the Lord in love all his life, our prayers should rise for his continued strength to that end. . . And we also covet his prayers in our behalf. We need each other's prayers. . .

So often on the Lord's Day, I am particularly thankful for my church.

A room of quiet. . . a temple of peace
The home of faith. . . where doubtings cease
A house of comfort. . . where hope is given
A source of strength. . . to make earth heaven,
A shrine of worship. . . a place to pray—
I found all this. . . in my church today.

TUCSON AZ

Mrs. Donald Bauer
Mrs. Loren Knapp

Tucson's monsoon weather seems to be staying with us a bit longer than usual. We've had some snow in the mountain areas, and the evenings have been a bit cool. The Lord is surely providing this desert with enough rainfall to survive through next summer's heat, for which we are thankful.

Our congregation was sorry to have Bro. Glen and Sis. Sally Funk and baby Patrick leave. We wish them many blessings in their new home in Kansas. A supper was held in our fellowship hall in their honor.

We're happy to welcome John Somerhalder, who has been assembling with us since school started this fall. John is attending the University in Tucson.

We've enjoyed many rich blessings from God's word and appreciate the efforts made by all the servants. Our visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Yackley and Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

The Sunday School Class felt a warm reward, as they sang hymns of praise to the Lord in the corridors and rooms of the patients at Wilmot Medicenter. Ofttimes in our busy everyday hurrying and scurrying, we forget those who lay in

a sick bed day after day. The Lord feels the glory, when we think to give a little of our time to those less fortunate.

Sis. Martha Blessman, Harold and Eleanor Blessman have returned home after their long summer vacations. We missed them and are happy to have them back. All the visitors who have been with us from time to time help restore warm feelings through fellowship. An invitation goes to all who may be traveling through Arizona this winter.

As the seasons begin to change, we realize how quickly the year has passed and how fast the holidays are approaching. The Lord gives so many rich blessings, that we must make every day a Thanksgiving Day, and then maybe we should be thankful twice as much on this coming holiday.

FORREST II

Juanita Schneider
Kathryn Steidinger

Let us be thankful that there still is sunshine, that we still can glimpse the blue of the sky, and in our onward way, continue to look up. Let us be thankful for friends with kindly smile and cheerful words. This is a time for grateful thanksgiving!

As our forefathers of old, we too are especially thankful at this time of year, as we again gathered in our grain, and we can see that He has blessed us beyond our expectations.

Barry and Rosemary Koehl have been blessed with a baby boy, Rvan Patrick. Grandparents are Ralph and Velma Koehl and Bro. George and Sis. Alice Lehmann . . . also some great-grandparents. Sis. Sarah Koehl and Bro. Frank and Sis. Hulda Honegger. . . Bro. Lloyd and Joyce Honegger are rejoicing with the birth of Loren Peter. His sister is Bethany, and Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger are grandparents.

Our friends, Ben and Minnie (Wenger) Rinkenberger observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Their family and friends shared the happy occasion with them.

Bro. Silas and Sis. Marie Hohulin have moved to Gridley; we miss having them in our midst.

The word has been spoken by our

faithful home ministers. Each time that we are permitted to gather around His word, we are fed with the spiritual manna. It often refreshes the weary soul, as we are reminded anew of the way that leads to life eternal.

Sis. Lil Bachtold injured a knee and has had surgery. Mannie Rieger is home again, after having a cataract removed from an eye. Others who have been in the hospital are Minnie Rinkenberger, Andy Metz, Gary Brown and Sis. Emma Ifft.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Juanita Schneider have opened their home to her father, Ben Miller of Wolcott, since his dismissal from the hospital after having a leg amputated.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft intend to move to a farm near Danvers soon. We will miss them and their little family, as they intend to worship in Congerville.

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

The countdown for winter has begun. Trees stand in silence, as winds whip their leaves away. The chilly air invigorates. From time to time one hears the sweet call of the bluebirds, as they in small flocks fly by on their way to the south land. The farmers are taking advantage of every day when conditions are right, to harvest the corn crop. It appears as though the harvest will be bountiful. God has been very good to us, in giving food and raiment. May we thank Him most graciously and share with those less fortunate.

No one was ever honored for what he received; honor is the reward for what he gave.

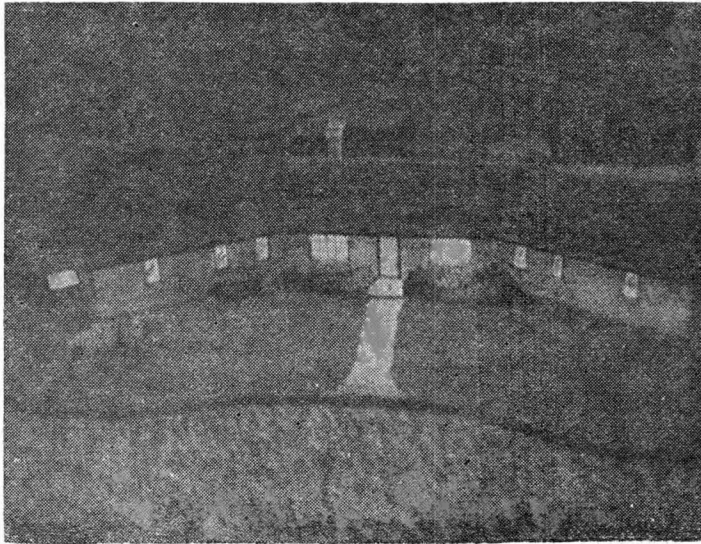
Jill Renae is the name Sis. Janet and Bro. John Schupbach chose for their daughter, born on the 20th day of October. Grandparents are the George Schupbachs and Orel Steiners of Oakville. Sis. Janet's mother, Sis. Rose came to assist in the home for a number of days. We are very happy for the Schupbachs.

Our congregation was blessed the Sunday Bro. Earl Gerber came to worship with us.

We have been enjoying and profiting from hearing the tapes which are recordings of the conference.

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

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME PROGRESS REPORT



This is a picture of the scale model of the first unit (one of the homes).

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Apostolic Christian Children's Home was held in the Leo area on Nov. 16.

Progress to date was reviewed. Grading of the roadway and hauling stone has been by volunteers from the Latty, Bradford, Francesville, Bluffton and Leo congregations. The construction of the utility building has been started, with the frame and roof up, volunteers from Remington directing the constructive efforts.

Committee members were assigned to check state requirements for carpeting, appliances, kitchen utensils, drapery and furniture, and provide information of the equipment for those who wish to contribute these items, to furnish the first two homes.

At 3:00 Sunday afternoon, Groundbreaking services were held at the site, with visitors from many congregations and the Leo community in attendance. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman gave the groundbreaking message, with a call to lift up a home for the children,

with the love and strength from our Heavenly Father guiding our every effort. Many from the committee and from those attending participated in breaking ground. Elder Bro. Loren Stoller of the Latty congregation led in the closing prayer.

We read in Galatians, chapter 6, verses 9 and 10: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Since actual construction has begun, and because there has been inquiries about finances, we of the Children's Home committee would like to let everyone know, there is an opportunity to help the less fortunate child by contributing to this work of faith, A Labor of Love.

Contributions can be sent to the Apostolic Christian Children's Home, Box 8, Leo IN 46765 . . . or to any of the children's home committee members.

ROCKVILLE CT
Carlton J. Lanz

FROM
A PROCLAMATION
By the President of the
United States of America
(Thanksgiving, 1864)

. . . Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow citizens wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the universe, and I do further recommend to my fellow citizens aforesaid, that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust, and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling-place for ourselves and our posterity throughout all generations. . .

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:
Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State

We have experienced the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Heavenly Father, throughout another year of sowing and reaping, and we know that all we have, we have received from Him.

Our honored pioneers realized this, and with a determined desire and will convinced a president that there was a need for this nation and all Americans to acknowledge the benefits that come from Almighty God the Creator. As a result of this appeal, President Lincoln agreed, and proclaimed "as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the universe," to be observed on the last Thursday in November. (Editor's note: This is when it became an established holiday.)

It is interesting to note, and we do well to remember, that our nation was founded with courage and with sure reliance upon the help of a just and powerful God. History points out that from within the Mayflower cabin on November 12, 1620, as the agreement on es-

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Write us, or tell one of the reporters.

tablishing the government was being decided, down on through the years, that all the great documents, we see a determined adherence to the principles and the teachings of the New Testament. As a matter of historical fact, America was, in general, settled by the ordinary run of poor and illiterate folks. Our land stands as monumental evidence of the ability of simple, plain people to force a great nation out of the abundant resources of a limitless wilderness —by faith and with courage.

There is no question that the life of our forefathers centered around the meeting-house, where their minds focused upon the word of God, and rose to great spiritual heights, formulating and inscribing the great documents upon whose sure basis this nation has been built and has so greatly prospered. The Psalmist writes, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

Oct. 21, a son, Dean Michael, was born to Dale and Kathleen (Niemann) Luginbuhl; this is their second son and child. Its grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Niemann and Bro. Edward and Sis. Alma (Lanz) Luginbuhl.

Because of a mishap, Sis. Laura (Edward) Zahner is wearing a cast on her right elbow and also on her left ankle. As she was walking to the store where she works, somehow she tripped, throwing her to the pavement, resulting in the fractures. She claims no pain, but the time waiting for it to mend is tedious. However, she was able to attend services on Sunday.

About 70 adults, mostly relatives, of Bro. Albert and Sis. Gladys Schneider converged on the home of Bro. Donald and Sis. Sandy Schneider to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Al and Gladys. It was a very nice occasion, with several gifts and monies presented them. Also present were Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale.

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GOLDEN HARVEST

Henry Souder Jr.

The gathering, it's wonderful! Rich joy. . . actually together. . . no end . . . radiant memories really are met again, and face to face. It is the same love. Over God's table is a glorious halo, for He is there. That will be rich, everlasting Thanksgiving indeed.

What we do with what we have tells: Something of what will be. God has shown. What is that bountifully, blessing that satisfying forever? A rich glimpse of good things to come. I tell you, when we have those gifts, that bountiful reaping. . . ummm! That will be the ultimate. . . the complete. . . the perfect best.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Clasp- ing the coin too close loses it. A stunting produces a dwarf plant. Inflation dwindles, financial founda- tions crumble. God's keeping is sure. That is beautiful! What is it? Reaping in blessing. Ah, that is rich, fragrance of everlasting preparations that tell of true holi- day merriment.

There is a happy heart in know- ing how to give. See God's way of doing things. Something we want to, even long to do. Not out of sor-

row, nor because we have to. It is a How to in His Book, one of those to a joyful personality. We want to please Him, don't we? "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

God's garments of promise keep warm and happy in even the most frigid time. In everything, at all times, with all that is needed. The goings of the happy heart mile the narrow way in the greatest joy. It hears the laughter to come. It is free from the needless worry and fret of hoarded trouble. Living actually in the promises of God. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"

You have your work. The deed does not spring forth until plant- ed. Seed is not kept in a sack, but scattered. The coin. . . smile. . . hand, word. . . the prayer, all can be of measured for eternity. What immense benefits. Then we will see beautiful fruit. We picture in promise now. We measure in faith. Radiant, colorful, happy reality is God's harvest home. How com- forting to have this written of His hand in your life: "As it is writ-

ten, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his right- eousness remaineth for ever."

We have a wonderful God. His sun shoots flames high in space and colors the sunset. His love is a rich storehouse. It warms our hearts. It makes life's sunset a dreamland of actuality. He cares about His harvest, the work of His people. In every tiny turn of the furrow, He tenderly watches . . . and knows just what to do. "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)"

Those gold promises storehoused are immense, gleaming of everlast- ing ages. Their golden love beams now, making a pilgrim happy, sing- ing all the way. Getting the right station it really amounts to. His promises come in true clarity, and everlasting color. The dial turns with the heart that is set in His promise. . . And its all true, beauti- ful and glorious. Set your set, your heart, to His station at all times. . .

"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

His is real living, and real giv- ing.