

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia

write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.



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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

## ALTADENA CA

God does wondrous things. Take the Pacific Ocean, the sunset, the beauty of the palm . . . the wonders of His church! Pacific has in its word history the Latin *pax*—peace. It rolls in pleasant swells, reflects the blue above, breaks in cascading Niagaras. Eleven million square miles more than all the land surfaces of the world is there!

Pleasant palms nod in breezes coming from the ocean. The sunset, artistry of God's color, is an evening delight. Roses and pinks, purples and golden are riches. They tell us something of the character of the Creator.

The building of His church, one without spot or wrinkle, is His delight. He joys over His people. It don't make any difference if few or many, with God's delightful presence in attendance working His will, ah that is happiness.

It was in old-time, street-car days. Chicago . . . Van Buren Street. Bro. George Yergler had brought a load of cattle to Chicago, and completed his task. Now he was looking. Alfred and Carolina Meyer had a restaurant, but George didn't know where on Van Buren. Taking a street car, he went to the end of the line. No restaurant yet found. Deciding to walk, he would go in and out of each restaurant. Hope of finding was fading. Standing on a corner looking across, there was a name: Meyers. He found welcome. Church was held at Meyers some in those long past days.

Storkline, a maker of baby furniture was Friend William Schwarz's employer. Bill had married Naomi, a daughter of the Meyers. The company transferred Bill to California . . . Two young men who lived in Chicago were pondering . . . Shall we go to the show? They would go to church. One was John Wagler, the other Carl Kinsinger. They turned, and found this great salvation.

In Ohio, another young couple experienced a sad time. Their little David, 20 months old, their precious gem had drowned. Elder Bro. Ernest Graf tenderly told his son, Clarence, the Lord sometimes takes the lambs, so the sheep will follow . . . and there would be listening and following. The Lord had Altadena in view, and not only Altadena, but happy home, when all the

children are in . . . happy in ceaseless view, where God's forever has put all margins forever away.

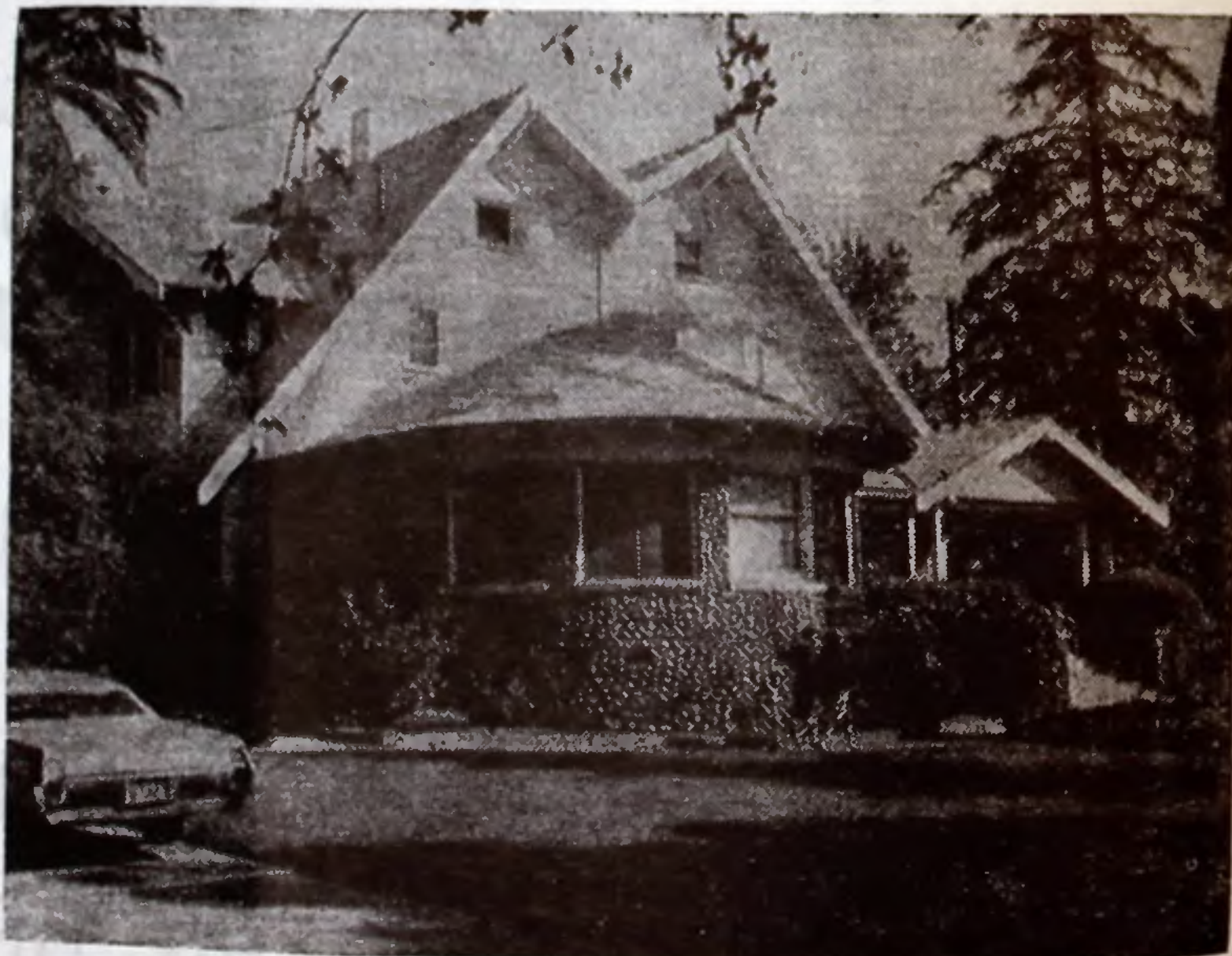
Wooquan Pa sa de na is an Indian word. Chippewa — crown of the valley. Pasedena perhaps means the key to or pass. Alta is Spanish for upper — Altadena — Upperdena. Parts of Altadena are 1300 feet above sea level. The snow-capped peaks rise further in grandeur. Not too far away, the waves roll in.

God is building . . . in Upper City . . . setting His gems for the day He gathers His precious jewels. Some settle down in a community for a short sojourn . . . some we experience move in, then on . . . some visit . . . how grand to think about that Book up there . . . the one where the residents of home have God's address . . . real-for-sure names, those we know, those we can keep. How well to lavish the success of help and love . . . for we are only here a little . . . how good to grasp those chances, like the cup of cold water.

Elder Bro. David Mangold was spending 10 days at Alpine Villa in 1948 . . . services were held on a Tuesday evening in the new assembly room. "Nicely located among the mountains" . . . Alpine Villa . . . The new home of the Joseph Klotzle family would be occu-

pied shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinsinger would be moving next door. There in Alpine Villa the church was assembling . . . later it would be a rented location in Pasadena . . . but isn't all this earth in this time rented of God to us? Now this building on El Molino, the house a doctor once built for his daughter, with park-like grounds, stately palm, birds of paradise flowers . . . pleasant plants . . . and the mountains, green, brown, and beautiful.

We have the finest discovery of all — The family of the Eternal Ages. The adventure of discovering sweet friendship in everlasting ties, with no death. These are gems we have the privilege of knowing, visiting, being kind to. Sis. Carolina Meyers, she stayed some with her daughter in California. Later from Fairbury came knowledge of her, even with a heart attack, wheelchair confinement, leg amputation, yet this! What sweet knowings are for our acquaintance . . . "I always made the best of it." There was Sis. Verna visiting her daughter, Ruth Ann Rapp in California. Time came of Verna's sunset—but oh that ocean, that beautiful eternity, o'erswept by winds and wings. Verna had so wanted to stay . . . but wait, the last day . . . a time tired soul could see the beauty of ever-



Church Building in Altadena, Ca.

lasting youth. ". . . you'll have to change your prayer now. I saw those gates, and they were open, and they were just beautiful. Pray that I can go now." Can we give the cup of cold water to such? Find sweet joy — not greater is there — of rejoicing thus in God . . .

Dear Bro. Bill Schwarz . . . he could go and pray when burdened and get "relief" . . . There was Bro. Joe Reber who moved to Washington, and "Uncle Joe," Bro. Klotzle . . . Betty Veges . . . more and more and more . . .

The plan of the church is the precious concept of God. It is His actual gathering together to home, with all the table full . . . a calling, and what a wonderful calling. It can be as few as two—that's how many were at Leo at one time . . . it can be in a home . . . but the real location is in the heavenlies, now. Sitting together in heavenly places.

Elder Carl has a concern for all, the kind that reaches for safe passage through the final portal. The Spirit breathing in Him loves the

sheep and the lambs. Bro. Pater-noster needed the love. Now his lips are silent, but his soul alive . . . and of such, now in heavenly white, we count our treasures o'er. Sis. Heidi, a lamb of Jesus, needs the Good Shepherd's loving care. And don't all of us! Three beautiful groups of caring, shepherding are in John chapter 21. Each fits perfectly. Those questions search deep—Love?

Age and youth. The world and its woeful distresses would wedge, drive, distort, divide . . . but there is treasure to be desired in the heart of the wise; a wise heart will gather, will search for deep, precious things. Who knows the sweet secrets of the gathering years? Naomi means pleasant. Youth can know . . . and have a heavenly privilege of fellowship. Who knows the lovely traits awaiting discovery in the youthful—what challenge they give? Or the middle? . . . And sunset? Gather your friendships while you may.

Like a castle, the photograph

shows the rounded view of the assembly room . . . A lovely palm graces the grounds. But inside there's more, so much more, real, detailed, persons—God's children, hearts, glowing warm welcome. How wonderful is the joy unspeakable and full of glory in believing in Jesus! How one phrase can gladden and strengthen! We stand on another summit. A greater than the Pacific rolls nearer. Peaceful. Joyful. Light-hearted. Satisfied. Eternity. We know for sure it is there. We know it is the joy of our hearts. There is the Father's house, with its many places to live . . . the glory-circled God . . . wondrously beautiful, . . . real living, love more than we can try to picture, and Jesus in person . . . Sweet sunset. Have you thought how Sunrise basks every room in that house?

Tho' dimly we see in outline, there is so much . . . and there is more . . . so much more. We are happy. We want to do what He wants us to do. This is true fellowship and eternal life.

## OUR CALIFORNIA CHURCHES THIS CENTURY 20TH

The Lord cares for His people. Time marches on. We are somewhere before the coming of the Lord. We see Him actually at work in 1975.

His ways are wondrous ways. Rest assured. He says and it is being done. He keeps the paths of His saints. He expertly, with detail, gathers His harvest. Not one golden grain will be missing. That's what He promised, and that is the facts that will return.

Maywood stands. It is a bright entrance. They bear eternal tidings. We are happy that brothers and sisters walk in the truth. We count His treasures o'er.

Friends John and Julia Dapper were married in the year 1920. The decision was made to go to California. In February 1930, these two turned to the Lord. Bro. John and Sis. Julia did not live near a church. Should they move? The Lord's hand was moving. Elder Bro. Ernest Graf knew the mind of the Lord. **He felt the Lord was using John to establish a church in California . . .** And how many are the good things the Lord has done at Maywood!

If we don't run ahead, don't linger behind, the Lord does great things through us. Keeping calm and collected gathers success. Willing to wait on another, willing to bear, . . . that's the Lord's heart.

Hospitality is a welcome word when used in the love of God. It is a special word, the godly glow of happy footsteps. Some poor soul is longing for love and kindness. The strains of a song, a verse of scripture read or lived reach a listening ear . . . The seed finds good ground.

Maywood . . . Altadena . . . plans of God now are reality firming out (God has blessed with beautiful places for saints) . . . In old-time, a herald would call the people of the city together, a meeting to perform something. A church is **an assembly of saints**, citizens of the City above. It's what **takes place**, the Person calling doing it, that makes the church . . . It can be a room, and still be a church, delighting God's heart.

Maywood and Altadena are partners in the Lord. Paul in the heart-warming verses of I Thessalonians chapters 2 and 3 shows riches belonging to God's children . . . love is beautiful . . . December 1970 contained this beautiful news of our California brethren: "Speaking

to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." These two verses served as the text, when the Maywood and Altadena congregations joined in a Thanksgiving eve worship . . . Let us begin our new year by dedicating our lives to greater appreciation and thanksgiving."

Greater appreciation makes us want to please the Master. Letting our light shine is the Scriptures tell of the joyful tidings — from Christmas, to the end of the age, it is a continuing glorious consummation. In the first century of the church, some were chosen to go and gather in from farther reaches. Others were to abide, like at Corinth, Rome . . . and today . . . Rockville . . . Altadena . . . and a list of familiar places. Such news as this brings delight. "We rejoice and thank the Lord that the door of grace is still open for sinners to find salvation." (The year is '73, the church Altadena.) "Bill Cooper (Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia) and now Joyce Hackenjos (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) have turned to the Lord in repentance and are

finding the joy of true forgiveness."

This life is beautiful when there is victorious, glorious conclusion. Sorrow is resplendent in the faith, for His own shall never die. News later in 1973 was: "While many joys were experienced, there was also a share of sorrow with the passing of Bro. Bill Schwarz . . . We find comfort. He is released from his earthly burdens, and is now with the Lord eternally." To stop one heart from breaking—To ease one life from aching, or cool one pain—it is so worthwhile. Bro. Bill's triumphant finish echoed the beauty, like Paul's great call. Bill said, "I'm not afraid, and I am ready." Isn't that beautiful? Death can indeed be beautiful.

Life is an interweaving of hearts. Do we realize the rhapsodies here brilliantly burst into full bloom at His coming. These fragrance now in our beloved homestead above. Little Theresa Maria Schwarz and a little pink ribbon. She went home before Grandpa Bill. Now they are together, rejoicing. The sun-dial may be broken in Harbor Rest Memorial Park, where Bill's body rests, but he has found where the day breaks and the shadows flee away. He is with the Lord.

A bit of verse in a book of the Schwarz's, when they lived on Tustin Avenue contained this: **Up in**

the air and over the wall . . . Till I can see so wide . . . Rivers and trees and cattle and all . . . Over the countryside . . . There is a heavenly out over for His children It is hope. Out over the landscape, see the glorious gathering, our family of faith. Look. Hear the joyful sounds! See the sweet communing, and happy times. Happy hearts! Theresa Marie, David, Bill . . . more! Rich reality, with real promises of a real, living God.

Los Angeles has changed in looks many times. For a while there were Indians and wide open spaces . . . then adobe huts. More solid-looking brick buildings, was at a time the **modern** city. Various years brought various views . . . California with its crowded ways of sin. Opportunity: God remains the same. As modern as we are, we can never catch up here with Him. He knows the terror-ridden ways of the dark places . . . the careless ways of the throng. He knows the way of success. His will is for Maywood members . . . for Altadena to care about every one. His love is your love. That beautiful love! His will in believing prayer always comes true.

There's a merry heart for us in thinking of the saints. Pray for them . . . Learn the treasures of possession—Like Paul says of His loved ones in II Corinthians 7, ye are in our hearts to die and live with you. . . . All year can be with

gems. Gospel Hymn singing . . . supertime together . . . joy that Jesus lives. Let your heart flow with love and joy. Dear ones come, and friends, too, are finding the Saviour.

Sometimes the hour is solemn. The year was, 1972. —This observation was made: **Prove ye, Prove ye every spirit** was sang, also the reading and sermon pointed some to being watchful. Did someone lose their way? Has someone left? Those who stray must not really weigh the dreadful heartache of now. Nor the risk that becomes greater, chancing perhaps everlasting havoc. The foolish virgins are those that gamble and lose. That midnight cry comes! Behold, the **Bridegroom cometh**. The lamp! **GOING OUT!**

Kind things are very worthwhile—delightings for the Saviour, guarding, guiding . . . keeping just in sight, **for a smile such as yours might be precisely somebody's necessity.**

Do you think what the end of a perfect day  
Can mean to a tired heart,  
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray  
And the dear friends have to part?

We meet face to face. The day must end. Together again in the Land of Perfect Peace.  
And really Home.

**LA CROSSE IN**

**Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger**

It was a blessed and joyous day Sunday, Sept. 21, when Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest) brought the wonderful word of God to us. How comforting are the words as Joshua told his people, Only be thou strong and very courageous . . . turn not from it to the right hand or to the left.

We welcome and are happy that God moved the hearts of Bro. Terry and Sis. Beverly Miller and children Jeff, Wendy and Stacey from Remington to move to our community, assembling with us.

Bro. Elmer Heiniger had major surgery at Methodist Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota. A patient for three weeks . . . he was dismissed, and is at home improving. Friend Conrad Paarlberg received extensive injuries from a farm accident.

He received facial cuts and is in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

Bro. Art Bucher sends his sincere **thank you** to his relatives and friends for the love and kindness shown with prayers, cards and gifts in behalf of his birthday . . .

The family of Sis. Lena Nuest wish to express their thanks for all kindness and prayers during our dear mother's shut-in days and passing into her eternal rest.

**Early Memories**

Our retired elder, Bro. George Yergler tells of the years he was in charge of the Chicago congregation: In the early 1920's there were several families, friends, and several young members employed in the Chicago area. They gathered for services at the home of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Clauss. Services

were held one Sunday evening a month. Bro. George would catch a train late Sunday afternoon to go to Chicago, and was able to catch another train at 10 p.m. to bring him back home. Later on they had services twice monthly, then rented a hall on 5th and Francisco Avenue. Next they moved to a former church building at 735 Sacramento. In 1937, the building at 2120 W. Sunnyside was purchased and used until 1972, when a new church was built at Hillside, Ill., on Wolfe Road. Bro. Robert Haas and Bro. Eli Winzeler were the first ministers in the Chicago church. Bro. George Yergler was ordained elder at La-Crosse in 1936, and served the Chicago church until the late Bro. Al Fisher was ordained, in 1970.

Bro. George also told of the first elders who came to LaCrosse. Elder Bro. Godfrey Rauch from

Bluffton was our first elder. Bro. Henry Souder (Leo) came along occasionally to assist Bro. Rauch, as Bro. Souder spoke English and Bro. Rauch did not. Bro. Souder passed away in 1924. Bro. Rauch served our congregation until his death in 1935. After that, Bro. Eli Dotterer (Junction) had the oversight of LaCrosse until Bro. George Yergler was ordained in 1936. In 1971, Bro. Ed Frank was ordained, and served along with Bro. George until the latter's retirement in 1974.

### ALTO MI

#### Donna Steffen

When you've met with some disappointment  
And you're tempted to feel blue,  
When plans have all been side-tracked,  
Or some friend has proved untrue;  
When you're toiling and you're struggling  
At the bottom of the stairs,  
It will seem a bit like Heaven,  
Just to know that Jesus cares!

Sis. Kathryn Grawberg (Fred) has spent some time in the hospital for tests and observation. She is now home, able to assemble with us, for which we are so thankful. . . Hospitalized is Carlotta Bennett (Max), who has suffered a severe heart attack. She seems to be regaining strength and good health, and looks forward to the day when she can be home. Mrs. Bennett is the mother of Sis. Joan (Tom) Schrenk.

We were so thankful to again have our elder brethren with us. (Bros.) Joe Waibel (Bay City) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) spent Sunday, Sept. 21 with us. How uplifting and encouraging it is to fellowship and worship with those of like mind and faith. Bro. Aaron Steffen, Jr. was chosen and placed with the duties and responsibilities of unordained deacon. We pray that God will bestow an extra portion of grace and strength to fulfill his duties. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." The engagement of Bro. Wally Gerst (Alto) to Sis.

Donna Waibel (Bay City) was announced Sun. Sept. 28. Wally is the son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty (Oakville), Donna the daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel (Bay City). Our hearts are thrilled that God has brought these two of His own together. As they prepare for marriage, may they seek God's will and guidance in all things.

Our congregation was happy to have Helen Julien (Whittier Calif.) in our midst. She spent nearly 2 weeks visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Ronald and Penny Erismann.

Sis. Louise Desotell is happy to have her husband (Harold) home. He has spent several months living and working in Peoria.

### BRADFORD IL

#### Jane Leman

The angels in heaven rejoice when one sinner repents. Carol Heinz, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Hancher, was proved and baptized by our elder, Bro. Dave Kieser, one Sunday afternoon. We ask God's blessing and protective hand for Sis. Carol, her husband, Dave, and their four young sons.

Bradford was host to the A.C. Youth Fellowship the last two Sundays of September. Surely our Lord was pleased as He looked down on the multitude of young people singing beautiful hymns of praise to Him. We thank Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) and Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke) for their inspirational messages.

We appreciate visiting ministers kind enough to come and share the word of God with us. We thank Bros. Harvey Grimm (Bern) and Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal).

Andrea, 5-yr.-old daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris Kuntz, was hospitalized for a few days with pneumonia.

### KIOWA KS

#### Janice Frieden

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word,  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

So many times the words of our beautiful hymns are not fully appreciated and understood, and it's a shame, because they are so true! Like the hymn above: It really is sweet to learn to trust the Lord and rest all of our cares upon Him, because He can handle any situation, whether small or great, and work it out the way He feels is best for us. A short while back something came up that needed planning, and I was really getting flustered about it. Finally, I asked the Lord to take over and lead us according to His will. Then I tried to forget it, and leave it in His hands completely. The way the Lord handled everything was completely different than we expected, but couldn't have been more perfect. I'm sure all of us prove the Lord o'er and o'er, and as the songwriter said, pray "for grace to trust Him more!"

We always miss our loved ones who are unable to worship with us due to illness, such as Bro. Ulysses Farney and Sis. Linda Liggerstoffer, who were hospital patients and are now recuperating at home.

Each one of our fellowship gatherings with brothers, sisters, and friends makes us more aware of what a precious faith the Lord has given and how mindful we should be that we cherish it and be ever thankful to God for it. As we were blessed with several of these special gatherings this month, we have a triple reason to give thanks. First, we had a blessed evening of singing praises on Sept. 7; then on Sept. 14, our 6-12 grade Sunday School classes joined the other Kan-

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sas churches at Gridley for a truly enjoyable Youth Fellowship gathering; and on Sept. 14, we also had services at the Kiowa Manor for the shut-ins who look so forward to those services.

We are indeed grateful to our visiting ministers for lending themselves when they come from afar, as did Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, who was in our midst on Sept. 14, and through inspiration of the Lord brought us precious teachings from God's holy word.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Bro. Tom Freed and Sis. Kathy Neuenschwander, who exchanged wedding vows in Indianapolis on Sept. 28.

#### LAMAR MO

Gail Banwart - Marie Marti

Love is a powerful force. Bro. Carl Hartman gave us precious teachings concerning the influence of love and how it can change the lives of people. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

As we travel life's earthly road from Jerusalem to Jericho, may we be good Samaritans to all who need us, cheering, healing, and fortifying them with true neighborliness, vitalizing all the relations of life with an unselfish love, remembering that love is the strongest force in the world.

A fine example of this love, devotion, and unselfish giving of one's self is that of our dear Sis. Lydia Rentsch, who has patiently cared for her mother, Louisa, for many years. Louisa will have reached the age of 95 on Oct. 22. She was born in Zurich, Switzerland, crossed the Atlantic on the steamship *Bretagne*, and came to Tremont at the age of 10. In 1900 she married Christian Rentsch; they had 7 children. Ten years ago, Louisa fractured her hip, but she is now able to walk with the help of a walker. Sis. Lydia, never complaining, is only able to attend church services half days, and she does so appreciate being able to do that. The tender unceasing care bestowed on her mother is one of true love and devotion.

We were blessed to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Albert Aberle bring us many fine teachings. We feel very fortunate and happy to have Elder Bro. Gene

Marti and Sis. Mary and family as part of our Lamar congregation, and to have Elder Bro. Gene accept his position in the Lamar church. We welcome them!

Sis. Evelyn Marti spent several days in the hospital, where she submitted to surgery. We are happy to have her in church again. Oscar Banwart appreciated all the messages of concern and thoughtfulness extended to him while in the hospital in Kansas City for almost four weeks. He now must go to the dialysis center in Joplin three times a week . . . Sis. Rosa Widmer wishes to express thanks and appreciation for prayers, cards, visits and gifts while in the hospital and since she is home.

#### BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Habegger - Rhonda Steffen

Bro. Loren Stoller was in our midst the evening of Sept. 13 to assist in the provings of three of our dear friends. On the following day many witnessed their baptism. Our new brothers and sister are Lonnie Bertsch (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lillian), Mark Steffen (Bro. Sherman and Sis. Lucille) and Valerie Ringger (Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn).

We were fortunate to have Bros. Walter Rager, Homer Reineck, Ben Fehr, James Lehman, and Elder Bro. Noah Schrock assemble with us recently.

We sympathize with our Sis. Mary Ringger Frauhiger, whose husband Leonard R. Frauhiger passed away suddenly Sept. 21. He is survived by his wife Mary, his mother, Sis. Olga Frauhiger, and one son Leon. In addition, there are 3 brothers, Loren, Bros. Herbert and Tom; and 3 sisters, Sis. Mildred (Ralph) Gerber, Sis. Marjorie (William) Ringger, Sis. Rose (Laverne) Ringger.

We pray that the Lord will comfort those who are our shut-ins: Tom Fiechter, Steve Maller, Bros. Lester Heyerly and Fred Moser, and Sisters Goldie (Arthur) Kipfer, Gladys (Floyd) Gerber and Leah Ringger. We especially miss Elder Bro. John Yergler from our midst.

Bro. Leon and Sis. Pat Gerber are parents of their first child, Pierre Leon, on Sept. 20. The grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Gladys Gerber, and Bro. Alphie and Sis. Lucille Reinhard. Bro. Bill

and Sis. Dianna Tonner were the parents of a precious baby boy, Tyler Wayne, also born on Sept. 20. On Sept. 25 a baby girl, Denise Robyn was born to Bro. and Sis. Fern Kaehr.

#### JUNCTION OH

Gwen Manz - Betty Manz

Visiting ministers in September were (Bros.) Henry Grimm (Morton) and Fred Knapp (Congerville).

Sis. Louise Manz, wife of Bro. Emmanuel, has been hospitalized several times in the past few weeks, due to a severe electrical shock received while working in her kitchen. We are glad to report she is now home and improving, though slowly. Also hospitalized was Wendell Spangler, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Carolyn.

We read in the Scriptures that "joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth". We have several young friends who, realizing their deep need of the Saviour, have turned to the Lord in repentance. We pray that many more can heed the Good Shepherd's call.

Lester Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) was home from college for several weeks and is now attending Toledo University. Karen Schlatter (Sis. Esther) is enrolled in Defiance College, and John Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is attending Indiana-Purdue Regional Campus in Ft. Wayne. We wish them the Lord's guidance as they further their education.

#### WINTHROP MN.

Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

We feed upon God's holy word;  
We hear His servants preach,  
And gladly sit before the ones  
Whose gift it is to teach.

We were pleasantly surprised one Sunday by a visit from our elder brother, Leo Moser, who expounded the precious word throughout the day.

Fifty years of life together  
Hand in hand down life's road;  
Looking back, it's all been pleasant,  
As joyfully they share the load.

God has blessed them with a family

And good friends by the score,  
Food for soul and body comfort,  
Should one ask for anymore?

A blessed occasion was enjoyed by many brethren from West Bend, Morris, Minneapolis, and Winthrop, also family, friends and relatives, to honor Bro. and Sis. Walter Messner, as they observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They wish to express their heartfelt appreciation and thanks to everyone for the gifts, cards and all who helped in any way.

Troy, son of Bro. and Sis. Bill Messner, was hospitalized to set a broken arm.

Travis Lee Redmann is the new baby son of Darrel and Jane. Heather welcomed home her brother. Sis. Pearl and Archie Lienemann are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. and Sis. Leo Messner are grandparents of their first grandchild, Michael Leo Messner. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Tony Messner of Minneapolis.

Some day men will be surprised to know that God says what He means and means what He says.

#### WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

Greetings be to you, our brethren,  
ren,  
To our sisters in the Lord,  
Here from far and near assembled,  
Gathered here in one accord.  
Welcome, welcome, all ye loved  
ones;  
Greetings in the Saviour's name.

We have truly enjoyed many visitors to our assembly over the past few months. It is always a blessing and encouragement to meet those of like faith from various places.

We were blessed richly on Sept. 14, when Bros. Everett Hari — Bloomington and Bob Walder, Congerville, brought us many wonderful teachings from God's word. On Sept. 28, Bro. Karl Westphal, Francesville, was with us and also gave us good teaching.

Hospitalized were Marjean Lehman, for surgery, and Rebecca Schwab, daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene, who was in for tests. We are thankful they are both out again and doing well.

Our young people away at school this semester are (Sisters) Laurel Widmer, Lu Ann Bahler, Connie Schieler; and Neal Widmer. We are glad they are all close enough that they can still assemble with us.

#### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Beautiful October — that still autumn hour, so inspiring to those whose hearts and minds are alert to "...whatsoever things are lovely..." and find help in thinking "...on these things"!! Unawareness of God's beauty around us can cause a greater poverty than that caused by lack of money.

Our featured resident this month is Marlene Moser, who was the second resident to come to our Home, on Oct. 1, 1971. Her parents, Walter and Perseda Broquard Moser of Fairbury come to visit her often. This is always a happy time, especially when she can go for a ride... Marlene is a contented person, and responds so nicely to the love of her parents, her four sisters and two brothers, and to the loving care and attention of her "family" here.

A new class to help us learn about the geography of our United States has begun for the residents. What fun it is to look up the answers to our map and other various assignments!

Several very pleasant evenings were spent listening to a thoughtful volunteer, as he spent time with us playing the piano, both alone and with others.

On the afternoon of Sept. 6, a large group from the Francesville congregation sang beautifully for us. How can we thank them adequately for this lovely effort?!

A Youth Group sang for residents on Sept. 28.

The churches in Peoria, Gridley, and Fairbury conducted Friday evening vesper services during September. A group from Congerville also held a singing with the residents. Our "family" here looks forward to these times.

From nature's beauty can come inspiration; from inspiration can come the desire for the best gifts. A few gifts worth pondering about are sincerity, kindness, courage, compassion, selflessness, character, faith.

#### MAYWOOD CA

Ruth Dapper

Sis. Julia Dapper has been a hospital patient in the month of September; she is at home recuperating now.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Marguerite Mott, of the Altadena congregation, in

the loss of her beloved husband Russell, who was so suddenly taken from this life into that great eternity.

Our hearts are saddened when one more from our small congregation feels the need to leave us, as our sister-in-faith, Ruth Vaughn, who has now found employment and moved to the Phoenix area. We hope she will be blessed there with her sister and family, with whom she will make her home. Ruth had spent some 20 years here in Southern California and will be greatly missed.

#### PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

It takes both the rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

We were reminded how privileged we are to have a place we can go, and feel we have a desire for the same thing. Old and young, rich or poor, all have a common place in the house of worship.

Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka shared a Wednesday evening service with us. We had a very blessed evening as Bro. LeRoy pointed the way we should conduct ourselves. Our path was illuminated, so now is up to us to follow the teachings and look forward to and prepare for the day of death.

Sept. 14 dawned sunny and bright and found many from various places entering our house of worship. Bro. Roy Ehle of Bradford read and meditated on the first miracle of our Lord, which took place at the wedding feast. By faith and trust, miracles are performed. Many had come this day to share in the joy of Sis. Linda Baer and Bro. Rolland Joos, as they pledged their vows of love and faithfulness to each other, Bro. Dave Kieser laying it on their hearts the importance of faithfulness and sharing with one another. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

On the morning of Sept. 14, the engagement of Bro. Wayne Herrmann, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn Baurer Herrmann, and Sis. Brenda Ramseier, daughter of Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen of Mansfield was made known.

When Bro. Kenny Dietz spent a Wednesday evening with us, he read and meditated on Matthew 24. Being reminded of the signs of Christ's return, by keeping faith

we can look forward to His return.

Those who were able to be out and go to church the last Sunday in September saw much beauty, with the sunshine bringing out the hues so vividly. Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont was our guest minister, and it seemed that repentance was prominent in both morning and afternoon services.

In our general area, farmers have had excellent harvesting weather, and are reaping bounteous harvests. Many have remarked they had never seen the ears of corn so large and such a big yield. May we always be aware that these gifts are all from God, and that we use them wisely and well, thanking Him for His love and blessings.

On Sept. 8, Bro. Silas Leuthold observed his 82nd birthday. We are so thankful that he has been granted health to worship with us regularly. We look up to him and remember the kindly teachings and admonitions he gave to his flock.

One Sunday morning at the end of the service, our friend Dorothy Streitmatter, wife of Paul, was stricken ill and removed by ambulance to the hospital, where she spent several days undergoing tests. It was found that she had a reaction to medicine. She is at home and regaining strength.

Little Debbie Stahl, daughter of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty, who had broken her leg in a bicycle accident, has had the cast removed. She is beginning to walk on it again. . . Debbie and her parents wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, prayers, and kindness shown since she broke her leg.

Several of our little folks were hospitalized. Trent, 11½-year-old son of Wayne and Linda Scholl, spent several days in the hospital with bilateral pneumonia. Little Trent got very sick real fast; he also recovered in a short time, and is his same busy little self again. . . Clint, the 6-month-son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Plattner, had to spend several days in the hospital with a severe sore throat and fever; he too has recovered. Heidi Christ, 4-year-old daughter of Wolfgang and Barbara, had a severe asthma attack and had to be hospitalized. After she felt better, she enjoyed having the nurses wait on her and riding in a wheel-chair. Julie, 4-year-old daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna Knobloch

Gehrig, had to spend several days in the hospital for tests, and learned she is afflicted with mononucleosis. She was able to come home, but must be kept as quiet as possible. Julie's daddy, Bro. Kenneth was hospitalized for two weeks. He had an emergency appendectomy, and then infection that took several days to conquer. He is at home feeling much better.

Sis. Ida Huber, who is now making her home at the Apostolic Christian Home in Peoria, observed her 82nd birthday. We are glad to know she is enjoying fairly good health, and can be up in her wheelchair to visit with other residents every day. She enjoys having visitors . . . makes the time go faster.

#### REMINGTON IN

##### Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

Our welcome visitors were Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest and Bro. Bill Gudeman of Elgin. Of special interest to the sisters was Bro. Perry's comparison of a sermon to a meal a woman prepares. How some do relish it, others say, "This or that doesn't agree with me". When this happens in the natural way, we usually find it necessary for examination, to determine the cause for the problem. Are we so willing and eager to self-examine when the same is true in the spiritual way? It is even more important.

We were sorry to learn our dear Sis. Emma Beckley, who is at the Eureka Nursing Home, fell and broke a hip. It was necessary for her to have surgery at a Peoria hospital. We are glad she has recovered well enough to return to Eureka. Don't forget, Sis. Emma, we haven't forgotten you and are praying for you.

Farmers here, as elsewhere, are busy with the bountiful harvest . . . had our first frost this morning, Oct. 3. Trees are putting on their beautiful colors. May we all enjoy each day in its beauty.

No man is truly ready to live until he is fully prepared to die!

#### WICHITA KS Glenis Allenbach

God knew that I would hate to see  
The lovely things of summer end,  
So in compassion, turned the key  
To open autumn's wonderland.

I stood in awe, and I could see  
Bright autumn sing her song anew,  
And marveled long, how it could be  
That I have this and heaven too!

In my hometown . . . I was amazed at how small the house looked, and what a short distance it was to town. I had remembered the distance with bare feet on hot summer sidewalks, and everything else in perspective with a much bigger world than I do today.

The thought came to me—this is the way it will be when we get to heaven. The barefeet, the hot sidewalk of life, the big important things here and now will look very small indeed!

We do enjoy our visiting brothers, sisters and friends who worship with us.

We are always pleased to have a visiting minister and certainly felt the Lord was with Bro. Roy Wernli, as he ministered last Sunday. Bro. George Lambert spoke at the end of the service, and said he had thought of several things to say while Bro. Roy was preaching, but when Roy finished, there was nothing to add; it had all been said! Bro. Roy shows much concern about his brothers, sisters and friends. To be really concerned you must truly love your fellowman. Roy shows his love; it shows loud and clear in his ministry.

I would close with some lines from a poem given me by Bro. George Lambert . . .

#### Keeping On

I've dreamed many dreams that  
never came true.  
I've seen them vanish at dawn,  
But I've realized enough of my  
dreams, thank God,  
To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no  
answer came,  
Tho' I've waited patient and long,  
But answers have come to enough  
of my prayers  
To make me keep praying on.

#### AKRON OH Linda Pamer

One of our faithful ministering brothers, in meditating on God's word, brought to us this wonderful truth: The times when we are in distress are the times when we learn the most. We rejoice in the



Lord's love and joy and peace, but when we are bearing a cross, if we give heed to the Holy Spirit, we will learn something.

In the beautiful Zion's Harp Hymn No. 66, it says:

Is prayer to bring to me a blessing?  
Am I to feel that Thou dost hear?  
A cross must on my soul be pressing;  
Thou to my broken heart art near.

Bro. Harold Emch (Girard) visited us and brought us the word.

Thanks to the Sunday School teachers for all the work they put into our annual Sunday School picnic. Many children came with their parents and I'm sure we all enjoyed it.

#### BURLINGTON IA Edna Pohl

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

And thankful for Bro. Merle Kaisner in ministering to our congregation in mid-September.

Two precious babies have come to live with their respective families. Erica Rose is the new daughter of Lavern and Sis. Kim Oberman Salec, born Sept. 26. Her little sister, Cari, has a new interest now. Monica Sue, born Sept. 14, is welcomed by her two brothers, Marc and Matthew. Their parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Elaine Eisenmann.

Grandparents of Erica Rose are Bro. Wm. and Sis. Rosella Massner Oberman of West Bend; grandparents of Monica Sue, Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner of Oakville.

Sis. Martha Perdelwitz spent a week in the hospital, with a painful blood clot in the lower leg. She has had several the past number of years. She has returned home, caring for herself.

Sis. Rekie Anliker has been absent, in being with her daughter, Beverly Ross at Mayo Clinic. Beverly was born with a dislocated hip, and had surgery the past year, then infection caused more concern. She has been patient and enduring.

Our new church is progressing nicely, but we'll not enjoy it this year's end, as was first thought. Now it may be more like January

or February. With patience we await its completion, and praise the Lord for making it all possible.

Church service in Zapata — 10:30.

#### CONGERVILLE IL Mary Schrock - Mary Leman

In this fast-moving world  
of turmoil and tension.  
With problems and troubles  
too many to mention.  
Our days are so crowded  
and our hours are so few.  
There's so little time  
and so much to do . . .  
And sometimes we wonder  
as we rush through the day—  
Does God really want us  
to hurry this way?  
Why are we impatient  
and continually vexed,  
And often bewildered,  
disturbed and perplexed?  
Perhaps we're too busy  
with our own selfish seeking  
To hear the dear Lord  
when He's tenderly speaking . . .  
We are working so tensely  
in our self-centered way,  
We've no time for listening  
to what God has to say,  
And hard as we work,  
at the end of the day  
We know in our hearts  
we did not pay our way . . .  
But God in His mercy  
looks down on us all,  
And though what we've done  
is so pitifully small,  
He makes us feel welcome  
to kneel down and pray  
For the chance to do better  
as we start a new day,  
And life would be better  
if we learned to rely  
On our Father in heaven  
without asking why . . .  
And if we'd remember  
as we rush through the day,  
The Lord is our Shepherd,  
and He'll lead the Way . . .  
So don't rush ahead  
in reckless endeavor;  
Remember **He Leadeth,**  
and **Time Is Forever!**

#### Our Congregation

Lynn Knapp, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice, has found peace and is awaiting baptism. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

We are sorry to hear of the many mishaps which occurred. Scott Zobrist suffered second and third degree burns on his arm. Scott is the son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Joyce. The accident happened at a family weiner roast . . . Alan Roth, son of Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline, and Derek Schrock, son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet, are both recuperating from a broken leg.

Sis. Gloria Walder (Bro. Bob) had surgery and is recovering nicely . . . We are happy to hear Sis. Mary Sides will again be able to assemble with us after a lengthy illness.

We extend a welcome to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein and their two boys, Mark and Rick. They moved to our area from the Latty congregation.

Our congregation was blessed with visits from Bros. John and Corban Bahler (Rockville) and Harry Suttor (Ft. Lauderdale). We greatly appreciated the messages they brought to us.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Landes

Mid the hurry and the turmoil of  
a busy, troubled day,  
Crowded with a thousand duties  
lurking ever in my way,  
Oft there comes a still whisper  
of the One I cannot see,  
**Have you no time left for Jesus,**  
**no time to commune with me?**

We are busy people. We rush to school and to work. Finish the homework. Sell the product. Build the house. Plant the crops. Clean the house. It's so easy for us to become burdened with earthly cares . . . But praise the Lord, Jesus Christ is there to bear our burdens. Can we afford not to spend time alone with Jesus? "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

We want to thank Bros. Joe Schrock, Harvey Heininger, Edwin Ringger, and Edwin Bahler for worshipping with us.

#### MANSFIELD OH Lucille Groh

BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND

OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME . . . We must lift the latch, however, as one of our ministers advised in a sermon, and then the Lord can come in.

How wonderful the Lord provides from time to time as we are permitted to meet and greet loved ones from afar. Visiting ministers were: Bros. Gary Maibach (Rittman), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis) spoke on faith . . . Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) shared with us the following incident: A young man had been convicted of a crime and was waiting in the death row of one of our prisons. His friends and relatives pleaded with the governor of that state to pardon the man of his crime. The governor, after much pleading by the man's friends, agreed that he would pardon the man, provided he could go to the prison and visit the prisoner wearing a ministerial robe. So, with pardon in hand and adorned with a black robe, the governor tried to talk to the prisoner and tell him he could pardon him. The young man would not give the governor a chance to get a word in edgewise, and finally, after many attempts to tell the man, the governor tore up the pardon papers and left the man to his fate. The young man's friends told him what he had done, and the young man cried and wept, but it was to no avail. Bro. Henry compared this supposedly true story to the sinner. Christ knocks, pleads and beckons, but if we do not accept His pardoning grace, he will go away, and then we must accept our fate.

Hospitalized this past month are: Bro. Henry Bocka, Sisters Carolyn Sauder, Freda Dinger and Barbara Bricker. Little Tracy Oesch (Sis. Katherine) was also hospitalized. Other dear ones confined at home are: Sisters Elda (Alvin) Riggenbach (recovering from surgery), Ruth Weiss (broken arm), Elizabeth Dotterer, Emma Bucher and Martha Isley. After being ill for a few weeks, we welcome Sis. Dorothy Durkin and Bro. Aaron Sauder back into our assembly.

Sis. Brenda Ramsier has promised to become the bride of Bro. Wayne Herrmann of Princeville. Brenda is the daughter of Ministering Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier. Wayne is the son of Bro.

Noah and Sis. Evelyn Herrmann. We will miss Brenda in our assembly when she moves to Princeville, but we wish them many blessings in their heart and home.

Sis. Barbara Bricker has not been well; not being able to live alone any longer, her son and daughter-in-law, Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen have opened heart and home and have welcomed Sis. Barbara.

Jesus lead me up the mountain  
Where the whitest robes are seen,  
Where the saints can see the fountain,  
Where the pure are keeping  
clean . . .

Lead me higher, nothing dreading  
In the race to never stop,  
In Thy footsteps keep me treading;  
Give me grace to reach the top.

#### FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

We praise the Lord for a new convert. He is Kent Kloter, the son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Kloter.

The engagement of Bro. Bill Kaeb, son of Bro. and Sis. David, was announced to Patsy Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard of Roanoke.

We enjoyed visiting ministers, (Bros.) Uriel Gehring, Vernon Schwab and Leroy Huber.

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Broquard were blessed with a baby, Gregory Michael, born Sept. 15. The new little boy has a sister, Roxanne to also welcome him. Grandparents are our Elder Bro. Josh and Sis. Marie Broquard and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tjaden.

Sis. Anna Huette has moved from her home in Fairbury to the A. C. Home in Eureka, just before her 81st birthday, Sept. 30. We will miss her here, but know it will be enjoyable for here there.

Bro. Benjamin Nussbaum passed away Sept. 18. He would have been 83 on Sept. 24. (Bros.) Wendell Gudeman and Henry Beer ministered at the funeral. Bro. Ben was the oldest member of the Wisconsin Archeological Society and a member of the Illinois Society. He was the author of a complete history on the North and South Apostolic Christian Churches. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lydia (Munz); a son Wilmer. Sis. Lydia expressed her thanks for all the kindness shown them during his illness and

passing away.

Bro. Henry Maurer reached the fourscore years and observed his 80th birthday.

Pamela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roth, was married to Duane Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Aberle.

We are sorry for those that had been hospitalized: Bro. Walter Moser, Sis. Luella Sohn, Sis. Nina Steffen, Alph Maurer.

To those who are interested in the North Apostolic Church History written by our departed Bro. Ben Nussbaum, we hope to have them printed by Nov. 1 . . . Reuben Bach.

#### MILFORD IN

Linda Beer — Nettie Haab

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Joe Schrock from Congerville and Loren Stoller from Latty. We appreciate their encouragement and their willingness to bring us God's word.

Bro. Charlie Baumgartner has accepted employment in Decatur, Illinois.

Bro. Sam Reimschisel has undergone surgery and is now at his home.

Our annual Promotion Program was held the evening of Sept. 28. We have also elected two new Sunday School teachers. They are Sis. Pat (Fred) Beer and Sis. Jan (Joe) Beer.

#### Where Shall I Work

"Father, where shall I work today?"

And my love flowed warm and free,  
When He pointed me out a tiny spot  
And said, **Tend that for me.**

I answered quickly, **O no, not there;**  
**No one would ever see,**  
**No matter how well my work was done,**  
**Not that little place for me.**

And the word He spoke, it was not stern;

He answered me tenderly,  
**Ah little one, search that heart of thine;**

**Art thou working for them or Me?**

**Nazareth was a little place,  
And so was Galilee."**

Remember, the little things in life, a smile, a kind word take so little time, and sometimes are remembered a lifetime.

## NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

Hospitalized were Sis. Viola Kar-  
cher and Sis. Lucy Hany.

## LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

We enjoyed the message that  
Brother Lloyd Kraft of Gridley  
brought to us on Sunday.

Our friend, Ben Ott, is a hospital  
patient in the intensive care unit  
at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita  
. . . Martha Hughes is still hospital-  
ized, after breaking her hip seven  
weeks ago.

Janette Luthi, daughter of Lloyd  
and Joann Luthi, has left for a  
nine-month stay in Australia. We  
miss her presence in our assembly  
and look forward to her return.

## NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey

W. E. (Bill) Durig has returned  
home from a Pittsburgh hospital,  
where he underwent heart surgery  
on Sept. 14, and is recovering very  
nicely.

C. O. Wade is a patient in the  
local hospital and undergoing tests,  
and he is hoping to get home in a  
few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser  
have moved here from Easton, Md.,  
where they have resided for several  
years.

Recent guests of Minnie Weltz  
and Mary Ann were Mr. and Mrs.  
Wilbert Haas of Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
Mrs. Ed Bittner of Eureka, Mrs.  
Charles Martin of Gridley Ill., Mrs.  
Ed Traub of Forrest, Mrs. Russell  
Martin of Bloomington, Mrs. Edna  
Hart of Brownsville, Pa., Mr. and  
Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Ver-  
non, Ohio.

Jimmy Wade of Westerville, O.,  
visited here on Sept. 27 and 28  
with his grandparents, Mr. and  
Mrs. C. O. Wade.

The fall season has again turned  
the woodlands into a beautiful ar-  
ray of colors, with the trees be-  
ginning to brighten up . . . and will  
soon be losing all their foliage . . .  
so far no frost or freeze. The rains  
have ceased, and the valleys and  
hills are beautiful.

## PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

If man will only look up toward  
Heaven, there can be no question  
that there is a God! How true  
many of our congregation found

this when we gathered amid the  
tall pines and mountains of God's  
creation and could look up to see  
a beautiful blue sky with white  
clouds as we joined Sis. Joan Mog-  
ler for a picnic at Prescott. Later  
in the evening, we gathered for a  
singing.

Following a reception on Sept.  
27, Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne  
(Schick) Dotterer will be making  
their home at 6041 N. 23rd Ave.  
Apt. No. 5, Phoenix AZ 85015. We  
also wish Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy  
(Neuenschwander) Freed God's  
blessings as they make their home  
in Kiowa. Bro. Tom is formerly of  
Phoenix.

Surgery patients have been Sis.  
Madeline Knochel and Sis. Alice  
Baumgartner. We're glad the Lord  
has blessed them, that they can  
again assemble with us . . . Bro.  
Jacob Hoerr had the misfortune of  
dislocating his shoulder . . . we're  
sorry to report, Bro. Sam Farney's  
condition has worsened recently.

Our little congregation is in-  
creasing: We welcome Sis. Ruth  
Vaughn; her address is 1528 W.  
7th St, Tempe AZ 85281 . . . and  
Bro. Art and Sis. Leona Messner;  
their address is 2240 E. Turney,  
Phoenix AZ 85016 . . . Bro. Dale  
Hackenjoes—Altadena (Bro. & Sis.  
Glen) is attending school at NAU  
in Flagstaff. It's nice to have Bro.  
Dale assemble with us—his address  
is N.A.U. Box 7079, Flagstaff AZ  
86001. It's nice to have Sis. Lena  
Vege with us for the winter. Sis.  
Linda Zollinger's new address is  
6615 N. 17th Ave. Apt. No. 2,  
Phoenix AZ 85015.

We miss Keith Kaufman (Bro.  
John and Betty), who has gone to  
Oregon following his high school  
graduation.

Happy first-time grandparents  
are Bro. Glen and Sis. Alice Baum-  
gartner. Born Sept. 14, Stephanie  
Lynn was welcomed home by par-  
ents Ken and Judy Clayborn.

"I am most grateful for the many  
prayers, cards, and gifts received  
during my lengthy illness." In  
Christian love, Bro. Harry Roth.

Your life is God's gift to you;  
What you do with it is your gift to  
God.

## ROANOKE IL

Mae Kay Hodel — Edith Sauder  
Love is the master key that op-  
ens the gates of happiness. We wish

Sis. Kathy (Sauder) and Bro. Mike  
Finley (Goodfield) God's love and  
blessings as they begin their mar-  
ried life together. They were united  
in marriage Sept. 17 . . . Best wish-  
es to Barbara Sauder (Bro. Bill and  
Sis. Dorothy) and Mark Brim, who  
were married Aug. 23.

We rejoice with our new broth-  
ers and sisters in Christ. It was our  
privilege to hear the testimonies  
and witness the baptisms of 13 dear  
souls this month. Jane Plattner  
(Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge), David  
Schwind (Bro. Walt & Sis. Mary),  
Debbie and Kathy Lemman (Bro.  
Rich and Sis. Rachel), Stan Des-  
Carpentrie (Sis. Lois), Tim Stoller  
(Bro. Rich and Sis. Barbara), Tim  
Sauder (Bro. Jack and Sis. Marlis),  
Duane Schroeder (Mr. and Mrs.  
Herman Schroeder), Sally Mangold  
(Bro. Melvin and Sis. Helen), John  
Getz (Bro. Dick and Sis. Mabel),  
Fred Janssen (Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Janssen), Steve Aeschliman (Bro.  
Joe and Sis. Mardell), and Randy  
Martin (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary  
Lou).

Elder Bros. Dale Eisenman (Chi-  
cago) and Roy Sauder (Peoria) as-  
sisted in the provings and baptisms.  
(Bros.) Walt Anliker (Eureka), Ed  
Aeschliman (Union City), Elmer  
Bucher (Francesville), and Joe Ab-  
erle (Sabetha, Kan.) blessed us by  
sharing God's word with us.

Sis. Leah Moser passed away.  
Services were held Sept. 22. She is  
survived by one sister, Mrs. Fred  
Knecht of Eureka . . . Our sym-  
pathy goes to our Bro. Don and Sis.  
Wilma Sauder, whose father,  
George Belsley of Morton passed  
away . . . We extend sympathy to  
our Sisters Emily, Julia, and Elsie  
Zimmerman on the death of their  
brother, Andrew Zimmerman.

God's blessings to those whose  
engagements were made known:  
Sis. Patsy Zimmerman (Bro. Rich  
& Sis. Helen) and Bro. Bill Kaeb  
(Fairbury), and Jane Sauder (Bro.  
Jack and Sis. Marlis) and James  
Thompson Jr.

Hospitalized were Ed Gerber  
(surgery) and Bro. Ben Fischer.  
Bro. Ben is taking therapy treat-  
ments.

Five of our dear friends have  
peace in their hearts and desire to  
be baptized. Annette Hangartner  
(Bro. Gene and Sis. Evelyn), Daniel  
and Dennis Schwind (Bro. Walt  
and Sis. Mary), Tom Sauder (Bro.  
Willard and Sis. Dorothy), and

Mrs. Carol Schwab will be given the opportunity to share with us their experience Oct. 11.

Dear friends, we gladly share with you

God's blessing rich and good,  
And welcome you with all our heart  
Into our brotherhood—

But, don't forget, each day anew  
That you must watch and pray,  
For Satan's host will try their best  
To draw your heart away.

Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman wish to thank all who helped make their 50th wedding anniversary such a happy occasion.

### SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehle

September is the month for church cleaning in Japan. You can talk about your spring house cleaning, but everyone in Japan knows that the end of the year is the traditional time to do house cleaning, in preparation for the new year. However, in the case of the house of worship, we clean three months early.

Church cleaning at Shioda was on Sept. 15. Day for the Elderly, a national holiday, and church cleaning at Tokyo was on Sept. 24, autumn equinox, a national holiday. This is an opportunity for fellowship as we do physical work together, a very rewarding experience. Witness the enthusiasm of our brethren in the States for the opportunity to work together to construct buildings for unfortunate children, to care for precious handicapped souls, to deliver supplies to the needy in devastated areas following a flood, a tornado or a hurricane. Jesus said, A house divided against itself cannot stand. One way to forego division is to do physical work together, as well as mental work, such as planning for a new house of worship, or spiritual work such as visiting and praying with the sick and inviting people to church, as well as trying to start churches in new areas, all to be done with submissiveness, in an attitude of humility, harmony and unity.

Church cleaning is a very good idea, although getting dust in your hair is not the most pleasant thing. The satisfaction and pleasantness of having things clean is the reward. Also when souls repent, it is the fact of being made "clean" by

the blood of Jesus Christ that is so wonderful. It is no small thing to be pronounced clean by the Word of God, and to know and feel that you are clean in your heart and soul. "Create in me a clean heart, O God". Psalm 51:10

Out of our living room window, the kindergarten children, dressed in their green kindergarten uniforms or smocks can be seen gaily tossing a red ball back and forth in the pleasant and balmy autumn sunshine. The green and heavily vegetated mountains loom up in the background as if to say, **Everything is all right. God is still sovereign.**

"But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."

### SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

What a blessing it is to gather together in Heavenly places and hear the word of God so freely spoken. Though only a few in number, God still speaks to us and warns of striving for the treasures of this earth. We were reminded the other evening, how our striving should be for the eternal wealth that is ours for the asking . . . as the words of the following hymn:

Why is there this anxious striving  
For the treasures of this earth?  
By God's word they all will perish,  
Honor, pleasure, wealth and  
mirth . . .

And I, who have life eternal,  
Joy and blessedness supernal  
Find so few who will obey  
On the straight and narrow way!

Therefore all ye human beings,  
Hear today the Saviour's word;  
He came for the poor lost sinner,  
Who with joy His message heard.  
Come, believe! Be meek and lowly,  
For His word is true and holy.  
Who believes Him is made free,  
Here and in eternity.

### TUCSON AZ

Gloria Bauer

### Who Prayed?

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

DID you ask for strength to help us  
All our heavy burdens bear?

DID you speak of faith and courage  
For the trials we must meet?  
DID you ask that God might keep  
us,  
As you bowed at Jesus' feet?

SOMEONE prayed, and faith grew  
stronger

For the long and weary road.  
SOMEONE prayed and faith grew  
stronger

As we bent beneath the load.

SOMEONE prayed, the way grew  
brighter

As we walked all unafraid—  
In our heart a song of gladness—  
Tell us, WAS IT YOU WHO  
PRAYED?

"I would like to thank all who remembered me with cards, gifts, prayers, and visits during my stay in the hospital and at home. Evelyn Knapp"

### WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

The love shared with one another is a precious gift of God! We were privileged to have in our midst Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City, Bro. Robert Pohl, Burlington, and Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville. May their efforts be blessed and may the way be open for them to return.

A bundle of blessings was sent to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Rose Grimm, Dawn Rose, born Sept. 30. Grandparents are Bro. Clifford and Sis. Rosene Grimm and Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart.

Many friends and relatives helped Bro. George and Sis. Clara Bruellman observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Sept. 14. God has blessed them with many memorable years together.

In our prayers we remember our hospital patients and shut-ins. They are: Bro. Paul Banwart, Sis. Verda (Donald) Bruellman, Sam Mogler, and Byron Anliker, son of Leonard and Helen Anliker.

Elder Bro. Paul Fehr attended the funeral of Sis. Anna Fehr, who went to meet her Maker, after many years of faithfulness to her Lord. She will be sadly missed by her sisters and brothers who helped care for her, as well as the entire congregation.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

**BERN KS**

**Esther and Stella Moser**

Our newest joy bundle is Matthew John Meyer; he arrived Sept. 27, and joins Jimmy, Kimberly and Carla Sue in the home of Bro. Robert and Sis Janet.

On Sept. 13, the annual board meeting of the A. C. Home was held in the Fellowship Hall, Sabetha. All trustees from the Kansas churches and Lamar were able to be present except one. After the meeting, a 5:00 dinner was served.

Our guest minister was Bro. Ron Heiniger, Bloomington. Altho we always enjoy and thank each, we appreciate the efforts put forth Sunday after Sunday of our own ministers.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Lucy Hartter (also other relatives) in the passing of her brother, John Wittmer, age 92.

Ask those who say that God is dead:

Who controls the winds and sky?  
Who keeps the sun from falling down?

Who tells us when to die?  
Who stops our breath (against our will)?

And who gives us life and birth,  
Turns tiny acorns into trees,  
And controls the entire earth?  
Whose name is called in the hour of death

When fortunes are laid by?  
God is alive; man is weak.  
Yes, we are helpless still,  
For every breath and heartbeat, too,

Are according to His will.

**BREMEN IN**

**Marian Germann**

God's gifts . . . Just stop a moment and think of the many gifts God gives us. One of my Sunday school children brought me an autumn leaf on Sunday. The leaf was filled with many beautiful colors. If God took enough love and patience out for just one leaf for us to enjoy, don't you think he created even greater things for us to enjoy? Look around you. God's glory is everywhere! God's greatest gift to us, though, is Jesus. Let's thank and praise God and truly count our blessings.

Last month I inadvertently forgot one college student. Mark Balen is attending Evansville College.

God blest two more families with

bundles of joy. Stacy Jean was born Sept. 5 to Bro. Rich and Sis. Sue Grewe. Shelly and Kevin are happy to help care for their new sister . . . Born Oct. 1, David Kenneth was welcomed into Sis. Sue and Bro. Bob Beebes' home. Glad to welcome David are his three brothers, Michael, Matthew, and Mark!

On Sept. 17, we held elections for Sunday school teachers for this next year starting Oct. 5. We pray that God help each teacher with the assignment of teaching our children.

On Sept. 28, we held our annual Promotion Program. Each child did a fine job, and we pray God's richest blessing on each child.

Do we put our confidence in ourselves and others, or do we put our trust and faith in the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**EUREKA IL**

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

In this restless world of struggle,  
it is very hard to find

Answers to the questions that daily come to mind —

But He granted us salvation when  
His Son was crucified,  
For life became immortal, because  
our Saviour died.

Because He lives—We too shall live

Our visitors were Bros. Edwin Ringger and Elmer Witzig of Gridley. Among the ill are: Bro. Dan Wiegand was a surgical patient in the hospital, but is home again . . . Bro. Ralph Fehr was a medical patient a couple days . . . Sis. Valerie Martin, daughter of the Melvin Martin's is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital . . . Sis. Frieda Strietmatter fell while outside at the "Home" and broke her left arm. She is in Eureka Hospital . . . Sis. Emma Beckley, one of our residents at the "Home", fell and broke her hip, but is now back from the hospital.

Sis. Ollie Kempf, 82, passed away in Methodist Hospital on Sept. 8. She had been a resident of the A. C. Home a short time. She is survived by one son, Bro. Ervin of Eureka; and three daughters, Sisters Ladine Hinrichsen of Eureka, Lillian Koehl, Hancock, and Sis. Norene Moser of Morris; a brother, Bro. Philo Fehr; and two sisters, Priscilla Fehr and Amelia Fehr of

Peoria. Philo and Priscilla are residents in our "Home". Bro. Leroy Huber had the funeral service, Sept. 11. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

Sis. Katherine Funk, 88 years, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the "Home", where she lived for a few years. Sis. Elizabeth and Peter her brother, who survive, both live in the "Home". She was taken to Gridley for services and burial.

Sis. Leah Moser, age 88, passed away at Eureka Hospital on Sept. 19. Her funeral was in Roanoke church Sept. 22. She had been a resident also of our "Home" for over a year. She is survived by one sister, Sis. Emma Knecht of Eureka.

Birth: a son, to Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Sandy Knecht on Oct. 1. He has been named Daniel Lee, and has three happy sisters to help care for him.

A few of our newer residents who have moved into the "Home" are: Bro. Henry Ringger—Gridley, Sis. Anna Mangold—Eureka, Peter Funk—Gridley, Sis. Lucy Steiner—Morton.

**FORREST IL**

**Kathryn Steidinger  
Beverly Eisenmann**

We are thankful for visiting ministers, Bros. Henry Dotterer (Rittman), Nathan Steffen and Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Jim Hoerr and Leroy Hartman (Peoria), who expounded unto us the living word.

Sis Louise (Sam) Zimmerman was hospitalized for tests. Sis Leona Wallace had foot surgery and is home again. Sis. Hulda (Frank) Honegger remains in the hospital, following surgery. Bro. Bill Aberla lost a finger in a farm machinery accident. Ed Plattner, Dougie Steffen (Bro. Richard and Sis. Lou Ida) and Bro. Eli Walter have returned home from the hospital. Robert and Sis. Elaine Mueller's baby had surgery and is now gaining at home. We are thankful that Bro. Albert Wenger is able to get out again, and we're looking forward to having him in our midst as we gather around God's word.

Sandra Rae is the new daughter born to Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller. She has a sister, Candy. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller and Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Schambach of Elgin.

Walter Honegger and his bride, Cynthia Haughey are making their home in Indiana. His parents are Bro. Perry and Sis. Louise of our congregation.

### How Great The Yield From A Fertile Field

The farmer ploughs through the fields of green  
And the blade of the plough is sharp and keen,  
But the seed must be sown to bring forth grain,  
For nothing is born without suffering and pain —  
And God never ploughs in the soul of man  
Without intention and purpose and plan,  
So whenever you feel the plough's sharp blade,  
Let not your heart be sorely afraid,  
For, like the farmer, God chooses a field  
From which He expects an excellent yield —  
So rejoice though your heart is broken in two;  
God seeks to bring forth a rich harvest in you.

### FT SCOTT KS Ida Sinn

Many were the teachings we heard in our sanctuary today . . . Bros. Sam Huber and John Lehman were with us and helped in bringing a gospel message.

The Bible and Junior Bible class of our Sunday school were invited to Gridley, Kansas, last month to share a week-end with the Bible classes of all our Kansas churches. Surely there lies a blessing on such an endeavor.

Bro. Emil Banwart has outlived the allotted life span of threescore and ten, as he passed his 90th birthday on Oct. 4 (yesterday). His three sons, Reuben, who lives here, Arlie from West Bend, and Verne from Wichita, and their wives, were here to observe the occasion with him. They, along with quite a number of his grandchildren, worshipped with us today. Bro. Emil is enjoying a fair measure of health and is always among the first to arrive on Sunday morn . . . Bro. Emil wants to Thank all those who sent cards and letters and for all favors shown him.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

Now the field is ripe for harvest  
. . . hasten gladly to the labor . . .  
Consecrate to God your heart. Say this day unto your Saviour, Lord, I'll gladly do my part. Wes Moser, son of Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser, has surrendered his heart to God. We have so many cherished friends who we pray will 'Dare to be a Daniel'.

We enjoyed a blessed Sunday when Bro. Robert Beer, Mansfield, was our guest minister.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie Knobloch became parents of Mary Kay on Sept. 21. She has four sisters and one brother. Grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Frieda Knobloch and Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock.

Hospitalized for surgery were Sis. Gladys Knobloch, Sis. Diane Stickling, and Bro. Jake Knobloch. We are happy all are making good improvement.

We no longer feel the warm handshake or hear the hearty greeting of Bro. Emil Metzger. He was called to his reward after a long illness. Although he had a great zeal for life and a keen interest in his fellowman, he longed for the heavenly home above. Born Oct. 21, 1920, he was married to Flora Strahm in 1942. Surviving besides Sis. Flora are five sons, Keith, Charles, Mike, Dick and Lyle, one daughter, Sis. Kathy, seven brothers, and five sisters, as well as his aged parents, Fred and Sis. Carrie Metzger. Elder Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris assisted Bro. Dennis Warner and Elder Bro. Leo Moser in conducting the service . . . The Metzger family express their appreciation for the prayers, visits, gifts, deeds and acts of kindness in their behalf during the illness and death of their loved one.

### LATTY OH

Le Ann Laukhuf  
Karen Klopfenstein

We again have been blessed with six souls who have turned from the world to follow the Lord: John Metzger, Nathan Ringger, (Nettie) Eileen and Richard Whitman (daughter and son-in-law of Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Rager), and John and Marcia Laukhuf (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Merril and Sis. Dolly Laukhuf). A poem says:

. . . Prayers can't be answered un-

less they are prayed . . .

Pray for a purpose to make life worth living,  
And pray for the joy of unselfish giving,  
For great is your gladness and rich your reward  
When you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord.

Bro. Roy Stoller (Sis. Beulah) underwent heart surgery Sept. 8. Sis. Irene Stoller (Bro. Melvin) and Sis. Gloria Grant (Bro. Phil) were hospitalized for a short time. All are home and doing well.

Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton brought us the word on Sunday evening Sept. 7. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Sam Schlatter and Ben Manz from the Junction congregation.

We want to extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Henry and Sis. Arvilla Kipfer. They originally attended the Leo church.

### FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

The member choir visited in Peoria, and enjoyed a blessed weekend praising our Saviour in song.

Harvey and Sis. Ellen Gutwein have been blest with a second daughter, Heather Dawn. Nicole welcomes a sister, too.

Bros. Fred Gutwein and Eli Anliker were both rehospitalized for their heart conditions, but are now home. Sis. Marion Gutwein was also hospitalized for surgery, but we are happy to report that she is again able to assemble with us. Our dear friend, Fred Howat has been rehospitalized for heart surgery in Chicago, and he and his wife covet our prayers.

Our oldest sister, Sis. Cora Boehning, celebrated her 88th birthday this month. We wish her God's richest blessings in the sunset years of her life.

Our congregation has started making basic plans for a home for the aged. It will be called Parkview Haven . . . hopefully it will be a haven for those in the sunset years of their lives.

We are looking forward in several weeks to having provings and baptisms. This is a time for joy, and may we continue to pray for those who are so near that they may come, taste and see the LOVE OF GOD.

"We moved to town six years ago on Sept. 2, 1969; we have enjoyed it here in town. We have five children, Mildred Clauss; Emma Jean Stieglitz; Charles; Earl; and Eleanor Bogort. We are having our 50th anniversary on Oct. 25. God has been very good to us and has given us health and strength to do our duties . . . Bro. Ben and Sis. Sarah Anliker, Box 494, Francesville IN 47946.

### An Opportunity to Serve the Lord!

We have a need for a companion to Sis. Angela Von Tobel of our Francesville congregation. She is 87 years old and in good health, able to get around and do some things. This would include doing some household duties. If interested in more information please contact as soon as possible Mrs. Viola Von Tobel, Box 127, Francesville IN 47946 . . . phone—219-567-2630.

### GIRARD OH

Louisa B. Lance

"The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof . . . For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods."

This beautiful morning we have so much to thank God for, especially at this season of the year, when we can look about us and see all the beauty of the trees, in all their many beautiful colors which God has created.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, we were happy to have Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron) with us. We thank Bro. Gene for bringing us the message and hope they will come again soon.

Among the sick, Esther Deislinger entered St. Joseph Hospital in Warren, where she has had surgery; she is getting along nicely. Emma Lou Deislinger is at home again, but hasn't been able to worship with us yet. Sis. Charlotte Emch is improved.

We welcome any visitors at our Girard Church at any time.

### INDIANAPOLIS IN

Patrick and Judy Dubach

### Some Good Meaning!

Tradition tells us that one day a hunter found the Apostle John seated on the ground, playing with a tame quail. The hunter was surprised that a man so earnest should be spending his time so . . .

John looked at the hunter and asked, *Why is the bow on your shoulder unstrung? The hunter replied, If kept always taut, it will lose its spring. The apostle said, smiling, For the same reason I play with this bird. We must know how to put occupation aside. In an inaction which is meditative, the wrinkles of the soul are smoothed away.*

On Sept. 28, Bro. Tom Freed and Sis. Cathy Neuenschwander were united in marriage by Bro. Alf Bahler. Many friends and relatives crowded into our church to witness their exchanging of vows. The bride and groom were radiant and were matched only by the lovely, clear autumn day outside. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Chuck and Doris Neuenschwander and Bro. and Sis. Allen and Edith Freed of Phoenix. The new couple will be residing in Kiowa. We wish them God Speed.

Visiting ministers for September were Bros. Merle Laukauf—Latty, Ken Schneider and Ed Bahler—Remington, Carl Kipfer—Bluffton, and Joe Aberle — Sabetha. We thank them all.

### MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer

Corrine Schmidgall

A baby girl, Heather Lee, was born to Allen and Ilene Burnham on Sept. 14. Esther Spohr is the grandmother.

Roger Schaefer (Bro. Otto and Sis. Helen) and Connie Johnson were united in marriage on Sept. 8. They are making their home in Duluth, Minnesota.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Lillian Koehl (Edward) and Sis. Norene Moser (Dave) and families in the loss of their mother, Sis. Kempf of Eureka.

Bro. Lyle Rick is able to assemble with us again, after being confined to his home for several weeks with a heart condition. Bro. Glen Domnick, who suffered a severe heart attack recently, has been released from the hospital. Although he is getting along quite well, he is still confined to his home. "I wish to thank my friends, neighbors, and relatives for cards and the deeds of kindness while in the hospital and since I am at home." Bro. Glen Domnick and family.

Funeral services will be held on Oct. 6 for our dear Sis. Emma Spohr, age 79, who passed away

last night. She suffered a stroke 5 weeks ago, and since that time has been unable to communicate with anyone. We are thankful that God could see fit to relieve her, and call her to eternal rest. We will all miss her, as will her family. She is survived by four sisters: Mary, with whom she made her home in Morris; Bertha Goll, of rural Hancock; Minnie (N.W.) Schlupp of Morris; and Rose Jensen of Santa Barbara, California; and our sister-in-law, Esther Spohr of Morris.

Even the hour that darkest seemeth

Will His changeless goodness prove.  
From the gloom His brightness streameth;

God is wisdom; God is love.

### MORTON IL

Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos

Joined in the bond of grace. By love's most sacred band . . . Sis. Becky and Bro. Bruce of Tremont gave their vows of holy matrimony and were united in the Lord Sept. 14. Becky's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Gerry (Feller) Neukomm, and Bruce's parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna (Bolliger) Sauder. They are residing in Tremont. . . Sept. 21 was the selected date for the uniting in marriage of Sis. Jeanne Schick and Bro. John Dotterer of Phoenix. Parents are Bro. John and Sis. Dolly (Feucht) Schick and Bro. Joe and Sis. Lavina Dotterer. Jeanne and John have taken up residency in Phoenix. We will miss having Becky and Jeanne assemble with us.

Should Thy mercy send me sorrow,  
toil and woe,

Or should pain attend me on thy  
path below,

Grant that I may never fail Thy  
hand to see. . .

Grant that I may ever cast my care  
on Thee.

The death angel came to take two of our loved ones' home. Sis. Ila Jean (Stieglitz) Kaiser was taken from this life Sept. 19. She is survived by her husband, Harold; three sons, Loren, Thomas, and Scott; a daughter Jean Ann, also her father, Henry Stieglitz . . . Bro. George Belsley was laid to rest Sept. 29. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Kathryn; three daughters, Sisters Ida Belsley, Verna

Rother and Wilma Sauder; two sons, Bro. Louis and Alvin of California. Our sympathy goes to these dear families.

**Births:** Wendy Sue was the name chosen for Bro. Ted and Sis. Cindy Witzig's first little daughter. She was born on Sept. 2. She has a little brother to welcome her. Grandparents are Bro. Sol and Sis. Bertie Rassi and Bro. Joe and Sis. Aldene Witzig. . . Roger and Connie Kahler welcomed a little daughter, Page Amy, Sept. 24. Page has a little sister at home. Her grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach, and Sis. Edna Kahler. Tom and Carol Schick have welcomed their first child into their home. Little Jessica Sue was born Sept. 28. Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Schick and Gene and Helen Boswell are the grandparents.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Dan Koch, Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont), Elder Bro. Ezra Feller & Bro. Phillip Sauder (Cissna Park), Bros. Richard Schupbach, William Dotterer (Phoenix), Joe Schrock (Congerville), and Roy Grimm (Taylor). We received many good teachings to enrich our spiritual life.

Our loved ones who have spent time in the hospital are Ed Docus, Bro. Sam and Sis. Martha Rapp, Anna Huette, Sisters Jane Martin and Hilda Wiedman.

### OAKVILLE IA

#### Martha Wiegand

Best wishes to the following couples who have announced their engagements: Bro. David Schaer (Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah of Pulaski) and Sis. Sandra Stoller (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Wilma of Oakville); Don Weissinger (Bro. Milo and Sis. Arlene) and Sandra Hippen; and Bro. Wallace Gerst (Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty) and Sis. Donna Waibel (Elder Bro. and Sis. Joseph Waibel) of Bay City.

We were privileged to hear the word of God preached by Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont), also Bros. Phil Sauder (Cissna Park) and Albert Wuthrich (Pulaski). We thank these brothers for lending themselves in the service of the Lord.

### PEORIA IL

#### Betty Miller

We were privileged to hear God's word from visiting Bros. Carl

Westfall, Elmer Bucher, and Richard Schupbach during September, as well as from our own ministering brothers. Sept. 17, Ruth Yoder was baptized, and we are so happy to welcome her, a new sister in faith. To be baptized Oct. 5 are Joan and Julie Hoerr, Diane Hohulin, and Susan Wagenbach—all in high school. Their blessed parents are Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Marie Hohulin, and Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Wagenbach.

Bro. Pete Hoerr and Sisters Chris Erkert and Nancy Herman were in the hospital.

William and Sis. Kathryn Lubitz's daughter by adoption (granddaughter by birth), Geraldine S. Lubitz, is engaged to be married to Conley C. Winter Jr., Nov. 29.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Persida Eberhardt are grandparents again to another baby girl, Kari, born to their daughter, Karen, and David Dunbar, July 28. The Dunbars' other children are Paula, Kim, and twins, Jenny and Julie.

Sis. Chris Erkert wishes all those who remembered her while she was in the hospital to know how very much she appreciated their remembrances.

Sunday school resumed in September, after a month's vacation. Teachers this year are Sisters Ruth Huthmann and Bertie Farney, pre-kindergarten; Janet Blumenshine and Eunice Unsicker, kindergarten; Berniece Otto and Hazel Geyer, first grade; Lin Herman and Dee Metzger, second grade; Gloria Hunziker and Mazie Thomas, third grade; Bros. Ben Stickling and Rich Streitmatter, fourth grade; Paul Meister and Maurice Leman, fifth grade; Joe Herman and Marshall Heinold, sixth grade; Don Hoerr and Tom Hoerr, seventh grade; Bruce Schafer and Marvin Hodel, eighth grade; Howard Herman, Herb Stoller, Dale Hunziker, and Wayne Unsicker, Bible Class.

### PORTLAND OR

#### Connie Steffen

Autumn is here. The trees are turning lovely shades of gold and red, which when mingled with the evergreens gives a view of indescribable beauty. With the passing of summer, our picnicking ends, but we have all these memories of visits with loved ones from far and near.

From now until next summer,

the Silverton and Portland congregations meet together in various homes for times of fellowship.

This past week-end, we had a farewell singing for my husband's mother (Bro. Garth), Sis. Rose Steffen of Elgin Ill., who has been visiting us for a little over a month. It's always hard to say goodbye to those we love so dearly, but soon we will be in a wonderful land where we'll part no more.

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us" — What would have happened if Paul and Silas had not gone? Souls were saved, and God's holy name was magnified and glorified. Are there not some who would be like Paul and Silas, and come over to Oregon to help us? We need faithful brethren who would be willing to labor in the harvest field, strengthening the brethren who are here; helping, encouraging, working together, for the glory of the Lord and the strengthening of our churches. Would you pray about it?

### PULASKI IA

#### Ernestine Wuthrich

#### Janice Rinkenberger

Kimberly Joos, daughter of Robert and Becky Joos, was hospitalized for surgery.

Bro. Dave Schaer and Sis. Sandy Stoller of Oakville announced their engagement.

We had the blessed privilege of hearing Bros. Al Aberle and Chuck Sauder of Tremont . . . had the opportunity for many teachings which can benefit us on our earthly passage, if we open our hearts and minds and be willing listeners.

### RITTMAN OHIO

#### Grace Gasser

Randy Riggerbach, son of Vernon and Sis. Martha Jane, was hospitalized following an accident with the lawn mower. Joe Dotterer, son of Bro. John and Sis. Betty, made a quick recovery following ear surgery. Other hospital patients have been, Boyd Acker, Bro. Herman Ingold, and Sis. Addie Grossenbacher.

We rejoice to hear of the following who are seeking the Lord in repentance: Marie Stoller (Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda), Ralph and Diane Lanz (Henry and Sis. Marie of Rockville and Bro. Orel and Sis.



Rose Steiner of Oakville), Tom Saurer (Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther).

Their first child, a girl was born to Terry and Charlotte Waibel. She has been named Keely Rae . . . Bro. Matthew and Sis. Gail Steiner also welcome their first child—a boy, named Nathan William . . . David and Jane Curie have a boy named David Roy. David is also welcomed by a brother and a sister.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Diane Bucher and family have moved into our area from Atlanta. We welcome Dennis and Diane and their children, David and Stephanie, into our congregation.

We thank Bro. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit for ministering to us.

God can mightily use  
Christians who stay cool in a hot  
place,  
Sweet in a sour place,  
Big in a crushing place,  
And little in a big place.

### SARDIS OH

Karen Indermuhle

Our shepherd, Bro. Rudolph Graf (Akron) was with us one Sunday to serve the Lord's Supper. We can use each blessed Communion Day as another opportunity to leave all our spiritual and physical burdens with Jesus, as we take in our dear Lord's body and blood. Such wonderful healing food for soul and body!

Bro. Rudolph emphasized the importance of seeking Godly wisdom, so we can see and carry through the Lord's will in our lives.

The fall scene is one of Godly splendor. It makes us exclaim in praise to our Father and Creator.  
**How great Thou art!**

### TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

Roger and Becky Schweigert welcome a son, Marc Allen, born Sept. 11. Marc has a brother, Christopher. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida Schweigert and the Wayne Howards of Minier.

We wish the blessings of the Lord upon Bro. Bruce Sauder and Sis. Becky Neukomm, who were united in Holy Matrimony Sept. 14. May the Lord direct them in their life together.

Dear ones who were hospitalized

and now recuperating are Sis. Helen (Elton) Rapp, Sis. Louise (Simon) Wagenbach, Sis. Martha Kaeb, Sis. Marie Unsicker, Don Kaiser, Jay Hangartner and Bro. Merle Getz.

"I wish to express thankfulness for the deeds of love and kindness shown to me; the prayers, visits, cards and gifts are all much appreciated." Bro. Merle Getz.

### ALTADENA CA

Linda Witzig

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Marguriete Mott, whose husband, our friend Russell, was fatally injured in an auto accident Sept. 20. He is also survived by four grown children. Such a loss is hard to bear, and how much we want to help our Sister carry the burden. We are thankful that our Brother, Jesus Christ is able to bring true comfort to Sis. Marguriete's heart as we could not.

No cloud can overshadow a true Christian, but his faith will discern a rainbow on it.

### AMES IA

Georgia Griffith

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

As we have again begun our Sunday services, Ministering Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville reminded us of our Saviour's great sacrifice and the wonderful salvation we all may attain, if only we humble ourselves as children and place ourselves in His hands.

We are very grateful for the wonderful support at our Sunday gathering, and greatly enjoyed the fellowship.

Services are again being held the second Sunday each month, at the Union-Story Bank basement, 24th and Grand Ave., at 1:30 p.m. We are happy to announce that this year the services will be shared by Oakville, Pulaski, and West Bend—in that order.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Ann Kellenberger

As we heard of two dear souls falling upon their knees in repentance, surely each of us fell upon our knees to thank our loving Lord and Saviour. Ron and Donna Hodel

have begun their new walk of life, and we trust the Lord will grant them the grace to stay close to His side.

Several Wednesday nights we enjoyed having our Elder Bro. Dan Koch assemble with us.

Children are truly a blessing; we must always pray that God will help us to raise them in accordance to His will. Several couples were blessed with children this month. Bro. Lynn and Sis. Anne Marie Young had a son, Anton "Toni" Thad, on Sept. 20. Laurie, Jamie, and Rickie welcomed their new little brother home. Grandparents are Ruth and Ralph Young (Buckley Ill.) and Heinz and Trude Maurer (Danvers Ill.) . . . Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann Kellenberger had their first child, Bryan James on Sept. 30. Bryan's grandparents are Bro. Leslie and Sis. Eunice Unsicker (Peoria) and Bro. Gene and Sis. Marion Kellenberger (Sabetha).

### CISSNA PARK IL

Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." We are so thankful that God is still calling souls unto Him. Even the angels in Heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents . . . As a minister spoke to us, "Repentance is the only battle you win by surrender."

We thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Bro. Roy Grimm, for bringing us God's precious word.

A baby girl, Danell Kathleen, was born to Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Stock on Sept. 26. She has three sisters and one brother. Maternal grandmother is Sis. Florence Martin of Marengo . . . Bro. and Sis. Fred Maul are parents of a baby girl, Alicia Renee, born Oct. 3. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Clarence Rudin and Bro. and Sis. Clarence Maul. She has one brother and one sister.

Hospital medical patients were Sis. Emma Wahl and Herbert Hoffer. Jerry Hari was a hospital patient for observation. Sis. Esther Siegle was transferred to Carle Hospital, Urbana, and remains a medical patient there.

Bro. and Sis. Howard & Vi Greiner observed their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 8.

Our hearts were saddened

when we heard of the tragic auto accident that took the life of our friend, Russell Mott, 47, of Saugus, California. Funeral services were held here on Sept. 26, with Bro. Ed Alt officiating. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Marguriete and her family.

We want to thank Sis. Margaret Rudin for her many years of faithful service as a reporter for the Silver Lining. Sis. Marilyn Knapp is now taking her place.

#### CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

Again God's almighty power was shown, when we received several inches of rain in a short period of time. Many acres of low farmland were flooded for several days, and some roads were closed because of the flooding. We are thankful no serious damage was done in our immediate area.

Fred and Linda Lawton and little Freddie have welcomed a daughter and sister into their home. Lynnette Marie was born on Sept. 14. Her grandparents are Larry and Sis. Louise Purvines and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawton of Lowville, and her great-grandmother is Sis. Huldah Farney.

The funeral services of Elmer Steiner were held at his home on Oct. 2, by (Bros.) Robert Beyer and Norbert Steiner. He was called from this life after an illness and hospitalization of only a month. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Margaret, his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Steiner and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Noel (Joy) LaCroix and family . . . Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves and Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick. Elmer was a brother-in-law to each of these families. May they all be comforted by God's word and promises.

Sis. Lena (Jones) Virkler and Kenneth Farney were hospital patients for a few days. Sis. Barbara Virkler is a medical patient.

Sis. Laura Farney wishes to extend her thanks to all who remembered her with cards, visits, and prayers during her hospitalization.

#### DETROIT MI

Charlotte Barton

On Oct. 4 and 5, we were blessed by the ministry of Elder Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City. He was here

assisting Bro. Ben in hearing the testimonies of two dear souls, Bro. Louis and Sis. Ethel Varga. We warmly welcome them into our brotherhood.

We were also blessed this month by the ministering of Bro. Gary Maibach from Rittman and Bro. Ed Aeschleman of the Union City and Philadelphia congregations.

We wish to solicit your prayers for our dear Sis. Perseda Wieland (wife of Bro. Floyd). She has been in and out of the hospital with re-occurrences of lupers. She is presently at home, and has not been able to fellowship with us for some time. We truly miss her presence . . . Bro. Joe Bobchik is not yet able to assemble with us, as he is recovering from an operation.

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL

Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz

Although the calendar shows that October is here, there are no signs of fall in our sun-drenched land. Our rainy season is here, keeping everything lush and green. These are the weeks when we get homesick for the beautiful change of seasons, remembering especially the crisp, cool mornings and the blazing sunsets of a northern autumn.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Al Schneider of Rockville. Through his labors and the faithful service of our ministers, we have been abundantly fed of the good word.

We reluctantly said good-bye to Bro. Bob and Sis. Carolyn Yergler. The 16 years the Yerglers have lived in Ft. Lauderdale make them "natives", and it was hard to see them leave us. They have seen many changes in their years here. They have seen Plantation change from pastureland to a thriving city. They have worked for the establishment of a church in the Ft. Lauderdale area, actively supporting a plan to build, and contributing in endless ways to the upkeep and growth of the church. Our Sunday school students were especially unhappy to see Bro. Bob leave. He has served as superintendent for ten years and, in that time, maintained a closeness with his students that they will surely miss. He and Sis. Carolyn supervised many activities for the Sunday school, and their dedication will be hard to replace. They will be truly missed among us here. We wish

them the blessings of the Lord as they return to their family and friends in Bluffton.

#### GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm — Wilma Young

On Sept. 14, we were so privileged to host the Sunday school fellowship gathering for Kansas. Many friends and their sponsors were present. A full day of blessed fellowship was spent together.

James Kraft, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, was united in marriage to Cathy Paxon, Sept. 26. The couple will reside in Burlington.

A first son, Justin Matthew, was born to Karen and Randy Somerhalder on Sept. 27. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna Somerhalder . . . Norma and James Hilderbrand are parents of another son, Kevin Anthony, born Sept. 28. Kevin has an older brother, David. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer.

Sis. Judy Bahr, daughter of Sylvan and Hellen Bahr, and Sis. Julie Strahm, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm, have both completed and graduated on Oct. 3 from "Licensed Practical Nursing". Both have accepted positions in the Coffey County Hospital of Burlington.

#### GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Truly, truly. Thou art the goal,  
Where rest is the portion of every  
pure soul.

Sent. 12, Sis. Catherine Funk was laid to rest here in Gridley. She passed away at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home on Sept. 10. Sis. Catherine was 88 years old and had been a resident at the home for five years. Our sympathy is extended to her sister, Sis. Elizabeth Funk, and her brother, Peter Funk, who are both living at the Eureka Home. Three brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

The marriage engagement of Bro. Bill Funk to Sis. Valerie Brockwell, both of Gridley, was announced. It is wonderful when God leads a man and a woman together in faith and love, and brings about a union between them that will endure a lifetime. Such a beautiful relationship shines out as an encouraging light in a dark world

of discord and strife. What a contrast there is between a God-fearing couple who love and esteem each other in gentleness and humility, and a couple who are selfish and unyielding to one another. Truly that pure love and esteem for each other can come about when God is the head of the home. How glad we can be for those who marry in the Lord.

We were blessed with a few visiting ministers again, Bro. Vernon Wettstein and Bro. Fred Knapp, both from Congerville.

(Bros.) Virgil Stoller and Ralph Klopfenstein are in the hospital. Bro. Harold Kaupp met with a farming accident, and was in the hospital for a while with an injured back. We are glad he is now able to be up and about again.

Correction: Last month, this year's Sunday school teachers were listed, and I regret that three names were unintentionally omitted: Bro. David Wettstein, Sis. Mary Ringger and Sis. Marge Meiss.

#### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

The love of God is the greatest love  
That the world will ever know;  
It reaches out with open arms  
To warm us with its glow!

I'm sure it is this wondrous love  
That lights the Christian's way,  
For loved ones share each other's  
woes;  
Thus turns the night to day.

And when our loved ones have  
great joy,  
We share it with them, too.  
The love of God is the greatest  
love;  
Oh surely this is true!

On Sat. evening, Sept. 27, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of Stephen and Donna Lou Baner, Normal. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baner, Eureka . . . and Donna Lou is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wes and Mildred Knapp, Goodfield. They were married just one week when they decided to give their hearts to the Lord . . . A very beautiful and touching experience. They were baptized on Sun., Sept. 28. Bro. Joe Braker, Morton, was here both Sat. evening and Sun. after-

noon to assist Bro. Ed Hohulin.

Our other visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Marvin Stieglitz and John Bollier from Leo.

Sis. Helen Streit, R. R. Deer Creek, broke her wrist this summer, while on a trip to Europe. She is to have the cast removed very soon now . . . Bro. Bill Hart, Goodfield, cut his hand quite badly while at work, severing a tendon in his thumb. As a result, he was unemployed for several weeks. Jill, 3-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jaye and Peg Rinkenberger, Goodfield, submitted to major surgery on Sept. 19. . . Melvin Hartter, R. R. Eureka, son of Bro. Richard Hartter, became very ill and was hospitalized for a few days. They are all at home, and getting along fine.

Bro. Edmund Kloter was elected to serve as our new minister here in Goodfield. We are so happy to have him serve us, and pray that he will be given the additional grace so necessary for this divine task. He certainly has the love and support of our members.

#### MINNEAPOLIS MN

Josephine Esterling

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in . . ." Three dear souls have answered that knock and have opened their heart's door for Jesus to come in. John and Barbara Olson and Carole Virkler have turned to the Lord in repentance.

We welcome Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie Neust to our congregation, also Perry and Carole Virkler and two children, Rick and Lori. It is wonderful to see our small congregation grow.

Michael Leo was born to Nancy and Toni Messner on Sept. 7. Michael is their first child, and he will brighten their home and lives.

#### ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

##### How to Enrich Our Family Life

What do we do, or should we do, in the home in enriching family life, which can be our pattern in the church, for improvement in the wider life of the community. First, our home should be the place in which to live together, where we can enjoy each other. We come to know each other's strengths and

weaknesses, and make allowances for differences in personalities, opinions, abilities and interests.

We recognize and normally celebrate special days and anniversaries TOGETHER, improving our fellowship, and learning to recognize and remember as a group. Too, we learn to share our experiences, and to profit by the accomplishments, or by the mistakes of others. We also learn to extend aid when it is sought, and where acceptable.

There are times when we sing together, whether we are able singers or not, in the interest of joint expression of our moods and our worship with the praise of God foremost in mind.

If we are wise, we work together for the common good. Each has his allotted task, and sees to it that it is done, and done well. Each, too, tries to know something about the task of the others, so that he may appreciate all that is necessary to make a home pleasant and happy. We try to understand each other, by watching, listening, helping, and also loving one another—so often not practiced in today's homes.

We often share the happiness of our homes through hospitality to others. Nothing formal, just common, friendly visits, in which we learn to adjust to others in a group. We worship together at regular times when the family is assembled, knowing not only that our individual worship is cherished by God our Heavenly Father, but that, as Jesus said, ". . . where two or three are gathered . . . in my name, there am I in the midst of them." And of course we go to church together. Under the conditions in which the above worthy endeavors and efforts are earnest and sincere, a Christian home can be achieved and maintained, and can become a pattern for the church in the community.

A pleasant and enjoyable event took place at the home of Bro. Leon and Sis. Martha Schneider, as they together with their family and friends observed their 25th wedding anniversary. We extend to them our very best wishes. They have two daughters, Sisters Luella (Mark) Hoffman and Vergene (Peter) Hany. They also have two grandchildren—little Peter Hanyes.

Sis. Amy Sue Luginbuhl, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Irma Luginbuhl, and Bro. Billy Cone, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Lenora Cone, have plans to unite in marriage in the near future. Their engagement announcement was made recently . . . Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Susan Luginbuhl to Bro. Larry Rufner, Rittman.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, who spent several days here, left us with many good teachings, as he revealed the Scriptures to the church. Messages inspired by the Spirit are always well received, and blessings are sure to follow. Bro. Albert has relatives here, the Bahler families, whom he came to visit.

We enjoyed the company of our many visitors, several from Zurich, Switzerland. We would have quite a list if we'd list them all, yet our feelings were warm, and our greetings to one another were cordial and grateful for the time they spent with us. There always comes a time for parting, which brings grief to many of us. This cannot be otherwise, but it is the cherished affection and love for one another which we built up in times spent together and hospitality that we were able to enjoy, leaving pleasant memories.

"We were deeply saddened over the death of our dear son and brother, David Luginbuhl. Our hearts were lifted by the response, cards and tokens of love by many at Rockville and from churches throughout the East and West . . . In behalf of the Christian Luginbuhl family, of Dave's wife and children, I would like to thank each one. . . Dave was a very kind father, son and brother; his absence will be keenly felt . . . we know God can sustain us if we put our trust in Him. Esther M. Luginbuhl.

Startling facts in brief that man has made as he meditates under the stars. Being impressed with the staggering account of a man familiar in science and also sincerely religious, I believe it is good for the human being to hear how this man sizes himself with creation. He started off by saying, to meditate on this he frequently goes out at night to walk alone under the stars and reminds himself of the majesty and might of the Creator. Looking up at the star-studded sky, he said that he remembered that at least 250,000,000 x 250,000,000 such bodies, each larger than our sun,

have been scattered across the vast spaces of the universe by the Hand of the Creator. The planet earth is so minute, that if it were possible to transport our most powerful telescope to our nearest star, Alpha Centauri, and look back this way, the earth could not be seen. He confessed that it was a bit humbling. It would take the ego from a man & put it in proper perspective. Yet the staggering fact remains, that Christ the Creator of such an enormous universe of overwhelming magnitude, designs to call Himself our Saviour and Shepherd, and invites us to consider ourselves as one of His.

#### SARASOTA FL

Sandra Price - Lyn Blunier

We enjoyed a short visit with Elder Ben Maibach. He brought much food for thought, and we will look forward to seeing him and his family this winter . . . Bro. Phil Wingeier has ministered unto us alone for many weeks . . . and words cannot express how we appreciate them both, their loving kindness, concern for us, and willingness to bring us God's true word.

We welcome George and Betty Siladie and family, Mike, Mark and Debbie, from St. Petersburg, who have been worshipping with us.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Sandy Price, daughters Krista and Kristine, have moved to a new home, 3206 Vinson Ave., Sarasota 33580. We wish God's blessings on their new home, and hope they enjoy Sarasota as much as we enjoy having them.

Sis. Kay Eisenmann has been hospitalized for surgery. We are so thankful to report she is recovering well.

Our small congregation will soon welcome those planning to share the sunshine with us this fall and winter. We will look forward to all visitors, and invite the ministering brethren, who could share their time and talents with us. Our Sarasota church address is 333 Honore Ave., or contact Bro. Phil Wingeier at 371-4155.

#### UNION CITY & PHILADELPHIA Carolyn Roberts

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

With autumn here again, we are seeing the green grass start to turn brown, as it starts to wither

away. Except for a few late flowers, they too are falling prey to the crisp fall weather and are fading away.

In the beginning of the 40th chapter of Isaiah, we have the prophecy of John the Baptist, which tells us that all flesh is grass. . . So even as we grow older and die as the grass, it surely is a comfort to know that God's word and all it stands for; the creation story, the heros of faith in the Old Testament, birth of Christ and the plan of salvation shall stand forever.

We wish to extend our well wishes to Friend Traian Vojkovic, who had been in the hospital and now is recuperating at home. Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman's daughter, Jan is now at her new address, which is: Brookwood Apts., Apt. 13 C, Millersville Pennsylvania.

#### VALPARAISO IN

Cam Feller - Marie Heinold

We are thankful again, for the joyous day we had Sept. 10 when Bro. Ed Alt and companions from Cissna Park visited our church. The message from the Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 14 brought a special thought, "And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Coudest not thou watch one hour?" How often do we "sleep" when we should be watching and praying? Do we really appreciate our fellowship and privilege to assemble when we wish? . . . After hearing Bro. Ed tell how the brethren in Christ are not allowed to assemble in Rumania — even two at one place. The government doesn't want the people to grow in knowledge of God, and they are trying to quench the Holy Spirit. The Jews crucified Jesus — they, too, were convicted with His wondrous works and didn't want Him to have a following.

The Holy Spirit has not been quenched in our small gathering. Another dear soul, Levina Schmeckpepper, is turning to the Lord in repentance. We pray that He will guide her to salvation and grant her peace.

Just close your eyes and open your heart,  
And feel your worries and cares depart.  
Just yield yourself to the Father above,

And let Him hold you secure in His love.

### CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

During September, we've had some real red-letter days! Sunday, Sept. 14, Bro. Gene Lehman from Wolcott, was a special visitor . . . Sis. Becky and Bro. Dave Pearson from the Indianapolis congregation and their two sweet little girls will be making the Chicago area their home now. We heartily welcome them and our returning college students, especially Bro. Tom Witzig, Morton, who is new to the Chicago area. Shortly before church was out, we had an exciting phone call, too. Bro. Duane and Sis. Kay Reuter (both originally from Cissna Park) had just become the happy parents of a son Nathan Boyd. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Sunday, Sept. 21, Phil Rapp gave his testimony and was baptized in the Lord by Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann. Bro. Dale mentioned an especially fitting analogy (he and Phil both being in dentistry): before filling a tooth, one must be sure all the decay has been removed: likewise, a person's heart must be completely cleansed and free of 'decay' before the Holy Spirit can wholly fill it. Many visitors, including Ministering Brethren Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski, and Joe Zimmerman and Russ Rapp from Morton made it a wonderful day for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship.

Other brothers whose visits we appreciated were Bro. Art Baurer, Princeville, who ministered unto us Sunday, Sept. 28, and Bro. Maurice Frank, Leo, who shared the word with us Sunday, Oct. 5.

Other blessings include Martie Grivet, who is repenting . . . Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Susie Steffen and Bill and Sis. Peggy Klaus, who were honored Wednesday, Oct. 1 at a baby shower, after our monthly singing. Both couples are expecting their first child.

### ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

#### Beyond Our Asking

More than hearts can imagine, or minds comprehend,  
God's bountiful gifts are ours without end —

We ask for a cupful, when the vast sea is ours;  
We pick a small rosebud, from a garden of flowers;  
We reach for a sunbeam, but the sun still abides;  
We draw one short breath, but there's still air on all sides —  
Whatever we ask for falls short of God's giving,  
For His greatness exceeds every facet of living,  
And always, God's ready and eager and willing  
To pour out His mercy, completely fulfilling  
All of man's needs for peace, joy and rest,  
For God gives His children whatever is Best.  
Just give Him a chance to open His treasures  
And He'll fill your life with unfathomable pleasures,  
Pleasures that never grow worn out and faded,  
Nor leave us depleted disillusioned and jaded —  
For God has a store house just filled to the brim  
With all that man needs if we'll only ask Him.

You have but to tell Him your troubles,  
Repent of your sins and believe.

Our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer and wife, Sis. Mildred, recently spent a week-end with our Canadian brethren.

Bro. Floyd and Sis. Janet Frieden have a new baby boy. He has been named Robert Edwin. Their first son, Bruce appears delighted to have a companion, and we rejoice with the Friedens. May God's blessings always abide with them.

Bro. Jacob Gehring and Sis. Bertha wish to thank everyone who presented gifts and cards for their golden wedding anniversary.

We did so appreciate Bro. Noah Gerber's presentation of the scriptures, which took place on the 7th of September. We hope that he may be able to visit again ere long.

### PURDUE

#### Kris Leman - Kathy Tanner

We welcome the fall season, as it brings together our brothers, sisters, and friends, so we can again partake of the precious privilege of fellowshiping together, as we were reminded by Bro. Carl Kipfer,

Bluffton, at our first meeting.

We are very happy to have an addition of sixteen young people to our fellowship; and as each begin studying, may we all remember that knowledge is gained here upon earth, but wisdom comes from God, as brought to us by Bro. Harold Schmidgall, from Gridley, Oct. 1.

Bro. Gene Lehman, Wolcott, brought to us the message of the great love of Christ, and left this thought for each of us to ponder: Each day brings one less day in which to repent, and one more day to repent for. We are thankful to our brothers who bring us the truth, and extend a welcome to all who can come share with us. Our services are held every other Wednesday evening, 7:00, at the Purdue Christian Campus House, West Lafayette.

### SABETHA KS Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita; Bro. Ron Heiniger, Bloomington; Bro. Alpha Strahm, Bern, and Bro. John Lehman, Bern.

Hospitalized this past month have been Bro. Virgil Hartter and Klinton Beyer, small son of Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen Beyer. They have both returned to their homes.

A daughter was born to Sis. Beth and Jere Herold on Sept. 21. She has been named Tara Michelle.

### TOKYO JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

It is very calm weather, after terrible hot summer. It was really unusually warm in Japan.

It's really blessed our Tokyo church lately, and quite a few young men are coming to Sunday morning service; especially Mr. Takahashi and another young student, Mr. Irifune most often to come. We really thank to the Lord and wish they will confess their sins and repent before God our Father in heaven.

We had our church cleaning on Sept. 24, which was Japanese national holiday. We certainly appreciate to God that Bros. Willis and Tony Ehnle came and help with Sis. Sally Gramm of Yamanashi on that day . . . We wiped the windows and waxed on our church floors. Then we had real nice Inarizushi lunch together. Inarizushi means the rice was covered with soybean

skins. One of church sisters brought fried chicken for us on that day.

Sis. Marie Inoue's parents, Bro. Pierre and Sis. Catharine Neihouser, just arrived in Japan last evening, Oct. 1, and going to stay here three weeks. We hope the Lord bless them and give them real wonderful time here in Japan. We brethren surely welcome them.

#### BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love . . .

Our dear sister, Ida Wackerle (the late Bro. Henry) has moved, to make her home at the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Home. We will miss Sis. Ida and wish her God's grace and blessings in her new home.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Dotterer and Eugene Fetter. We thank them for traveling and sharing the truth with us.

Lanae Marie has come to live with Gordy and Lynn Kimmerly. Mark is her big brother, and Marshall and Sis. Muriel Rylance her maternal grandparents.

Bro. Lee and I have another precious little girl, Tessa Jane; Jodi likes her little sister very much! Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback of Croghan and Bro. Bob and Sis. Marian Knochel from Bay City.

On Sept. 28, Sis. Donna Waibel's engagement was announced to Bro. Wally Gerst of Alto. Parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel and Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst of Oakville.

Bro. Ralph Ramseyer wishes to thank all who remembered him during his heart surgery and recovery.

#### ELGIN IL Mary Moser

If I could just be more like Jesus,  
Desiring naught this world may hold,  
To others I could show His kindness,  
And bring them to the Master's Fold.

On Sept. 7, Bro. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski ministered to us. Bro. Edwin Bahler from the Rem-

ington congregation expounded the word of God to us on a Wednesday evening.

Funeral services were held for Alice Haut on Sept. 15, at the Stout Funeral Home. Alice is the daughter of Sis. Rose Goll . . . The family of Alice Haut wish to thank everyone for their love and kindness shown them at this time.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger wish to thank all those who remembered them with cards, flowers and gifts of money on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Hospital patients include, Sis. Dorothy Kellenberger, Sis. Lydia Stettner, Joyce Schock and Hank Graff.

On Sept. 28, the engagement of Sis. Karen Kellenberger and Bro. Dale Heiniger was announced. Karen is the daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger, and Dale is the son of Bro. Les and Sis. Emma Heiniger.

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howard and Dianne Leman

During the last month, Bro. Dave Wiegand, through his sermons, has confronted our congregation with some challenging questions, whose answers can reveal a great deal about our spiritual commitments. Try asking yourself the following, and then answer each thoughtfully, letting the Spirit reveal strengths and weaknesses.

**Prayer:** How much time do you spend each day in prayer? When is your prayer-time — sleepily? hurriedly? or meaningfully? Most importantly, how do you pray — reciting a set format and plugging in names and events, or talking intimately with your Lord, listening to His voice and responding accordingly as you would with any close friend?

**Deeds:** Did you allow even one small chance to do good slip away today? Were you in too much of a hurry to hold the door for the one behind you, or too busy to take an extra turn in the carpool?

**Time:** How much time did you spend in spiritual activity — more than . . . other activity whose ultimate goals are nothing compared to the goal of Christian growth?

**Telling Others:** If something great happened at work or school, did you rush home to tell your family? (Most of us can't wait — we call on the phone!) Do you like-

wise spread the word of Jesus Christ and Him crucified?

**Gifts** — If someone offers you a free trip to the Dairy Queen, do you accept? (Of course!) Do you accept most gifts that others delight in giving you? When God offers His free gift of salvation, do you likewise accept it in repentance?

Through Christ, Bro. Dave continues to lead us to Christian maturity, and we praise the Lord for this!

#### LEO IN Mrs. Elias Souder

Have a very happy day;

Hope and pray that it will last,  
For on the morrow this today  
Will be forever in the past.

(Bro. Irvin Leman from Morton stopped at the store one day and left this wish.)

Bro. Charles Hemmer from our Peoria congregation spent Sun., Sept. 20 here. His sermon was on these last days we are living in. He clearly outlined them in the last chapter of Daniel and some verses from Revelation. Bro. Homer Reinick from the Toledo church led the church in meditation of the living word.

We have had very ill people with us. Our young friend, Gary Garman has spent quite some time in the hospital . . . Dean Stoller, a resident at the Home for the Handicapped, has been severely ill . . . Sis. Bertha (Mrs. Sam) Steiner is recuperating at the home of her daughter at Waterloo Ind. . . . Sis. Mary (Jesse) Gerber from the Latty congregation spent several days here with Sis. Mary Souder, who has been very ill with asthma attacks. She is improving now.

Henry and Arvilla Kipfer have moved to Hicksville Ohio, and are making Latty their home church. We do miss them and hope our loss is the Latty church's gain.

#### IOWA CITY IA

Lynn Banwart - April Wiegand

The word was brought to us this month by (Bros.) Harvey Heiniger and Joe Schrock. We were reminded of the words of Jesus when he said, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good

part, which shall not be taken away from her." And what was "that good part"? Mary sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. Truly all too often we are "careful and troubled about many things", and perhaps we don't take enough time from our busy day to just stop, pause a while, and sit at Jesus' feet.

### LEXINGTON KY Glenda Huber

God knew that each of us would need

Some help from day to day,  
And so he gave us prayer, a gift  
That smooths our troubled way.

We have had much for which to be grateful for. Our Dedication Service, held on Aug. 17, was a real blessing. There were about 160 present. Many were represented from the following churches: Fairbury, Roanoke, Cissna Park, Eureka, Forrest, Bradford, Morton, Champaign, Leo, Francesville, Valparaiso, and Latty. It was wonderful to have them here to share and rejoice with us in this wonderful provision that the Lord has made possible for us, that our church might be dedicated for His cause and His glory.

We are happy to have with us, to share in the Lord's ministry here, Cathy Knobloch from Morton. She is studying at the University of Kentucky for her master's degree in Social Work. She has been a real blessing to us.

It was an inspiration and blessing to have Bro. Wendell Gude-man here a few weeks ago to minister to us, and to show some slides of the work our church has done in Haiti. May God richly bless him in all his endeavors and efforts put forth to help and encourage us here, at the church of Lexington.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to come and fellowship with us here at Lexington.

### THIS DAY OF OPPORTUNITY HAS DAWNED

One-of-its-kind. Tomorrow if it comes is somewhat different. All work is done in time. We must work, for the night cometh . . . It is good to spurn the murmuring, escape being fretful, and love in the sweetness of God.

Sundar Singh and his companion were gripped in the ferocious embrace of a blizzard. The temperature had dived to below zero. The roaring wind lashed. The cold seeped through. It seemed inevitable that they would soon be frozen in their tracks on the ice-sheathed mountain.

Suddenly, Sundar stumbled over the prostrate form. A man. The fallen one was not quite dead. "Come," called the Sadhu to his companion, "Let us carry the poor man to safety."

"Impossible," snapped the shivering Tibetan. "It's all we can do to save ourselves. I'm moving on!"

Sundar, by herculean efforts succeeded to hoist the almost frozen victim onto his back. Slowly he struggled up the slope. Not far ahead he overtook the Tibetan who deserted him . . . dead along the path, frozen to death. Sundar continued. The extra exertion warmed the Sadhu, while the rescued man revived from the warmth generated by the friction of his body against Sundar Singh.

After a long hike, Sadhu stumbled into a mountain village safely. Gratefully he muttered the Saviour's saying, He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. **Finder weepers applied to the Tibetan companion . . . but Sundar Singh exemplifies, Losers keepers!**

**Faith, hope and love . . . with these God shines the daily path with His success. Every room, each place has the sweetness that lingers . . . with joy on and on . . .**

An undiscovered world lies before you, beyond opportunity's gate.

A flower unblown; His book to read;

A tree with fruit unharvested;  
A path untrod; a house whose rooms

Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;

A wondrous fountain yet unsealed;  
A package with its gifts concealed—

This is the chance that for you waits

Through opportunity's sweet gate.

Look for the moments each new

day brings. As the course unfolds, greet each day as though it is a gift concealed.

Rooms of today are shown with heavenly light. Look around you. A baby's need for love . . . some aged or ill, care . . . some lonely, with time waiting for God's notes of love to be filled in . . . the job at work or at home dedicated in God's employment.

I cannot do everything

—Cannot explore all knowledge,  
. . . Visit all places,  
. . . Do all the things I'd like to do . . .

But I can do something.

What I can do, I will  
In the grace of God . . .

To the best of my ability.

If I do what I can,

And do it well,

I will find life good,

And will receive God's approval.

O God, help me to do what I can!

**Time passes sweetly for the busy at heart, employed in God's business.**

Going away, for an extended period this fall or winter? Send in your address. Direct the Silver Lining to where you go. (Tell us when to plan to change address, and when again to plan to change back.)

We suggest you check with your family to avoid duplicating payments. If you have paid for someone else, be sure and let them know.

### CHILDRENS HOME

Henry Souder Jr.

It was Friday evening, after supper. The land near the homes are producing for the Lord. Two brothers were working the fields. The soy beans were being harvested. Bro. Terry Farney was nearby. He said the wheat is pretty well planted. His sincere appreciation was extended for those who have labored.

To the brick masons and linoleum and tile setters, Bro. Terry also wants his thanks extended.

The pleasant forest nearby has been adorned in the luxury of autumn. Soon the outlines will hold that touch of white that only God can do — the fields and lawns will

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march afar in snowy stretches . . .

One step, another, and still another gradually fills in a picture of the children's home. The center building is balanced on either side, each setting more forward, with the two homes.

If we listen in faith, we can hear voices — children with strikes against them given love, and growing. Visit the fatherless — truth shines for our road ahead . . . and these neglected children need, for although there may be a father, they are deprived of the true care of parental love.

Now is an opportunity . . . your

volunteer hours have an eternal time-piece recording . . . give of your labor for God's work. Here, too is room for real investment . . . your donation of money has room for use. Send to Box 10, Leo Indiana 46765.

A mother can make a home out of a house

By just being thoughtful and sweet,

By her warm understanding and gentleness, too,

That makes life more rich and complete.

My heart is made stronger and quickened,

In every great effort and fight, And though the deep darkness has thickened,

Yes, through it I see The Great Light.

We need not fear . . . with God so near . . . in this '75 of strife . . . We will pay heed . . . And find every need . . . Wrought in His matchless life.

Change of Address? Write us, or tell one of the reporters.

## "NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU"

Henry Souder Jr.

How can we have beautiful unity among the brethren? What makes for success in a church? How can we know we are living the purpose of God, without fear of or favor for man?

We must hold to the "It is finished" of Christ. His cost, His payment. It is a privilege He gives, bearing His cross, braving with His truth. We are one in Christ because He bought us. Not our powerful preaching, forceful tact, long hours, nor humility. The same righteousness, snow white, covers each . . . His servant He causes to stand, weak, strong or middle ground.

John writes in his cheering epistles, he has no greater joy than to hear that his children walk in the truth. Have you ever thought what a beautiful love this reveals? More, have you felt some and want more deeper? This joy soars into realms unheard of human time zones. A grouchy feeling can easily slip in to rob us of the soul of what does the most good. Looking for, enjoying the happiness of another.

There are certain things the Lord cannot allow in the church. There are ways that do not bring Him pleasure . . . But for the willing and obedient, His mercies are tender, His compassion wonderful. Read that perfect prayer, the one He

taught, again. Look at How it reveals His deep, rich personality; he teaches our forgiveness must be accompanied with the forgiving of others. That's the way His love is . . . note how Peter in his letters writes, love covers a multitude of sins. Paul urges that we should forgive as He forgave us . . . And really that's best for us too, to come up smiling what joy for us!

Division, sad heart throb . . . a hurting church. How much, how sweetly comfortable is the health-giving, heart-healing word. We do not listen, and some way thrust the anguish of hurting words.

Listening to the New Testament verse by verse, and back again, continually gives true wisdom . . . better than a dozen degrees of universities . . . And it can keep us even keeled. We all experience or have experienced this: knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The Lord says learn — be a disciple, an apprentice of Him. We catch the glory, when we love His pages. Written in Paul in detail is how the matchless, priceless personality of Christ is. He says, as a nurse cherishes her children, as a father his son . . . over and over, more and more we see our Lord in His glorious personality, tender, forgiving, yearning, loving!

Sometimes, for the sake of our Jesus we have to wait — even on some in the church. If a brother or sister acts in the wrong and we take it gently, forgivingly, that is grace. Always we should stand for the truth. That's the way He did it — as a lamb. Sometimes those that are disapproved are made clear, leaving from the teaching. Others who were in doubt hold on. It takes a Christ-like walk to know the riches of real unity. Who knows, perhaps even some who wandered will recover from the snare of the devil.

When you get really acquainted with His word, it is a wondrous whole. A forgiving verse fits where a shortcoming would leave a gap. The Lord showed how white may beautifully shine, by washing the disciples' feet. Who needs our prayerful pleading, our asking for forgiveness — love covering? It is a wondrous word. It fits together. Living vitality. Reality that will never pass away.

He is the Word. He fulfills. It is a living word: verse by verse fits the saint into a living being like Jesus. What glory gilds the sacred page.

"I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."