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Things To Watch

When will Jesus come? "He who testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus."

1. The end shall not come except there be a falling away. II Thessalonians 2:3 . . . 1 Timothy 4:1,2,3.

2. In the last times there shall be false prophets and false Christs. II Peter 2, 1 Timothy 6:5.

3. Ecumenical Movement—The joining together of nominal (name only) faiths (Nat'l Council of Churches), which terminates in the fall of Babylon. Revelation 18.

4. Gas and oil crisis will focus world attention to Near East, where 60% of world's oil reserves lie.

5. Birth control, forced sterilization . . . punishment for violators . . . (If population did not increase by one person and food was evenly distributed, the world could not feed itself.

6. And there shall be pestilences, famines, and earthquakes in divers places.

7. The unsatiable desire for knowledge—many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:4. ". . . then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:5 . . . "let us make us a name. . ." Genesis 11:4 . . . "they worship the work of their own hands . . ." Isaiah 2:8.

8. Violence, perversion, unbridled lust and apostasy—"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not . . . neither were thankful; . . . became vain in their imaginations . . . Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts . . ." Romans 1:21-32. "Knowing this first, that there shall come scoffers, walking after

their own lusts," II Pet. 3:3.

9. Witchcraft, palmistry, horoscopes, drug addiction—all a power of Satan to deceive and destroy. It's rise seeks to fill void left by apostasy . . . rulers with dictatorial powers will control masses by forced drug addiction. Revelation 18:22,23,24 . . . "for by thy sorceries where all nations deceived."

10. United Nations, Common Market—Prelude to One World government, which will be ruled by the beast during 7 years. Revelation 13. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark".

11. Marrying and giving in marriage—"until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Matthew 24:38,39. Readers Digest has article, quote, **Alternate to Marriage**. Any alternate to a marriage in the Lord is an abomination, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4 . . . "Art thou bound . . . ?" I Corinthians 7:27.

12. Signs in the sky, waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear. St. Luke 21:25,26 . . . (UFO. . . Are they real?)

Verse 28, — "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up . . . for your redemption draweth nigh." Verse 34,—And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day

should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and children of the day . . . Therefore . . . let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

What Would You Do?

Sunday, June 29, 1969 . . . 8:00 A. M. . . Dear Katie (formerly one of the reporters from Elgin II) . . . Greetings in the name of the Lord —May His grace and love abide with us always . . . This morning as I was reading some of the poems in the Silver Lining, I was again reminded of one particular college theme that was truly evidence of God's inspiration. . . I had an English Composition assignment, to write a theme about one of my personal convictions. As usual I was struggling late at night for the right words, when the Lord revealed the words to one of my favorite poems: If Jesus Came to Your House . . . The words flowed without hesitation, and there was no rewording, no rewriting: I simply wrote as the Lord inspired. This is one of the many times I felt God's presence during my last three years in college. Your sister-in-faith, Marie Hugh.

In the dimly lighted living room Margarita's eyes were fixed on the crackling burning logs. The cedar odor mingled with the scent of her perfumed hair. Margarita's thoughts drifted to the forgotten poem she had learned from her

Sunday School teacher, "If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two, if He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you would do." She pondered what she would do if He came to her house. If He came, Pierra will fix his favorite dish of wild rice and pheasant. Amanda will serve Him with our best silver and will use the new pink damask with white embroidery. The blue bedroom with beige carpeting will be just the room for Him. Through the east windows, He will see the sun peek over the snow-capped mountains; and through the west windows, He will see the sunset over Lake Buhna. I will keep assuring Him that serving Him in our home is joy beyond compare.

But when she saw Him coming, Margarita knew she did not want Him to see her wearing her white cocktail dress and satin slippers. Hastily she ran up the stairs to the storeroom, scrambled over mounds of boxes until she found the faded wardrobe. She pulled out the dark gingham dress she had not worn since she and her family moved to Wilshire Manor five years ago. Margarita searched through the forgotten steamer trunk and found the family Bible. She blew off the dust and tried to smooth out the wrinkled pages. Before closing the trunk, she picked up two tattered hymn books. Margarita hurried back down the stairs toward the front door. On her way she spied the Esquire, Movie World, and Playboy magazines. She stuffed them into a closet, and placed the Bible where the magazines had been. As she ran from room to room, Margarita flung the cigarettes and ash trays into a cupboard drawer, closed and locked the liquor cabinet, hid the music Joe had left last night, and awkwardly arranged the hymnbooks on the piano. She turned off the television and screamed at Amanda to wash Baby Johnie's sticky hands. Margarita hoped He did not hear her shouting.

Before answering the door chimes, Margarita stopped at the hall mirror, removed her blonde wig, wiped off some of her mascara and lipstick, and tried to smooth out the wrinkled gingham dress. Then she opened the door to let the Heavenly visitor in. Margarita could not hide her surprise and embarrassment when He called her

"Martha". She stammered as she welcomed Him into her home. After she showed Him to His room so He could rest, Margarita thoughtfully sank into the chair in front of the fireplace.

Her thoughts were about her visitor and her plans for tomorrow. If He stays a day or two, my friends will know my name is "Martha" and not "Margarita." Will He be interested in the latest stage show my husband, Bob, is directing? Will Bob think to say table grace at mealtime? What will Amanda and Pierra say when I play "Oh How I Love Jesus" on the piano? The 10:00 A.M. hair appointment, the sorority luncheon, the committee meeting, the cocktail party will have to be cancelled. I must be sure to tell our neighbors, flashy Tom and noisy Macy, not to come over tonight—The sound of Bob walking across the room woke Margarita from her dream. She sighed with great relief as she accepted the cigarette her husband offered her.

There will be real people who awaken too late . . . and find only ashes . . . How bountiful are the blessings given of God. How attractive is the gathering of the home circle . . . where love goes on forever.

WHERE FRIENDSHIP LIVES

On life's journey, we together started . . . But through changing years the group has parted . . . Silently, from me they've passed away, Like the hours of this life's fleeting day . . . They are gathering on some fairer shore, Where they enter into fadeless morning, Youth eternal now their lives adorning . . . Calling 'cross the purpled hills to me, And my spirit longs with them to be . . . Where sweet friendship lives for evermore.

How much we love to have those we care about to find eternal life. Jesus wants everyone, not one excepted to be saved . . . But if the sinner insists on his loving the unclean, what can be done? Gone forever is glory, life, peace and joy.

While the storm floods creep up, the storm blackens on widening horizons; the dance of the world continues. At last, all is o'er.

Harvest-time is just around the corner! TIME is running short. Act now. How nice to come Home, Where Friendship Flourishes Forever And Ever!

Will You Be Ready?

ALTO MI
Donna Steffen

We wish to thank (Bros.) Jim Ringger (Bradford) and Carl Feucht (Lester) for coming into our midst to minister wonderful words of life and truth.

On Wednesday evening, Aug. 14, Elder Bros. Joe Waibel (Bay City) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) came to share with us Holy Communion. It was a very heartwarming and touching experience for all. When partaking of such an holy act, the bond of love and unity is what God grants unto all. We need to be refreshed and uplifted, and God never fails to provide for us.

We welcome into our congregation a precious sister in Christ. Sis. Mardell Grusy (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie) has moved from Congerville. She is working as a physical therapist in a local nursing home. She is living with her aunt and uncle in Alto (Bro. Dave and Sis. Bertha Wingeier).

I must have God!

I couldn't walk this thorny way
With stone beneath and cloud
above,

Or meet the struggle of each
day;

Without His love.

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I must have God.

I couldn't stand the hours at
night
Or troubled day with all its length,
Or overlook what others say,
Without His strength.

I must have God!

I couldn't carry on my lips
A song of cheer, a word to ease
The aching of another's heart,
Without His peace.

LAMAR MO

Marie Marti - Gail Banwart

There shall be showers of blessing. This is the promise of love. There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Saviour above . . . Showers, showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need; mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

We have surely been blessed spiritually, as well as physically the last few weeks, as Elder Bro. Gene Marti has been with us to proclaim the holy word in its truth and purity. Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary are living in Springfield, since his job transfer. We are thankful the Lord has sent Bro. Gene to us.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our friend, Oscar Banwart. Oscar has been receiving dialysis treatments at Research Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. for the last week or so. Bro. William Stefan Sr. has been in the hospital, suffering from a series of light heart attacks. He is home again and is assembling with us, for which we are thankful.

Our dear Sis. Rosa Widmer is out of the rehabilitation center, and is staying with her daughter in Lamar. She seems to be mending well, and gets around the house with the aid of a cane only part of the time.

College students this fall include: Bro. Roy Braker (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Luetta), Becky Marti (Bro. Charles and Sis. Alice), Sis. Elaine Braker (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Luetta), Kara Marti (Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary), and Sis. Vicki Moser (Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara), who is attending ISU.

After a dry summer, the good Lord has seen fit to send an abundant amount of moisture upon the thirsty earth in our community. We surely are thankful for His goodness and mercy, as His will is always best.

KIOWA KS

Janice Frieden

"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . ."

One of our faithful servants of God's holy word on August 3 stepped down from the ministry. Bro. Eli Somerhalder, our faithful minister of the Gospel for forty years, will truly be missed by all of us. As we listened to his final service and later heard him recall events of his life in the service of the Lord, we were saddened at our loss, but uplifted in the knowledge that God will always provide for our every need if we will only follow Him one step at a time, and be a faithful servant unto life's end. And if we are, what then? This blessed promise: ". . . enter. . . into the joy of thy lord." We extend to Bro. Eli and Sis. Emma our deep love and prayers that the Lord will richly bless them in all they do.

Elder (Bros.) Roy Farney, Phoenix and Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott, were also with us on the 3rd, and brought added blessing into our midst through their words of love.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." As Bro. Tom Freed, son of Bro. Allen and Sis. Edith, Phoenix, and Sis. Kathy Neuenchwander, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Doris, Indianapolis, exchange their vows, our many prayers of love will be with them for God's blessing upon their union. Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy were announced on July 6, and plan to be married Sept. 28. We truly look forward to having them in our midst.

We are also happy to welcome Jeff Bahr into our midst. Jeff is the son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen Bahr of Gridley.

Ministering Bro. Glenn Hackenjos, Altadena, joined us for special Wednesday evening services, and brought us blessed words of inspiration from God's word.

Sis. Elizabeth Diel and Sis. Alice Tanner were hospital patients, but we are thankful that they are both able to worship with us again.

God blessed the home of David and Linda Frieden with a new little bundle of joy on the 15th. Her name is Cara Lynn, and her grandparents include Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden, Kiowa, and Mr.

and Mrs. A. E. Nichols, Enid. Great-grandparents are Bro. Jeff and Sis. Frieda Frieden, Winfield, and Mrs. Dan Daughtee, Hazelton. Sis. Lydia Farney is little Cara's great-great-grandmother.

It is time for school and college to start, and as our young people go their ways in the pathway leading to knowledge, I would like to leave with them this thought:

You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true,
Say, what is the gospel according to you?

VALPARAISO IN

Cam Feller - Marie Heinold

On July 26, Friends Stanley Moser and Virginia Blunt of Temple, Texas were united in holy matrimony. Stanley is the son of Wayne and Rosie Moser, and has fifteen months yet of army service. They are stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

We enjoy our visiting brethren and friends so much, and especially thank Ministering Bro. Ron Heiniger. The faith of our loved ones who have gone to a better home was revered. His grandmother, Lena must have been a shining example for remembering. We were impressionably reminded not to disarrange our priorities.

"For thou art my hope, O LORD God: thou art my trust from my youth."

O Holy Sprit, who with gentle
prompting
Dost comfort, chasten and impel to
prayer!
Who perfect peace and holy understanding,
Faith, hope and love from God to
me doth share,
O govern me; impress on me the
likeness
Of Jesus and the seal of brother-
hood.
O fill my heart with peace and
prayerful silence,
A holy temple of the living God.

LATTY OH

Le Ann Laukhuf

Karen Klopfenstein

Hospital patients: Sis. Sophie Sinn had the misfortune of breaking her leg in an auto accident.

Ruby Stoller was in for tests. Both are home now and getting better. Bro. Wm. Eisenmann is still confined, after having surgery.

We were privileged to hear visiting ministers, Clarence Dietrich (Silverton), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), Ken Schneider (Remington), and David Roberts (New Jersey).

Doug Laukhuf (Eli and Lola) and Joyce Bollenbacher were united in marriage on Aug. 22.

Bro. Paul and Charlotte Grant are the happy parents of Marie Ann, born Aug. 29. Scott welcomes her home.

My soul doth yearn for rest;
I seek, but fail to find it.
Naught can my heart release,
Or from sin's chain unbind it.
The law to me reveals
The volume of my sin,
But fails to give me power
A new life to begin . . .

Our new converts are Archie De-long (Sis. Bena), Dwight and Lori Stoller (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy).

PRINCEVILLE IL Ruth Ricketts

After attending the conference, our ministers told of the great love during the discussions. How thankful we are that the true love is still so evident among our believers.

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 19, prior to the conference, we enjoyed a most blessed evening. Bros. Roy Farney of Phoenix and Joe Ramsier of Rittman proclaimed God's precious word to us. The Bradford ministers were also in attendance, and all who were present were filled with the Spirit of God. A fitting passage of scripture was read in I Corinthians, especially . . . "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

We were told of so many things being brought into fulfillment of things prophesied. We are truly in the latter days, which is so evident by looking at all the evil about us. We all need each other in these evil times. The reward for the faithful is worth every denial we make.

Sunday, following the conference, we were privileged to have a number of visitors. Bros. Steffen of Alto, Clifford Grimm of West Bend, and Bob Meyer of Bluffton were our guest ministers. So many precious teachings were brought forth, and we have many memories which linger. Parents were especially advised to display love among their children, and even pray for them before they are born. Be a good light at all times and at all places.

Satan is everywhere as a roaring lion in sheep's clothing, trying to deceive even the very elect. We should ever be aware of this and walk close to the Lord. Many are called, but few chosen. Will we?

We are so thankful that Sis. Elizabeth Wieland is able to worship with us, after several weeks in the hospital following treatment and surgery. "We sincerely thank all who prayed for me, and sent cards, food, flowers, and gifts during my hospital stay and since returning home." Sis. Elizabeth Wieland.

The engagement of Roger Feucht and Lynn Szafranko was terminated in marriage on June 28. Roger is the son of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Nettie Feucht, and Lynn the daughter of Leo and Madeline Szafranko of Kewanee. Roger and Lynn are making the Feucht homestead their home. . . . On July 19, Eddie Baer, son of Otto and Eleanor, and Connie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Smith of Chillicothe, were united in marriage. After a short wedding trip, they are at home near his parents. . . . Gary Martin, son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lorraine, was married to Denise Dell, daughter of Donald and Marilyn on Aug. 23. They are back from a short trip and living in Princeville.

Our house of worship has several doors; each one opens wide and invites all to come and partake of love and spiritual food.

How wonderful it is to walk with
Jesus every day,
Allowing Him to choose the path,
and indicate the way.
How wonderful it is to know that
He will be our guide,
And understand, He'll always be
right there at our side . . .
And when the walk is ended, to
know we'll hear Him say:

Dear child, you know I promised to go with you all the way.

GIRARD OH Louisa B. Lance

Praise ye the LORD" . . . "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:" . . . We spent a blessed day on Sunday, Aug. 3, when the Ezra Beer families from Milford, who were visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch, came to worship with us. We thank Bro. Jess Beer for bringing us the holy word of God . . .

On Aug. 12, our little church was almost filled with friends and members from Akron, Rittman, Mansfield, Dayton and Indianapolis, when the Bro. John Klotzle family and mother, Sis. Helen Klotzle, from Altadena came to worship with us. Seeing Bro. John in the pulpit, and hearing his voice as he expounded God's holy word to us, brought back many happy memories from the years when his father Bro. Joe, was one of our ministering brothers. It was a glad reunion to see and visit with them again; they were spending a few days with their aunt and uncle, Bro. Carl and Sis. Freida Gasser and Sis. Marian Klotzle.

Sis. Charlotte Emch, who is living in the Windsor Nursing Home at 1515-5 Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, received injuries to her face and head when she had a fall, which required several stitches. She is 85 years of age and has been a faithful member of our congregation for many years. We miss her smiling face and her presence in the church.

Two of our members were called to their rest within one hour of time on Aug. 21 . . . Our Sis. Elizabeth Games, age 87 of Girard, passed away at 8:00 A. M.; she was born at New Martinsville, daughter of Fred and Rose Widmer Thomas. She was a member of the church for over 50 years. Her husband died in 1918, leaving her with 6 small children. She worked to support and raise her children, with the help of the Lord. She had many sorrows, and had been an invalid and blind for several years, but always kept her faith in the Lord. She leaves two sons and two daughters. . . Bro. Carl L. Emch, age 76, of 32 E. Delason Ave., Youngstown,

passed away at 8:50 A. M. He had been ill for 16 months. He was born at New Martinsville, a son of George A. and Mary A. Emch. He repented and accepted the Lord at the age of 28. Surviving are his wife, Ruth and two sons, one daughter, two stepsons, two brothers, two sisters. Funeral services for Sis. Elizabeth were held on Sat, Aug. 23, and for Bro. Carl on Mon., Aug. 25, by Bro. Harold Emch, assisted by Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Bro. Joseph Ramsier from Rittman.

CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Schrock - Mary Leman

This union of our hearts
Shall stand through grace in Jesus:
We walk the path of life,
While cheer and trust increases.

We wish God's blessings on Sis. Francis (Geiger) and Bro. Joe Schumacher. They were united in marriage on Aug. 6 by Elder Bro. Josh Broquard; Bro. Leroy Huber assisted him on this happy occasion.

Feb. 14 was the date selected by Cheryl Schieber and Kelly Bowen for their wedding. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Alice Schieber and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen of Danvers.

Grandparents for the first time are Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly Schrock. A daughter, Marti Jean, was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Cheryl Wuthrich of Morton.

Sis. Margaret Ott was hospitalized this past month and is home again. Bro. Duane Steffen is again assembling with us after a foot injury. Still confined to her home is Sis. Mary Sides. We hope she will soon be out and about.

The blessings of the Conference overflowed into Friday evening for us. We enjoyed all of our visitors and were blessed through the word this past month by Bros. Gerald Suttor (Taylor), Gary Maibach (Rittman), Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, Kansas), Ernest Graf (Akron), and John Steiner (Oakville).

Sis. Mary Sides wishes to express thanks for the beautiful cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers for her recovery. All this was greatly appreciated, especially a tape recorder and many good sermons on tape. "This all helped more than you'll know to help me pass

the long weeks while convalescing . . . and am looking forward to the time when I can be back in church."

FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

We have been filled to overflowing this past month, as we have had many visiting ministers, even from coast to coast. (Bros) John Klotzle (Altadena), Robert Beyer (Naumburg), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Lester Huber (Lexington) shared with us the living word.

Those who have been hospitalized are Bros. Fred Gutwein and Eli Anliker (heart attacks), Sis. Perseda Aeschliman (broken hip), Sarah Anliker (open leg), Sis. Evelyn Pelsy (hip surgery).

Aug 3, was the wedding day of Sis. Kristel Miller and Bro. Mark Novotny (Bro. Art and Sis. Maxine) . . . Aug. 10 was also a wedding day of Sis. Arlene Leman (Bro. Sidney and Sis. Fern) and Bro. Dave Metzger.

August 17 was the annual Sunday School Picnic at the local park. Everyone enjoyed themselves with the youth. Then on August 23, the annual Pete Party was held at church. This is when the young Sunday School classes up to fifth grade fill their piggy banks and then bring in the contents once a year for the Leprosy Colony.

Aug. 31 was promotion day for all Sunday School classes. Each class memorized something special, such as the Ten Commandments or 23rd Psalm, and then they are promoted to their new class.

As the school bells ring out again we wish those returning or entering school God's nearness and grace, and may you find Him ever at your side.

TUCSON AZ

Gloria Bauer

Time

Minutes past are minutes gone,
Part of a past eternity.
Minutes future thou hath NONE!
Their coming hath no certainty;
Minutes present are THINE own.
Be wise and use them for God alone.

As our summer season ends, we are thankful for the many blessings we have received. Although our

temperatures have been high, we have received many refreshing rains.

Many of our congregation have been gone on vacations. All have returned home safely. We thank God for his care and protection.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

Sis. Evelyn Knapp and Donna Bertsch submitted to surgery. They are both home again and improving.

The last Sunday of August, our Sunday School resumed. A Sunday School picnic was held in the park for the students and their visitors.

REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

I know I'm a sinner, and Christ is my need;
His death is my ransom; no merit I plead.
His work is sufficient; on Him I believe.
I have life eternal when Him I receive!

John and Cheryl Knobloch and Ron and Brenda Clark have turned to the Lord in repentance, and we thank God. May He grant them much grace as they strive to walk the way of the cross, which leads to Heaven. Bro. and Sis. Clarence Knobloch, Bradford, and Sis. Eleanor Steffen (Elgin) are the parents of John and Cheryl. Ron and Brenda is the daughter and son-in-law of Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus.

Bro. John Bahler, Rockville, was our visiting minister on Wednesday evening, August 27.

Several from our congregation have been hospitalized: Our friend, Art Nussbaum, had surgery and is recovering nicely. Bro. Odell Pitman and Bro. Jacob Bahler have been in for tests and observation.

On Sunday, Aug. 31, Bro. Mark Bahler and Sis. Benita Schlatter were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn Bahler, Remington, and Sis. Esther Schlatter, Junction. We wish to extend a warm welcome to Sis. Benita, as she and Bro. Mark establish their home here and worship with us.

As the fall season approaches, the college students are returning to school. From our congregation

are the following: Stephanie May to Bob Jones University . . . Jeff and Don Beckley to Ball State University . . . Lynn Clauss Hunt to Ivy Tech . . . Neal Nussbaum, Indiana State University . . . Kent Nussbaum, Brent Waibel, Eddie Bahler, Sis. Alberta Schini, Cindy Clauss and Mary Lou Clauss, to Purdue.

A little sin will add to your trouble, subtract from your energy, and multiply your difficulties.

ROANOKE IL

Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder

Best wishes to Sis. Malinda (Krantz) and Bro. Scott Leman, who were married in Morton Aug. 10.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Jean Leman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra) and Bro. Tom O'shea (John O'shea) of Chicago. They are planning an October wedding.

At the time of the conference, we had visiting ministers. Bros. John Klotzle—Altadena, Robert Beyer—Naumberg, Norbert Steiner—Crogan, Raymond Roth—Kiowa, and Robert Miller—Portland brought us the word of life. It's a wonderful blessing to know that God's word is the same from the west coast to the east coast, and from Canada to Florida.

What glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus,
To feel the faithful Shepherd's loving grace!

Sis. Rachel Sauder is the newest lamb of our flock. May God's richest blessings be hers.

We are thankful and happy to report that six more souls have been announced as having peace and the desire to be baptized. Our dear friends, Jane Plattner (Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge), Stan Descarpentire (Sis. Lois), Debbie and Kathy Leman (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rachel), Tim Stoller (Bro. Rich and Sis. Barbara), David Schwind (Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary) will be given the opportunity to give their testimonies Sept. 13, the Lord willing, and be baptized the following day.

Congratulations to Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie (Yergler) Zimmerman as they celebrate their 50th anniversary Sept. 16.

Hospitalized was Bro. Andy

Schumacher, who resides in the Eureka Apostolic Christian home.

Sis. Ida Wackerle, wife of the late Bro. Henry, of Bay City, is a new resident of the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Home. She will be glad to hear from her many friends at her new address . . . There are 50 residents in the Apostolic Christian Home. They always enjoy the young folks that come to the home and sing. They wish they would come oftener.

Edward and Christine Blunier are parents of their first daughter. She was born Aug. 16, and has been named Autumn Christine. Bro. Ed and Sis. Annabelle are paternal grandparents. Sis. Marie Blunier and Sis. Martha Martin are the paternal great-grandmothers.

"To Preserve The Love and Unity"

Bro. David Mangold was the youngest of four brothers, Joseph, Ezra, John and David, the sons of Michael and Lydia Hartman Mangold. He was born April 27, 1892, at Roanoke. They lived on a farm east of Roanoke for a few years, before moving to the house on the hill, where Dave was to live until he retired and moved to town in 1947. He was converted at the age of twenty, and baptized June 2, 1912. On Jan. 14, 1917 he married Anna Martin in the Roanoke church. Michael and Lydia, his father and mother, then moved to town, and Dave and Anna began their married life on the homeplace, one mile east of Roanoke. Their marriage was blessed with five children, Melvin, Ruth and Rovena (twins), Charles and Esther. Rovena lived only ten days.

In 1928, Dave was called upon to begin in the ministry. His father Mike, who was an elder, died in April of 1930 of pneumonia. In 1935, Dave was ordained to be elder of the Roanoke church. Through the years, he served as elder to many of the churches in Illinois. At his funeral, many people from many places mentioned they had been proved, baptized or married by him. He was called to many churches to help serve in the duties of an elder. His great concern was to preserve the love and unity among all the churches.

About 1953 his health wasn't very good, and the doctors told him he had chronic leukemia. From

then on he had periods of good health, but at times he needed quite a bit of medication, and as a result did not feel well. However, during this time he was able to travel to Europe with his wife and Bro. John and Sis. Julia Bahler to visit some churches in Switzerland and to see the place where his father was born.

He and Bro. Noah Schrock first went to Japan in 1956, where Bro. Ehnle began his work of faith; they went again in 1958, in the company of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach, with Sis. Anna accompanying him on this trip.

Perhaps one of his favorite projects was the Service Men's Letter, sent monthly during most of World War II, and this included the keeping of mailing addresses of hundreds of servicemen. In this work he was assisted by many here and also from other churches in the area. The letter was primarily a timely sermon, which was stenciled and duplicated on the mimeograph.

In the summer of 1964, he had the sad experience of watching his church burn to the ground. . . . He was very pleased, however, as the Roanoke congregation worked together, planned and built a new church. He was not privileged to see its completion, however. . . . He and his wife had gone to spend the winter in Fort Lauderdale. On Dec. 4 of 1964, he passed from this life into eternity. They had been spending their winters in Florida for several years, because he could not tolerate cold weather and would get pneumonia very easily.

We all have many precious memories of him and his good advice. He had an unwavering faith in God and strove, by God's grace, to further the work of salvation, wishing it for all mankind. His main concern was always the church, that our church remain spiritually alive and truly a church of brotherly love as spoken of in Revelation, concerning the church of Philadelphia, even until the Saviour returns.

In Memory of Our Shepherd, David Mangold

We pause to pay deep reverence
To one we loved so dear.
He was our shepherd here on
earth,
Who served for many a year.

Our thoughts go back to an earlier day,
When he took the staff in hand.
He put his hope and trust in God,
And for God's truth did stand.

As he served in the vineyard of the Lord,
He preached in the word so true,
And in his quiet, humble way
Ever sought God's will to do.

He was the shepherd of the flock;
His life was in God's plan,
To care for those whom God had called,
And brought into the inn.

As many of us received God's call
And to the cross did go,
We knew it was the Lord who died,
Because He loved us so.

We also knew God did provide
A shepherd here on earth,
And to him we were glad to go,
To learn more of God's truth. . . .

To further learn more perfectly
What God would have us do,
That we might find the blessed peace,
And live in Him anew.

Then we were taken in the fold,
After our faith was proved,
And baptized in the cleansing flood,
By a shepherd most beloved.

His great concern was for the flock,
That none might go astray,
But all who entered at the door
Might be in Heav'n some day.

He often thought of future time,
When the Lord Himself would come—
Would He find faith within the church?
Would the Master say, "Well done"?

And so through life he labored on
Toward that bright Home so fair,
Leading the many sheep and lambs
Entrusted in his care.

God had a special use for him,
And to him gave much grace
To labor among God's people here,
And to uphold the peace.

Then all too soon, his work was done,
And God did bid him come,

To rest in that bright happy land,
In God's eternal Home.

A blessed rest for one so dear,
Who bore the heat of day,
Who helped us as we took each step
Along life's pilgrim way.

—Written by a member of the
Roanoke congregation.

WICHITA KS Glenis Allenbach

In one of Bro. Ed Souder's newsletters, he told us "Watch where the action is—God's action." The following pertains to this.

I have a thrilling story to tell . . . I say thrilling because it is just that, when we can relate to a scripture and its fulfilment right here and now! This was told to me by a relative of mine, that I know . . .

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

"Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This last verse contains some of the last words Christ spoke, after his resurrection, and just before his ascension, where he tells of the signs that will follow believers.

How many times have we read a scripture and didn't understand fully its meaning, and seek no further. Then again we would read one, and truly hunger for understanding, and in God's own time, we would be given it. We may have to wait, our faith may be tested to gain this precious pearl.

I will attempt to relate this as it was told to me. This whole thing "hinges" on the line from St. Mark "They shall take up serpents" . . .

My relative tells me this began with her reading the above scripture and thinking—"Now, Lord I don't believe you actually mean to pick up a serpent, but what do you mean?" I don't recall how long, but sometime later while at work, a thought kept reoccurring . . . "I should go and have fellowship with

Aunt Gladys tonight."

Her mind would return to her work, but the thought kept returning. After several times, she felt she should heed this, so she called her aunt and said she wanted to come over and fellowship that evening. Immediately the aunt said, "Oh no, you'd better not; I have the flu." It was then the light began to dawn. This was the Lord's way of giving the understanding she had asked for. This was that she was to take up! She said she wasn't afraid of the flu and would be over later. She went with faith and did fellowship, did not take the flu, and did receive understanding.

Now it goes without saying we need strong faith to take up the serpents of life, and the serpents can be many and varied. The key to this whole thing is that she was doing the Lord's will. She did not quench the Spirit, and so through faith was given her precious pearl. I might add, the Aunt Gladys mentioned is my mother.

Received with much love is Craig Allen Langhofer, new son of Bro. Marty and Sis. Lavilla. He has one brother, Billy Joe.

We were happy to have Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson to worship with us. My husband and I were visiting the Kiowa church that day, but I am told that it was a special day for blessing from both ministry and fellowship, with Bro. Noah bringing the message. . . . We were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Raymond Roth of the Kiowa church. Bro. Raymond was especially blessed with the Spirit in his ministry that day.

In closing I would like to add the end verse from a poem . . .

So, whether in the hilltops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there;
And more than this, where'er the pathway lead,
He gives to me no helpers, broken reed,
But His own hand, sufficient for my need . . .
So where He leads me, I can safely go,
And in the best, hereafter I shall know
Why in His wisdom He has led me so.

BREMEN IN Marian Germann

One of the greatest promises of God is reflected in a song our young people sang at Youth Fellowship Day: "The battle's over and the victory's been won. Ten thousand years, and we've just begun." It's hard to believe, but the message is true, through God's grace and love, after ten thousand we will just begin our life with him for eternity.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." We here on earth rejoice also when a soul turns from sin to walk in the true path of Christ. We are very happy for Laurie Suttor, as she has turned her back on sin. Her parents are Bro. Al and Sis. Verla.

God has also blessed two young couples with the joy of their first children. Pete and Tina Wood received a beautiful baby girl, Rachel Lynn, on Aug. 22. Tina's parents are Esther and Roy Meister . . . On Aug. 27, Bro. John and Sis. Jan Schini were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Brenda Joy. Bro. Dan and Sis. Viola Schini are paternal grandparents.

We have many young people continuing their education this fall, as another school year starts: Sis. Gayle Zeltwanger and Bro. Joel Zimmer are attending Indiana University at Bloomington . . . Bro. Terry Zimmer is going to I.U., Ft. Wayne, and Ted Conrad, I.U., South Bend . . . Sis. Martha Kaehr, part time at I.U., South Bend . . . Sis. Cindy Suttor is attending Bethel College, her roommate, Sis. Jean Hemmer from Peoria. We are glad to have Jean near us and to feel real welcomed. Bro. Louis Gerber is attending Tri State, and Bro. Randy Suttor is continuing at Taylor University. Sis. Shirley Meister is attending Memorial School of Nursing.

Since God gave His all to us, shouldn't we give our all to God?

DETROIT MI Charlotte Barton

Our congregation was richly blessed, when Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski spent a week-end of fellowship and ministering with us.

Our dear Sisters Ruth Gudeman and Perseda Wieland (wife of Bro. Floyd) are again able to join us

in song and praise to our heavenly Father. We are thankful the Lord has returned them to a good measure of health, so they can assemble with us. We need and love their supporting faith. Ruth wishes to express her sincere thanks for all the love shown to her.

Again, we have had to extend the farewell greeting. Bro. Roger Saurer has moved to Toledo, where he is now employed. We know he will be a blessing to that congregation, as he has to ours.

With prayers to our Lord for His will to be done, our congregation has purchased some land, that if it be so shown, we may build a new church. We shall await our Lord's direction.

With school back in session, my young sister has been remarking: "It's a long way home from school; and I have to walk all alone. Will you please come meet me." It sounded like an easy request, but I really did not want to go, until I recalled all the times my life's journey had been shortened by a friend who came and walked with me . . . The times they shared my burdens and brought me joy by their concern and presence. When the way is long, the journey rough, and we become weary, how lovely it is to be met part way, making the steps lighter and the journey shorter. Let us always go to meet those we are able, if only part way, remembering we have a Saviour who leads us all the way.

ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

Because our summer season has practically run its course, we see seasonal changes. The roadsides and meadows are bedecked with fall flowers. Queen Anne's lace, purple asters, goldenrod and red sumac are in prominence.

Many of our songbirds have already left for their winter quarters. We miss them, primarily the bluebirds and wrens. There are a few swallows still around; a pair built their nest in our barn this summer. Writing about birds brings to mind the rare times we hear and see the cuckoo. We in this area are conscious of their whereabouts only a few times during a summer. They are about 12 inches in length, of a buff white and black color. Their short rounded wings and

long broad tails give them a silent gliding flight that often enables them to escape unnoticed. They are one of our most valuable birds, for they consume quantities of the fuzzy tent caterpillars that are so destructive.

Two of my mother's brothers and their wives celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries. They were Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Edna Brackin Gehring and Bro. and Sis. Jacob and Bertha Mogler Gehring of Elgin. There was an open house held for each. Lawrence's was hosted by their children and grandchildren, and was held on the 13th of July at their country home. Their children are; Lawrence Jr. of Davenport, Joyce Van Sichel of Phoenix, Norma of Peoria, Az., Jerry of Des Moines. Grace Meighn of Summer. Dr. Edith of Washington D. C., and Janet Uhlenbuch of Germany. They wish to extend thanks for everyone who contributed to make this event a very memorable one. . . Bro. and Sis. Jacob and Bertha Mogler Gehring observed their 50th wedding anniversary July 12. Their children, Uriel, Phyllis Massner and Eunice Willett and grandchildren hosted an open house at their farm home. They wish to extend thanks to all who helped to make it a happy occasion.

Bro. Harold Messner from Winthrop was our guest minister.

Sis. Anna Schupbach is scheduled to return to Iowa City on the 7th for surgery on a knee, due to arthritis. Work was done on one knee a few months ago which proved successful, so we are hoping that she will receive similar results for the second time.

Sis. Alta Thoman has an appointment at Schortz Hospital at Waterloo. She is such a sweet Christian person; we love her very much.

May God help us to have:

Courage to face tomorrow;
Love that is clean and pure;
Faith that clings to simple things;
Hope that is strong and sure;
Strength when the storm clouds
gather;

A heart that will soon forgive—
For this is the gold our hearts will
hold;

There are the things that live.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

FT LAUDERDALE FL**Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz**

"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? . . . Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

We were charged to work with new determination to let our light shine, to do what we can to counteract the multitude of evil forces rampant in our world today. Our mission becomes more serious every day, and not one is without a field for witnessing. No matter where we are, there is someone who might be struck by the joy and peace we radiate or by the moderation we practice. If we cannot fulfill this small mission, we will surely not be fit instruments to confront the more serious challenge which is building daily against Christianity.

We were glad to see Bro. Bob Huber able to assemble with us again. He suffered a setback following knee surgery, and has endured a slow and painful recovery.

We enjoyed the visit of (Bros.) Al Schneider and Bob Pohl. We are always thankful for the encouragement and instruction from the preaching of the word.

We were privileged to host the Sarasota Sunday School and young group one week end. Everyone enjoyed a picnic on Saturday night and the continuing fellowship on Sunday.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

So soon has summer slipped away. Harvest-time is here, answering the age-old prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Delores June Wieland, who has been a part of our family since Dec. 3, 1971, is our guest in this month's column. Her mother and father, both deceased, were Walter and Margaret Kneer Wieland from the Princeville area. Delores' two brothers, John and Robert, and sister Kay are all married and live in the surrounding area. There are six nieces and nephews which Delores loves to help care for when she goes to visit them. Along with others, Delores is transported to and from workshop at PARC in Peoria five days per week. Her eager

account of the day's activities in the evening says much about her contentment with the program. It is a pleasure to have Delores with us.

This month we acknowledge with gratefulness the Friday evening church services help by ministers, members and friends from Morton, Tremont, and Bradford.

It was a pleasure to receive the many visitors to our Home during the annual church conference week.

Our Annual Benefit Day is planned for Friday, Nov. 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., with an extension of the event to be on Sat., Nov. 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It is planned to hold the gift item, craft shop and bake sale in the new Morton Church Fellowship Hall near the Home. Pending completion of the kitchen facilities, the luncheon, which will be held on Friday only, will also be held there from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Should the kitchen not be finished, the luncheon will be held at the Home as in previous years.

As a result of the deliberations of the elder body during the week of the Conference in Peoria, direction has been received by the Board of Directors to proceed immediately with the task of obtaining a design for a proposed addition to the Home, thus permitting more exact calculations of construction costs. Final approval of such plans is scheduled for Jan. 1976. We solicit your prayers in this weighty matter.

As the autumn days shorten, do the day's dimensions really decrease? Is not the shorter day's length counterbalanced with increased beauty? So it is with life. As one season of life passes, we need not mourn the good things left behind. The next will have its share of good. Therefore, we can be comforted by enthusiastic hope and gratitude.

MAYWOOD CA**Ruth Dapper**

We are sorry to report, Sis. Eva Fuhrer had the mishap of a fall and is suffering from a broken wrist.

In July our visiting minister was Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, and in August, Bro. Sam Huber of Sabetha. We are very grateful to these ministers who come from so far and speak the precious words of truth and wisdom to us, and we

want to thank them, also for the other visitors along with the ministering brothers from the Altadena congregation, who have been so faithful and willing to share some hours of worship with us.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Ruth Dapper have moved into their new home. Their new address is 4301 San Simpeon Circle, Yorba Linda, Cal. 92686. We pray that our home will be filled with the love of God, and would welcome those of like mind and faith to visit us.

MORTON IL**Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos**

We are commencing our letter with the uniting of five happy couples. Angela Krantz (Bro. Jack and Sis. Dorthy Landes Krantz) became the bride of Tony Clark (C. H. Clark of MO. and the late Mrs. Clark) July 25. . . Sis. Melinda Krantz and Bro. Scott Leman of Roanoke gave their vows of holy matrimony and were united in the Lord Aug. 10. Parents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Ruth (Birkey) Krantz and Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen Leman of Roanoke.

Sis. Sarah Hermann and Bro. Gregg Peters repeated their vows and were united as one Aug. 17. Sara's parents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Eileen (Schock) Hermann and Gregg's are Clarence and Geraldine (Hoerr) Peters. . . Sis. Dawn Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Warren and Sis. Tillie (Koehl) Kaiser, and Bro. Roger Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spangler, solemnized their wedding vows on Aug. 24. . . Aug. 31 was the selected date for the uniting in marriage of Sis. Dianne Schmidgall and Bro. Scott Koch of Tremont. Parents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lucy (Klump) Schmidgall and Bro. Paul and Sis. Florence Koch of Tremont. They will make their new home in Tremont.

Two more precious souls have given their life to our Heavenly Father. Aug. 13, we witnessed the testimonies and baptism of Lois Hauter and Salome Carius. On Aug. 27, we welcomed a new soul, Leslie Smith, into our faith.

Our beloved Sis. Sara Streit, age 90, passed from this life on Aug. 20. Her husband, Andrew preceded her in death. Surviving are four sons, John, Robert, Wesley, Clyde, and a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Hermann.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Beth Mott welcomed their first child into their home. May little Sandra Marie, who was born Aug. 8, bring many joys to her parents. Bro. Alvin and Sis. Jerry Neukomm and Gilbert and Gladys Mott are the grandparents. . . . Marti Jean was the name chosen for the new daughter of Bro. Mark and Sis. Cheryl Wuthrich. She was born Aug. 16. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice Wuthrich and Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly Schrock.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit), Samuel Anliker (Lamont), Daniel Koch (Tremont), Eugene Bertschi and Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke), Bros. Carl Feucht (Lester), Uriel Gehring (Burlington), and Joe Aberle (Sabetha).

Our loved ones who have spent time in the hospital are: Dean Stoller, Ron Slagel, Bros. Wayne Knepp, Carl Huette, Bob Byrd, Emil Roecker, and Sisters Martha Rapp, Ily Kaiser, Anna Yentes, Rose Musselman and Ruth Strunk. Sisters Lucy Steiner & Anna Zimmerman were transferred to the Eureka Nursing Home.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Carol Neukomm and Bro. Doug Getz. They have our sincere good wishes. Carol's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Jerry Neukomm; Doug's are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Ann Getz.

PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

On Aug. 24, Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita) gave us a bounty of timely teachings from St. Luke, and left us with a thought—**Do you give enough time to the Lord?**

Bro. Ernest De Mille, who is unable to worship with us because of a heart condition, was grateful for the opportunity to partake of Holy Communion, which was served at home.

Sis. Madeline Knochel is recuperating from surgery.

. . . In His will is our Peace.

RITTMAN OHIO

Grace Gasser

What a beautiful time of year! Though the air no longer contains the excitement of early summer, yet this late season somehow holds a charm all its own. After working for a season, the earth appears to

be ready for a rest. The sights and sounds around create a mood of quietness. Fields, gardens, barns, and fruit cellars tell of a productive year. The sound of the locust throughout the warm summer afternoon seems to be announcing a change of pace, while the butterfly flits from flower to flower. The roses hang their heads, after a busy, happy summer. The trees, some still heavily laden with fruit, seem to be begging for relief from their burden. Yes, it has certainly been a beautiful season.

Only about three weeks after their wedding day, Bro. Richard and Sis. Pat Steiner were involved in an accident, when their tractor overturned, injuring both of them. How good they had taken the Lord as the third party in their marriage, for He was certainly with them. We're so thankful that He spared their lives. Bro. Richard required surgery, but is able to be at home again, where he is lovingly cared for by his wife . . . David Blough, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lorene is home, following surgery at a Cleveland hospital. David certainly experiences much love and care from his family . . . Others requiring hospitalization are Bro. Ben Bauman, Harold Beery, and Sis. Addie Grossenbacher.

We were again able to witness the miracle of rebirth, when seven souls, after having given their testimony were baptized and became members of the body of Christ. We gladly welcome as our brother and sisters: Fred and Mary Gasser, Nettie Baltic, Linda and Judy Stoller, Carolyn Stoller, and Connie Ramsier.

We bring our prayer to thee;
O Lord in mercy hear it!
And now impart to them
Rich measure of thy Spirit,
Who now have entered in
The household of Thy grace.
Keep them from Satan's yoke;
Grant them in heaven a place.

We're thankful that the call of the Lord has not ceased, and there are still others who have now turned to the Lord in repentance. They are: Tim Maibach (Bro. Alpha & Sis. Helen), David Rufener (Bro. Elton and Sis. Velma), David Steiner (Bro. John and Sis. Wilma), and Joanne Walder (Bro. Don and Sis. Martha).

The older Sunday School children had their annual picnic on Aug. 9, with Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty as guest speaker. They were reminded that if James and John would have had their request granted, to sit beside the Lord on an earthly throne, we would not hear of them today. They became well known, not by having their own way, but by submitting to the Lord's will.

Other visiting ministers this month have been: Bros. Duane Metzger, West Bend; John Steiner, Oakville; Kenneth Indermuhle, Sardis; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Arthur Gudeman, LaCrosse; Irvin Stoller, Latty; Ernest Graf, Rudolph Graf, Eugene Pamer, Akron; Wallace Ramsier, Mansfield.

The Nursing Home is now progressing nicely. The large piles of dirt which we see across the road from the church are evidence that things are happening. The footer has been poured, and the blueprints have been approved by the state, which means that work can continue in full swing.

Their first child, Eric Matthew, has arrived to gladden the home of Bro. Larry and Sis. Edith Miller.

SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier - Sandra Price

Almost everyday we're having rain in Florida, and it reminds me that someone once said, "The rain is Heaven's tears." Tears, like rain, give a cleansing to the soul, and to the earth . . . for after the rain all things are fresh and beautiful again . . .

Tears are not always of sorrow . . . sometimes they are a surge of joy that springs from the fountain of love held in our heart. This joy we feel in having ministering guests and Christian fellowship, as we did with (Bros.) Bob Pohl of Burlington, Iowa, and Floyd Wieland of Detroit, Michigan.

Our Sunday School was hosted by the Ft. Lauderdale Sunday School, and the efforts of love in hospitality will be long remembered.

We always feel the vacancy of our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and family when they return to their Detroit home, but we feel that bond of unity in thought and prayer . . .

Let us take courage, that if today we are called beneath the olive

trees, with a Calvary in view, that our tearful sowing will bring the glad harvest that we have, in faith, prayed for.

SHIODA JAPAN Willis R. Ehle

It was later than usual on that evening of August 15. The company for which I work had guests from Europe that day and I had done some interpreting for them. We had eaten supper together, I had grabbed a taxi to a nearby train station and waited for a train, which I hoped would get me to Shinjuku in time to transfer to my last train home, leaving at 9 P. M. Riding along on the train, I figured I should arrive at Shinjuku at just 9:00. . . the departure time for my train home. . . if we come in on the same platform from which my next was to depart, I will probably be able to dart across before the doors slam shut, but if my next train were to leave from another platform, there wouldn't be a chance; or would there? I prayed God would get me on that train if it was His will.

As we glided around a curve and swung into Shinjuku Station, I could see that my train was setting at a different platform, but by this time my adrenalin was flowing and I was all set to make a run for it, which I did, scurrying down one stairway, avoiding the best I could bumping into the other people. . . then galloping up the other stairway, to find my train still parked at the platform, but with the bell for final boarding no longer ringing and the doors firmly closed. I moved gingerly toward the door with the intention of influencing the doorman at the end of the train to push that button and to open those doors for me. I raised my arm and placed it on the door in front of me, while looking back at the doorman some 30 meters down the platform. . . He was looking intently toward me, wondering why the engineer did not put the train in motion. . . he saw me, hesitated, waited a moment, then pushed the button, the doors slid open and I bounded in like a school boy going out for recess. I thanked God for answering my prayer, and I thank God that I was not shut out.

Those who have not yet entered the door of the sheepfold might

well pray for grace to do so. There is no way of breaking the door down to get in there. You are at the complete mercy of the doorman, the person who pushes that button. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door . . ."

I would suggest that any sisters who feel they might be interested in coming, in two years, to Japan to teach in our kindergarten and in our English conversation school (we plan to close our elementary school in two years), they should talk with their own elder and should contact Bro. Ben Maibach now. It should be entirely voluntary, with the faith and conviction "that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

We should know several years in advance, as you cannot close down a kindergarten in Japan on the spur of the moment and maintain a reputation of integrity. We are responsible for finishing out the children enrolled for 2 years, and if we are going to quit after 2 years, we should discontinue enrolling new students for beyond that date. Certification as a teacher is preferred, but not required.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

Because of summer vacation . . . most of the neighbor children have gone to the mountains and beaches. However, we wish and pray that the children will return to our Sunday School from now on.

Our beloved Sisters Libby Meyer, Sabetha, and Sally Gramm, Gridley, Ill., arrived on Aug. 10. They need our prayer and support as language and customs are different. After their arrival, we all ate evening dinner together at the church, prepared by the Tokyo sisters. It was mentioned in the closing prayer, that we are not our own, but bought with a price, the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we are not our own, we should not try to please ourselves . . . in all things he might have the preeminence."

Akito and I enjoyed a phone call and nice visit one evening with Bro. Chris and Sis. Nettie Gerst,

Oakville, as they were visiting Japan a few days on an agricultural tour. It is always a pleasure and great blessing to meet and greet brethren from far shores. You are always welcome. Our address: 1-41-4 Nishi Tsutsujiga Oka, Chofu-shi, Tokyo Japan Zip 182. Phone number, 0424-86-9156.

Our Sister Hideko (Shimada) Kido, husband and family from the island of Kyushu could visit us one Sunday. It was a joy to see them and hear her pleasant singing voice among our brethren that day. Our assemblies are usually small enough in number that we often notice the presence or absence of one by the singing. The psalmist David instructs us to "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD", and what a privilege this is.

WINTHROP MN.

Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

The conference was a blessing to our ministering brethren and members who attended. We were exhorted how much love and concern our elder brethren have for our church. . . How that we as believers in Christ should esteem them highly for their work's sake . . . that it is their duty to warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, and be patient toward all men.

We were surprised and blessed beyond measure having ministering brethren two different weekends, (Bros.) Harvey Heiniger from Oakville and John Klotzle from Altadena.

Thanks and praise belongeth unto God for bringing to us this past month many visitors, for which we are grateful, especially to the young brothers and sisters from Eureka. As we blended our voices in evening song worship, we could feel the fullness of our faith expressed in singing unto the Lord . . . could not help but think of how it will be in heaven, when throngs of believers are gathered around God's throne singing a new song.

Before Too Late

What if I went to sleep tonight . . . And never waked again? . . . How would I look before my God . . . And to my fellowmen? . . . How could I answer for my life . . . To relatives and friends . . . As death would overtake me with . . . No

time to make amends? . . . These are the questions serious . . . I all too seldom ask . . . As carelessly from day to day . . . I go about my task . . . I only think of life in terms of income and expense . . . Without regard to any sin . . . And to its consequences . . . Oh let me kneel before my God . . . And say this prayer tonight . . . Forgive me for my failures, Lord . . . And help me see the light.

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

Search out in me all hidden sin,
And may Thy purity within
So cleanse my life, that it may be
A temple, wholly fit for Thee.

We are so thankful that we have those in our congregation who have turned their backs to the world and are seeking their salvation. May the above lines be their sincere prayer, and we trust soon they will have God's blessed peace in their hearts.

Sis. Priscilla Anker has returned to her home following surgery and is recovering nicely. I visited her this afternoon, and she asked me to express her thanks for all the kindness shown her during her hospital stay . . . Ben Miller has been hospitalized also, for tests and treatment.

Bro. Walter Stoller had the misfortune of falling from a roof, where he was doing some painting, and suffered a crushed vertebrae. We were glad and thankful to see him again in the assembly and that his injuries were not more severe.

We are also thankful for God's protection over our Bro. Nathan Lehman, when he was spared from injury in his auto accident.

AKRON OH

Linda Pamer

We are thankful that these brothers were willing to come and minister to us from God's word: Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger (Pulaski), John Klotzle (Altadena), Ben Stavenik (Mansfield), and Joe Ramsier and Gary Maibach (Rittman).

Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Graf have moved to a new home. Their new address is 3227 Rohrer Rd., Wadsworth OH 44281.

Bro. Paul Pamer was hospitalized for surgery and is home again. The Lord has blessed Sis. Anna

Hanla with sufficient health and strength to come to church again. Praise be to His name!

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

July and August has been real busy months. Sis. Lucy Norman's husband was baptized. We are happy to welcome Bro. Cecil into our fellowship. We have been blest with many visitors. (Bros.) Wendell Gudeman and David Bertsch . . . helped in our meeting. We have five dear souls repenting. We also had visitors from Mississippi, Bro. Roger Bachtold and family . . . And we would like to invite anyone down this way to stop by and worship with us.

Bro. and Sis. Buddy Lynn has a baby boy. This is their first child. He should have a good start in life, with both parents Christians. Frank and Alma Haggermakers are the grandparents . . . Sis. Alma has been in the hospital again, but is home doing a little better . . . Winford Kelly has been in the hospital and had back surgery. . . Sis. Anis Perry is real sick at her home.

Gary Vibbert was home for 27 days and is now stationed in Germany. Time really goes by fast . . . another summer almost over, and time to see the children off to school again.

BERN KS

Esther and Stella Moser

Last month we welcomed two little joy bundles. Aug. 16, Gail Marie arrived to join Sherri, Staci and Mandi in the home of Bro. Stephen and Sis. Lois Hartter. Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella are the paternal grandparents . . . Aug. 19, Kristen Kay joined the family of Bro. John and Sis. Connie and little sister, Natalie Lehman. Bro. Edw-Sis. Leola, and Bro. Wayne-Sis. Pearl Miller, Ft. Scott are her grandparents.

After a short recess, the little folks are happy to have Sunday School again. Bro. Galen Rokey was elected as teacher; Bro. Lee Plattner was chosen to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Terry Farney. He will also serve as superintendent. Other teachers are, Bros. Morris Rokey and Darrel Stoller, Sisters Helen Meyer (new), Janice Lehman and Gloria Stoller . . . At the same time, Bro. Roy Rokey was re-elected trustee for the A. C.

Home, along with Bro. Alvin Strahm.

(Bros.) Carl Kinsinger, Altadena, Carl Hartman, Sabetha were our visiting ministers.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Mildred Strahm have moved from the farm to 1412 Harrison, Sabetha. Their son, Elwin has taken over farming operations.

Sis. Emily Strahm Lortscher, age 92, passed away on Aug. 25 at the A. C. Home, where she was a resident for several years. In 1929, she was married to Gottfried Lortscher. He passed away in 1941. Among her survivors are two stepchildren; four brothers, Bros. Aaron and Ephraim—Bern, Bro. Paul—Sabetha and Fred Strahm—Ladysmith, Wisconsin; three sisters, Esther Hess — Englewood Colo., Anna Clark—Lewellen Nebr., Leah Edelman—Sabetha. Our ministers conducted services Aug. 27.

FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

We enjoyed visiting ministers who gave us inspiring messages recently: (Bros.) John Bahler of Connecticut, Hartzel Kaisner of Detroit, and Joe Kaisner of Forest.

Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman's son, Ron, was married to Carolyn Scroggin Aug. 2.

Bro. Paul Ashby has become an usher.

Bro. Ben Nussbaum and Sis. Edith Huette have been hospitalized.

In Memory of Kenneth Furrer

Who Passed Away Sept. 4, 1970

Memories are like the fragrance
When the rose itself is gone;
Memories live on in words and
thoughts,

Treasures that linger on and on;
We've never lost the one we loved,
For even thought he's gone above,
Pleasant memories of all the happiness we knew

Will always remain in our hearts,
fond and true.

Louise, Julie, and Sam

BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Elaine Eisenmann

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle spent two days with us Aug. 14 and 15, including Wed. evening service. They went on to the conference. . .

The following Wed. evening, (Bros.) Roy Farney and LeRoy Messner gave us inspiring messages . . . a full house, and a precious foretaste of a better time to come.

So little we can do . . . When God has called a loved one home . . . Who means so much to us . . . When smiling eyes are closed in sleep . . . According to God's will . . . And that dear voice we loved to hear . . . Has suddenly grown still . . . The August issue carried a thank you note from our sister and in faith, Sis. Ruth Nicholas Swanson. She now has gone to her rest, from pain and trails here below. Her family, sisters and brothers thank all for their kindness and sympathy.

Burlington was asked to report somewhat on Zapata, Texas, where our members have been spending some winter days. The small town has a population of 600 normally, but swells to a 1,000 or over during winter months. Located 50 miles south of Laredo, Texas, along the Mexican border on the Rio Grande River, a small building is rented nearby . . . and the large and long Falcon Lake, many summer cottages in the area, plus the areas filled with campers and trailers by January.

A drier place . . . mostly cactus and desert shrubs. Some residents grow their own oranges and grapefruit. There are small Mexican towns along the border of the Rio Grande. Visitors shop for gifts and souvenirs, including Nueva (New) Laredo, which is directly across from Laredo, Texas.

All look forward to the Lord's Day and the fellowship (coming from various states). A farewell song was sung for Bro. Ben Wagler and Sister Esther, as they left for Zapata. They found the area 8 years ago through an advertisement, when the town was barely known. It grows each year with visitors. A phone directory in the town gives Bro. Herman Kellenberger's phone number, also Ben Wagler and others.

FORREST IL

Kathryn Steidinger
Beverly Eisenmann

Ministering Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington) and Loren Strahm (Gridley Ks.) fed us spiritually on separate Wed. evenings. Even

though we had many visiting ministers the Sunday after the conference, each one brought us the same message. They were Bros. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Merril Laukhuf (Latty), (Elder) Sam Anliker (Lamont), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), and Merle Kaisner, Art Bahler, and Duane Kilgus, all from Fairbury. It is a precious privilege we have, to meet and greet brethren from a distance and enjoy this Christian fellowship.

We experienced a blessed weekend Aug. 30 and 31, when Gary and Jane Brown (daughter and son-in-law of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Eleanor Honegger) were added to the fold of Christ. Elder Bro. Josh Broquard came to help Bro. Perry in this work.

Sis. Pauline Wiegand and Paul Koehl have spent some time in the hospital . . . The little son of Robert and Sis. Elaine Mueller, who was born prematurely, remains in the hospital . . . Bro. Albert Wenger submitted to open heart surgery on Aug. 26, and is now looking forward to returning to his home soon . . . "My sincere thanks to all for cards, gifts, words of encouragement, visits, and most of all for prayers for me and my family before, during, and after my major surgery . . . also want to thank those who did so much for my family while I was in the hospital." Albert Wenger.

Jeremy Masters (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) had a fall, resulting in a broken bone in his foot.

We've had two engagements announced. Paul Zimmerman (Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy) and Loretta Huette (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Edith) are planning a spring wedding . . . Bro. Jim Schneider of Rockville and Sis. Sandra Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther), a late fall wedding.

GOODFIELD IL

Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

We rejoice with Steve and Donna Lou (Knapp) Baner, who have confessed peace with God, and have been announced to be proved and baptized in the near future. How wonderful are the works of the Lord!

James David, born Aug. 19, is the new son of Larry and Karen Wheeler; grandparents are the Paul Wheelers of Washburn, Ill.,

and Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman, Goodfield.

Bro. and Sis. Doug and Merna Schwenk have a baby girl, Amanda Michelle, born Aug. 22. Bro. and Sis. Herb and Ida Schwenk, Peoria, and Bro. and Sis. Ira and Carolyn Rokey are the grandparents. Sis. Rosa Wiegand of the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka is the great-grandmother.

It was good to hear Bros. Everett Hari, Bloomington, and Vernon Leman, Eureka, who were our visiting ministers.

A smile takes only a moment, but its memory can last forever.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Landes

If we all said a prayer for each other every day,
What a wonderful world this would be.

I would ask God to bless you and keep you every day,
Knowing you'd say the same prayer for me.

Brethren, we need each others prayers. Pray that we will walk close to the Lord and that our lives will be a blessing to Him. Pray that our fellowship with the Spirit will be so intimate that Jesus will radiate from our lives, drawing others to the Lord. How important it is for us to pray for unconverted family members and friends. Bro. Wendell Gudeman referred to unconverted loved ones by saying, "You can't give God to them, but you can give them to God." Praise God for the power in prayer. ". . . pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We want to thank Bros. Bob Walter and Al Aberle for bringing us God's word during the last two weeks of summer school. Freshman Welcome was held Aug. 28, the first Bible Study for the 1975-76 school year. Many new students and parents attended. Wendell Gudeman gave the message, encouraging us to take advantage of the opportunities God gives us. The Joyful Messengers praised the Lord with many beautiful songs.

On Oct. 4 and 5, College Weekend will be held at I.S.U. All college-

age members and friends are invited.

JUNCTION OH Gwen Manz - Betty Manz

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale have returned to their winter home in Florida. We were sorry to see them leave our congregation again.

We were blessed with many visitors. A number of young members from Princeville and Bradford were here to worship with us. Visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Stoller (Princeville), Bob Walder (Congerville), Irvin Stoller (Latty) and Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis). Bro. Delbert mentioned how uplifting it is when we can recognize our brethren, in faith, when we go from one congregation to another, but how sad when we are unable to see that someone is converted, and therefore miss the opportunity to greet him in the Lord.

On Aug. 31, Sis. Benita Schlatter (Sis. Esther) and Bro. Mark Bahler (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn) of Remington were united in marriage. With us that day were our Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Ministering Bros. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott), Earl Kilgus and Ken Schneider (Remington), Eugene Fetter (Toledo) and Henry Dotterer (Rittman). We will surely miss Sis. Benita and we wish them the Lord's blessings.

On Sept. 2, Marvin Kenneth was born to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Gwen Manz. Grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose (Thomas) Steiner, Oakville, and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn (Sauder) Manz.

Sis. Louise (Dreyer) Manz is a hospital patient (medical).

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb . . . And I John saw these things, and heard them."

A ministering brother was inspired by God to read the first chapter of Genesis and last chapter of Revelation and how they are in accordance. Between the ages, much has taken place; God gave His Son to die on the Cross, shed His blood for our sins. We have this way of redemption by repent-

ing. Satan is cunning and tries to overtake the world, but this will be brought to an end by our coming Lord. God instructs His children, if their life be white as snow, we shall be with the Lord in eternal bliss.

A precious bundle of joy, baby boy Braden Scott, was born Aug. 4 to Bro. Andy and Sis. Diane Moser. Welcoming his new brother is Brandon. Grandparents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona Bucher and Bro. Roger Moser (Oakville).

A dear faithful pilgrim, Sis. Lena Nuest, has gone to rest in the Lord. She has not been able to assemble with us for over a year, but was able to be about her home. She became very ill, was taken to the hospital, and passed away one day later. Sis. Lena (Enz) Nuest, age 91, was born in Cissna Park March 5, 1884. She has lived in this area for 58 years. She was married to John Nuest, who passed away in 1943. Survivors include four daughters, Sis.'s Irene, Pearl and Lucille, and Viola DeHaven; three sons, Henry and Bros. Gilbert and Lester; three sisters, Emma Sutton, Mary Aldridge and Mrs. Leslie Rardin; a brother, Fred Enz.

A number attended the wedding of Bro. Steve Nuest and Sis. Connie Zeltwanger. Their first home will be in St. Paul, where Connie will be finishing her last year in nurse's training.

God never makes us conscious of our weakness except to give us of His strength — Bro. Elmer Heiniger spent four days in the hospital, and then was taken by private plane to Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., to get further treatment for his illness. He is improved.

After a month of vacation, our Sunday School will resume Sept. 7. The new teachers will be Bros. Roland Meiss and Andy Moser . . . and Tom Frank, substitute.

LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

We have again been blessed with visiting brethren who proclaimed God's precious word unto us. They were (Bros.) Harvey Grimm, Bern, and Vernon Schwab, Wolcott.

We are happy to report that Bro. Roy Wernli is recuperating very well since his accident, and has returned to proclaim God's word unto us.

As there is joy in heaven when

a sinner turns his heart to God, so is the joy in our congregation that two dear souls have seen the need to submit their lives to God. Our friends, Jeff and Debbie Frieden have given their hearts, and we pray they will be granted much grace to forsake all this present evil world has to offer and to walk the narrow path that leads to everlasting life.

When we stop and consider what eternity will be, it makes us want to try all the more to live a life more dedicated to God.

Our friend, Martha Hughes, met with misfortune when she fell and broke her hip. She is a patient in St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

MILFORD IN

Nettie Haab - Linda Beer

We live in a busy, fast-moving world. The quiet moments we have to let God speak and direct us are very few. Satan robs the Christian and wants to keep us so busy we cannot find a quiet time to stop and listen to God. . . "Be still, and know that I am God".

Teach me how to listen, Lord,
For guidance what to say,
At times to just keep silent,
Or only trust and pray.

Teach me how to listen, Lord,
In times of stress and strain,
To trust Thee more implicitly,
My faith in Thee remain.

Teach me how to listen, Lord,
That I may sincerely be
In mind and heart and will
In constant touch with Thee.

Sis. Inez Brooks has been hospitalized for several weeks and undergone surgery. She will need treatment for quite some time yet.

Ruth Martin, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy, was united in marriage to Pete Blaettner, Aug. 23 at the Fellowship Hall. They will reside in Ft. Wayne.

Youth Fellowship Day was held Aug. 24 at the Camp Mack facility near here. The theme was **As You Sow So Shall You Reap**. One of our ministers expressed, many young people came for this Fellowship day, which was without social activities, but filled with spiritual activities. Our prayer is that they will continue to desire to learn of God's ways and find grace to live

in the ways of the Lord.

Wed. evening, Sept. 3, we were guests of the Bremen congregation for a Singpiration, which was a blessing to our hearts. "...singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord". Singing is such an easy way to praise our Lord!

Bro. Theo. and Sis. Naoma Beer will be observing their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 25. Their children will hold an open house at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall in Milford on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, in order that their friends and relatives may join with them in celebration of this event.

MORRIS MN

**Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgall**

We enjoyed the visits and received many blessings and teachings of God's word, brought to us by Ministering Bros. Noah Gerber, West Bend; Loren Strahm, Gridley Ks; Homer Reineck, Toledo; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Noah Miller, Minneapolis; and Gene Metzger, Lester.

The children of Bro. Alphai and Sis. Pearl Moser hosted an open house reception at the Fellowship Center for their 25th Anniversary. . . . "Our hearts are overflowing with thanks for the many cards, gifts and remembrances, on our Silver Anniversary, also for the beautiful quilt." Your least Bro. and Sis. Pearl and Alphai Moser.

The wedding of Bro. Steve Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera) of La-Crosse and Sis. Connie Zeltwanger (Bro. John and Sis. Mabel) was solemnized on Aug. 17. They will be making their home in Minneapolis. . . Barb Knobloch (Gib Knobloch of Lester) and Paul Lesmeister (Matt) of Morris were married on Aug. 23. They are making their home in Morris.

Our Sunday School will resume Sept. 7, after a month's vacation. On Aug. 24, we had a vote for Sunday School teachers. Bros. Vernard Brown and Dennis Schmidgall are our new teachers. The substitutes are Bros. Ray Luthi, Harvey Koehl and Lloyd Fehr. Bro. Vernard is the new superintendent.

Hospital patients were: Bro. Mike Schmidgall (Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia) met with accident, was fortunate just to have minor injuries. . . Bro. Glen Domnick, heart attack—glad to report he is

improving, after being quite sick. . . Peggy Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine), minor surgery. . . Ruth Schmidgall (Bro. Gene and Dorothy), minor surgery. . . Sis. Emma Spohr suffered a stroke and is quite sick.

A graveside service was held on Aug. 22 for Marianne Schmidgall, infant daughter of Bro. Jerel and Sis. Linda, who lived only a few hours. Our sympathy goes out to the parents and grandparents, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall and Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Lavina Lemman of Roanoke.

On Aug. 30, the Metzger reunion was held at Morris. There were 195 in attendance. When we think of reunions, we have to think of what a happy reunion it will be when we will meet in yonder shores with our Lord and Saviour and our loved ones. If we walk close to Him, we will all be there.

"We, Bro. George and Sis. Mary Robin Nesbitt do thank the dear ones of Morris who sent us the lovely quilt. We shall treasure it and remember you always."

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

We welcome our new brother in the Lord, Rick Berchtold. We rejoice with him in his new-found faith.

We were privileged to have many visitors in our midst. Ministers who shared the word of the Lord were: (Bros.) Noah Herman, Everett Hari, Carl Hartman, Dave Roberts and Dale Moore.

Sis. Louise Wagenbach is hospitalized. A massive blood clot was removed, and all are prayful that a full recovery can now be her lot. Bro. Merle Getz has been hospitalized also, and we hope that he also is on the road to recovery.

The Don Koch home was blessed with a little boy, born Aug. 26. He has been named Ted Andrew. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Til. . . .

We welcome the David Egle family to our congregation. They were also blessed with a son, born Aug. 30, and named Brian David.

Bro. Scott Koch (Bro. Paul and Sis. Florence) and Sis. Diane Schmidgall (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lucy) were joined in hand and heart Aug. 31.

The approaching marriage of

Bro. Dave Koch (Bro. Dave and Sis. Francis) and Sis. June Sauder (Bro. Willis and Sis. Pauline) was announced to our congregation Aug. 31.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me so kindly with their prayers, cards, gifts, and love shown during my three-week stay at the hospital and having surgery." Bro. Chris B. Pflederer. . . "I wish to thank all who remembered me with birthday cards, gifts, prayers and deeds of kindness during my stay in the hospital." Sis. Sophia Leuthold.

ALTADENA CA

Linda Witzig

Bro. Dale Hackenjos has started college studies at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. May God bless him there away from home.

Our dear Sis. Doris Graf is in the hospital. She has given much of her love and time to many friends and brethren in the past, and it grieves us not to have her among us. Surely the greatest gift of love to her now is thru prayer.

Visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Edward Lanz, Bros. Sam Huber and Al Langhofer.

BRADFORD IL

Rebecca Endress

What would happen if each drop
Of rain refused to fall,
Or every sunbeam ceased to shine
Because it was so small?
What would happen if each day
We chose to leave undone
An act of kindness just because
It was a little one?

Our congregation appreciated the kind visits of Ministering Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis) after the conference, and Bro. Richard Aberle (Indianapolis)—on their way home from a trip out West.

My husband, Bro. Larry, and I have received many acts of kindness, little and big, since we have a new baby at our house. We were blessed with a precious little girl, born Aug. 18. We have named her Gail Rebecca. Lavonne, Leann, and Benjamin are her sisters and brother; her grandparents are Sis. Mildred Endress (Princeville) and Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville).

Sis. Eunice (Ray) Klumpp spent several days at Mayo Clinic for

tests and came away with a good report. Bro. Dennis Pyles has been confined to his bed with a back ailment. Sis. Martha (Loris) Kieser fell and injured a ligament in her leg; she will be on crutches for the next few weeks.

I am happy to introduce our new Silver Lining reporter, Sis. Jane (Kieser) Leman. Her husband, Bro. Marvin, is a farmer, and one of our Sunday school teachers. They live near Galva, Illinois, and have three children, Joan, Dawn, and Mitchell.

CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin - Grace Bauer

Wedding vows were exchanged between Sis. Patti Bauer and Bro. Randall Martin on Sunday, Aug. 31. Bro. Ed Alt solemnized the ceremony. Blessed is the home where God is, and where the Spirit of Christ rules.

Some of our Bible Class students enjoyed a visit at Bluffton on Labor Day week-end.

Our visiting ministers were: Bros. Ernest Graf, Ben Maibach, Gary Maibach, and Raymond Roth . . . " . . . he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Hospital medical patients: Sis. Mary (Mrs. Joe) Hofbauer, Sis. Til (Mrs. Al) Hari, William Drayer, Bro. Harry Walder, and Sis. Esther Siegle.

Hospital surgical patients: Bro. Ray Hari, Sis. Marjorie (Mrs. William) Rinkenberger, Sis. Margaret Rudin, and Rebecca Vogel, daughter of Sis. Mildred and Bro. Clarence. Bro. Jon Anderson is a patient at M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas, to undergo further skin grafting for a severe chemical burn on his foot.

Our friend, Rick Knapp, is still a patient at Loyola Hospital at Maywood. He extends his thanks for the prayers and gifts. . . He is getting along better, but will still have to be there for some time.

CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

O how lovely is the morning,
When it is begun with God,
Joy and thanks our hearts adorn-
ing,

As behooves the child of God,
Waking after night so fair
In the Maker's gentle care,
Rising without grief or sorrow
To a new and joyful morrow.

How true the words of the author are in this beautiful hymn. When we begin each morning with a few words with God, it truly is a real beginning of a wonderful day given to each of us by Him.

We were privileged on two Sundays to have visiting ministers in our assembly on Sunday morning. The word of God was shared to us through the lips of Bros. Paul Gasser of Akron and Andy Virkler of Bay City. We received many wonderful blessings, warnings, and teachings.

Surely we have great reason for rejoicing again in our small congregation — even as the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents. Barbara Virkler, daughter of Sis. Charlotte, has turned her back to the world and all it has to offer, and has surrendered her heart to the Lord.

Our hospital patients have been Pernal Virkler (Bro. Howard), as a medical patient, and Sis. Mabel Ebersol, a surgical patient. . . Bro. Leon Ebersol is a medical patient, and Sis. Pauline Grau, surgical . . . Lucy Woolschlager broke her arm in a fall at her home. She and her husband, Arthur, have been unable to assemble with us for some time, because of their illnesses and hospitalization in recent months.

Wanda Farney, daughter of Allan and Myrtle, R. D. Lowville, and Darrell Bellinger, son of Richard and Arletha Bellinger, also of Lowville, were united in marriage on Aug. 9. They are at home on a farm near Lowville. . . Wendy Petzoldt and Andrew Lehman were united in marriage on Aug. 16. Their parents are Donald and Sis. Rita Petzoldt, and Richard and Theresa Lehman of Beaver Falls and Croghan, respectively. Wendy and Andy are at home on a farm near the village of Croghan.

LuAnn Virkler, daughter of Bro. Howard and Pernal has been transferred. Her new address is: Lance Corporal LuAnn Virkler, 091-38-2827, Service Co. Hqtrs BN Comm, Marine CB, Camp Pendleton Ca 92055.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

EUREKA IL

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

We were blessed with many visitors. They were: Bros. Dan Koch, Tremont; Bill Gerst, Alto; Ben Hartzler, Noah Bauman, Rittman; Robert Beyer, Naumberg; Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield; Robert Miller, Portland; Willis Wiegand, Goodfield; Paul Fehr, Morris; John Steiner, Oakville. Many good teachings were heard from these loved ones.

Three boys who had repented were given their chance to give their testimonies on Aug. 9, and baptized the next day, Sunday. They were: Mark and Dan Hanguartner, sons of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Norma, and Don Wiegand, the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Helen. Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont helped in this work.

In the hospital: Bro. Andy Schumacher fell, broke his hip and is a patient in St. Francis Hospital . . . Sis. Ollie Kempf also fell and broke her hip, was in the hospital, but has now returned to the "Home".

Another soul is seeking the Lord, Melanie Wettstein, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Arthur and Donna Wettstein. We must pray that many more will come to the Light before it is too late.

Bro. Joe Schumacher and Sis. Francis Geiger were married Aug. 6 at Congerville. They will live in Eureka. . . Bro. Duane Blunier and Sis. Eileen Hohulin were married in Roanoke Aug. 3. They will also be living in Eureka.

Births: A girl, Julie Kay, to Bro. and Sis. Ed and Donna Kupferschmid on Aug. 21. She has two brothers and one sister. . . A boy to Bro. and Sis. Roger and Wendy Blunier. He has been named Randy Ray, and has a little brother.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Our Sunday school has begun again after a summer recess, and we encourage and support our teachers in this important work. The superintendent is Bro. Herbert Gramm, and his assistant Bro. Art Gramm. The other teachers are Bros. Earl Ringger, Carlton Klopfenstein, Alvin Ringger, Perry Klopfenstein, Dale Schlipf, Roy Zimmerman, Jerome Witzig, Joe

Stoller and Sisters Wilman Kuntz, Jan Meiss, Louise Kiefer, Ruth Rinkenberger, Marilyn Schieler and Ada Christensen.

(Bros.) Silas Witzig and Willis Gramm are in the hospital. Bro. Eli Kiefer has been in the hospital with an injured foot and is now recuperating at home. Illness can strike so suddenly, sometimes when we are least expecting it. We don't know what the future may hold for any of us, but we find comfort in knowing the One who holds the future.

Bro. Jim and Kathy Gramm are happy parents of a new son, Nathan James, born Aug. 29. He has a brother, Justin. Grandparents are Bro. Herbert and Sis. Jane Gramm and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Brockwell. Great-grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm, Mr. and Mrs. William Knight and Mrs. Mayme Ellenberger.

Our inner man was often refreshed during this month of many visiting ministers, who were inspired to expound unto us the way of God . . . Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park; Bill Kuperschmidt, Bloomington; Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Robert Miller, Portland; Roy Wieland, Bay City; Clarence Dietrich, Silverton; and Dave Wiegand, Champaign.

Here are a few of the many thought-provoking comments that were made:

The question was asked, "Where would be an effective place for Satan to begin deceiving and deluding men?" The answer was, that he would start with the beginning, the first chapter in the Bible. If the enemy can convince men to doubt or simply reject the Genesis account of how the world was formed and the creation of man, then he can easily persuade them to reject the rest of the scriptures. It is sad that the evil one is enjoying a measure of success in misleading, in particular, many who are increased with knowledge and who have devised theories of their own to replace the Biblical account. ". . . where is the disputer of this world? . . . For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Another time it was said that Christ has not asked us to go anywhere where He has not already been. If we sometimes feel we are

carrying a heavy load of sorrows or concerns, we should remember that His load was much heavier. Jesus' disciples followed Him to the garden, but He left eight of them and went a little further. Then He left the others too, and went still further to be alone . . . there, while His disciples slept, He endured by Himself the heartache and agony of accepting the cup He was about to drink, in which He took upon Himself our sins and gave His life that we might live . . . we should always remember that He has gone further.

I traveled down a lonely road, and no one seemed to care.

The burden on my weary back had bowed me to despair.

I oft complained to Jesus how folks were treating me.

And then I heard Him say so tenderly:

My feet were also heavy upon Mt. Calvary's road.

The cross became so heavy, I bowed beneath the load. . .

Be faithful weary pilgrim; The morning thou shalt see.

Just lift your cross and follow close to me.

FT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

We have had a dry and hot summer. Crops have been badly damaged . . . But again, the Lord has allowed the rain to fall in our area. We are so thankful for the moisture we have received lately.

Cheryl, daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller, broke her arm the very first week of school.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

Visiting ministers were Bros. John Klotzle, Altadena; Bob Meyer, Bluffton; and Clarence Dietrich, Silverton. We heard such wonderful messages. Since hearing Elder Bro. John Bahler's conference report on conditions behind the Iron Curtain, we feel a new appreciation for visiting ministers, and for our country. Freedom of religion is a blessing we should not take for granted.

Our Sunday School resumes after a summer break. New teachers are (Bros.) Dale Wulf, Si. Knobloch and Sis. Janice Mogler, with Bro. Raymond Meyer superintendent.

Our congregation has noted with thankful joy that two young souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Audrey Moser, daughter of Lou and Tina, and Mark Metzger, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty.

A very special little girl was born Aug. 18. Jeanne Marie Leuthold is our granddaughter. Her parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Cindy Leuthold, and grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold and Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice Metzger. She has a brother, Mark, who loves to help take care of her.

Sheila Moser, daughter of Bro. Ade and Lydia, has accepted a teaching position in Chetopa, Kansas. We wish her success, and hope she can attend church in Lamar or one of the Kansas churches.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Frieda Gerber had open house in observance of their 40th anniversary, hosted by their children, Sis. Clara Marie Gerber, Bro. Bill and Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich, and the Paul Gerber family. Also observed at this time was the 35th anniversary of Otto and Anna Knobloch and the 90th birthday of our dear old Bro. Ernst Knobloch . . .

"We wish to thank our children, grandchildren and all who helped make our 40th anniversary a happy and memorable occasion." Ed and Frieda Gerber.

INDIANAPOLIS IN

Patrick and Judy Dubach

I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread; I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

I will not be swayed by envy when another's strength is shown; I will not deny her merit; but I'll strive to prove my own.

As always we are all grateful for the ministering brothers who lend themselves to us. In August those who blessed us were Bros. Alf Bahler, Wolcott; Jack Bollier, Leo; Ray Sinn, Latty and Merl and Elmer Bucher, LaCrosse.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathryn Olson

We appreciate the visiting ministers who have shared and fellowshiped with us. (Bros.) Loren Strahm, Gridley Ks. and Vernon Leman, Eureka, inspired us with their

messages. We were as Christians reminded that as we sow, so also shall we reap, and the importance of being aware of the stony places and thorns in our daily life. Then, having sown on good ground, we were asked how much fruit we would bring forth—hundred fold, sixty or thirty?

We welcome Al and Sis. Loretta Leman and family, who just moved here from Champaign. Their new address is: 411 Oakcrest, Roseville Minnesota.

MANSFIELD OH

Lucille Groh

I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage . . .

A Beautiful Outlook for our sick and hospitalized: Bro. Aaron Sauder (surgery), Sis. Barbara Bricker, Sis. Judy Sauder (tests), Sis. Elda Riggerbach (hip surgery), Sis. Dorothy Durkin (heart surgery), and friend Marjorie Domka Dawson. Bro. Dave Beer has been released from the hospital, but is unable to be about. We miss Bro. Ben Beer, who has been unable to be with us.

A wonderful promise for our new ministers, Bros. Wallace Ramsier and Dale Gabor, who were selected to proclaim the gospel when our Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier were here on Aug. 17.

A consolation for the bereft: Bro. Bob Bird experienced the passing of his father, and Sis. Theresa Kissel lost her son, Andy.

Strength and help for our new brother in Christ, Fred Domka, who gave his testimony and was baptized on Aug. 17. Fred told us of his conversion and how he had seen a vision of a king beckoning him to come. We are thankful to our great God for still leaving the door of grace ajar for lost souls to come.

Have you ever had an experience through the week, and then have the wonderful privilege of coming to church on Sunday and have one of God's servants reveal God's will and might? Some years ago, this happened to me. While working at my job, a person came to my desk and began to question our faith, and why we do this and don't do that. Among the questions asked was if our ministers prepare

their sermons, and if not, how can they get up in front of a congregation and proclaim God's word. This person was told that by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and through the prayers of the church, this could be accomplished. A discussion ensued, and the subject of reading gospel literature and going to other churches was also discussed, as well as why our church has no musical instruments. This person was invited to come to church and find out for himself.

Unknown to me, God's Holy Spirit was working in Remington, and the following Sunday, a dear brother paid us a visit. Unaware of the conversation of the past week, and not knowing this person was in the congregation, this brother got up and spoke almost verbatim, explaining how the Holy Spirit can work, and when he came to the subject of literature, the chills started to run up my spine when he used this illustration: A man had a herd of pigs, and every day the man would go to the pen, tap on the gate, and throw the ears of corn to the pigs. They would come running and be filled. One day, a flock of woodpeckers started to peck on the trees, the pigs would run here and there, and couldn't find any food. He said that is the way of a child of God, if he stays where the true gospel is preached, he does not become hungry, but when he starts to hunt here and there, he soon becomes confused and becomes lean in the spirit.

The next day, the inquiring person said to me, your church has something that the world does not have. You could feel the love the minute you walked into the church, and you don't need any musical instruments.

Did you think of us this morning
As you breathed a word of
prayer?

Did you ask for strength to help
us,

All our many burdens bear?
Someone prayed and strength was
given

For the long and weary road;
Someone prayed and faith grew
stronger

As we bent beneath our load.

NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

We are thankful to have with us

two visiting ministers, Bro. Paul Gasser from Akron on Aug. 17, and Bro. Andy Virkler from Bay City on Aug. 31, to share with us God's precious word.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held Aug. 24, enjoyed by both young and old.

John Schulz, son of Norman and Mary, was hospitalized. Sis. Lucy Hany and Bro. Theodore Rohr are hospitalized. Sis. Rose Hirschey is a patient at the Extended Care Unit at Carthage.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey Flash Floods

During the week-end of Aug. 31, we had much rain. In Wheeling, W. Va., 36 miles north, a very devastating period was experienced, also in Northern Ohio. One life was lost, a few injuries. A new hospital, just finished in June costing 25 million dollars, was under water in the basement, where all drugs were stored; also on the first floor much damage was done . . . 230 patients were evacuated to other hospitals; damage will run over fifteen million dollars on the hospital alone . . . sixty-eight cars were washed away, some recovered. Many mobile homes were washed into the river, bridges washed away, and roadways swept with the rushing waters . . . lasted only fifteen minutes, but damage is estimated in millions. We were fortunate here, while we had a lot of heavy rain, no damage has been reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Witschey of Pittsburg visited with relatives here over the Labor Day week-end; they had just returned from a world tour . . . Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Easton, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Parkersburg visited the Witschey families here over Labor Day.

Forrest Rothlisberger suffered a broken hip in a fall in his home several weeks ago, and is still a patient at the local hospital.

Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughters, Ruth and Harriett, were guests of Della Witschey on Sept. 3 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., were guests of Minnie Weltz and Mary Ann over the Aug. 16th week-end. On Aug. 15, they visited with Mrs. Edna Hart in Brownsville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Sr. returned from a three-week

trip to Spain on Aug. 27; their son, Tim and wife are stationed at Menorca, Spain, he serving in the Air Force. They had an enjoyable vacation, but said the United States still looked very good to them.

PEORIA IL
Betty Miller

Peoria enjoyed hosting the annual conference of Apostolic Christian elders, ministers, and brethren August 20-22. From our churches everywhere came nearly two hundred preachers, many of whom spoke on selected subjects on Friday to a capacity crowd of approximately 1000 interested members. To accommodate such a large number in an orderly manner, much planning and cooperation was necessary, and we owe a debt of gratitude to all who devoted much time, effort, and work to the success of this gathering. As our Peoria ministers said, it was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to work together.

Correction: Last month's Silver Lining stated that Les Wagenbach had been baptized; it should have read Les Weyeneth. We welcome Bro. Les into the fold.

This month, at least 95 percent of us owe thanks to God for our good health, and the other 5 percent, whose names follow, are thanking Him that they aren't any worse off than they are: Sisters Edna Klein and Judy Sinn, Bros. Joe Herman, Emil Roecker, and Jake Simon, Barbara Herman, Ben Herman, and Vi Geyer.

Sisters Jeanette Hoerr and Sharon Stickling, and Pam Ober were in the hospital for happy reasons. Each gave birth to a baby! Aug. 13, a daughter, Angela Marie, was born to Ken and Pam Ober. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Ethel Waibel, and great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Aldine Waibel . . . A son, Gabriel John, was born to Bro. Ben and Sis. Sharon Stickling Aug. 16. Brothers and sisters of the baby are Scott, Gayle, Chris, Craig, and Molly. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Louise Stickling . . . On Sunday, Aug. 17, Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette Hoerr had their fourth child, Theodore. Tom, Michael, and Lisa are his brothers and sister, and his grandparents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Kathryn Hoerr.

Bro. Noah Herman brought us

several interesting and thought-provoking sermons. Other visiting ministers were (Bros.) John Klotzle from Altadena and Bro. Harry Sutter from Ft. Lauderdale.

Engagement: Bro. Tom Rieker and Sis. Jo Ann Plattner are engaged to be married. Tom's parents are Fred and Sis. Norma, and Jo Ann's are Bro. Pete and Sis. Ella. Tom is employed at his father's tire business, Peoria Tire and Vulcanizing Co., and Jo Ann is employed at Illinois Central College.

"I'd like to voice my appreciation for the friends who gave me cards and gifts and especially for their prayers." Louie Wagenbach . . . After surgery for a tumor in the esophagus, Louie is regaining his strength and doing better.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Verna Leman have moved to one of the Apostolic Christian Home apartments in Eureka. Sis. Rose Barth has moved to Roanoke. We miss them in Peoria Church, but wish them much happiness there.

"I wish to thank everyone for the cards and gifts sent to me while in the hospital . . . also a special thank you for the birthday card shower and your prayers." Sis. Sophie Leuthold.

PORTLAND OR
Connie Steffen

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime & harvest . . ." God's promises are always true, and now for another year, God has blessed the Pacific Northwest with abundant crops.

We have had many wonderful hours of fellowship with dear ones from many churches across the nation. It's a real encouragement for our little congregation to have the fellowship of all those dear believers.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller arrived home, after attending the conference. We are really glad to have them home safely.

If we put off repentance another day, we have a day more to repent of, and a day less to repent in.

PULASKI IA
Ernestine Wuthrich
Janice Rinkenberger

We have been blessed with rain that is well needed. We pray that it is not too late to help the crops. If we trust in the Lord, we know He

will see us through.

Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Ia., was our visiting minister. We thank the Lord that we are still able to sit together and hear the word of God.

ROCKVILLE CT
Carlton J. Lanz

Today is the only day that life can really guarantee. Who can be certain of tomorrow? Do we need to be reminded that we are here for only a limited time. Too often our actions make it appear as though we are going to be here forever. We get so involved in the present-day activities that the importance of eternal values are set aside or even forgotten. We forget that we are only strangers and pilgrims on a journey, until our loving God and Creator time and again reminds us that this is true. Therefore, our involvements should be such that we be not detained as though we were permanently settling down here . . . because more beautiful and wonderful things lie ahead for the pilgrim and the stranger. Many were inspired to write the beautiful words, that in heaven there will be no sorrow nor tears like those we must experience from time to time on earth.

Death came to Bro. Anthony Monish, aged 90. He had been a patient in a nursing home for the last two years. His burial took place in his former hometown in Plymouth, Mass. A dear friend, David Luginbuhl, 52, met his death in a plane, when it crashed into the sea near Provoncetown, Mass. His death cast a gloom over a wide area, especially in leaving his wife, Lillian, sons and daughters, his father, Bro. Christian Luginbuhl, six brothers and four sisters. Interment was in Ellington Center Cemetery, with Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Roy Luginbuhl, a cousin, having the service.

Bro. John Klotzle spent several days with relatives (his wife's former home), and while visiting here opened the scriptures to the church. All that were in attendance received many words of enlightenment and sound teachings. Bro. Paul Gasser, Akron, and Bro. Al Knochel (Ia.) spoke from our pulpit, revealing the word of God in truth.

There have been several weddings performed by Bro. Albert

Schneider in recent weeks, at his home. Joanne Dearstyne of Tolland Ct. became the wife of Dean Kupferschmid. His parents are Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid, and Joanne's are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dearstyne. . . Dianne Ballasy became the wife of Daniel Ruop of Tolland Ct., as they exchanged wedding vows. Their parents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Aline Ballasy and Mr. and Mrs. Al Ruop. . . Ray Fellows and Judy Jeski became man and wife when taking their vows. Their parents are Bro. Emery and Sis. Muriel Fellows and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jeski of Rockville.

We report a belated wedding, that of Bro. Richard Hany to Sis. Betsy Erickson (who for a period of two years taught in Japan and now will reside in Rockville). Bro. John Bahler, elder, solemnized their vows in the presence of the church. Betsy's parents are Dr. George and Mrs. Erickson, and Richard's, Sis. Hilda Hany, who at present has been hospitalized.

Announcement of the engagement of Bro. James Schneider, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Gladys, to Sis. Sandra Gerber was made. Sandra is the daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber of Forrest.

Not long ago, a greeting card came to me from Switzerland. The beautiful words that were written on it impressed me.

With his wife, Sis. Evelyn and family, visiting Switzerland for the first time, Bro. Rudolf Luginbuhl, impressed with the wonders he saw there, quoted the words of the 145th Psalm that came to his mind, 145th Psalm that came to his mind: "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works."

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Glenn Hackenjos, both of Altadena. We enjoyed their visits and thank them for bringing us the word of life.

Sis. Libby Meyer is now in Japan, where she will teach for a

year. Her address is: 692-2 Shioda, Ichinomiya-Cho, Higashi, Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken, 409-14, Japan. . . I am sure she will enjoy hearing from all who care to write. Sis. Libby is the daughter of Sis. Florence and Bro. Harlan Meyer of Sabetha.

Our Sunday school will again start the Sunday after Labor Day.

SARDIS OH

Karen Indermuhle

"God thundereth marvelously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and the great rain of his strength." The mighty power of our God was evident in the amount of rain that fell in our area. There was a tremendous amount of damage done by landslides and water. We know God wills the storms on this earth and in our spiritual lives, too, for a purpose and divine reason.

Some of us for the first time have children of school age. We send our little ones to school with a prayer that the knowledge they obtain will be a blessing to them, believing the Lord will create experiences in their lifetime to help them grow for Him.

Again we send a special invitation for anyone to visit us here in Sardis. As being one in the Spirit, we are already acquainted and we want to greet you in the Lord.

SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

What a blessed month we had with our many visitors. It certainly is a blessing to greet one another from far or near, young or old, and still feel the same bond of Christian love.

Among our visitors were Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) and Bros. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury) and Tom Leman (Elgin). I was impressed to note that each of these young brothers recently have been entrusted with their new assignments, and yet were not afraid to speak God's word in truth and sincerity, for which we are thankful.

We appreciated the many teachings they left with us, but one in particular impressed me. We heard the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. One of the brothers compared it to three different sets of people we

have today. . . One like those in the city who never repented, those like Lot who live a righteous life, and those like Lot's wife, who started, but turned back. Each has the right to choose. Which kind will you???

Our prayers went to all the brethren attending the Conference. Bro. Clarence Dietrich from our congregation was able to be present. We trust that there was a deeper concern for our future church, as well as love and unity.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer

Bro. Kent and Sis. Debbie Fiechter have been blessed with a son. Brady Kent was born on Aug. 18. Grandparents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Clara Fiechter. Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl Gerber have received their fourth son. Lane Matthew was born on Aug. 12.

Shut-ins are Sis. Elizabeth (Jacob) Graber, Curtiss Mann, Bros. Jack Gerber, Jacob Meyer and Calvin Rauch.

Sis. Gale Reinhard and Bro. Jerome Reinhard were united in marriage on Aug. 17. Gale's parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Bertie Reinhard, and Bro. Aaron and Sis. Irene Reinhard are Jerome's parents.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Dave Roberts and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer - Janelle Scott

We have been blessed with much company, which is up lifting for our spiritual life. How we rejoice when we can meet many of like faith. If our friends and loved ones only knew the joy, they would surely want to be a child of the King.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Lloyd Kraft, Gridley Ks. and Max Reimschisel, Wichita.

Time is fleeing swiftly by. It seems only a short time ago that we were preparing our garden, and the farmers were preparing their fields so the seeds could be sown. We have had all kinds of weather: first much rain, also hail, then very dry, again refreshing rains, which did help the late beans. There will still be a fair harvest.

At our business meeting, new teachers elected were (Bros.) Mike Knapp, Bible Class; Kenny Knapp Jr. Bible Class; Don Hoerr, 5th

and 6th graders; Janelle Scott, Pre-School. Sunday school will start Sept. 7, after a month vacation.

Some of us of the Edward Grimm family were privileged to visit our old home at Elgin, Iowa, where all seven of us were born and raised . . . But, it is far from the home we knew. It is so sadly neglected, yet it brought back precious memories. As children, we climbed the hills and enjoyed the ever-running springs which kept our milk, butter all fresh, as there were no refrigerators then. It seemed we could still hear mother calling us from our play. This poem seemed so appropriate . . .

I think oftimes as the night draws nigh,
Of an old house by a hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred,
Where the children played at will.

And when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look all around and ask,
Are all the children in?

Tis many many years since then,
And the old house by a hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been,
Since then I can hear our mother ask
Are all the children in?

When we meet the Lover of boys and girls,
Who died to save them from sin,
Will we hear Him ask as mother did,
Are all the children in?

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

I need thee, Lord. Speak to me, that I may hear Thee giving me courage for hard times and strength for difficult places; giving me determination for challenging tasks . . . I ask Thee no easy way, but just Thy grace that is sufficient for every need, so that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour; how dark the

sky, I may be enabled to overcome.

We are thankful Louise (Reuben) Anliker, a hospital patient, is now assembling with us again.

Our appreciation is extended to our ministers, who so frequently have services on Sunday mornings for our dear sisters and brother residents of our Clear View Manor Nursing Home.

Bro. Art Mogler is hospitalized for observation . . . Sam Mogler is also hospitalized for observation . . . Dick Sauder, son of Bro. George and Sis. Emma, suffered a stroke, is improving . . . hope they can all be back to their homes soon.

ELGIN IL

Mary Moser

We were privileged to have Ministering Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss, Elmer Bucher, Lennie Myers and Ed Alt lend themselves to teach our Vacation Bible School, which was held the first week of August.

We are thankful for visiting ministers that teach us the true word of God. Bros. Willis Wiegand, Walt Steffen, Gene Pamer, Uriel Gehring, Jim Ramseyer, Clarence Dietrich, Orville Steiner and Earl Banwart expounded unto us this living word.

Our dear friends, Wilmar and Esther Troike and Sam Graf were proved and baptized on Aug. 30 and 31. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann from Chicago was here to help with the provings on Sat. evening. Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville ministered to us on Sunday. . . Sometimes there is joy and happiness, while other times there is sorrow and pain. Someday our tears will all be gone forever. What a day that will be! . . . Our dear Bro. Herman Braun passed away on Aug. 22. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Cecelia and family. His patient, gentle manner will certainly be missed in our church.

Hospital patients were: Arnold Braun, Freida Eiseman, (Sisters) Minnie Kellenberger, Kathy Schifferer, Lydia Stettner, Bro. Charlie Graf, Ben Graf, Sis. Louise Schock, and Sis. Cecelia Braun. Sis. Mary Huber is very ill, having fallen and broken her hip. We have missed Sis. Bertha Lauber, who fell in her home and has been unable to assemble with us for sometime . . . "Many thanks to brethren and friends for prayers, gifts, cards,

food, and visits while recovering from my accident". Sis. Bertha Lauber . . . Sis. Sue Kellenberger is now at home and wishes to express her thanks for prayers, cards and gifts offered on her behalf . . . Mary Gross was hospitalized for two weeks from a fall, and wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards, gifts and prayers.

Daryle, son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. DeLores Kellenberger was united in marriage on Aug. 1 to Sonia Datisman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Datisman. They will be at home at 711 Linden Avenue . . . Merle Tobler and Deborah Lumbard were married on Aug. 30. Merle is the son of Sis. Madeline and Merle Tobler.

BAY CITY MI

Carolyn Schamback

What a blessed month we've had with visiting ministers from many different places . . . With us were Bros. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Clarence Dietrich (Silverton), Wendell Gerber (Bluffton), Norbert Steiner (Crogan), Robert Beyer (Naumberg), and Floyd Wieland (Detroit).

A new little bundle has arrived at the home of Bro. Curt and Sis. Luann Kaeb; Heidi Marie is Melanie's new little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Alph and Sis. Hermine Kaeb and Bro. Noah and Sis. Margrethe Blough of Alto.

Hospitalized are Bro. Don Wieland and Sis. Ella Rechsteiner.

UNION CITY & PHILADELPHIA

Carolyn Roberts

Our friend, Arthur Cook, husband of Sis. Minnie, submitted to surgery, and now is able to attend services with us again.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman's daughter, Jan has return to her last year of studies at Millersville State Teachers College (near Lancaster Pa.).

We always rejoice to have visiting ministers to help bring the word to us, and are thankful to Bro. Paul Gasser of the Akron congregation for his message.

Services were established for the families in the Philadelphia and surrounding area of Pennsylvania in January of 1974 by Elder Bro. John Bahler. Plans then were made to have services in a "church-like" building called the Chester Valley

Grange. The building is located on a scenic countryside road north of Pa. Rt. 29 and U.S. 202 Junctions, and sets next to the Pa. Turnpike (I-76). It is about 25 miles from the center of the city, Philadelphia, 2½ hours north of Washington D. C.

The church location is only a few miles from Valley Forge State Park, which is not only known for its historical treasures, but for the thousands of flowering dogwood trees which bloom in the spring.

The five member families which make up of ten brothers and sisters-in-faith and their 11 children were granted the blessing of holding services on two Sundays per month, with the remaining Sundays attending services in Union City, where there are services every Sunday.

Our two ministering brothers, Ed Aeschleman and Dave Roberts, share in bringing the messages. The one brother remains in Philadelphia alone for the one Sunday of the month, while the other one travels to Union City to be with Bro. John Diggelman. We have a number of families and friends who also assemble with us at times that represents various churches from some of the Ill., Mich., Ohio and Iowa congregations.

The services are being held on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, with morning and afternoon services, along with the tradition of a noon lunch. Our midweek service is held every 1st and 3rd Thursday evening. When there are visitors in the area, the time of midweek services is often changed to their travel schedule. We invite anyone visiting east to worship with us. "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL

Howard and Dianne Leman

Our small congregation welcomes back the University of Illinois and Parkland College students. The annual Freshman Day picnic on Aug. 24 honored all college freshmen and their parents. We have fifteen new students.

Newlyweds include Greg and Sarah Peters from Morton. Greg is continuing his studies at U. of I., while Sarah has enrolled in the nursing program at Parkland. . . . Bro. Duane Wiegand united Sheila Baumgartner and Dave McCoy in

Holy Matrimony on Aug. 9. Sheila is the daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Laretta Baumgartner of Cissna Park . . . Sharon Baumgartner, Sheila's sister, was married a week later to Jim Maran, and they are residing in Bonderele, Il.

We welcome Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen Banwart and their two daughters, Kara and Krista. Wayne is a new assistant professor in the agronomy department at U. of Illinois. They are residing in Mahomet, several miles outside of Champaign.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier are grandparents again, as their son, Steve and his wife Randy welcomed their first child, Jason.

CHICAGO IL

Kathy Schlatter

The last few weeks we had a lovely journey to 'far away' places. We were surely blessed in our going, and even more so in our coming home. Vacations are good to break the routine, to let us see more of the wonders of His creation, and yet it is a comfort to have done with cramming the trunk; it is good to be at home. (quote)

A glorious week-end was spent Aug. 9 and 10 in listening to our beloved Hungarian friends. Tibor and Pearl Bozzay, bring their testimonies before the congregation and in witnessing their baptism. Elder Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville, assisted our Elder Bro. Dale. The English language proved no barrier to their expressing their experiences to us, for in the Spirit we communed one with another.

Another milestone with the Lord: On Aug. 17, Bro. Tom O'Shea from our congregation and Sis. Jeanie Leman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jim Leman, Roanoke were announced to be married.

Bro. Elmer Schrenk ministered to us Sunday, Aug. 24, on his way back to Alto. Wednesday evening, Aug. 27, Elder Bro. Gene Bertschi led us in worship.

Bro. Frank Fisher has been hospitalized for tests . . . Sis. Kathy Knapp, originally from Cissna Park, is attending school and working in the Chicago area. We welcome her.

GARDEN GROVE IA

Eileen Funk

We enjoyed many blessings from the visits of Ministering Bros. Al

Langhofer from Wichita and Loren Strahm from Gridley Ks.

The following is written by our minister's wife:

Today, June 28, 1975, was indeed a sad day at Garden Grove. As I mingled in the crowd around the old Methodist church, I saw sad faces and heard expressions of sorrow. Closed forever, the doors of a church. Many felt sick at heart as the auctioneer cried, "Going, Going, Gone!". A dead church broken up and sold! (in many cases, for souvenirs).

But wait — this is only a church house. Where is the church? Where is the body of believers dedicated to follow Christ? . . .

No, the church didn't die today. It was a year, 5 years, 10 or even 20 . . . that you started skipping Sunday school, then church. But you say, I had a good excuse. I was up late, a yard to mow, weeds to pull; I was getting company, hay to make, a ball game, the rodeo . . . No big sin, just more and more excuses. Where were you when the church needed you?

Yes, it's gone now — never to be restored. More are going. Hume-ston, Derby, Russell, all have church houses to be disposed of. There are many more closed and closing in the county, in the state, and across the nation. Satan, Communism, Socialism, bondage for an apathetic and unconcerned people! Where will it end? When will we wake up? Paul told Timothy, ". . . in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boast-ers, proud, blasphemers . . . un-thankful, unholy . . ." No, it's not too late! If you can read this, you can read the Bible. You can fall on your knees before the Author of that Book and ask Him to give you understanding. You can, through His power, turn around and repent. You can, by His grace, confess your sins. You can put Jesus Christ first and above all else in your life.

Church Leaders, church members, when was the last time you read and really meditated on Revelation chapters 2 and 3? These are the words of "Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him," for the churches then and now.

No, it isn't too late now . . . But will you be here to do something about it tomorrow? . . . ask God to

direct you to the church of His choice, while there is still a choice!

OAKVILLE IA

Martha Wiegand

We enjoyed the word of God brought to us by Elder Bros. John Bahler (Rockville) and Roy Farnley (Phoenix), also Ministering Bros. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), Leroy Messner (Winthrop), and Sam Huber (Sabetha).

Our sympathy is with Bro. Norman and Sis. Mary Ann Frank (in the loss of her sister).

Payments for the Silver Lining may be made at this time . . . give your name and money to your reporter.

BLOOMINGTON IL

Jeanie Haerr - Ann Kellenberger

With summer vacation now passed, we welcome the students living in Bloomington-Normal, who join us for Wed. evening services. We enjoy having them very much, and also welcome their families to join us for an evening service whenever time permits.

We were pleased to have many visitors who were in Peoria for the Conference. Many of these brothers have encouraged us these past years with prayerful and financial support and we truly appreciate the messages they gave us and the many visitors who came with them.

GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm — Wilma Young

A little while ago, I was reading about a trip taken by an older couple. . . It seems that the facilities of India are very much behind those of our country; the couple was escorted to a very old automobile. The car was made in India, but had a British-made engine and chassis. When they were in the car, they started the engine, and without hesitation expected to put the car in reverse gear, to back out of parking. To their amazement, the automobile did not have a reverse. The once proud owner burned with shame and embarrassment, and proceeded to have the car pushed backward.

Reading this made me think of those who are Christians. This is the sort of life-travel we must each continue, in order to reach our eternal home . . . always to travel forward, and never to be able to

reach for a handy reverse gear. In the scripture, we read of several who reached for a reverse gear and went backward. Jesus taught us saying: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Our dear friend, Carol (Sammy) Kraft underwent surgery. We have certainly missed her presence in assembling with us.

Several have sustained injuries. Our Ministering Bro. Loren Strahm had a hard fall from the upper balcony of his lumberyard. Many ligaments of his right arm and shoulder were torn, plus several vertebra of his neck were displaced.

One-year-old son, Darrin, of Sis. Janiece and Dale Isch, received a dog bite and was hospitalized, due to a physical reaction he suffered from the medication submitted to him for the bite. Darrin is home and seems to have recovered completely . . . Cory Metzger, 3-year-old son of Sis. Dorene and Bro. Eldon, suffered from a brain concussion due to a hard blow on the head, when he rolled off an upper bunk bed. Cory also seems to have recovered completely.

Jeff Bahr, son of Sis. Eileen and Bro. Rudy, has accepted work in Kiowa and has moved now to make Kiowa his home. We certainly miss having him to assemble with us, but are sure he is most welcome in our church in Kiowa.

IOWA CITY IA

April Wiegand - Twila Whipple

Our visiting minister was Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin). May God's word motivate each one of us to be obedient, so that we may walk close to Him . . .

A hearty welcome is extended to the new students and also to those that are returning after the summer break. They are Elaine Ackerman (Morton), Bro. Roy Metzger (Lester), Bro. Roger Schultz (Oakville), and Sis. Lynn Banwart (Oakville).

CHILDRENS HOME

Terry Farney

This past month has brought a few more changes at the Children's Home. The wallpapering, staining, and varnishing have been completed, and most of the ceramic tile is on in the first home. We hope to get the last coat of paint on the

walls this month. We also would like to see the bricking completed, and hope to get some of the dry wall and staining done in the second home this month. To all of those who have contributed time and goods, we wish to extend a special thanks. May God abundantly bless all of you who have shared your talents and time in the building process, who have donated and sent food, who have helped freeze fruits and vegetables, and who have opened their homes to those who have come to work.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

An elder put in place of the Lord. If we take the word's view, we see the flock journeying . . . green pastures, quiet waters, the table, the valley . . . home. The shepherd carefully cares, feeds, goes ahead, encourages, watches, tends the sheep and the lambs.

Elder Bro. David Bertsch was born in the Grabill area, March 5, 1920. The office of elder — bishop — became his duty Feb. 13, 1966, ordained by Bros. Sam Aeschliman, George Yergler, George Sinn and Theo. Beer.

There are joys and sorrows, valleys and mountains, calm seas and dashing storms. Bro. Bertsch goes about doing good. One time he visited a woman in terminal illness. Once a sister, she had turned her back on the faith, completely. Not the pain of the body (death can be beautiful), but the excruciating pain of suffocating sin is deadly fatal. This woman had her mind twisted from truth; to her to turn from error was called blasphemy. The demons of darkness clutched in the darkness! Elder Bertsch trembled.

David's wife is Marie, a daughter of Bro. Otto and Sis. Bertha Norr. Bertha's family, the Rauhhaus', were noted for their ability as doctor or helping with good medicine. David and Marie have three daughters. Sis. Sandra is in cobalt therapy at Parkview; in the same hospital in Pediatrics is Cynthia. Pam, the youngest, is in Turtlecreek North Nursing Home, in charge of one of the wings . . . and Bro. David carries the good news of the great Physician, our best Friend.

David humbly desires the prayers of the saints. He hopefully

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looks forward to the happy ending. He told of a beautiful experience. Sis. Mamie Schlatter, Marie's aunt, had terminal cancer. Pain was hurting. The end drew nigh, and Mamie entered home. Bro. Bertsch has sweet afterglow, the remembrances of Mamie's beautiful smile and youthful look. No matter what, if we determine in faith and rest in His promise, **Death is a beautiful experience.**

Bro. Robert Norr handed this address: A. B. Steven J. DeZarn, SSA JTC R 263371965, PCSQ 3703 Flight 0824, Lackland AFB Texas

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A new printing of **Gospel Hymn-books** has been completed. The price will be different. The hymns hold rich treasure that can shine the steps we take.

The Soldier's Reunion, the Londonaires was held Aug. 16. Many were in attendance, among them was our beloved Bros. Carl Kinsinger, Ed Alt, Elmer Witzig, and Harold Schmidgall . . . Bro. Wallace Ramsier from Mansfield O. had one of our Wed. evening services. He was working on the Children's Home.

We are happy that Pam Frank, daughter of Lucille & Maurice, has made her decision to live for the Lord.

Bertha Steiner is at her daughter's home. Her brother-in-law, John has been very ill, and John's sister, Sylvia has an injured nerve in her one leg and is wearing a brace to get around. Gary Garman, one of our young friends, had surgery at the Parkview Hospital.

Bro. David Bertsch has been ill and has had to miss church services at times. He is somewhat improved.

THE AGES OF THE AGES

Henry Souder Jr.

Contemplating Scripture brings sweet heavenly feelings of the Spirit. In Revelation, chapter 22, is a beautiful expression, "for ever and ever". For us time-brought-up souls, the thoughts of God set us soaring in eternal skies.

What is the Ages of The Ages? for ever and ever? We know measured time. We are relatives of the first Adam; we live in the distinctive markings of Genesis 1—evening, morning — the divinely ordained circles of the solar heaven . . . seasons, days, years. Because we become immersed into our Lord's death and rise in His resurrection, we are the Lord's. We set our watches in His radiant new zone . . . eternal life . . .

Over and over we are given glimpses of ages to come . . . from the victorious vantage points of a believer, the gospel of John is living with life in the Lord. Earth recedes; heaven opens. The verb, the action or state, is in the present tense. We have eternal life. Now.

Death has no more power over Jesus (see such riches as in Romans). Mortal feelings feel of the ending long before time's exit. However, we live the no end real life, radiant forever, boundless endlessness. The Old Testament vividly portrays the shadow of death. Yet,

Christ came, the Light of the world, into the Land of Death. Those who walk in the light always have the shadow falling behind. The more we fill our minds with faith (received in hearing, reading, singing the word) the brighter our walk. His word is the translation from mood of other thought into the perfect tense of God . . . everlasting.

The resurrection is really an entrance into the everlasting way of God. His own manner of living. His accustomed eternity. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. A constant continuous living in the glory-circled presence of God. The Spirit teaches us eternal truths, different from time's fences. The awesome dimensions cannot be measured with our yardsticks. No, none will do except a literal, vivid living, believing the word of God. Like a child who just loves the water, so we just love the deep of His promises. We plunge our beings and find the greatest of happiness.

Deep things? Yes. The Spirit searches the deep things of God. Read in the second chapter of I Corinthians. We need to read, and we need to have revealed. In the breakers in which we stand . . . or the sorrow we feel, the need we know, here the verses are revealed. **Translated into life.** The divine sweetness

comes with the pressing. We broaden our fellowship. Sweet joy and peace, revealed of God. It grows in an ever-increasing at-homeness with the world to come.

This look is across the sea, to home's shining shore. Ages of the Ages — forever and ever. Ages above all ages that are here. Awesome beauty multiplied, world without end. Rising, unending, with the stretch away, on and on and on . . . We have a mind greater than ours. There is just nothing so happy as knowing the living God and His Son.

He is the answer to our fears of time or space. The worrying of the mind, tensions of the soul find a sweet rest, a real release. Such a One as God! Beauty, delight of the heart . . . righteousness that redeems the soul . . . perfection, holiness . . . wondrous personality and character . . . Living in the Dawn of timelessness.

One can stand on a high skyscraper or be on a huge mountain, fly a high flight, see wondrous panoramas . . . To stand in the revealing, in scripture, in life . . . to view with this Friend, that is the tops of all delights. . .

We could wish nothing more! Till all is blazed in perfect perfection, at home with God, and forevermore.