



And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

HAPPINESS IS

The beautiful home on this earth is where Jesus lives. A dozen artists cannot grasp the beauty of bowed heads at the table, nor of sweet words of family devotion. That is the house where happiness is, kindled in His own lovely way. The opposite is not only risky, but wracked with harm and sorrow. One of our Lord's sharpest rebukes, if not the sharpest, was to those who cause a little one—a child or a believer, offense. This means luring them into sad sin.

A boy had caused much grief to his widowed mother. One night he was preparing to attend a frolic of doubtful character. His mother placed her arms about his neck and pleaded with him, weeping. He seized her hands, flung them from his shoulders and said, "I'm of age and shall do as I please."

His little brother, not yet five, stood by, watching. There was admiration in his eyes. He loved that big, broadshouldered man who was the eldest of the household.

The big brother stalked through the back door, out through the orchard, into the woodland. As he walked through the darkness, he heard the crackle of a twig. Someone was behind him. He wheeled and looked into the upturned eyes of his baby brother. No darkness was too black if his big brother was out in front! No forest was too dense.

He turned, took the little laddie back to mother, climbed the stairway to his own room, fell on his face, and prayed: "O God, make me fit; make me true and right; make me safe for that baby, and help me to be the kind of man he can follow anywhere all the time!"

A child looks to a model. Younger members also watch. Someone to shape their ways after. What is said does make a difference. What is done provides the hero that God wants us to be for another. How little we sometimes realize the cheering section that looks on.

He was smoking a cigar. A little boy was playing in a yard. "Hello," yelled the little child with admiration, affection simply bubbling. The preacher took the cigar from his mouth and beamed upon the laddie. "How's Johnnie this morn-

ing?" he inquired. He lifted him in his arms and kissed his cheek.

We walked on. "Great kid," he said. Then turning to me he inquired, "Why don't you smoke? A good cigar never hurt any man."

"That kid." "Who? What?" "Little Johnnie," was my reply.

He turned and looked back up the street toward the yard, as though he expected to see the little boy down upon the earth as the result of some accident.

"What do you mean!" There was indignation in his voice. He stopped, facing me.

"I mean," said I, "that I have a little Johnnie in my Sunday school also—a score of them. They play in their front yards. Their mothers can talk to them all week of the evils of nicotine, and plead with them not to become cigarette addicts, and their Sunday school teachers can back it on Sunday morning. Then I can calmly stroll by those frontyards on Monday morning and undo all the admonitions, counteract all the prayers, and blast all the hopes of those mothers and Sunday school teachers.

That preacher's face was the gray of ashes. He took the cigar from his mouth, dropped it on the sidewalk, crushed it under his foot, and never said a word.

Be careful. There is a big difference, sharp, never-meeting between light and darkness.

Does Jesus live at your house?
I heard a child once ask.
Her little brow was furrowed
As she struggled with a task.
I saw her eyes were shadowed,
Her face marked with a tear,
The voice a wee bit wistful
For the answer she might hear.

It didn't use to be this way
With Jesus in our home,
For every night my Daddy came
When all my curls were combed
To help me say my bedtime prayer
(And Momma helped me too),
And they'd smile and tuck me in,
But now—they never do.

Could you tell me where Jesus is?
For everything seems black.
We want Him in our house again;
We want Him to come back,

And when He comes we'll keep
Him

For we truly need Him so—
If Jesus lives at your house,
Oh don't ever let Him go!

**It is crisis crossroads of decision,
to lay down our lives in service.
It means sometimes a long, tear-
filled wrong way if we lead a wrong
example.**

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow
Said, Daddy, it is almost time
For church; let's go.

Oh no, said Daddy, not today;
I've worked hard all this week,
And I must have one day of rest.
I'm going to the creek.

For there I can relax and rest,
And fishing's fine they say,
So run along, don't bother me.
We'll go some other day.

And now that Daddy's growing old,
When life is almost through,
He finds the time to go to church,
But what does daughter do?

She says, Oh Daddy, not today;
I stayed up most all night,
And I've just got to have some
sleep;
Besides, I look a fright.

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away his tears,
As again he hears the pleading
voice
Distinctly through the years.

He sees a small girl's shining face,
Upturned with eyes aglow,

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ber to send change of address.

As she says, It's time for church;
Please, Daddy, won't you go?

Won't you let love lead? What we do, what we enjoy becomes the training a child is brought up, thus!

Little Jeannie went on an errand to a wealthy home. Because she was so excited over its beauty and bigness, the woman took her on a tour. She showed Jennie the luxurious furniture, the imported carpets, the priceless paintings, and asked, Don't you think these things are lovely? I do," answered Jennie, What a beautiful home for Jesus to visit. Does He ever come here?" "I'm afraid not, confessed the woman. "We have a small apartment," continued Jennie. "We don't have any carpets or pretty things; but Jesus comes and makes us very happy."

Which place has the real values of eternity!

Airplanes are swift; spacecraft also. Radio and telephone syllables speed across miles. The marvel of God, prayer has no equal. It has majestic hearing. Think of the Central Office and the marvellous communication coming into His presence! Magnificent power is available, reaching anywhere, at all times, in every way . . . that indeed is communications, of which we grasp a part . . . and there is more, so much more.

They're scattered now and far away,
Those children of mine so fair.
There's only one way to reach out and touch,
And that's with a simple prayer.

So many times I held them close
As they sat beside by chair,
And I felt their hands grasp mine as we talked
Together to God in prayer.

And often I soothed their aches and pains
With tender loving care,
And the little problems that were theirs
Were mine also to share.

I may not see my children today,
Nor feel their love so rare,
But I can reach out and touch once more

Their lives with simple prayer.

The Lord tells us how. It's not the storm, the hurting, nor blue Monday. His words show how to be like the storm thrush, singing our heart out in His beauty, even in the depths of storm!

Byron and Scott were both lame. Byron was embittered by his lameness, brooded till he loathed it, never entered a public place. His mind reverted to it, so that much of color and zest were lost to him. Scott never complained or spoke one bitter word about his disability, not even to his dearest friend. Walter received a letter from Byron with this in it: Ah Scott, I would give my fame to have your happiness.

If we put our words and thoughts, feelings and actions on a minute by minute record . . . it would be very clear. Life tabulates to very simple lines. Love writes the meaning God wants if we let him. Lack of happiness would also show lack of love.

When we can say that we are not jealous or made uneasy by the success or superior excellence of another, but rather rejoice to hear him praised, our love is perfected in this particular, for love envieth not. When we can say we have no desire for display, no inclination to unduly push ourselves forward, then our lives conform to God's pattern, for love vaunteth not itself. When we have a modest opinion of our abilities and achievements, and can remain humble when praised, we are pleasing to the Lord, for love is not puffed up. When we have the desire to be kind and courteous, and would not willingly be a stumbling-block or hurt anyone's feelings, we are conforming to the truth that love doth not behave itself unseemly. When we make decisions, if our primary concern is to please the Master and help others, rather than advance our own selfish interests, then we have attained spiritual maturity, for love seeketh not her own. When one trial after another comes and we do not complain, but rather bear it patiently, then we are truly overcomers in the Lord's eyes, for love endureth all things.

A golden gateway to happiness each day is always open.

Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for others,
That I might live like Thee.

Jesus gives life in all the vibrant, enduring expressions of eternity. Love is beautiful action that goes on into heaven. It means we are pleasant, contented and happy here.

An ideal home cannot be built
With compass, rule or square.
An ideal home cannot exist
Without our Jesus there.

The place you find just filled with love,
No matter where you roam,
Where Jesus Christ reigns in love supreme;
There is the ideal home.

TOLEDO OHIO Josephine Rehkla

O Lamb of God, Who bled for my transgression,
And for my guilt on Calv'ry's brow hast trod!
Who could unto such great love give expression?
Who is like Thee, Thou chosen Lamb of God?
As often as my pulses' beat,
I lay my life, my blood, my all at Jesus' feet.

Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman spent Sunday, Aug. 8 with us. He was given words to remind us of the suffering and death of our Saviour, Jesus, the Lamb of God. We can never be worthy of this great sacrifice.

Our happy parents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Sue Saurer. They have a son, Todd Roger, born July 30. The grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Freda Rehkla, and Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther Saurer of Rittman.

Our Sunday School spent Sunday, Aug. 8, as guests of the Junction Sunday School. These Christian friendships are cherished, and there is a tie of kinship in a soul who loves the Lord.

PHOENIX AZ Julie Hoerr

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . . After much prayer for His guidance and direction, we are looking forward to a new building. The building committee are Bros.

Paul Emch, Richard Beery, William Sanders, Harry Roth, and Don Emch . . . Purchasing Agent, Bro. Clarence Beyer . . . Finance, Bros. Wayne Kircher, Jos. Traub, and Earl Roth.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Terry Fehr (Bro. and Sis. Gene) is awaiting baptism, and will travel to Roanoke to become this new person at his baptism Aug. 29.

Our hospital patients . . . Surgery, Bro. Ervin Rokey and Sis. Christine Schuester. Bro. Ernest DeMille has not been able to worship with us for some time, and he and Sis. Martha would appreciate your prayers. Sis. Irene Emch is suffering from a knee injury and unable to worship with us.

We welcome Sis. Drannie Schrenk back to Phoenix Church. Her address is 466 N. Harris St. Apt. A, Mesa, AZ. 85023. Sis. Ruth Baer's address is 9817 No. Street, Phoenix, AZ. 85020. The Bro. Ed Zollinger family's new address is 2529 East Fairbrook, Mesa, AZ. 85203.

New high schoolers this fall will be: Kelly Kraft, Shane Pulfer, Steve Farney, and Cheri Zollinger.

On Aug. 22, we were privileged to have Bro. Joe Aberle (Sabetha) bring us many good lessons from Matthew 11 & I Corinthians 9 & 10.

Again it is conference time, and several of our members will find a Christian welcome there, and thank the Brethren at Cissna Park for their hospitality. We pray the elders will feel the divine presence of the Lord, as they keep our churches close to Thee.

A member suggested a thought to share: Have you tried being the Christian you expect everyone else to be? Romans 12: 9 and 10 is a good measure to fill.

VALPARAISO IN Marie Heinold

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

Karen Susdorf is so happy to have a little sister, Rebekah Dawn, born to Kenneth and Cindra Aug. 13.

Congratulations are extended to John and Tillie Heinold, who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Aug. 6.

Again we thank our visitors who came to fellowship and worship with us, and to this month's visiting minister, Ed Bahler from Remington.

An aged sister, Lydia Marti, who has now passed on gave me this poem:

Unless you become as children
And love Me like they do,
You cannot enter My kingdom,
For the door is closed to you.

For faith is the key to Heaven,
And only God's children hold
The key that opens the gateway
To that beautiful city of gold—

For only a child yet unblemished
By the doctrines and theories of
man
Is content to trust and love Jesus
Without understanding His
Plan.

ALTO MI Donna Steffen

Psalms 116:6 states, "The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me." It is when we realize we can't make it on our own, that God is willing to step in and help us in our deepest need. A humble and contrite heart . . . God will not despise. That's what the scripture says. Isn't the love of God wonderful? May we trust Him to meet our every need today.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to our Sis. Joan (Bro. Thomas) Schrenk, in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Carlotta Bennett. Other survivors include Mr. Maxwell Bennett, three sons, and three other daughters.

October is Silver Lining collection for Alto.

Our ministering Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Gerst have moved. Their new address is 10100 Vergennes St., Lowell MI 49331 . . . Kathy Steffen, daughter of Sis. Helen, has moved back into our area, after working for several months in Detroit. We welcome her back and wish for her God's blessing and guidance.

God broke our years into hours and
days,
That hour by hour, and day by day
Just going on a little way,

We might be able, all along,
To keep quite strong.

Should all the weight of life be
laid
Across our shoulders at just one
place,
And the future, rife with woe and
struggle,
Meet us face to face,
We could not go;
Our feet would stop, and so
God lays a little on us everyday.

And never, I believe, in all life's
way,
Will burdens bear so deep,
Or pathways lie so steep,
But we can go, if by God's power
We only bear the burden of the
hour,

FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

Jesus now is calling . . . calling thee to come. We are happy to report another soul has turned to the Lord in repentance. May she find sufficient grace for each day.

We were privileged to hear the inspiring message of Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda Japan) on Thursday evening, Aug. 19. He read and meditated upon Revelation 12, and how Satan is very powerful, that we must always be on guard. Also, Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) spent the evening with us.

Hospitalized were Sis. Nola Wuethrich (tests), Minerva Wuethrich (surgery), and Emmett Ward (tests).

Promotion for Sunday School was Aug. 29. Each class learns something special to take with them as they go to the next class, such as **Ten Commandments** or **23rd Psalm**.

The 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School Class, along with their teachers and some parents, spent a week-end in Lexington with Bro. Lester Huber and family.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Carol Gutwein were blest with a little girl, Marie Amber on Aug. 24. Samuel is happy for a sister.

"I wish to thank my dear family, friends, relatives for the cards, gifts, and prayers when I was in the hospital for the sudden surgery . . . a special thanks to my ministers." Minerva Wuethrich.

WOLCOTT IN Laurel Widmer

The month of August has been a quiet one, with several families

gone for vacation trips. We are reminded that it is often in these quiet times of our lives that God speaks loudest within our hearts.

As the brotherhood meets in the annual conference, I am reminded of these words . . .

Imagine a large circle, and in the center of it rays of light that spread out to the circumference. The light in the center is God; each of us is a ray. The closer the rays are to the center, the closer the rays are to each other. The closer we live to God, the closer we are bound to one another.

May this time of conference serve to bind us all closer to God and to each other.

Bro. Art Gudeman's name was accidentally omitted in the last issue, as being among our visitors on July 18. We also appreciated the time he took to be with us.

Returning to Purdue University this fall is Neal Widmer. On Aug. 1, Bro. Earl Kilgus was with us for afternoon services. The annual Camp Mack Sunday was enjoyed by all who attended.

AKRON OHIO

Lynda Pamer

A ministering brother once said that God's word will abide forever, and that in heaven Jesus himself is going to teach us from the word. Isn't that a wonderful thought!

My apologies go to Bros. Robert Beer and Dale Gabor of Mansfield. They should have been mentioned in last month's Silver Lining with the other visiting ministers. We thank them and also Bros. Ken Sauder (Mansfield), Jim Ramsier (Bay City), and Dave Roberts (Philadelphia, Union City) for laboring so willingly in the ministry of God's precious word.

Eric and Mary Ritzman have a new baby boy, Daniel Eric. He has one sister, Jennifer, and his grandmother is Sis. Marie Ritzman.

Pat Palitto (Bro. John and Sis. Martha) was united in marriage to Wes Buck.

We are glad to have Rose and Eszti Bako home again. They spent a year in Hungary, where they went to school and lived with their relatives. They are daughters of Bro. Sandor and Sis. Kathy Bako. Kathy's mother and sister from Hungary have been visiting in America for some time. Joe Fulop, also from Hungary, has been

visiting his brother, George and family, who assemble with us. Although they could not speak nor understand English, we enjoyed having them worship with us.

BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen

Our prayers are with those who have been ill. Surely the Lord will bless them with His comforting presence. Sisters Kay (Tom) Fairchild, Gladys (Dan) Lantz, Clara (Homer) Fiechter, Olga Frauhofer; Bros. Paul Baumgartner, Joel Schaefer, Homer Gehring; Kami Isch (Bro. Perry and Sis. Becky) and Tim Pfister (Bro. Tom and Sis. Barbara).

Bro. Duane and Sis. Betsy Gerber have great joy and love in their hearts for their precious little Ryan David, born on Aug. 16. The grandparents are Bro. Oscar and Sis. Agnes Schaefer and Bro. Gaius and Sis. Alice Gerber . . . Tiny Tara Sue Byerly arrived Aug. 9. The happy parents are Sue and Steve, and the grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Devonna Gerber . . . Sis. Sharon and Gary Merritt are first-time parents to a little boy, Kent Michael. The pleased grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Beulah Schwartz . . . Richard and Rita (Kaehr) Everett are the parents of Christopher Allan . . . Bro. Barry and Sis. Imogene Isch have added another boy to their family, Aaron Joe . . . Randy and Kathy Schrieber became the parents of Joshua Allan. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy Geisel.

Bro. Greg Meyer (Bro. Dale and Sis. Glenda) was united as one to Sis. Bev Gerber (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille) on Aug. 1. Karla Geisel (Bro. Everett and Sis. Alice) and Jack Girod took their wedding vows on August 14.

We welcomed into our fold some new brothers and sisters in the Lord: Rocky Giltner (Bro. Herman and Sis. Marie Drayer), Phil Baumgartner (Bro. Harry and Sis. Lula), Bev (Frauhiger) Miner (Bro. Herb and Sis. Lucille), Dennis Caffee, and Gene Longenberger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty). We wish them much grace as they start this new life.

Our Sis. Ida Liebig passed from this life on Aug. 15. We are so glad she could be relieved from the cares of this life. Bro. William and Sis. Diana Tonner experienced a deep loss when their ten-month

son, Tyler Wayne passed from this life. Surviving are two brothers, Timothy and Trent, and a sister, Tonia. We extend them deep sympathy, but surely the angels are rejoicing and welcoming a sweet little "cherub" in their midst. We must remember—the Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away.

We were very pleased to have a number of visiting ministers in our midst: Bros. Bill Dotterer, Dave Roberts, Walter Rehklau, Willis Ehnle, Clarence Dietrich, Ben Manz, Henry Beer, Richard Aberle, and Everett Harri.

ROANOKE IL

Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder

Thus united and in concord
Let us walk the path of life.
Hand in hand, O may love bind us,
For each other's welfare strive.

Bro. Duane Schroeder and Sis. Rachel Sauder were united in marriage, Aug. 1 . . .

We spent a blessed evening Aug. 14, as we heard the testimonies of our friends, Lynn Hohulin (Bro. Mel and Sis. Shirley), Tim Hohulin (Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie), and Mrs. Jeanette Wagner. We witnessed their baptism and welcomed them into our brotherhood on Sunday.

We are so thankful that God is calling yet and loved ones are answering his loving call.

Our friends, Terry Fehr (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Margaret) of the Phoenix congregation and formerly of Roanoke, and Ruth Ann Fischer (Bro. David and Sis. Frances) will give their testimonies this Saturday evening, Aug. 28. Many of Terry's friends and relatives are living in this area, and it's sort of midway for those of Rockville, where Sis. Margaret is from.

The engagement of Bro. Randall Martin (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary Lou) and Sis. Jan Blunier (Bro. Walter and Sis. Miriam) was made known.

Bro. Roy Wieland (Bay City) shared the word of life with us Aug. 8.

Congratulations to Bro. Pete Pfister, who celebrated his 101st birthday Aug. 25. He looks forward to his daily auto ride with his daughter, Lena. He is finding out that the longer he lives, the fewer friends his own age he has. He is going to visit his boyhood chum who lives in the Roanoke Apostolic

Christian Home, who is 103 years old.

Hospitalized were Sis. Rose Funk, Sis. Laura Weyeneth, and Bro. Gary Roth. Rose is still in the hospital.

BERN KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

It is not enough to own a Bible;
we must read it.

It is not enough to read it;
we must let it speak to us.

It is not enough to let it speak to
us;
we must believe it.

It is not enough to believe it;
we must live it.

A first child, Nicklaus James, arrived Aug. 9 to gladden the hearts and home of James and Anne Moser. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Reuben and Sis. Stella.

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. New teachers selected are Bro. Leroy Meyer and Sis. Shirley Strahm. They serve along with Bros. Morris Rokey, Galen Rokey and Darrel Stoller, Sisters Peggy Baumgartner and Helen Meyer.

Bro. Jake Wenger is a new resident at the Apostolic Christian Home, and making a slow but good recovery from a broken hip.

Michelle and Trenton Rokey, small children of Bro. Morris and Sis. Arlinda, were tonsillectomy patients.

Bro. Alvin Strahm was re-elected as trustee for the Apostolic Christian Home. Bro. Roy Rokey is the other trustee.

We enjoyed our guest minister, Bro. Walter Herrman, Princeville.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Stella Wenger (Bro. Jake) in the passing of her sister, Sis. Bertha Heiniger, age 87, Deer Creek, Illinois. Bertha was born near Bern to John and Mary Baumgartner Moser. She was married to Sam Heiniger, and they farmed near Bern until they moved to Deer Creek. Bertha was a quiet, kindly soul, and will be greatly missed in the home.

BRADFORD IL

Jane Leman

With joy in our hearts we report that God has called our dear

friend, Joan Endress to repentance. Sis. Lois Endress is her mother.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich, on the passing of his sister, Sis. Madie Laukhuf (Latty).

We thank Bro. Albert Wuthrich (Pulaski), who came to minister to us.

We are very happy to welcome Bro. Kenny and Sis. Judy Knepp, Cisne, David, and Lorna to our congregation. They had attended church in Roanoke and are now living in Geneseo.

Five-year-old Mitchell Leman (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jane) was in the hospital for a short time for minor surgery.

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Our visitors are as follows: (Bros.) Ed Frank—LaCrosse, Ed Alt, Steve Rinkenberger—Cissna Park, Henry Grimm—Morton, Jim Leman—Roanoke, Loren Strahm—Gridley (Kansas), Willis Wiegand—Goodfield.

The first day of August was the wedding day for Sis. Pat Rocke and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger from Congerville and LaCrosse. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Richard and Marge Rocke. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Charles and Martha Rinkenberger, from LaCrosse. The newlyweds will live in Congerville. Bro. Leroy Huber was in charge of the ceremony.

A baby boy (first child) was born to Bro. and Sis. Duane and Eileen (Hohulin) Blunier on Aug. 9. His name is Marc Allen. Bro. and Sis. Richard and Marybeth Kupferschmid are the parents of a baby girl, born Aug. 9. She has a sister and three brothers.

We have five more converts to report. They are Robyn Rocke, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Marge; Inga Zimmerman, wife of Dean Zimmerman; Robert Prather, son of Bro. and Sis. Jack and Millie; Ron Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Jean; and Madolyn Rothgeb, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Julie Wyss of Morton.

Hospital people—Bro. Walter Anliker's wife, Wilhelmina, is a patient in Eureka Hospital for tests. Sis. Inez Mogler is a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital. Mary Beth Wettstein, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna, fell from a bicycle and broke her leg. She will have a cast on for six weeks.

Bro. Ed Suttor was in Eureka Hospital for a check-up.

How time doth swiftly pass away;
We hardly know where it does go,
Yet God has always in His plan
How we should live and use our
time.

So let us do some things for others,
And help out where there is need;
Then our Heavenly Father from
His Holy book doth us feed.
So let us labor on!

GIRARD OH

Louisa B. Lance

Lead kindly light, amid the encir-
cling gloom,

Lead me on,
The night is dark, and I am far
from home,

Lead Thou me on,
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask
to see
The distant scene; one step enough
for me.

Even though there are clouds
around and the way seems dark,
if we trust in God, one step is
enough to guide us safely on the
right way.

On Aug. 8, we were glad to have
Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman)
come and bring us God's word.

We do appreciate the effort the
many brothers put forth to come
and help Bro. Harold, in minister-
ing to us.

On Aug. 18, the whole communi-
ty was saddened by the death of
our dear friend, Freda (Barth. Dur-
ig) Lord; she was loved by all who
knew her. She was the daughter of
Sis. Emma Barth (deceased) of
New Martinsville, who I know that
many of you will remember her
gracious welcome and hospitality
to all who came to her door. Our
congregation extends sincere sym-
pathy to her husband, children,
sisters, and brother, also to her
sister-in-law, Sis. Helen Emch.

We missed having Bro. Joe Emch
on Sunday; he was not feeling well
enough to attend services. Sis. Ann
Enyeart's husband seems to be re-
cuperating nicely.

If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on.

GOODFIELD IL

Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

Christian, walk carefully;
Christian, walk cheerfully;

Christian, walk pray'rfully;
Christian, walk hopefully.

Surely these words are so important to us as we rush through each busy day, we were so timely advised. Let us not become too busy to stay very close to our God!

On July 29, Kurt Randal joined the family of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Pat Plattner. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Audrey Ehnle of Bradford, and Bro. and Sis. Harold and Gerry Plattner . . .

Bro. and Sis. Jay and Peg Rinkenberger have a new little son, Scott Allen, born on Aug. 15. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe and Irene Rinkenberger and Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna Grimm, all of this congregation.

Phil and Sis. Terry Bjork are the happy parents of their first child, Jason Philip, born on Aug. 18. Grandparents are Ray and Edna Bjork, of Boca Raton, Fla., and Bro. and Sis. Wilbur and Mildred Heinold.

Gretchen Eugena is the name of the little girl born to the Bruce Hohulins, which was reported last month.

Our best wishes to Sis. Gery Roth and Bro. Mike Hinrichsen, whose engagement has been announced. Parents are Roy and Sis. Corrine Roth and Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene.

A sincere thanks to Bro. Arthur Bauer, Princeville, who visited and ministered to us on Aug. 1.

Bro. Roy Wyss submitted to surgery on Aug. 16. We are happy to report that he is recovering at home.

"We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, and gifts while John was in the hospital." John and Helen Streit . . . Bro. John has returned home from Mayo Clinic where he received further treatment following a stroke, and is now improving at home.

Beautiful and very comforting words were read and spoken at the services for our dear deceased Sis. Bertha Heiniger, on Aug. 23. Surviving are her dear husband, Bro. Sam, and four daughters: Mrs. Arthur (Mary) Juenzi and Mrs. Opal Bachman, both of Washington, Mrs. William (Esther) Cawley of Rochelle, and Miss Bernice at home. Also surviving are two brothers, John of Lester, Aaron of Sabetha, and two sisters, Mrs.

Mamie Streit of Humbolt, Nebraska, and Mrs. Jacob, (Stella) Wenger of Sabetha.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

MANSFIELD OHIO Lucille Groh

Through the darkness Christ will lead;

Well He knoweth all your need.
Soon your face with joy will glow,
If you look up as on you go!

On Aug. 8, our elder brothers, Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier were in our midst and brought us many good teachings from God's word. Bro. Rudolph mentioned in his sermon, that sometimes we come to a point in our lives when it seems as though we cannot go forward, it is impossible to go backward, and we often wonder what to do. He said, We should look up and continue to ask the Lord for help. God will answer our prayer in time, not always as we would like, but the answer will come.

Two bundles from heaven were delivered to loved ones in our congregation: Friends, Frank and Laura (Morrison) Coleman are the parents of a baby boy named Adam Dean, born Aug. 6. Adam's little sister, Amy, is very happy these days. Sis. Catherine Morrison is the maternal grandmother . . . On Aug. 18, little Bethany Ann arrived to make her home with Lanny and Joyce (Bocka) Young. Sis. Leora Bocka is the maternal grandmother.

Hospitalized or experiencing misfortune are: Sisters Katie Blumenshine (Phoenix) and Tillie Oesch were confined to the hospital, as well as our friend, Harold Hoffman, son of Sis. Anna Sauder Hoffman. Harold fell from a building and is severely injured . . . Sis. Martha (Sabo) Enderle (broken arm) and friends Randy (Bro. Richard) Sauder (broken finger) and Elaine (Bocka) Tuttle received injuries sustained in a household accident. We rejoice that Sis. Martha Cordrey is now home from South Dakota, after having a fall and a broken leg, and is now able to walk again.

Christ has made death just a starlit strip between the companionships of yesterday and the re-

unions of tomorrow. Our dear sister, Kathryn Matthes, age 82, left us for the heavenly reunion on Aug. 24, following a one-month illness. She was born in Mansfield on Sept. 4, 1893, and lived here all her life, and was a retired seamstress. Katie used to love to play the organ, and passed many hours playing hymns of praise to her Lord, whom she loved. Shortly before she departed for that heavenly journey, she asked the Lord, **How long yet must she wait.** She departed peacefully, with no struggle or fear, just closed her eyes and went home. Sis. Katie always met everyone with a smile, and will be greatly missed by all, but especially by her sister, Sis. Amelia Matthes, with whom she resided for many years.

When I come to the end of the long
long road,
And trials will all be past,
I'll look in the face of my dearest
friend,
Safe home in His heaven at last.

If you know Christ as your Saviour, you too can experience a wonderful peace, even if you are called to walk through the "valley of the shadow".

MORTON ILL

Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer

We were blessed by the messages from God's word given by visiting ministers, Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix and Bro. Ed Knecht of Silverton.

Among our newlyweds are Sis. Deborah Rinkenberger from Tremont and Bro. Gary Rassi. They were married in Tremont on Aug. 1. Ray and Clea Rinkenberger of Tremont and Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl Rassi are their parents . . . Janeen Regnier and Doug Schafer were united in marriage at the Morton Fellowship Hall on Aug. 14. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Regnier and Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alice Schafer. They will be residing at 214 North Nebraska, Morton.

Hospitalized for surgery were Melvin Baum, Sis. Naomi Bauman (wife of Bro. Frank), three-year-old Rebecca Fischer (daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Joann), Sis. Matilda Kaiser (wife of Bro. Warren), Sis. Kathryn Roecker (wife of Bro. William C.) and Bro. Sam J. Getz.

During the month of August, the

entire Sunday School has been on vacation. The new term begins the first Sunday following Labor Day.

Barbara and Norman Ricketts are parents of Jeremy David, who came to live with them. Jeremy was born on June 14. Bro. John Wettstein of Eureka and Bro. Levi and Sis. Margaret Ricketts are Jeremy's grandparents. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Kathryn Pflederer, and Sis. Olivia Ricketts of Princeville.

Daniel Aaron, born on Aug. 10, is the first child of Sis. Kim and Bro. Dave Hermann. Grandparents are Sis. Wilma Ward and Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Hermann. Bro. Harvey and Sis. Stella Zimmerman, and Sis. Nima Zimmerman of Eureka are maternal great-grandparents and great-great-grandmother.

Sis. Kris and Bro. Dana Taufer have a new baby boy, Kip R., born on Aug. 15. Big brother Jed R. welcomed him home, along with grandparents Bro. Russ and Sis. Alvina Zimmerman and Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie Taufer. Great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Emma Zimmerman and Bro. Henry and Sis. Kathryn Grimm.

Edward Jay, new son of Sis. Mary Kay and Bro. Gary Rumbold, was born on Aug. 16. Older brothers and one sister are Alan, Sheri, and Michael. Grandparents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker of Eureka and Bro. Leo and Sis. Beulah (Rumbold) Funk of Gridley. Sis. Kathryn Martin of Cissna Park and Bro. Levi and Sis. Della Anliker of Eureka are the baby's great-grandparents.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie (Baer) Glueck to our Morton congregation.

Sis. Mary Kay (Waibel) Roecker, age 78, passed away Aug. 19 at the Peoria Apostolic Christian Nursing Home, where she had resided since 1974. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Emil; Mrs. Lowell (Geraldine) Wuthrich and two grandchildren. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to these loved ones. Funeral services were held in Morton on Aug. 21.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts and visits while being hospitalized and since I'm home." Sis. Anna Rapp . . . "I want to thank my relatives and friends for flowers, gifts, and prayers while in the hospital at Rochester and at home." Sis. Naomi Bauman.

"We thank everyone for kindness, and love shown mother during her illness, and now to us in our loss of her. Your cards, flowers, gifts, food, memorials, and especially prayers will be remembered." The LaVina Getz Family

Silver Lining renewals are now due. Send your contribution to: Vernon Kaiser, 118 Maple Ave., Morton, IL 61550.

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Harold Knapp

God is no stranger in a faraway place;

He's as close as the wind that blows cross my face.

It's true I can't see the wind as it blows,

But I feel it around me, and my heart surely knows

That God's mighty Hand can be felt every minute . . .

The sky and the stars, the waves and the sea,

The dew on the grass, the leaves on a tree

Are constant reminders of God and His nearness,

Proclaiming His Presence with crystal-like clearness—

So how could I think God was far, far away,

When I feel Him beside me every hour of the day,

And I've plenty of reasons to know God's My Friend,

And this is one Friendship that time cannot end!

On Aug. 1, we were blessed with a visit from Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and Bro. Virgil Metzger of Champaign. The following Sunday, Bro. Gerald Sutter ministered to us. He challenged the young friends to be different, not to feel they have to try or do everything their peer group does. Many blessings were received both days.

We are sorry to see Bro. Dave Peasley leave our congregation. He is moving back to Garden Grove, where he has found new employment. We pray God's blessings will be on him. We know they are as glad to have him back as we are sorry to see him go.

RITTMAN OH Grace Gasser

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . ." How encouraging to see those of our

youth who remember their Creator, and come and give their hearts to Him. Such in our congregation are: Debbie Rufener (Bro. Elton and Sis. Velma), Larry Bachman (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn), Wayne Klotzle (Bro. Irwin and Sis. Jane), Larry Hartzler (Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce), and Max Miller (Richard and Sis. Melba).

We enjoyed a blessed week-end on Aug. 14 and 15, when we heard the testimonies and welcomed into our congregation two new brothers, Dale Bauman (Richard and Gladys) and Fred Winkler (Sis. Jessie).

We have been blessed by visits of Ministering Bros. James Ramseyer, Bay City; Kenneth Indermuhle, Sardis; Paul Gasser, Eugene Pamer, Rudolph Graf, Akron; and Harold Emch, Girard.

Sis. Lou Riggenschach was hospitalized for surgery. Peggy Bauman, daughter of Sis. Marie was hospitalized following an automobile accident. We are thankful that both have recovered and are able to assemble with us again.

Two weddings took place on Aug. 7. They are: Ivan Maibach (Bro. Andy and Sis. Lillian) to Wanda Wernitz . . . and Alan Bauman (Marion and Sis. Delores) to Rosemarie Dellafave.

Walter and Betty Marquart and their three children are moving to southern Ohio, as Walter's job has led him to the Dayton area. We will miss them, but wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home.

"I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, gifts and cards at the time of my accident." Your least one in faith, Sis. Carolyn Marty.

Bro. Elmer Zollinger sincerely wishes to thank everyone who has in any way thought of him in the time he was in the hospital and during his convalescence.

Not mine, but HIS must be the choice

For every passing day,
And in HIS hands I gladly leave

The keeping of my way.

Not mine—for I should make mistakes

And things would all go wrong,

But HIS—and through the darkest night

My Saviour gives a song!

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

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie Weltz-Della Witschey

Freda Durig Lord, 67, died in her home near Girard on Aug. 18, following a several week illness. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Emma Barth, and was preceded in death by her first husband, Albert Durig, in 1966. Surviving are her husband, Wilmer C. Lord; one son, Keith of Girard; two daughters, Helen Ference of Vienna, Va., Deanne Dravis of Girard; one brother, Frank Barth of Parkersburg; four sisters, Carrie Williams of Akron, Minnie Weltz, Elda Ritz and Lillie Wade of New Martinsville. Services were held at the Reese—Wynn—Winyard Funeral Home in Niles, OH., on Saturday, Aug. 21, with Robert Stoll officiating. Interment followed in Liberty Union cemetery at Girard.

Out-of-town relatives attending the services were Frank Barth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nancarrow of Parkersburg, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mrs. Norma Brandle, Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wells, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Akron, Mrs. Minnie Weltz, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. Chauncey Wade, Raymond Barth, Mrs. William Murdock, Mrs. Don Hanna and son, Joe of New Martinsville.

Della Witschey is showing much improvement and able to move around some; she has enjoyed all her friends and relatives visiting with her, and at this time more than 300 people had signed her guest register. Quite a few have visited her several times; several neices have been very faithful in their visiting.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., attended the Witschey reunion here on Aug. 22, and spent several hours visiting with her aunt, Miss Della Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wade and family spent two weeks in August at Daytona Beach, Florida.

SILVERTON OR Joan Dietrich

On Sunday, Aug. 8, God's word was brought to us by Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka. In the evening, Bro. Vernon and other brothers told of their experiences in various areas of World Relief work, thus helping us to see and understand where the program is helping those in need.

We were also privileged to have Ministering Bro. Garth Steffen from Portland assemble with us on Aug. 22, when both of our ministering brothers were gone.

Sis. Margene Metzger, who had made her home in Silvertown for the past two years, felt it was time to return to her home and family in Lester. We will certainly miss her in our group, yet wish her God's guidance in returning home.

TAYLOR MO Lena M. Haerr

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. (Luke 15:10).

We also rejoice that two souls could come to the Lord in repentance, Steve Sutter (son of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marje) and Joe Yackley (son of the late Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley). We wish them both grace and guidance, to build a firm foundation in our precious faith.

July 25, we had our Sunday School picnic at our Fellowship Hall. The children did so well with the singing, it stirs our hearts in thankfulness, hearing from our future church! The month of August is vacation-time. June 27, our Sunday School youth had a nice fellowship day in Pulaski.

This week, our thoughts and prayers are with the brothers at the conference at Cissna Park. May all be to His glory and honor!

Sis. Ruth Cottrell (William) was in the hospital several days for minor surgery . . . thankful she is getting along all right.

Christians are told to walk in Christ's love
—not just to talk about it.

Do we sing *Serve the Lord With Gladness*, and spend the rest of the time complaining about all we have to do?

Some people who buy cemetery lots in advance
do nothing about making sure of a lot in HEAVEN.

A lost opportunity
never finds its way back.

Forgiveness is the perfume the trampled flower casts back upon the foot that crushed it.

I is always found in the center of
anx — i — ety.

The best command of language
is often the ability to keep quiet.

In trying times,
don't quit trying.

When one truly gives himself to
the Lord,
all other giving becomes easy.

God does not give a gift to His
children for selfish display.

There is nothing so easy, but
that it becomes difficult when done
with reluctance.

A fault recognized
is half corrected.

The Lord's supper is a link between
the two comings of Christ:
the monument of the first, the
pledge of the second.

WINTHROP MN Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper

As a hart for water panteth,
So my soul cries, Lord, to Thee.
Lord, that which can bring me
comfort,
Can I find alone in Thee.

Have you ever thought that the hart mentioned in this hymn has reference to an animal? The hart was a small variety of deer, like the little red deer now found in Syria and in parts of Africa and Europe. The name was usually applied to the male animal, after it had reached the age of five years. The meat of the hart and of the hind, the female animal, was highly prized among those who lived in the Middle East.

Quoted in Isaiah 35:6, "Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert". This simile indicates the fleetfootedness and the capacity this animal had for making long jumps.

The most striking reference to the hart is Psalm 42:1, 2: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God . . ." Though the hart was a small animal, it required a great amount of water.

The two spiritual lessons for us from the hart are that God satisfies our constant spiritual thirst, and that He enables our feet to be swift to do His will.

Even as we pen these news items, the elder brethren have begun the meetings necessary to make the conference a success for the edification of our church. May God answer the many prayers in their behalf, and give them the needed courage, understanding, and grace.

Karen Howk and Tom Smith were united in marriage by Bro. Harold Messner, with an outdoor ceremony. They are at home in Minneapolis.

Sis. Mary Ann Thiem returned to the hospital for treatment, after coming home from surgery. We trust she will soon recover her strength.

Ministering Bro. Noah Miller, Minneapolis, was a guest at a pot-luck dinner at Bro. Leo Messners last Sunday evening.

The entrances to troubles are wide, and the exits are narrow.

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

Last evening we viewed one of the most gorgeous sunsets ever seen. Nearly half of the western sky was aglow with a golden hue. Reminds one of what a beautiful place heaven must be.

Bro. Fred Marti is now in our local nursing home, located in West Union Iowa. He has been having difficulty in walking, so hasn't been able to attend church services for some time. We certainly have missed him, and hope he can adjust to his new surroundings real well. He has been living with Sis. Lydia and Bro. Elmer Butikofer, and they will miss him very much. May God's grace be sufficient in healing separations like these.

We sympathize with Bro. Jake and Sis. Bertha Gehring in the loss of their daughter, Eunice (Mrs. Jack Willitt), who lost her life in a car accident. Her home was in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and she leaves to mourn, besides her parents, her husband; three children, Micheal, Mitchell and Esther; one sister, Sis. Phyllis (Mrs. Bill Massner) of Wapello, and one brother, Bro. Uriel of Burlington.

Mrs. Jack Willett was 44 years old.

Clarence Thoman by way of telephone this morning informed us

that Sis. Alta, his sister, is well enough to come to their dining area to share their meals together, which is very nice. She does, however, have to spend most of the balance of the day in a reclined position in bed.

Faith

Faith is not merely praying
Upon your knees at night,
Faith is the brave endeavor
The splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve whatever
Conditions may arise.
Faith is man's highest venture.
A poet puts it thus:
The steps of faith fall on the
Seeming void and finds
The rock beneath.

It is a "seeming void" on which we set our faith; beneath us, however, is the unseen reality, and faith gives it substance.

The Rose

If you doubt there is a God, look deep into a rose;
See the velvet petals from the folded bud unclose.
Note the tint and texture and the lovely coloring.
Could blind nature of itself evolve to fair a thing?

Feel the softness of the petal;
breathe the fragrant scent;
Need you waste another thought on further argument?
Here is the proof of a Creator that God made manifest:
In this little rose we see divinity expressed.

I didn't find my friends . . .
The good God gave them to me.

FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner's daughter, Gwen has turned to the Lord in repentance. We pray she will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two wedding ceremonies were performed in our new fellowship hall this month: Julie Walter, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Colleen Walter, was married to Mark Runyon . . . Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard's son, Sam, was married to Valla Grandon, with Sam's paternal grandfather, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, performing the ceremony.

We have had several traveling abroad: Sis. Leah Maurer traveled to Europe, accompanied by her sister, Sis. Martha Blessman, and her daughter and her husband, Anna Mae and Jack Clinton. Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie Zehr made a trip to Alaska. Sis. Louise Furrer and children, Julie and Sammy took a tour through Europe; and Bro. Mannie and Sis. Lucille Steffen left on a trip to England.

Sis. Lydia Aberle and Bro. Dan Meiss have had surgery, and Sis. Roberta Meyer had foot surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roth's son, Lincoln was married to Susan Lince. We welcome them to Fairbury, as they will live at the farm, and the Roths will be moving into town.

Mrs. Samuel Hirstein, the former Cora Metz, 92, passed away. She had been residing the last ten years at Fairview Haven. Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Luella Sohn; three sons, Eldon, Clarence, and Kenneth Huette; three sisters, Sis. Bertha Maurer, Sis. Mary Leuthold, and Sis. Leona Wallace; two brothers: John and Arthur.

Visiting elders were Bros. Sam Anliker, Roy Farney, Paul Butikofer, and Edward Lanz.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Two Builders

A builder builded a temple;
He wrought it with grace and skill,
Pillars and groins and arches,
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said as they saw its beauty,
It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder;
Thy fame shall endure for aye.

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised his unceasing efforts,
None knew of his wondrous plan,
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust;
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul.

To help us **Know Each Other Better** at the Home, we will introduce to you this month, Edith Wagenbach. The daughter of John and Bertha Gerst Wagenbach of Oakville, Edith is one of twelve children, most of whom live in the Oakville area. Edith keeps herself busy being helpful in the kitchen. Baking cookies is her specialty, and many have enjoyed the results of her culinary art. We wish for Edith a peaceful life while she is a part of our family here.

The date of Friday, Nov. 19, has been selected for the annual Benefit Day, which will again be held at the Morton Fellowship Hall. Notice, please, that this year it will be Friday, only. Hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the Luncheon being served from 11:00 to 1:30. Because of our current involvement in the sizable building project here, the sisters who operate the Gift Shop on a year-round basis will manage Benefit Day, and we know they will appreciate the efforts of anyone who cares to help.

Friday evening services during August have been made uplifting for our residents, by ministers and members from Peoria and Gridley.

The brick work of the walls is underway. It is indeed interesting to watch the walls and partitions take shape. The skill of the workmen commands much respect. As we observe it all, we see more than a building. We see a Home . . . and people . . . and loving care . . . To this end we need a Father blessing.

To know what to do is wisdom;
To know how to do it is skill;
To do it in the way it should be done is service.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Barb Landes

The Potter

Today as I watched a potter,
He molded a beautiful vase.
As he picked up the clay to shape it,
Each particle fell into place.
It seemed as he crushed it and pressed it,
Every flaw had dissolved in his hand.
And soon he had fashioned a vessel,
Exactly as first he had planned.

Most of all we want to thank God—The teachings, the songs, and the Christian fellowship which we shared that week-end were really a blessing.

JUNCTION OHIO

Gwen Manz

Several of our members visited Rittman to hear the testimony of Dale Bauman, who has been assembling with us mid-week. Bro. Dale works in Findlay and lives in Leipsic. We welcome him as a brother in our precious faith.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Toledo Sunday school children and those who came with them on Aug. 8. We had other visitors also that Sunday, for which we were thankful.

Bros. Willis Ehnle (Japan), Henry Beer (Milford), and Ray Sinn (Latty) were our visiting ministers on Aug. 15. Bros. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse) and Henry Dot-And works every blemish away. Then I prayed, **Oh may I be pliant That I may be easily bent, That I may fit into the pattern Of the mission for which I am sent.**

To be molded by the hand of God—What a privilege! Christian, if you feel you are being tried, crushed, and put in the heat of the fire, just remember you've given your heart to Jesus; your life is being molded by the hands of the Master Potter. Trust Him, seek His plan for your life, and allow yourself to be molded into His image.

We want to thank Bros. Byron Stoller and Clarence Kachelmuss for worshipping with us during August. Many of us from ISU attended Camp Mack in Indiana. We want to thank the brothers and sisters there for their warm hospitality. Then I saw him open an oven,
And the vessel was placed in the heat.

The surface began to harden,
To glisten and shine as a sheet;
So often we're placed in the furnace;
We're tried and crushed to pure gold.
As the potter turns out his vessel,
So our lives are shaped I am told.

Now I thought as I saw him in action,
How God molds our lives every day,
How He irons out all of our defects

terer (Rittman) ministered to us one Thursday evening.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale left early for their home in Florida, due to a death in Sis. Julia's family. We are sorry their visit was cut short, and extend to them our sympathy.

As I write this, our brethren are meeting in Cissna Park for the annual conference. Our prayers are with them, that the Lord's will may be done.

LAMAR MO

Janice Braker - Becky Hohulin

Speak the gospel of salvation
Boldly in the wilderness!
In the Saviour's blood there's healing.

Grace and pardon He's revealing
To the sinner in distress.

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Alpha Strahm, Bern; Elmer Bucher, Francesville; and Ken Snyder from Remington. May God bless them for their labor of love as they brought to us many timely teachings. How thankful we should be for our ministers, who are still willing to bring the word to us in its truth and simplicity.

Surely we have received many blessings from all our visitors this month. Many of them were vacationers in the Ozarks, and found it worth their while to come and worship with us. May God bless each one of them.

Admitted to the hospital were Bro. Willie Stephen and Bro. Roy Braker. Roy is the son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Luetta Braker. Also in the hospital for medical reasons was our friend, Jim Kibler. He is home now and seems to be recovering nicely. We hope it will not be long before Bro. Willie and Bro. Roy can return home, as we miss them in our church fellowship.

LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

Ministering Bro. Tom Leman of Elgin, Illinois, joined us for Sunday evening services, and brought us blessed words of inspiration from God's word.

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." We are so thankful God has called another dear soul from the world of sin. John Wernli, our convert, is the son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty.

Bro. Glen and Sis. Sally Funk and their two small sons, Patrick and Derek, have moved from our community to Wichita, where he has accepted employment. We certainly miss their presence in our congregation, but know the Wichita congregation gives them a hearty welcome.

Matthew Schrader, son of Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy, is suffering from a broken collarbone, after falling from his bicycle.

LATTY OH

**Karen Klopfenstein
Diane Stoller**

The troubled waters in our community have again been stirred. These sixteen dear souls are Julie Stoller (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Ede), Keith and Jo Anne Klopfenstein (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary), Shirley Sinn (Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie), La Nac Laukhuf, (Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera), Susie Sinn (Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann), Charlotte and Brenda Wenninger (Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine), Jill Stoller (Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther), Charlotte Grant (wife of Bro. Paul, daughter-in-law of Bro. Tom and Sis. Dolores), Carol Stoller (Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite), Andy Stoller (Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva), Bonnie Riggenbach (Harlan and Sis. Delores), Gaye Laukhuf (Bro. Bob and Sis. Iris), Eli Schlatter (Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie), Lee Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen). May God grant these converts much grace during their repentance.

Sunday, Aug. 15, two dear friends were united in marriage by Bro. Loren Stoller. We wish Stan Sinn (Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie) and Ja Nahn Schlatter (John and Sis. Lillian) the Lord's guidance and direction in their new life together.

Hospitalized were Bro. Delmar Stoller, Sisters Beulah Stoller and Sadie Riggenbach. (Duane Sinn fell from a bicycle and fractured his collarbone).

Visiting us Aug. 21-22 for the provings and baptisms of Justus and Ruby Stoller (Sis. Leah) and Robin Stoller (Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane) were Bros. David Bertsch, Sam Schlatter, David Roberts, Gary Maibach, and Ernest Graf. May God's nearness ever be with these loved ones.

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

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

We have enjoyed many visitors to enrich our fellowship in the last few months, and also ministers to share the Gospel with us. On Aug. 15, Bros. Bob Pohl—Burlington, Lloyd Kraft—Gridley, Kansas, and Merle Kaisner—Fairbury were with us, which was the occasion of the wedding of Sis. Lori Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen, and Bro. Rolyce Scheitlin, Burlington. Sis. Lori recently graduated from LPN training at ILCC.

On Aug. 22, Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit, conducted the marriage service for Sis. Judy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn, and Bro. Rod Getz, Sarasota. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Schrock, Congerville, and Willis Wiegand, Goodfield. Many teachings were brought forth, not only for the young couple, but for all who were present. We regret to have our young sisters leave our congregation, but believe it is God's will.

Bro. Merle Bucher, LaCrosse, and Bro. William Funk, Garden Grove, were here on separate occasions, and we are thankful to God for directing them into our midst.

Kurt Metzger, son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Cris, and John Popkes, son of Eleanor Popkes, underwent appendectomies on the same day. John was visiting his aunt and uncle in Pulaski and suffered some complications, but is home, and both young cousins are feeling better. Bro. Herman Stickling was in a Rochester, Minnesota hospital for tests. Sis. Elizabeth Nester has returned home, after a stay in a Sioux City hospital. Ernie Feucht was hospitalized for surgery.

Our summer has been very hot and dry, and prospects are for a poor harvest. One visiting minister reminded us to serve God in faith and humility and not to murmur as the children of Israel.

MILFORD IN

Coleen Beer - Linda Beer

We enjoyed having our Bro. Willis Ehnle and his family from Japan with us several times this past month. We were blessed by his sermons and enjoyed hearing about their country. Another visiting minister we were privileged to hear was Bro. Ken Hoerr from Peoria.

Walter Wuthrich is in the hospital for tests. Sis. Aline Hoerr is in the hospital, and is improving.

We wish to thank all that came to share Camp Mack week-end with us.

NAUMBURG NEW YORK

Betty Virkler

Our dear friend, John Schulz (Norman and Mary) has again been hospitalized for more tests, and we hope his stay won't be too long. We are pleased to have Bro. Arthur Herzig back in our assembly, after his recent illness.

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was enjoyed by young and old, at Whittaker Falls on Saturday, Aug. 14. We were blessed with pleasant weather, and a good time was had by all.

As our Fall Season approaches, many of our young people are preparing for college. Sara Hirschey is transferring from Brockport State, and has been accepted as a Junior into Buffalo State University in their Physical Therapy Program. Norman Hirschey will be a senior at Buffalo State, majoring in mechanical engineering. Martha Hirschey will be starting her freshman year at Canton ATC, in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Sara, Norman and Martha are children of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice.

Bro. Terry Virkler (Bro. Bernard and Sis. Carolyn) has completed all the requirements for a Master of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering at Clarkson College of Technology, at Potsdam, N.Y., and will be taking a position with Monsanto in Springfield, Massachusetts, as a research engineer. Terry will be living in Ellington, Conn., at 216 Mountain Road (zip, 06029). Bro. Terry will be greatly missed by young and old in our congregation, as he will now be attending church at Rockville.

Our friends, Bruce and Gayle Hirschey (Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice) and their two sons, Aaron, three years, and Jacob, 6 months, have purchased a new home. Their new address is Church Street, Castorland, New York . . . Sis. Jane and her husband, Clifford Demorest, have also purchased a new home, and their new address is Erie Canal Road, Route 1, Lowville, New York.

PEORIA IL

Barb Geyer - Jo Ann Rieker
"Thy word is a lamp unto my

feet, and a light unto my path." Spiritual growth comes to us through encouragement and chastisement. In a series of Bible Studies, we were reminded of our privileges and responsibilities as God's children. On the evenings of Aug. 16, 17, 19, and 20, we enjoyed Bible Classes at our Fellowship Hall. Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, spoke to us on **Walking with Christ**. Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, spoke on **Christian Ethics And Your Career**. Bro. Everett Hari, Bloomington, spoke on **The Christian Family**, and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park spoke on **Signs of the Times**. We all benefited from these evenings of spiritual food and fellowship.

We were also privileged to hear several other visiting ministers this month. Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski was with us on Aug. 8. On Aug. 22, (Bros.) Dale Eisenmann from Chicago, Virgil Metzger from Champaign, and Nathan Stoller from Bradford worshipped with us. On Wed. evening, Aug. 25, Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson, and Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita, were with us. Bro. Al reminded us to guard our thoughts, for from our thoughts spring our actions, and our actions reflect our character.

On Aug. 22, our Sis. Jackie Koehl (Bro. Jack and Sis. Laura) and Bro. Dean Knobloch of Bradford were united in marriage. They will worship with the Chicago congregation.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Sharon Causey have a new son to brighten their home. Mark Allan was born on Aug. 10. He is welcomed home by his brother, Michael. Another baby boy was born to Les and Nancy Aeschleman. Thomas Christian was welcomed home by Mary Jo and Timothy. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Aeschleman.

Our Sis. Lydia Kammerer has gone on to her heavenly reward. She passed away on July 28, and services were held at Peoria church on July 31. We extend our sympathy and prayers to our Sis. Eunice Kammerer, who was a constant companion for her sister.

Sis. Sarah Welk passed from this life on Aug. 5, and was laid to rest on Aug 7. We extend our sympathy to her sisters and brothers.

Bro. Louis Wagenbach passed away on Aug. 18 and was laid to rest Aug. 21. Although these part-

ings bring us sorrow, we rejoice at the hope of our reunion in heaven.

Seeking hospital care were Nancy Triplett, Bros. Philip Hoerr and Dale Geyer; Sisters Lena Eberle, Minnie Maibach, Susie Zeller, Alvena McDermott, Iola Feucht, and Connie Triplett. Our friend, Dan Hoerr is now at home, after a lengthy hospital stay.

"The family of Lydia Kammerer wants to thank all who remembered dear Lydia in prayer . . . the ministers who came from Peoria, Morton, and Gridley to pray with her during her illness . . . those who visited her, and sent gifts of love." The sisters, brothers, nephews, and nieces of Lydia Kammerer.

"It is good to be home again, and I wish to thank all who remembered me with prayers, cards and gifts while in the hospital and since home. A special thank you to all the dear friends who prepared meals for my family. This is truly the love of God shining." —Iola Feucht.

The family of Sis. Sarah Welk wishes to express their sincere thanks to all who expressed sympathy in their loss . . . Sis. Alvena McDermott wishes to thank all who sent flowers, cards and prayers while she was confined in the hospital.

Bro. Henry Leman expressed his thanks to all who sent cards and letters to him. This correspondence serves as fellowship for him, as he is not able to assemble with us.

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our dear Bro. Ron and Sis. Linda Kipfer and their daughter, Erin. We have enjoyed their fellowship and will miss their enthusiasm in serving the Lord. They'll be moving to Bluffton soon, where they can be near their beloved families.

PRINCEVILLE IL Ruth Ricketts

Each morning brings its promise,
Of good things yet to be,
And nightfall will affirm again
That God is good to me.

We have had a number of visitors, among them Ministering Bro. Bert Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa. We enjoyed a most blessed day when Bro. Bert occupied our pulpit and spoke most humbly to us all. "Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these

three; but the greatest of these is charity." A beautiful chapter for deep meditation . . . much food for us to ponder over. The wonderful gift of salvation is freely offered to all, but is up to each individual whether we accept or reject this wonderful gift.

After being in a Peoria hospital for a month, five-year-old Lisa Eberle, daughter of Marvin and Sharon, was taken to Barnes Hospital in St. Lois for further examination, where her ailment was diagnosed as rheumatoid arthritis. She is at her home feeling better, although when she gets hot, she is bothered with a rash that itches and causes her discomfort.

Janna Gehrig, three-year-old daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna, has recovered nicely from her surgery and is beginning to ride her tricycle again.

Sis. Clara Berchtold has suffered another stroke and is very sick. We put her in the hands of a merciful Saviour and trust He will provide for her and her loving family, who have been so faithful to try to serve her needs.

Bro. George Seidel remains about the same, and when asked if greetings should be extended for him he responds in favor.

Sis. Marian Hinshaw was able to go to her home, after being confined to the hospital for nine weeks, eight of them in traction as a result of a badly fractured knee and leg. "My heartfelt thanks to everyone for the cards, visits, gifts, and most of all for the prayers offered in my behalf, while I was in the hospital. When one is confined, these tokens of love mean so much." Marian Hinshaw.

Because somebody cared today, I
knew God's love was strong;
I found new hope to bear my cross
and courage for my song.
My neighbor's heart conveyed the
love I needed for my pain,
And happily I felt the faith to
dream and smile again.

Tiffany Sue was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy Wieland on June 24. Happy for their little sister are Tammie and Tonya. Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser of Bradford congregation are maternal grandparents.

The summer is nearly gone, and school is again in session. We pray fervently for our young tender souls, especially those in college

who must face many temptations and danger. May they choose their friends wisely, and remember the teachings they have received from their God-fearing parents, and be spared much heartache by following the better way.

Notice: There are still a number from our congregation who have not yet contributed this year for The Silver Lining. Would you please contact me? Thank you. Your reporter.

Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean Herrman, Dennis, Cheryl, Crystal and Cindy had an interesting experience, when Tsunehiro Aoki, 16, of Tokyo, Japan spent one month living with them. He was among 150 Japanese students in Illinois, who were learning about the American way of living. Not only he learned our ways, the Herrmanns learned many things of the Japanese way of living. We were thankful he attended church while here, which he seemed to enjoy.

Sunday School has again resumed, with new teachers, Sisters Margaret Feucht and Janice Herrmann. We wish the teachers and children the Lord's blessings, as they spend Sunday mornings together, and may they ever feel God's presence.

REMINGTON IN Amelia Schini Mildred Clauss

Visiting ministers to our congregation have been Bro. Charles Marti, Lamar, and Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo. We are thankful for their efforts in sharing God's word with us.

Sis. Lilly Frey has returned to her home, after spending some time at Extended Care in Brook. We rejoice with her, that she is again able to be in her home, and can also assemble with us.

Mary Lou Clauss and Thomas R. Dexter were united in marriage on Aug. 21. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Mildred Clauss and Mr. and Mrs. Don Dexter, Remington. The couple will be living in Muncie, where Tom is attending Ball State University.

Our college students who will soon be returning to classes at Purdue are: Brent and Sonia Waibel (Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleta), Cindy and Karen Clauss (Paul and Wilma), Kent Nussbaum (Marvin and Essie), and Ed Bahler (Bro. Ed and Sis. Lois).

Neal Nussbaum, son of Marvin

and Essie, will be returning to Indiana State University.

Jeff and Don Beckley (Elmer and Nancy) and Sis. Alberta Schini (Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia) will be attending Ball State University.

As our students resume their studies, it is our sincere prayer that they will not neglect the assignment which is found in II Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

Prayer will drive sin out of your life, or sin will drive out prayer!

ROCKVILLE CT Carlton J. Lanz

With the annual Conference of Brethren now in progress, we can be reminded of the words of the Psalmist, where he mentions the well-known lines as follows: **BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!** These conferences can be rewarding if each and all do their part. Love is important; it matters not where we worship, this love we find is throughout the entire brotherhood.

Sometimes friends must be separated by miles, but if there is a oneness in Jesus Christ, there is a heavenly tie that binds us together.

This is particularly true when we spend time praying for those who are separated from us. Together, though separated, whether in hospitals, here or elsewhere, and in homes, we can unload our fears, hopes and cares on Christ.

And even when there is a permanent parting through death, and we are filled with sorrow and pain, we know that because of the tie in Christ Jesus, we will again be joined with those we love . . . For in heaven we will meet again. What a wonderful outlook for the **REDEEMED!**

The couple married recently in the church have returned from their honeymoon, where they travelled to churches in the Middle West. Bro. Kevin Ryan and Sis. Cheryl Gerbers' union was solemnized in the presence of the congregation by Elder, Bro. John Bahler. They have our best wishes, and may the love of God find a place in their home and lives.

A little girl, Amy Harriet, was born August 13 to Sis. Harriet and

Bro. Dale Zahner, their fourth daughter. Carrie, Gwen, and Kristen are the three other daughters of the couple. Grandparents are Sis. Ida and Walter Welti and Bro. Walter and Sis. Madeline Zahner.

I would wish to take this opportunity to extend greetings to an elderly brother, in his late eighties at Silverton. My sincere thanks to him who at various times has sent greetings to me by the following brethren; Bros. Alfred Reutter, Lester Heintz and Corbin Bahler. His name is Bro. Martin Reutter. We well recall our pleasant visit with him many years ago while visiting Silverton.

SABETHA KS Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers were Bro. Ron Heiniger, Bloomington-Normal and Bro. Bill Dotterer, Phoenix.

Sis. Karen and Bro. Martin Beyler are the parents of their 4th son. He was born August 10, and has been named Korbin Anthony.

Hospitalized were Sis. Lavonne Aberle (surgery) and Sis. Tillie Aberle.

SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier - Sandra Price

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Sis. Judy Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn) and Bro. Rodney Getz (Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret) have this love . . . they were married Sunday, Aug. 22 in Sis. Judy's hometown, Lester. Sis. Judy and Bro. Rodney plan to make their home here in Sarasota.

May we all remember, there is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love cannot bridge; no wall that enough love will not throw down; that if only we could love enough, we would be the happiest and most powerful being in the world.

Someone said, it is as fitting for a man to build his own home, as a bird to build its own nest. Bro. Rich Martin has done this for his dear wife, Sis. Aldene and family. We trust the Lord to add the finishing touches of His love upon this home.

Sis. June Eiseman (Bro. Dave and Sis. Kay) has been hospitalized.

Sis. Karen Getz (Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret) is attending school

in Peoria, and we look forward to her return when schooling is complete.

... no weapon formed against me can harm me, if I keep the right spirit . . .

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold
Sis. Debbie Rinkenberger (Ray and Cleta) and Bro. Gary Rassi, Morton (Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl) were married Aug. 1. Bro. Joe Braker, Morton and Bro. Leonard Meyer of Chicago shared the day with us.

Sis. Minnie Sauder's granddaughter, Karen LeAnn Sauder (Leroy and Jackie) was united in marriage July 17 to John Alan Sitter.

We again have the sick in our thoughts and prayers. Sis. Anna Lehman was again confined to the hospital, where more surgery was done on her leg. She has now returned to Restmor. Sis. Ann's brother, William Knapp, has also had extensive surgery. He is able to be at home, but surely could use the prayers of those he knows and loves.

A dear sister, Anna Sauder was called, in the twinkling of an eye, to her eternal home July 30. She had made her home with her sisters, Emma and Sophia for many many years in Tremont. Just lately they sold their home, and her and Sis. Em moved to Restmor. Others of her family are her sisters: (Sis. Lena) Sauder of Peoria; Bro. Walter (Sis. Hannah) Plattner of Morton and Bro. Rudy (Sis. Irene) Bertschi of Tucson, and six brothers: Bro. Dan of Eureka, Bro. Phillip, Cissna Park; and Bros. Levi, John, Edward and Willis of Tremont. May this great void to the family, especially to Sis. Em, be filled by a loving merciful Saviour.

The Lord has blessed Bro. Charles and Sis. Miriam Sauder with a sweet little girl, Carrie Lynnette, born Aug. 13. Brothers, Johnny and Jimmy will probably find a whole new experience in learning to know and care for their little sister. Maternal grandmother is Sis. Martha Fritz of Morton, and paternal grandparents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Pauline of Tremont.

We were privileged to have Bro. Lloyd Kraft of the Gridley, Kansas, congregation share the blessed word of life with us.

Just a thought as I think of the brother conference: If we would all love in deed and truth, rather than in word and tongue, perhaps many of our problems would become small and even vanish; thus our elders load would become a joyous task all the time.

TUCSON AZ Gloria Bauer

The first Sunday of August, we were pleased to have our Elder Bro. Roy Farney, of Phoenix, spend the day with us. We heard many inspiring teachings, and we enjoyed our monthly Fellowship Dinner in the evening.

Bro. Glen Hackenjoes of Altadena spent a week-end in Tucson. It was a pleasure to have Bro. Glen and his family here with us.

We thank these brothers for their labors of love, and hope they will visit us again soon.

Our hearts were uplifted and thankful to hear our dear friend, Tillie Aldrich has found peace with God and man. She will be baptized in the near future.

Our schools and colleges are off to an early start this year. A new year of achievement and goals lie ahead for the students. Each day is a new start for the believer, who must keep his eyes on the eternal goals.

"I want to thank everyone who remembered me in cards, visits, and prayers during my recent illness." Sis. Clara Lorenz.

WICHITA KS Glennis Allenbach

Praise the Lord! The short and sweet of it from our corner this time is, that we have a new brother and sister in our congregation and a new addition.

Philip Bowers and Mary Langhofer give their testimonies and were baptized recently. Philip is the son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers. Mary Langhofer is daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy Langhofer. We know this is pleasing in the Lord's sight, that they should come to Him in their youth.

The new addition is Michael Aaron Peyton, son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Jacelyn Peyton. Michael has an older brother and sister, Chris and Angie.

In the last threads of summer, let's weave some warm colors of kindness, deep colors of love, and bright colors of cheerfulness. I be-

lieve the Lord loves a cheerful countenance, don't you?

BREMEN IN Marian Germann

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Our victory is in Jesus, and with Christ as our head, we need fear nothing, but totally trust and rely on Him for everything. Oh what blessed assurance!

We were privileged to have Bro. Ken Hoerr minister to us during this past month.

A blessed week-end was enjoyed at Camp Mack Youth Fellowship Day. An inspiring evening was enjoyed by all who listened to the choirs sing praises to God.

God's hand has again brought healing. Bro. Ed Germann, after a lengthy illness, is again able to assemble with us.

We are glad to have Mrs. Nelson Leman's mother, Mrs. Smith assemble with us, as she stays with her daughter. Mrs. Smith is 100 years old and able to get around very well.

"... thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

CROGHAN NY Alice Virkler

How blessed tis when we as lambs
Are gathered round our Lord,
In youthful years with tender
hearts,

To hear the Master's words.
We love to hear the words of
truth;

We'll do our best in days of youth,
That we may sit in realms above,
To share in Jesus' love.

What a blessing it is to sit around the Lord's word on the Sabbath, to hear what He speaks to us through the lips of our ministers and Sunday School teachers. How thankful we are that many of our children attend our services and Sunday School classes, where they can also hear the word and be taught of our Lord's wonderful ways.

Many of our Sunday School children, parents, teachers, and others enjoyed our annual Sunday School picnic, held at the Happy Hollow

Picnic grounds on Saturday, Aug. 14. A beautiful day was shared to us, and a delicious covered-dish meal was enjoyed by about 100 who attended.

We were happy to see Sis. Sarah Virkler assemble with us recently on a Sunday afternoon. Sarah is a resident of the Extended Care Facility of the Lewis County General Hospital. Also, Sis. Barbara Virkler, a patient at the same facility, enjoyed a Sunday afternoon and dinner with her family.

FORREST IL

**Kathryn Steidinger
Beverly Eisenmann**

Our congregation hosted a Ft. Sam Reunion in August. We enjoyed the fellowship of many dear ones from distant places, and appreciated the ministering brothers that were in our midst that day. They were Bros. Bert Butikofer (Elgin, Iowa), Jesse Beer (Milford), Art Baurer (Princeville), Dave Wiegand (Champaign), and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). During the time of the Brotherhood Conference, several more brothers visited with us, and we enjoyed hearing the word brought to us by Bros. Harold Messner (Winthrop), Loren Strahm (Gridley, Ks.), Sam Anliker and Roy Wernli (Lamont), Albert Schneider and Ernest Luginbuhl (Rockville), Robert Beyrer (Naumburg) and Duane Kilgus, Art Bahler, Merle Kaisner (Fairbury). We've had many reminders of our duties as God's children, and it is good for us to be told again and again, so that we never forget.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our sick and injured: Kenny Lehman remains a patient in a Minnesota hospital, experiencing some good days and also occasional set-backs. Todd Kupferschmid (Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin) had hot grease accidentally spilled on him at a local restaurant. He is in the hospital, with second and third degree burns on part of his body. Bro. Homer Blunier was a patient a few days, and Bro. Rich Rieger and Edith Honegger have been to Mayos. Kathy Kupferschmid (Bro. Orville and Sis. Marlene) had a tonsillectomy.

Newly married are our friends, Mark Rieger (Fred and Jane) and Mary Jo Aberle (Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean).

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." As our elders and ministers and other brethren from congregations across the country assembled this week to deliberate on matters of eternal value, our prayers were with them, and we were grateful for this tradition which is as old as the church itself. We can read in the Acts that the elders and apostles met in Jerusalem to determine the future course of the church. After their deliberations, they sent letters to all the Gentile churches, stating the conclusions of the conference, which the churches were then expected to follow. It is nice to know that so many of our traditions, such as this one, are based on wise and sound Biblical precedent.

Sis. Edith Witzig of Gridley and Bro. Ron Bollier of Leo were blessed with an exceptionally pretty and mild summer day, when they were united in holy matrimony on Aug. 8. On the same day, the marriage engagement of Sis. Barbara Gramm of Gridley to Bro. Mike Prevo, also of Gridley, was announced.

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Kenneth Schneider of Remington, John Bollier of Leo, and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, and Elder Brother David Bertsch of Leo.

Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein was in the hospital for almost a week.

Our new Sunday school teachers this fall will be Sis. Rozella Gramm, Sis. Cindy Hodel, Bro. Clark Stoller and Bro. Dave Steffen.

**He who would inspire others,
himself must glow.**

INDIANAPOLIS IN Patrick and Judy Dubach

"And lead us not into temptation. . ."

When Tempted

Forget the slander you have heard;
Forget the hasty, unkind word;
Forget the quarrel and the cause,
Forget the whole affair,
Because that is the only way.
Forget the storm of yesterday,
And the chap whose sour face
Forgets to smile in any place.
Forget that you're not a million-
aire,
And the gray streaks in your hair.

Forget the coffee when it's cold.
Forget to kick; forget to scold.
Forget the plumber's awful charge
And the doctor's bill is large;
Forget the repair man and his
ways,
And the winter's blustery days.
Forget the neighbors wagging tongue,
But Don't
Forget God, and when day is Done.

We spent a very pleasant day at Camp Mack listening to our youth, singing songs of praise and hearing in the sermon that "Nothing is more certain than change." How very true these words are!

Ministers visiting us in August were Bros. Elmer Bucher—La-Crosse, Merle Laukhuf—Latty, and Earl Kilgus, Remington.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

May this church become a mighty tower of light was the prayer of Bro. Willis Ehnle, when he held services here. He was accompanied by Bro. Henry Beer of Milford.

We were also privileged to have Bro. Max Reimschisel for our Wednesday evening service Aug. 25. Max is a brother-in-law to Terry Farney, our Children's Home administrator.

Our list of converts seems to grow. May our good Lord bless and help each one.

Sis. Anna Banwart is still critically ill at the Lawton Nursing Home. Sis. Jennie Klopfenstein is also there and doing real well. Sis. Minnie Bertsch is still at the Indian Village Health Center and about the same. Henry Schwartz is not much improved, at the Town House Health Center.

Our hearts were saddened with the passing away of our dear friend, Herman Levy. He met with an accident at his home, while painting his house. Somehow he had spilt paint on himself and used something to remove it, when his clothes caught fire and burned off of him. He was over 70 per cent burned . . . But it was such a wonderful comfort when we were told he found his Saviour before he passed away. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and two sons. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery.

BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Unity . . . how wonderful to hear the word from those far away, our

brethren, and find that same single purpose we strive for in our lives. (Bros.) Carl Feucht (Lester) and Willis Ehnle (Japan) spent time with us, and we thank them sincerely for their efforts.

Sis. Margaret Ruegesegger (Bro. Glenn) and Lyle Wackerle both submitted to surgeon's hands, and we are thankful to hear that they are on the mend.

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the death of our dear Bro. Emery Molner, for we will certainly miss him. Yet we are relieved for him, because he has suffered much in the past year, that he has found the heavenly rest. We wish much grace and comfort to Sis. Margaret, and his daughters, Sis. Pat Molner and Sis. Sandra (Bro. Roger) Wieland, also surviving, two brothers, Michael and Alex, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter (Grace) Schultz and Mrs. Barbara Callver.

CHICAGO IL

Kathy Schlatter

In Sunday School we were talking about the pride of the people of Nineveh, and our 3-5-year-olds had trouble understanding how pride was sinful. Sometimes we have trouble with that concept, too. We need trust and confidence in the Lord, so that we may accomplish our work—but pride can only bring us grief. It is the opposite of love which "envieth not; . . . charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own . . ." Too, pride is contrary to the meekness which is a fruit of the Spirit . . . And such stumbling-blocks Satan can use! A brother told me once that at one time he was trying very hard to be humble, so much so, though, that he suddenly realized he was becoming proud of being so humble.

A dear little boy, Tom was born to Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl Bozay on Aug. 9. His delighted brothers and sisters are Pearl, Tibor, Esther, and Steven. We wish their family much joy!

Among our many visitors was Bro. Earl Zeltwanger from Bremen, on Sun., Aug. 15. We appreciated his ministry, as well as enjoying others' visits. Our visitors come for many reasons: family or friends here, a return to our church which they once attended and have since moved, vacations, conventions, short business seminars . . . Whatever the impetus for the vis-

it, we're happy to see everyone.

Bro. Dean Knobloch and Sis. Jackie Koehl, both now from Chicago, were married in Peoria Church Sun., Aug. 22, by our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann. In his meditation, he pointed out a special verse for Bro. Dean, Sis. Jackie, and all of us to remember and hold close: "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

At the Brotherhood Conference each year, the Spirit is surely at work, to guide the hearts and minds and tongues both of our elders who have messages to relay and of those who attend, that they may relate what they have heard to others. The World Relief representatives also meet, and that is also a moving meeting. The needy causes have been well-documented and investigated, to make sure the money goes to the poor (many times in self-help operations). One brother related his experience with one who told him, "You're spoiling these people (i.e., the poor)." While it's true we can't help everyone, and we don't have the resources to take care of every need, Christ Himself gave answer: Inasmuch as ye have done it (fed, gave drink, took into our homes, clothed, or visited when one was sick or in prison) unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

LESTER

In memory of Bro. Emil Metzger, who died one year ago:

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall;
You had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.

You are not forgotten loved one,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now; our hearts are sore;
As time goes by we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face;
No one can fill your vacant place.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Paula Knapp - Ann Kellenberger
Sent to bless the home of Bro. Gary and Sis. Peggy Ifft was lit-

tle Angela Ann. She was born Aug. 13.

Two of our dear friends have found peace with God and man and were announced for baptism. We are looking forward to the testimonies of Jim O'Shea and Kevin Nussbaum on Sept. 4.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar) here for our evening service Aug. 27. We also were thankful to have our Elder Bro. Dan Koch with us on a Wednesday evening.

GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Don't cry on God's shoulders—
But lean on His everlasting arms.

A son, Bradley Steven, was born to Sis. Marilyn and Steve Owens on Aug. 10. Bradley has three sisters, Rhonda—6, Stephanie—3, and Lori—1½, to welcome him at home.

On Aug. 1, Bro. Gary Herr was given the opportunity to share his testimony of faith, and then was granted the privilege of baptism. We joyfully welcome him into the fold.

Several dear ones have spent time in the hospital: Sis. Lydia Young spent several weeks with a heart condition; she is home now, doing better. Sis. Esther Kraft (Sam) spent several weeks in an Emporia hospital, and later transferred to a Topeka hospital, for further evaluation of her throat and chest. Sis. Esther is home now and doing pretty well . . . Sis. Ella Raaf, Sis. Tina (Loren and Liseten) Strahm, Tammy Isch (Sis. Janice and Dale), and Christopher Somerhalder (grandson Bro. Joe and Sis. Edna) also were hospitalized for various illnesses.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Dianne Leman

Aug. 29 was the day of our annual new student picnic, to welcome all first-timers and their parents. Included in this group are Mary and Elaine Greiner, Kenny Steffen, Arlyn Rudin, and Sherman Bauer, Cissna Park; Ed Wyss, Gib Rapp, and Bro. Paul Plattner, Morton; Brett McNeill, Chicago; Bro. Dave and Sis. Denise Scheitlin, Vickie Schmidgall, and Ed Stoller, Elgin; Kenny Martin, Princeville; Sis. Marianne Ringger, Dane Zehr and Rod Ringger, Gridley; Connie Koch, Tremont. We should

all join in prayer for these students and all others across our nation, as they face the challenges of university life.

Officers of our student group are President—Bro. John Knapp; Vice Pres.—Bro. Ben Hoerr; Secretary—Sis. Judy Hodel. They have already set Sept. 15 as our annual autumn weiner roast.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

As the scent of Autumn is already in the air, we know summer is ending. Peach harvest is ending, and grape harvest is beginning. The farmers have toiled long and are concerned for their yield. What will our yield be, if we were to give account spiritually this fall? Have we been diligent in our love and devotion to God? Or would we have only excuses for a poor yield?

It has been 52 years since a terrible earthquake hit Tokyo, as was announced over the media. We brethren should be thinking and concerned what the Lord's will is and the second coming of Christ.

The fellowship between our churches in America and our brethren seems to grow and bring many blessed hours of fellowship. Our Sis. Eiko Nozawa is now visiting in Illinois, and Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle have just returned from a most blessed visit of our brethren there from coast to coast. We are thankful they were protected over miles of land and sea, and especially that our brother was willing to be used to speak of God's word in many of our assemblies.

GARDEN GROVE IA

Eileen Funk

We praise God for the promises in His word. Ask and ye shall receive, according to His riches—abundantly. We appreciated the messages from Ministering Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger (Pulaski) and Noah Gerber (West Bend). We were reminded to watch and pray, for the time is short. Let us purify ourselves, as He is pure . . . so we won't be among the lukewarm who will be left. As Ministering Bro. Bill Funk preached, life is a serious matter. Isn't it! Let us do His will, so we'll be prepared for His coming!

We are all happy to welcome Bro. Dave Peasley back to our congregation. Dave had employment near Pulaski. He'll be at home now in Garden Grove. We enjoyed the

Fellowship of many other brethren and friends during the summer months.

THE COMMON PLACE FOR GLORY

How is it going to be? There will be unnumbered years between now and then. Victory long will have been won. Perfect satisfaction in 100% totalness goes on, endlessly. Way, way back there in time are those wonderful opportunities. How will we view them?

In Tuscon lived one Michel S. Sakir. Born June 2, 1908 . . . passed away March 5, 1976, at Tuscon. The services conducted by Bro. Noah Herman at the Apostolic Christian Church. Time, Monday 2:30 p.m.

Dear Mike. He was Lebanese, but born in Worcester, Massachusetts. At twelve, his parents decided to move back to the home country. After Mike was old enough, he wanted to come back to the U.S.A. He was married in Massachusetts. In 1928, westward he came to Tuscon, for his health. He was a barber by trade. He had a shop for many years. Then he went into civil service at the U.S. air base.

If we would have explored every opportunity where the door opened, what would have happened? It was such an opportunity, one of the regular days of life, very late in 1968. Let's listen to Bro. Jay Bertsch:

"The way I got acquainted was one Saturday when we were building our church. I was doing some work, and he come walking by there. He stopped in and asked me what this building was going to be. I told him it was going to be a church. I asked him if he goes to church anywhere . . . he said, in his native land he was a member, but in this country, he hasn't been going to church. So I told him, In two weeks we were going to have our first services, and invited him to come and that he would be welcome. So he was there the first Sunday . . ." That first day was in January 1969. The message was by Bro. Noah Herman.

Memory has left a sweet fragrance. Mike came and listened to the sacred sweetness of song and word. He knew what prayer was. He loved that lunch at noon. He had faith, and like a searcher of old, he liked to be where the truth was.

It was before services. He was sitting outside, to the west, perhaps a little north of the church building. The fig tree and the palm, the pomegranate and olive nearby told of a Creator of all the earth, and of His words.

The fig tree . . . the Lord gave a parable for us to learn how to live better and happier, with His hope. Blessed belief. With a true heart God calls all peoples who listen. Blessed hope, that soon Christ will come to claim His own. The grave becomes, like our Lord's tomb, a lovely glorious portal. Will a stranger who has been a familiar friend, loved and cared for, be waiting for us?

Mike was a smoker. Often, he gave himself a recess, taking his smoke outside during those morning services. Then coming back in. His wife was killed in an automobile accident in 1968, in Tucson. Mike took it hard, and had a nervous breakdown. Somewhere around 1973, he retired. Yet very faithfully he attended where the Lord was giving His word.

Then came the sickness. Bone cancer. Still Mike came. He esteemed Noah Herman very much. He listened to Bro. Noah in more ways than one. When his child or children could not handle him, Noah was called.

The end was drawing nearer. Good old Mike was somewhat like Cornelius of the Bible. He gave alms. In at least one year, he gave more than anyone in the Tucson church for maintenance upkeep. When Jay would ask what to do, he said, "You're the boss"—use it for the church—his way of saying, Jay knew how to handle the money as it should be. One day at lunch he gave Jay his entire social security check endorsed.

God knows how to gather every true and upright heart . . . but He will not accept any false fronts. His eyes look deep into every hidden room of the heart. If this, our just, perfect righteous Judge can use mercy and love on that great day, you can be sure He will.

One week before Mike died, his daughter brought him to Jay's house. Dad wanted to come and visit you. "I told her O.K., and I would bring him home when he was ready; and that day yet, he set in my living room. He took out his billfold, and counted me out 5 twenty dollar bills.

"Sunday, his daughter brought

him to church, and Loren Knapp took him home, after he ate his lunch at the church. He was awfully weak that Sunday, and his feet were so swollen he had to wear his house slippers to church. By the next Sunday he was dead.

"... he told Noah (when he went to have the last prayer for him), I am born again; I have been baptized in Lebanon... if this is my time to go, I am ready to meet the Lord."

One last request he made to Bro. Noah, at the hospital, that he wanted to be brought into the church for his funeral services... So he was brought to the church. They wheeled the casket down the aisle in front of the pulpit....

Toward the last, at church, he did not go out for the smoke.

It is pleasant to ponder of Mike, in prayer... reaching and touching, as he knew and as was given to him... following the same Jesus we love... And of the radiant faces of the dawn, there in beautiful glory and brightness.

We have this time called today. Let us use our opportunities. How immensely great, compounded, understood but yet not understood, everlasting Forever. Who can measure the value of the commonplace!

How will they look THEN in that forever. Then there will be happiness in faces we have loved along the way.

Why don't you invite someone? Why don't you ask God to prepare your heart for His answer to someone? You'll love the way it will really be in that never ending joy.

Do we love to do the "likewise" of our Lord?

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,..."

"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?"

And he said. He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him. Go, and do thou likewise."

LET'S LISTEN TO FROELICH

By the church of Christ I understand the assembly and fellowship of those who believe in Christ Jesus and are sanctified by Him, and in whom Jesus Christ is made manifest through the Spirit of glory and of God, this one Spirit in which all are baptized (into one body) into the union and charity of the spiritual body of Christ...

To this end, God has placed us in Christ, that we should shine in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation as lights in the world of darkness, offering them the word of life. Mankind errs, because they do not know and keep the word of God. Only after the Gospel of Christ has been disclosed to them and they have shut their eyes WILFULLY to its brightly shining light, and not until then is the word true: and even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish—in whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving etc. II Corinthians 4.

CISSNA PARK IL

Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

It was our great pleasure to host the Annual Conference of Apostolic Christian Churches. Elders, ministers and brethren from all corners of our country, Bro. Willis Ehle from Japan, and brothers from Hungary assembled with us on Aug. 25, 26 and 27. Even though many of us had never met before, we could feel the love of God, as we were all of one mind. Ours is truly a blessed fellowship. Much time, work and planning was necessary for the success of this large meeting. We thank all who helped in any way. When we all work together, much can be accomplished, with God's blessings.

A baby girl, Amber Lynette, was born to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sharon Walder on Aug. 10. She is welcomed by her brother, Nathan and sister, Adrea. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mann Feller and Sis. Lucille Walder.

A baby boy, Michael John, was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Jeanne Kaufmann on Aug. 1. His brother is Timothy, and sisters are Christine and Jill. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. William Belsley of Eureka, and Bro. and Sis. Robert Kaufmann of Cissna Park.

Bob Rinkenberger, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge, and Sally Kupferschmid, daughter of Dave and Sis. Margaret were united in marriage by Bro. Ed Alt on Aug. 7.

Diann Hari and Kevin Boyce were united in marriage on Aug. 7. Their parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Louella Hari and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Boyce.

Beth Alt, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marge, was announced to give her testimony, after having found peace with God.

Eternity is drawing near;
O, seek your soul's salvation!
Upon the narrow path of life
There's mercy and protection.

We have five souls who have heeded God's call and are repenting. May it be that many more can come while the door of grace is still open.

Mrs. Elmer (Sis. Anna) Hari was a hospital patient for X-rays and tests, and has now returned home. Sis. Priscilla Knapp was released from the hospital, and is recuperating at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann, Rossville, Illinois. Isaac Steiner has returned home again from the Americana Nursing Home. Bro. John Otto remains a patient at the Watseká Nursing Home and is getting along fairly well.

Our congratulations to Bro. Harlan and Sis. Katherine Rudin as they celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Howard and Sis. Vi Greiner, Bro. Willard and Sis. Tillie Rudin, and Bro. Bob and Sis. Eileen Greiner in the death of their sister, Mrs. Freida Eisenmann of Elgin.

"Many thanks to all for the prayers, cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital." Bro. Ron Farney.

GOD WAS GOOD TO ME

Sis. Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred) Knapp

The 1920's were troublesome years in Germany; severe inflation, political upheaval etc. It seemed there would be no future for the oncoming generation. My thoughts went more and more to America (where milk and honey flows, I thought).

A good friend of my Dad's, Bro. Joe Weichert, came from Elgin, Ill. to visit my folks. He encouraged and later sponsored me to come to this country. My parents thought, it might be good for my soul, but they really doubted that I would take courage to undertake this big trip alone, in view of language problems etc. It took determination to satisfy the immigration officials, but in Nov. 1928, I bid my family Farewell, not to be able to return for eight long years. Befiehl Du Deine Wege was my consolation when I left my beloved Black Forest. Commit whatever grieves thee at Heart and all thy

ways to him, Who never leaves thee, on whom creation stays, who freest courses maketh for clouds and air and wind, and who care ever taketh, a path for thee to find.

It wasn't easy to leave family and friends to go to a strange country alone by ship across a stormy ocean. The Weichert family received me with love and consideration. Later, in December, I went to work in Chicago, not a path of roses, but someone would always take me under their wings; many times I felt unworthy. After recovery from an operation, I came to Peoria. The Lord kept calling; then two dear friends repented, gave much encouragement to me, and finally this lost sheep was taken into the Fold, May 1931. Satan put up a mighty battle. Dear Elder Emil Schubert gave this advice: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. How precious are the memories of him. One other time when Satan tormented during repentance, he would tell me: . . . Seit klug wie die Schlangen, doch ohne Falsch wie die Tauben. ". . . be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

Two dear sisters, also from the Black Forest, who always had heart and house open for the many girls that worked in Peoria, gave many good teachings. I treasure the memory of Sisters Louise and Carrie Weisser, staunch pillars in the church. Many souls found comfort, admonishment and spiritual advice. One stands out in my mind: Never neglect going to church, as one may have to regret deeply, when the time comes and you can't go anymore.

The Weisser sisters would tell us also not to grieve the elders, as they are appointed from God.

It was my privilege to care for them in their declining years. When the death angel came, it was truly an experience. An almost unreal Radiance shone from her face . . . A joyous expression: Oh, its beautiful . . . In a whisper: Stay true, and someday you will see it too.

Should we then neglect so great a Salvation? God forbid.

CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Leman - Sharon McClure

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home! Five more dear souls have answer-

ed the call. They are: Boni and Glenn Ott, children of Clayton and Sis. Margaret Ott; Brian Knapp, son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy Knapp; Karen Knapp, daughter of Bro. Fredrick and Sis. Marge Knapp; and Sue Roth, daughter of Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline.

Hospitalized were Bro. Allen Schrock, who is now at home recuperating, and Sis. Ida Nussbaum, who is also home again.

A daughter, Shannon Marie, was born to Tom and Janet Fehr Zimmerman. Grandparents are Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu Zimmerman.

Wednesday evening, Aug. 25, we received a special blessing from Ministering Bros. Dave Roberts (Philadelphia) and Simon Wagenbach (Tremont).

Bro. Dennis Wettstein of Eureka and Ben Zimmerman of Congerville wish to express sincere thanks to the brethren and friends who on their own good-will took up the collection or sent personal contributions to them, after the fire loss of their welding shop. Dennis and Ben especially want to thank everyone for their prayers.

FT LAUDERDALE FL

Bert and Karen Aeschliman

When preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven". We who are God's children are given this instruction, and surely we all can see the need to be beacons, in times when the world seems to be veiled in darkness . . . as the hymnwriter put it,

Let the lower lights be burning;
Send a gleam across the wave.
Some poor fainting, struggling
seaman
You may rescue, you may save.

Ministering Bro. Bud and Sis. Billie Klopfenstein attended the Brother meeting in Cissna Park.

Sunday school resumed Sept. 5. We encourage all Sunday school age children and young adults to attend, and pray the seed which is planted in the youth will spring forth and yield hearts willing to serve the Lord.

Our number seems to dwindle during summer month, as we see few visitors and many of our own travel in the summer. We again look forward to greeting our winter residents and visitors, and

would extend an invitation to all to worship with us in Ft. Lauderdale, as you travel during the coming months.

Our church is located at 750 N.W. 46 Ave., Plantation FL. . . Phone 587-7634.

FORT SCOTT KS

Aleta Banwart

Help Yourself To Happiness

Everybody, everywhere seeks happiness, it's true, But finding it and keeping it seems difficult to do, Difficult because we think that happiness is found Only in the places where wealth and fame abound— And so we go on searching in palaces of pleasure, Seeking recognition and monetary treasure, Unaware that happiness is just a state of mind, Within the reach of everyone who takes time to be kind— For in making others happy we will be happy, too, For the happiness you give away returns to shine on you.

Our Sunday School picnic was held Aug. 8 at Gunn Park. It is so wonderful to hear the little children sing out praises to our Lord and Saviour. The Sunday School choir had a number of inspiring songs that hopefully touched everyone's heart. It was a blessed day of fellowship for all.

Sis. Carrie Massner was hospitalized for tests. She is able to assemble with us again.

Aug. 22, Visiting Bros. Bob Pohl—Burlington, and John Lehman, Bern, gave a very inspiring message of the story of Jesus, how He died on the cross, shed his blood, ALL for our many sins . . . a story we have all heard before, yet never tire of . . . a story of God's unending love of His chosen people. Bro. Bill Oberman, Burlington, was our guest song-leader. The evening was spent singing hymns of praise to God at Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lillian Fischers' home. We had a most inspiring day of word and song.

LA CROSSE IN

Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy

God has blessed the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Merv Gudeman with a baby son, Glen Elias. He was born

Aug. 4. He underwent surgery two days after birth, but is home with his family now and getting along good. He has two sisters and 2 brothers to welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman, Bro. Eli and Sis. Ella Schlatter (Bay City).

We were happy to have Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop) minister unto us Sunday, Aug. 22. We trust that God will bless him for his willingness to serve us.

Several of our young people and Sunday School teachers spent Sunday, Aug. 22 at Camp Mack for Youth Fellowship Day. It is truly a blessing to see so many of our youth and to hear them singing praises unto God.

Aug. 1 was the wedding of Sis. Pat Rocke (Eureka) and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger. They are making their home in Congerville, as he is employed in that area.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Josephine Esterling

Visiting ministers sharing the word with us in Minneapolis were Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka and Bro. Nathan Stoller of Bradford.

Connie (Kellenberger) and Doug Bergstrom are parents of a new son. Cory is Connie and Dougs' first child.

Sis. Barbara Olson underwent surgery on Aug. 26. Barb is recovering well.

The kindergarden and first grade Sunday School class visited Douglas Feuchtenberger, who is in Rehab. 5, at the University Hospital. Doug is recuperating from burns he received when he touched a high wire. Doug will be allowed to go home Labor Day week-end to be with his family, but will return for more therapy.

Our kindergarden and first grade class want to share with Doug some of our time. We spent time making get-well and cheer-up cards to take to Doug. Last Sunday, we had the lesson of a little boy who freely shared his lunch with others, and Jesus blessed his gift of five loaves and three fishes and used it to feed a multitude. How happy we all feel when we can cheer a sick one and make his time a little happier.

Those attending the Brotherhood meeting in Cissna Park were Bros. Noah Miller, Sid Messner, Ken Lawson, Bro. and Sis. Don and Bernadine Miller, Bro. and Sis. Ken and Vera Schmidt.

Back Home

If I had the power to turn back the clock,
Go back to the house at the end of the block . . .
The house that was home when I was a kid,
I know that I'd love it more than I did.
If I could be back there at my mother's knee,
And hear once again all the things she told me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well just what life had in store,
And all the advice that my dad used to give . . .
His voice I'll remember as long as I live;
But it didn't seem really important then;
What I'd give to live it all over again,
And what I would give for the chance I once had,
To do so much for my mother and dad,
To give them more joy and a little less pain,
A little more sunshine—a little less rain;
But the years roll on, and we cannot go back,
Whether we were born in a mansion, or born in a shack;
But we can start right now—in the hour that's here
To do something for the ones we hold dear,
And since time in its flight is traveling so fast,
Let's not spend it regretting that which is past,
But let's make tomorrow a happier day,
By doing our good unto others
TODAY.

MORRIS MN

**Corrine Schmidgall
Lois Schmidgall**

Our Sunday School will be resuming the first Sunday in September, after a one-month vacation. Our new teachers are Bro. Harvey Koehl and Sis. Joyce Durkee; substitutes are Bros. Carl Moser and Ray Luthi and Sisters Hazel Moser and Cheryl Koehl. We give our thanks to God that He gives us brothers and sisters who are willing to lend themselves in service of their God, so important to plant the seeds in the hearts of our youth.

Our sincere thanks to Ministering Bros. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury, and Ken Lawson, Minneapolis, for sharing the word of God with us.

We are truly thankful that, in these end-times, the door of grace is still open, and God is still touching the hearts of man. Our congregation rejoices with our new convert, Leonard Minke, son-in-law of Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner. May the call continually go out, and may many more be gathered in before the Lord will come again.

Sis. Joyce Moser (wife of Bro. Bill) and Tami Schmidgall (Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia) were hospital patients for minor surgery. Sis. Martha Greiner was in the hospital for several days. We are happy to report that little Doug Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen) has improved, and even has hopes of coming home from the hospital in Minneapolis.

We wish Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce Nohl and family God's blessings, as they have moved from our congregation and are making their home in McGallen, Texas.

Marriage vows were exchanged between Bro. DeWayne Nohl and Sis. Janice Mogler on Aug. 29. Parents of the couple are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Minnie Nohl of Morris and Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler of Lester.

**OAKVILLE IA
Phyllis Siegle**

As they go forth upon life's way,
Sustain them by Thy grace;
May they Thy holy laws obey,
And live in joy and peace.

On Aug. 1, Sis. Beverly Grimm and Bro. Keith Kuntz were united in marriage by Beverly's uncle, Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer. Parents of the couple are Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm and Sis. Ruth Kuntz and the late Bro. Roy.

Friend John and Sis. Ingrid Buser welcomed a new baby boy July 23. He was named Karl John, and his brother, Ward and sisters, Inga and Ivy are very happy too.

When deep in despair
And surrounded by care
And you sink neath the weight of the load,
What a joy and what peace
And what blessed release
When God supplies strength for the road.

We certainly share the sorrow with Sis. Phyllis Massner and family and Ministering Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington and family in the sudden tragic death of their sister, Eunice Willett of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Eunice was taken from this life in an auto accident.

We want to thank our visiting ministers for their timely messages. They were as follows; Bro. Bill Gerst, Alto; Bro. Bert and Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin.

As the Brotherhood Conference is being held this month, it again behooves us to walk all the more faithfully and obediently. Our elders are watchmen, and are given grace to see the dangers that would tear down our faith.

SHIODA JAPAN

Sally Gramm - Libby Meyer

In the blackness of the night, the tallest mountain in Japan, Fujiisan, loomed above us. As we began the climb, it was thrilling to know the weather was perfect. Below in the valley, we could see the cluster of lights surrounding the lakes. Above us the heavens were almost hidden by a sky so bright with stars. We gazed in awe at such splendor, and this came to mind:

I cannot conceive how he (man) could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

Soon the road was no longer wide and slanting. It changed into a steep path that twisted, turned, and angled ever upward. In no time at all, we were breathing heavily and reminded each other not to look back, but to press toward the mark. I did look back once and nearly fell.

We soon learned to use our flashlights well and to follow the path carefully, for it allowed us to climb up by the way of securely-grounded rocks. Once when we lost the path, the way was sandy. It was difficult to climb, and we kept sliding backwards. Finding the trail again was a big relief.

On and on we climbed, and every round through pain and thirst, we were reminded of the Christian's walk of life. Giving up was not a part of our thoughts. We had to reach the goal. Hour after hour we trudged on, until the winds died down and the sea of clouds began to light up with the dawn.

It was amazing how the encouraging words of our companions and

others who had reached the top and were coming back down cheered us on.

At long last we rounded the last curve, and the joy that we knew we'd feel at such an accomplishment flooded our hearts. The pain of the climb was forgotten. We felt so strongly that the trials of a Christian walk of life are minimal to the blessings of heaven which God wants us to have . . . And some day in that beautiful land, we'll say the same thing that we said upon our arrival safely home: "Thank you Lord. It was all worth it."

ELGIN IA

Bro. Jake and Sis. Bertha Gehring want to thank very kindly for all the sympathy cards they received, for these were all appreciated.

PULASKI IOWA

John Popkes, eight-year-old son of Eleanor Popkes of the Lester congregation was spending some time with his great aunt and uncle, Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline Wuthrich, when he became ill and had to be hospitalized for an appendectomy. He went to their home again on a Friday, only to return to the hospital on Saturday evening, due to complications. Now he is back home with his family, doing fine, for which we are all thankful.

"I would like to thank everyone for visits, cards, gifts and prayers while I was hospitalized. Your deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered." John Popkes.

BURLINGTON IA

Mayme Gerst - Edna Pohl

CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE: HE SHALL NEVER SUFFER THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE MOVED.

Our thanks to the visiting ministers, Bros. James Hoerr—Peoria, Bill Gerst—Alto, Kenneth Schneider—Remington, and our elder, Ed Lanz. As it is again time for the conference, may we all rededicate our lives to God and to be obedient to his word.

I am my neighbors Bible; He reads me when we meet.

Today He reads me in my home, tomorrow in the street.

He may be relative or friend, or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name, yet he is reading me.

And pray who is my neighbor?
who reads me day by day,
To learn if I am living right and walking as I pray?
Oh he is with me always to criticize or blame,
So worldly-wise in his own eyes,
and sinner is his name.

Dear Christian friends and brothers, if we could only know
How faithfully the world records,
just what we say and do,
Oh we would write our record plain, and come in time to see
Our worldly neighbor won to Christ, while reading you and me.

We were saddened by the sudden death of Bro. Uriel's sister, Eunice Gehring Willett. The family was starting on their vacation but stopped at her sister, Phyllis (Bill) Massner, to visit their family, then to Burlington to visit Bro. Uriel and family. Only a few hours later, the word came that she had been killed in a car accident. It shows us how certain death is and how uncertain life is.

We welcome Bro. Rollyce Scheitlin's wife, Sis. Lori from Lester, at Burlington and hope she will find love and kindness here at our church.

Sis. Rekie Anliker, daughter, Beverly Ross and husband wish to extend thanks for the prayers, letters and gifts. It has been appreciated so very much. Beverly has spent eight months at the Methodist Hospital at Rochester, and these kind deeds have helped her through the many long days. How beautiful a day can be when touched by generosity.

DETROIT MI

Charlotte Barton

God has blessed our congregation by adding more souls to His family. We warmly welcomed Steve Varga, his wife—JoAnne, daughter—Vera, and son—Alex, along with Mylan Germaine into our fellowship as brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are so thankful God has yet extended the day of grace and is calling yet many to come and partake of His many blessings.

Our friend, Elaine Burges (dau-

ghter of Bro. Ben Schlatter of Toledo) is one of the souls who has answered God's call to come and dine. We pray God will grant her yet time to worship with us and her family, before He calls her home.

We have been pleaded with by our dear elders at the brother meeting to hold fast to the faith and traditions of our forefathers.

Jesus, Thou alone canst govern
Thy assembly as its sov'reign.
Bless us then, Thy humble child!
O infuse in us new merit
To obey Thy Holy Spirit;
Strengthen us with blessings mild!

ELGIN IL
Mary Moser

God is in every tomorrow;
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise
Guidance and strength for the
way,
Power for each moment of weak-
ness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

The Kellenberger reunion was held here the first week-end in August. Many relatives from far and near came. We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Leo Moser minister the word of God to us on that Sunday.

Bro. Dave Scheitlen and Sis. Denise Steffen were united in holy matrimony on Aug. 15. Ministering (Bros.) Walt Steffen of Milford, Clifford Grimm of West Bend, Willis Wiegand of Goodfield were here for this blessed occasion. Bro. Dave and Sis. Denise plan to live in Champaign, where Dave will be attending school. Their address is 1107 W. Oregon, Apt. 2, Urbana IL 61801. Though we be absent one from another in the body, may we remember each other in our prayers.

Aug. 28 was the date chosen for the wedding of Ralph Hoppe and Sarah Steffen. They were united in marriage by Sarah's father, Bro. Nathan Steffen.

Bro. Clarence Dietrich and Bro. Ed Knecht, both of Silverton, ministered to us the Sunday of Aug. 22.

Frieda Eisenmann passed from time into eternity on Aug. 18. How thankful we are that she could be relieved of her sufferings. May God

comfort her family.

THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS
PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WOR-
THY TO BE COMPARED WITH
THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE
REVEALED IN US.

KIOWA KS
Janice Frieden

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

And Oh what a precious Hope is ours when we know God personally through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. What hope? The hope of a constant Guide and Companion throughout the trials of each day of this life, no matter how great or small, and the hope, if we remain steadfast, of one day being welcomed Home, to be forever with the sinless Saviour, who had to give His life that we might have this blessed gift. How, dear Lord, do we ever find words to express our THANKS to Thee for such a precious hope?

It was our appointed time this month to hold services at the Kiowa Manor, something that is very enjoyable, as it pleases those dear people so much. There have been several occasions when a church couldn't be there, and the elderly folks were really disappointed, because they look so forward to those songs of praise and words of gospel truth.

Sisters Martha Roth and Esther Terry were both hospital patients. Martha suffered from high blood pressure troubles, and Esther from an eye problem that caused her quite a lot of pain and discomfort. We are thankful that Sis. Esther is getting along better now, as is Sis. Martha, and that they are both able to be in our midst again.

Friday evening, Aug. 27, we all gathered at the Fellowship Hall to wish Sis. Emma Diel a happy 90th birthday, and truly enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship. I asked Sis. Emma how many years she has served the Lord, and she told me she has been a child of God for 62 years. What a wonderful Christian light our elder brothers and sisters are, to we who are still young in the faith.

We were granted yet another day of blessing on Sunday, Aug. 29, when Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier,

Rittman, was with us, and brought us two stirring messages of faith, through the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Sunday evening, then, we enjoyed further Christian fellowship, when we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a supper.

LEXINGTON KENTUCKY
Glenda Huber

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

This was our theme Bible verse for Vacation Bible School, which was held on Aug. 9-13. Truly the Lord blessed us this week with a good attendance of girls and boys each night. They all enjoyed the singing, learning of Jesus' love, and the many activities in their classes. We were also happy to have visiting with us throughout the week (Bros.) Oren Rufner of Rittman, Ed Bahler of Remington, Walt Steffen of Milford, and Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. Also we enjoyed having Sis. Clara Heiniger of Hillsboro to share with us the work and many endeavors of love for the Lord in Alabama. The children here really enjoyed her. She has a wonderful way of teaching children the love of Jesus.

On the week-end of Aug. 15 and 16, the men's sextet and a group of young people from Francesville spent the week-end with us. On Sunday evening, we had our Vacation Bible School program. We really enjoyed the special part that Francesville had in it. Their voices all blended so beautifully in praise to the Lord. It was an inspiration and blessing to us.

Sis. Ann Witzig of Morton, who has been with us throughout the summer months, has gone back home to finish out her schooling in nursing. We really appreciated having her in our fellowship and helping us out in the work.

WEST BEND IA
Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. Raymond Anliker

An enjoyable week-end was spent with the gathering of a Ft. Sam reunion brethren and their families. Among them were Ministering Brethren John Steiner from Oakville and Max Reimschisel from Wichita, who expounded God's

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word to us on Sunday.

A blessing was felt (and thankful) that a family reunion could be shared with Bro. Alfred Fehr, who attained the age of 90 years. His children, Henry, Bro. Paul, Sis. Hulda (Fred Wirtz), Bro. Elmer, many of the 90 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, a brother Manuel and sisters, Ida Fehr and Emma Luthi were present. In reminiscing over the past years, our thoughts went to our loved ones who have passed on to their eternal home: his wife, Sis. Mary (Gerber) and son Bro. Eli. We appreciate the efforts of his son, Elder Bro. Paul Fehr, who remained for the weekend to expound God's holy word to us.

Our hospital patients who had surgery, Bro. Fred Wirtz and Louise Anliker, still remain in the hospital. Sis. Jessie Fehr, Bro. Geo. Bruellman, and Neal Schmidt, son

of Bro. Duane and Sis. Lucille Schmidt, are now at home. We are thankful God has granted better health to them.

Those who were blessed with new babies are Louis and Joni Schneider, a boy, Douglas Alan born Aug. 9. A brother, Leslie welcomes him home. Grandparents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella Schneider and the Bill Maucks of Vancouver, Washington. A boy, Keith Marvin, was born Aug. 22 to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Charlotte Fehr. Two sisters and a brother are waiting at home to love him. Grandparents are Sis. Nima Fehr and Ervin and Nettis Banwart.

We are thankful to have Sis. Mary Mogler move back home from Burlington to teach at our public school. It is certainly a parent's prayer to have a believer in faith to lead our little ones, as they enter into their education.

"I wish to thank all who sent

cards and well-wishes to me for my birthday. It was all very much appreciated." Bro. Alfred Fehr.

We regret to report the passing of Chris Schmidt on Aug. 26. He passed away suddenly of a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Earl Banwart, assisted by Bro. Noah Gerber, on Aug. 28. Surviving are his beloved wife, Ida (Messner), and five children: Verna (Mrs. Marvin Bruhns), Rolland, Bro. Dwaine, Jack, and Sheila (Mrs. Jerry Besch). One son, Ervin preceded him in death four years ago . . . "We wish to express our thanks to all for their love and kindness shown during our sorrow." The family of Chris Schmidt.

Bro. Elmer Schmidt from Winthrop, who came to attend the funeral of Chris Schmidt, remained with us for Sunday and expounded God's word to us. We thank him for his labor of love.

RADIANT RESURRECTION

Henry Souder Jr.

There's something about morning. The beautiful beams shine forth. Golden, radiant rays. The eastern sky is resplendent in the colorful symphony of light.

God made the morning. At the rising of the sun, the women came to the tomb. They arose before sunrise. There had been night hours. At morning there streamed golden rays about them. . . Look what happened! Jesus is alive!

Eternity nor time had never seen such. Jesus, who is eternal God, coming from the realms of death's lock. The trumpet will sound, and our loved ones awake. Should not this give us a smile on our face? Should not it cheer us? This is true triumph, actually eternal life. Should we not, as He has said, go with His real news, even unto the end?

Morning comes after night. Night with no light has no color. It takes light to make things golden and blue and beautiful. It took Jesus to give light and immortality.

Jesus endured darkest night and suffered. At Calvary He met eternity's lashes, with such tremendous, agonizing cost. The sun failed to shine. He cried out, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Look from any view, we deserved the arrow piercing our heart. Each word of the enemy was a sword. It drove bitter venom into the Lamb of God.

Gethsemane's night was before, and was the shouldering of the guilt of us, the criminals from pure justice. His soul was sorrowful, even unto death. What woe, weight, and wickedness He took for us. The accumulated sins from Adam to the end. Our Lord fell on His face. Do you know each moment reveals the glory we glimpse into the loving heart of God. It is beautiful!

We knew the night . . . worry, fear, guilt, sin. The Lamb of God, our Jesus took the punishment. We know Him.

He is our morning. No wonder we can sing! Eternity's daybreak goes on and on. End never comes . . .

The way of the cross. That's our Way! That is the Way to everlasting love and laughter. Eternity's morning. Golden bliss. Sorrow is eternity's Saturday night, waiting for eternal Sunday.

Only a little while. The hour hastens on. It takes so little of us, leaving and spurning the wretched ways of the world, with its broken playthings. They can never begin to compare with eternity's deep smile.

And it is morning! Jesus brings the clear shining. . . In all His delight and glory . . . the day is ready to break in all its full perfection . . . everlasting gladness.

We shall see our Jesus in all His beauty, be face to face. God will be actually with us. Together forever will be all who love Him.

Praise be His name forever and ever!