



Then was our mouth  
filled with laughter, and  
our tongue with singing:  
then said they among the  
heathen, The LORD hath  
done great things for them.

The LORD hath done  
great things for us; where-  
of we are glad.

Turn again our captivity,

O LORD, as the streams in  
the south.

They that sow in tears  
shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and  
weepeth, bearing precious  
seed, shall doubtless come  
again with rejoicing, bring-  
ing his sheaves with him.

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

## THAT LITTLE CRY

I went away from home to sell some 50 head of cattle . . . I was to buy some groceries and dry goods before I came back and, above all, a doll for our youngest child, Dolly (she never had a shop-doll of her own, only the rag-babies her mother made her). Dolly could talk of nothing else, and went down to the very gate to call after me to buy a big one.

Nobody but a parent can understand how my mind was on that toy, and how, when the cattle were sold, the first thing I started off to buy was Dolly's doll. I found a large one, with eyes that would open and shut when you pulled a wire, and had it wrapped up in paper, and tucked it under my arm. . .

I mounted a steady-going old horse of mine and, pretty well loaded, started for home. Night set in before I was a mile from town, and settled down dark as pitch while I was in the midst of the wildest bit of road I know of. I could have felt my way through, I remembered it so well, and it was almost like doing that, when the storm that had been brewing broke, and the rain fell in torrents. I was five, or maybe six miles from home, too. I rode on as fast as I

could, but suddenly I heard a little cry, like a child's voice. I stopped short and listened. I heard it again. I called, and it answered me. I couldn't see a thing; all was dark as pitch. I got down and felt about in the grass, called again, and again was answered.

Then I began to wonder. I'm not timid, but I was known to be a drover, and to have money about me. . . I am not superstitious—not very—but how could a real child be out on the prairie in such a night at such an hour? It might be more than human . . . I was half inclined to run away. But once more I heard that piteous cry. . .

I searched again. At last I be-thought me of a hollow under the hill, and groped that way. Sure enough, I found a little dripping thing that moaned and sobbed as I took it in my arms. I called my horse, and he came to me, and I mounted, and tucked the little soaked thing under my coat as best I could, promising to take it home to mama.

It seemed tired to death, and soon cried itself to sleep against my bosom. It had slept there over an hour when I saw my own win-

dows. There were lights in them, and I supposed my wife had lit them for my sake, but when I got into the door-yard, I saw something was the matter, and stood still with dead fear of heart five minutes before I could lift the latch. At last I did it, and saw the room full of neighbors, and my wife amid them weeping. When she saw me she hid her face.

"Oh don't tell him," she said; "it will kill him."

"What is it, neighbors?" I cried.

And one said: "Nothing now, I hope. What's that in your arms?"

"A poor lost child," said I. "I found it on the road. Take it, will you? I've turned faint." And I lifted the sleeping thing, and saw the face of my own child, my little Dolly. It was my darling, and no other, that I had picked up on the drenched road.

I thanked God on my knees before them all.

. . . I think of it often in the nights, and wonder how I could bear to live now, if I had not stopped when I heard the cry for help upon the road, the little baby-cry, hardly louder than a squirrel's chirp.

## SIT NEXT TO ME PLEASE!

It was dark when we arrived at the home for boys . . . there was enough light to see the eager youngsters crowded on the porch and inside the doorway. Parentless boys, or one-parent boys they were. With avid interest they watched our approach. But the 40-mile drive had been a tiring one in heavy traffic, after a strenuous work day. Frankly I wasn't too happy about the whole thing. . . The last time I had been asked to make the trip, I made an excuse, reasoning to myself, I send them a check each month. It isn't necessary to put in an appearance at the banquets . . . However, the time had come when excuses wouldn't do, and it was embarrassing to refuse . . .

"Going to join us tomorrow night?"

"Why, yes, Bill. May I pick you up?"

I did. And here we were at the home.

"This always is a big night for the boys," Bill whispered as we walked to the porch. "It's almost embarrassing the way they enjoy our coming."

Two youngsters, age seven or eight, disengaged themselves from the other small-fry and attached themselves to us.

"Will you be my company?" a solemn-eyed towhead pleaded uncertainly as he tugged at my coat.

"Sure thing, fella!"

"My name's Jimmy. Jimmy Thompson. What's yours?"

I told him. Meanwhile the wide-eyed, evaluating gaze was unnerving. Emotions began to stir under the layers of fatigue.

"First time here, isn't it, Mister? Want me to show you around?"

"I'd like that."

He took me on a tour of inspection and importantly pointed . . . the library . . . his dorm—a narrow room lined with two rows of small iron beds.

"This is my very own wardrobe.

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See?" . . . The boy seemed to be having some difficulty in breathing. Had we climbed that last flight of stairs too rapidly?

He opened the door of the not-very-wide metal cabinet, and I was appalled at the insufficiency of his world goods. Guilty thoughts intruded, as I mentally compared his inadequate possessions with the large garment-filled closet and crammed toy chest of my own son.

"There's the dinner bell! We gotta hurry!" Jimmy exclaimed. "But let's not run, cause I've got asthma and I don't breathe good when I hurry or get excited."

Then he stopped me for a moment. "Sit next to me at the table, willya, Mister? Please sit next to me!"

Of course I sat beside him. Bill was at the next table, elbow-touching his small host. The guestless boys meanwhile turned their wistful glances continually . . .

By the time dinner was finished, Jimmy and I were buddies. He had revealed that he was fatherless, that his mother worked in a supermarket and came each Sunday to take him home for the day . . . Once when he thought I wasn't looking, a slender hand lingered on my arm for a moment . . .

"Will you come again next month, Mister? If you do I'll save a place for you. Right next to me."

The pleading eyes were almost too much for me. I was having trouble with my breathing. Me! . . . Who thought generosity came through the checkbook . . . this tyke had given me more in an hour than I could give to the home in a hundred years . . .

**Our gentle, caring God has beautiful love. He knows what's in a little fella's heart. That's why He encourages us to remember "the fatherless . . . in their affliction. . ." What a chance to do the good He loves to see done!**

**Keep Free  
The editor**

Last night when sleeping it came into mind,  
For me what a sad fee,  
That killed the woman in back of the truck  
That was in back of me.

I stopped with desire for so small a thing;  
An ice cream treat for me,

That's what killed the soul in back of the truck  
That was in back of me.

I was not thinking, except for lone self,  
Stopping were shouldn't be,  
That killed the woman in back of the truck  
That was in back of me.

No charge was then made,  
no police to cite,  
Where I ought not to be,  
That's what killed that soul in back of the truck  
That was in back of me.

So friend and member! real offense can harm  
When one ought not to be,  
For it harms the soul in back of that step,  
And guilt, **HOW COSTLY THE FEE!**

**KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
Brenda Tucker**

As another fall semester opened at K-State, we welcome the presence of new people to share in our group. These include Teresa Bahr—Ft. Scott, Bros. Gordan Huber and Eric Huber, Greg and Kara (Marti) Snyder—Sabetha, John Wernli—Lamont, and Colin Younge, who is returning after a semester at Emporia Kansas State College.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, we enjoyed fellowship with our brothers, sisters, and friends, as we met for our annual pot-luck picnic at Tuttle Creek Reservoir. It was certainly a joy, as always, to fellowship together after our summer separation. We would like to thank those who traveled across the miles to share our fellowship.

Midweek services began Sept. 1. We thank Elder Bro. Lester Hartter and Bro. Alphonse Strahm, Bern, for sharing God's most precious word with us. As the Bible teaches us to "seek ye first the kingdom of God . . .", we were reminded to also keep this first in our lives each day that we live.

**ALTO MICHIGAN  
Donna Steffen**

**He leadeth me, O blessed thought . . .** All day long this song has been ringing through my heart and mind.

What a blessed state, to be a lamb of Jesus, and to feel His nearness and guidance. God is so good,

and isn't it comforting to have such a loving and gracious Heavenly Father who loves us so?

Tim and Monica Steffen and son Paul are in the process of moving back into our area, due to Tim's job transfer. They have lived in Illinois for over a year now, and we are happy to have them back. Tim is the youngest son of Sis Helen Steffen (Alto).

We are always so happy when God sends visiting ministers to fellowship and to share the word of life with us. In September, we were so richly blessed and uplifted when Bro. Jim Ramseier and our precious elder, Bro. Joe Waibel (both of Bay City) came to be with us. We are so encouraged when God meets our needs, as He surely has, and we thank these dear brothers who were willing to come and be used of God.

Hospitalized were Ferd Grawberg (son of Fred and Sis. Kathryn) & Mark Steffen, (son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna). I am happy to report both are feeling fine and are able to assemble with us again.

**He Maketh No Mistake**

Tho' night be dark, and it may seem  
That day will never break,  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him.  
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see;  
My eyesight's far too dim,  
But come what may, I'll simply trust  
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift,  
And golden day He'll make.  
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,  
He made not one mistake.

**HOME FOR THE  
HANDICAPPED**

The splendor of an autumn day  
Choice words cannot convey,  
When God, the Master Painter,  
Puts nature on display . . .

Autumn is that sweet, sad time of the year, when it takes a cloth dipped in cool water and washes the face of the hot, dry land to refresh it, before taking its long, white sleep.

We welcome Bro. Ken Yordy from the Gridley congregation as a new member of our staff. He will

be working with the residents.

Summer's end makes necessary the reluctant bidding of farewell to Bro. Ron Messner of the Winthrop-Morris area. His help here this summer has been much appreciated.

Sincere gratitude is freely expressed to the ministers and brethren of Eureka, Normal, Forrest, and Roanoke for September Friday evening services.

The brick walls of our new addition are increasing in height daily. The dry weather has permitted unhindered progress.

This month we introduce to you our resident, Eddie Getz, who came to be part of our family in November of 1973. His parents, both deceased, were Sam B. and Eunice Altorfer Getz. A sister, Marjorie Baumgartner, lives in Bluffton. In the Morton-Peoria area, Eddie has many cousins and friends. Eddie's usefulness is appreciated in our Home. His beautifully mellow singing voice is a pleasure to hear, his ready smile and friendliness are dependable, and he is a real asset to the outdoor activities. It is good to have him here with us.

Anyone wishing to help at the time of Benefit Day, please have your name listed with the Gift Shop sisters by Nov. 1, and those wishing to contribute sale items should please try to have them here by Nov. 12.

Autumn is evident. May we reap the fruitage of a well-spent year, happy in the knowledge of some little kindness done and compassion shared. How grateful we are that our Heavenly Father has provided us with enough tears to keep us close to Him, and enough joys to know that He is by our side.

#### FRANCESVILLE IN.

Helen Huber — Sharon Neihouser

On Aug. 29, we were privileged to have Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington) speak the word to us. He read and meditated upon Ecclesiastes 3. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" . . . We appreciated his visit so much.

Four more souls have heeded the call of their Saviour. We pray for many more while the door is still open.

School bells are again ringing. We pray for even the little ones entering school for the first time and those entering colleges. We pray also for the teachers and pro-

fessors who will instruct them.

On the sick list this month is Sis. Helen Huber and Emmett Ward, who have both been hospitalized.

Our dear Sis. Julia Boehning passed away on Sept. 10, after an illness of six months. She leaves one sister, Sis. Emma, and many neices and nephews. She was a loving sister and a "mother" to many. Services were held Monday, Sept. 13. May God comfort those in sorrow in their loss.

Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth) and Sis. Lynn Zeltwanger (Bro. and Sis. Bill Zeltwanger) were united in marriage on Sept. 19 in Morris. We welcome Sis. Lynn to Francesville.

#### PHOENIX AZ Julie Hoerr

Here so many are breaking traditions

That are sacred the whole world around,

Seeking only for riches and pleasures

That so freely in this life abound,  
But I still love the precious old Bible;

'Tis my comfort, my guide and my stay.

O I guess I'm just a little old-fashioned,

But I still love the old-fashioned way.

The saved will have eternal life. What comfort Bros. Ted and Herb Knochel must have at this time since their dear mother, Sis. Nettie (our late Bro. Fred) Knochel has gone to be with the Lord.

Sis. Vera Yackley (Bro. Clarence) was moved from the hospital to bed confinement at home, since the doctors cannot do further surgery. Tho she is blind, a comforting word to her and Bro. Clarence would bring a bit of cheer to their home at 1726 E. Mountain View, Phoenix Az 85020.

Sis. Kate Blumenschein became ill and hospitalized while visiting her family members in Mansfield. We will be glad when she is able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Tony Ehle (Bro. Willis-Sis. Lois) is going to Grand Canyon College here in Phoenix. With all the natural beauty God created in Arizona, we pray he will feel His closeness as he did in Japan, and the Christian fellowship will fill his need of family. Tony's address

is Grand Canyon College, Bright Angel Hall Dormitory, 3300 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix Az 85017.

On Sept. 17, Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Sis. Minnie were involved in a car accident in Missouri on their way to visit their daughter, Sis. Roletta Gerst and family. Bro. Roy has a broken back, and Sis. Minnie numerous minor injuries. Bro. Roy was taken to Johnson County Memorial Hospital, Warrensburg, Mo., where he will remain until he is physically able to travel. As this is written, it is not known how long Bro. Roy will remain hospitalized. Sis. Minnie and Roletta are close by in a motel. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

#### SARDIS OH Linda Indermuhle

What a blessing it was to have rain today, since our area has been so dry.

Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford) brought us God's word. His message was so encouraging to each of us.

We welcome Delmos and Gretta Figel back to our community, and wish them God's blessings as they make their home here.

Diane Figel is taking a one-year leave of absence in her teaching career, to achieve her M.A. degree at Kent State University. Joyce Indermuhle is also at Kent now, to begin studying for elementary teaching. We miss both of them during the week and always look forward to seeing them over the week-ends. May God protect them while we are apart.

#### TOLEDO OH Josephine Rehklaue

The Lord again has given His counsel and His will through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, by visiting ministers, Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl and Albert Schneider of Rockville. We cherished this visit, and shall endeavor to labor one with another and share the things which God has shared with us.

The Toledo Sunday School enjoyed having as their guests the Akron Sunday School, the weekend of Sept. 4 and 5.

Bro. Homer and Sis. Josephine Reineck observed their 33rd wedding anniversary. This occasion was shared with them by their family, relatives, and friends.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

**VALPARAISO IN  
Marie Heinold**

It is such a joy to go to the house of the Lord, be refreshed in spirit, and to fellowship—we were blessed with many visitors, some vacationing. We truly are thankful, and to Ministering Brethren Carl Westfall and Edward Alt, who gave many teachings to lift and guide and comfort — “If we stay true, we shall stand blameless before God’s throne.”

After summer vacation, the young people seem so happy for Sunday School classes again. Going back to school changes routines in the homes. What a wonderful time to have those young hearts gathered around the family table for prayer and conversation.

. . . will close with these thoughts on charity . . .

Silence when your words hurt,  
Patience when your neighbors curt,  
Deafness when scandal flows,  
Thoughtfulness for another’s woes,  
Promptness when stern duty calls,  
Courage when misfortune falls.

**ALTADENA CA  
Linda Cooper**

LET THE LOWLIEST TASK BE  
MINE,  
GRATEFUL, SO THE WORK BE  
THINE;  
LET ME FIND THE HUMBLEST  
PLACE  
IN THE SHADOW OF THY  
GRACE.  
BLEST TO ME WERE ANY  
SPOT  
WHERE TEMPTATION WHIS-  
PERS NOT.  
IF THERE BE SOME WEAKER  
ONE,  
GIVE ME STRENGTH TO HELP  
HIM ON;  
IF A BLINDER SOUL THERE  
BE,  
LET ME GUIDE HIM NEARER  
THEE.

Bro. Albert Kaisner was sick and had to be hospitalized, causing much concern among his family and friends. God be praised, he is much better, though weak, and able to be in church again.

Bro. Simon Bahler celebrated his 80th birthday recently. He wishes to have his appreciation expressed here to all who sent him cards and letters, as many friends and family remembered him.

**BURLINGTON IA**

**Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst**

“The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: . . . The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men.”

As we traveled in Germany the past month, we could see the Lord’s day forgotten, and the great majority seeking their own pleasure. It saddened our hearts to see so many taking the broad way, and made us so thankful we have been renewed in spirit, and our eyes opened to God’s way to eternal life. . . But it is so in all countries. If only the leaders in government would call on the Lord in secret prayer, for His help to govern their countries, He would reward them openly, with blessings in peace and contentment . . . Not being greedy for more and more material things. That one day will burn as a fiery oven. Only what we seek in eternity will endure.

We rejoice as we read of souls yet seeking the Lord. We pray many, many more will yet surrender to His will while it is the day of grace and mercy. Also for the dear friends who assemble with us, may we also be blest with their addition to the Lord’s flock.

The summer has flown away and fall is upon us. Truly our lifetime does swiftly pass away, and most important is to be prepared at our Saviour’s coming.

We have missed our Bro. Uriel at services the past week and more. He is hospitalized for tests, with nothing definite determined.

**KIOWA KS**

**Janice Frieden**

Recently, as I was on my way to work, I noticed a train stopped on the tracks beside a signal light. I decided that another train must be coming and watched for it as I drove on. I didn’t meet it for a long time, and when I did, it too was stopped beside a signal light. The reason, the track between the two trains was bad and workmen were fixing it. If either train had not heeded the warning light on the signal, or had grown tired of the delay and decided to ignore the warning, they would have headed straight into trouble and probably

destruction. We are so like those trains: Our path of life is the track, and our God-given warning signal is the Bible. If we follow It’s direction, we will walk safely through this life, enabled by God’s grace to avoid the pitfalls, but, if we ignore the warnings of the word, or grow tired of awaiting our Saviour’s direction, we, like those trains will be heading for trouble and most assuredly destruction. The Choice is ours; let us pray that we make the right one!

We are thankful that both Sis. Alice Tanner and Sis. Laverne Roth are in our midst again, after being hospital patients for a short period, and hope that Kathryn Miller and Sis. Linda Ligenstoffer will be with us again soon.

Our monthly singing was a truly inspirational one, as we gathered for it on Labor Day week-end. The beauty of the songs of praise, plus the Christian fellowship shared left everyone with a deep feeling of mutual peace and love for our Lord and each other.

On the week-end of the 18th, and 19th, the Wichita congregation held a get-together for all the Kansas Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes. We know that everyone went to a lot on trouble for all of us, and we deeply appreciate their efforts. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, and Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott, planted the seeds of truth and wisdom in the hearts of all of us, through the inspiration of the Scripture, and our only prayer would be that this precious seed may not lie dormant, but may, in God’s own time, bear fruit to the glory and honor of His name.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the accident of our shepherd, Elder Bro. Roy Farney, Phoenix, and his dear wife, Sis. Minnie, and wish them to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them continually.

**LAMAR MO**

**Becky Hohulin - Janice Braker**

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
Try me, O Saviour, know my thought. I pray.  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
Cleanse me from ev’ry sin, and set me free.

As I write this, it is Monday and

we again find ourselves starting another week of work. I hope we have been cleansed as well as refreshed yesterday, as we gathered with those of like faith. We thank Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith Hohulin for a hymn singing.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This is a good teaching for all, as well as our five college students. Mary Marti (Bro. Dale and Sis. Corine) and Bro. Roy Braker (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Lu Etta) are both attending MSSC. Sis. Elaine Braker (Brother Raymond and Sis. Lu Etta), Becky Marti (Bro. Charles and Sis. Alice), and Linda Barton (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie Braker) are all in nurse's training. We wish them God's help and blessing.

We have had two hospital patients, Sis. Anna Frieden and Friend Louisa Rentsch. We hope they will soon be well again. May we not forget to remember the unfortunate ones in our prayers.

#### REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

The comfort and strength gained throughout the ages by one such verse cannot be measured by man!

Our cups were filled to overflowing on Friday evening after the conference. Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bros. Uriel Gehring, David Roberts, Ron Steiner and Gary Maibach, as well as our ministering brothers from our neighbor church, Wolcott. Then on Sunday, we were happy again to have visitors, Bros. Henry Dotterer and Ernest Graf. We welcome all of you back.

Sis. Eunice Waibel is home from the hospital, recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

Our elderly sister, Mary Schieler is now a resident of Fairview Haven at Fairbury. We wish her many blessings.

Rose Bahler, who has been at Eureka home had a stroke and is in the hospital.

We are a small congregation, but when summing up our congregation, we find we have five sisters in retirement homes: Sis. Mary Schieler at Fairbury, and at the Eureka home we have Sisters Rose

Bahler, Julia Frey, Sophia Sieben-thal and Emma Beckley.

Gladys (Bahler) Anderson passed away. She was a daughter of the late Will and Sis. Mary Bahler.

#### Faith Enough

Wings in a wedge against the sky  
On and on I saw them fly;  
Spellbound I stopped at the mystic  
sight . . .  
Wild geese making their southern  
flight.

How can a mortal doubt God's  
plan?  
Faith enough here for any man,  
Watching the blue October sky,  
Flame-touched trees, wild geese on  
high.

#### ZAPATA TX

Tillie Kellenberger - Luise R. Engle

We will start holding services at the same place we had last year: Siesta Shore Community Building, Siesta Shore subdivision, on Highway 83. Look for church sign. Services start at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

We welcome everyone coming our way to worship and fellowship with us.

#### BERN KS

Esther and Stella Moser

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Sabetha congregation on a Sunday as they joined us in worship, due to their church being carpeted.

When a Christian dies, precious is the prize!  
Lasting joys for days of sorrow,  
Rest from conflict on the morrow  
Follow when he dies.

Sis. Minnie Schrock, age 96, passed away at the Sabetha Hospital Sept. 10. She was a resident at the Apostolic Christian Home for 14 years, and of late years in failing health. Her parents were Simon and Elizabeth Wenger Bauman. In 1902, she was married to Benjamin Schrock. He passed away in 1953, also a daughter, Lillian Edelman in 1974. Among her survivors are two sons, George and Delmar Schrock—Hazelton, a sister—Aldena Blazer, Denver, Colorado. Our ministers conducted services Sept. 13, and her weary body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Our guest minister was Bro.

Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott. We thank him for his labor of love.

Hospitalized and out again, Clayton and Merriam Strahms' son, Brian (surgical) . . . Martha Rokey (Mrs. Garry), medical.

Sept. 5 was the wedding day for Bro. Dale Strahm and Sis. Shelby Meyer (Sabetha). After a honeymoon trip to Florida, they will be at home on a farm near Sabetha. We welcome Shelby into our fold and fellowship, and wish them much happiness as they travel life's pathway together.

The annual board meeting of the Apostolic Christian Home was held Sept. 11 at Fellowship Center, Sabetha. This includes all the Kansas churches and Lamar, Missouri. A bountiful pot-luck supper was served after the meeting.

#### BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen.

When my life is past  
How glad I shall be,  
That the lamp of my life  
Has been shining for Thee.

I shall then not regret what I gave,  
Of labor, or money, for sinners to  
save.

I shall not mind that the way has  
been rough;  
That my Saviour led me, that will  
be enough.

When I am dying  
How glad I shall be,  
That the lamp of my life  
Has been shining for Thee.

A dear sister has joined the angels in heaven. What a beautiful shining light her life was to us! Always giving, patient, cheerful, and never complaining—her presence will be missed by many. We sympathize with the family of Sis. Velma Kipfer. Those waiting to join her in heaven are Bro. Carl; one son, Bro. Ron; two daughters, Sis. Beverly (Alan) Hodel, and Joleen; and her brothers and sisters, Bros. Ervin, John, Dale and Gerald Fiechter and Sisters Irene (Aaron) Reinhard, Alice (Millard) Aschli-man, Mildred (Bill) Neuenschwander, Lillian (Walter) Bertsch, Marie (Herman) Drayer and Doris (Charles) Neuenschwander.

Bro. John Kaehr joyfully joined his Master in heaven on Sept. 11. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lydia, and his daughter, Gretchen; five sisters, Sis. Mary (William) Stef-

fen, Sis. Emma Steffen, Sis. Esther (Olen) Geisel, Sarah (Harold) Barger, and Ida (Amos) Moser, and one brother, Ervin. Bro. John waited a long time to join his Heavenly Father; how happy he must be now!

**Thus united and in concord, let us walk the path of life!** Bro. Kevin Sipe and Sis. Andrea Neuenchwander from Indianapolis (Bro. Charles and Sis. Doris) were united on Sept. 5. Bro. Doyle (Bro. Don and Sis. Sarah) claimed Sis. Janice Maller (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Berniece) on Sept. 12. The Lord brought Bro. Mike Rauch (Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia) and Sis. Michelle Herstein from Morton together on Sept. 19.

We have two engagements to announce. Bro. Larry Stoller (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Flossie) was engaged to Sis. Sharon Green from Morton. Bro. Rex Gerber (Bro. Harry and Sis. Ada) was announced to Sis. Lavon Frauhtiger (Bro. Sylvan and Sis. Doris). We pray the Lord will stand by them and guide them.

Our hospital patients are Joe Compton, Ked Gerber, Shauna Geisel, Bros. Neil Gerber, Homer Gehring, Paul Baumgartner, Sis. Mary Steffen, and Sis. Clara (Harry) Tonner.

We were pleased to have Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler in our midst.

November is Silver Lining collection for Bluffton.

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#### BRADFORD IL

Jane Leman

Faith is a thread  
Slender and frail,  
Easy to tear;

Yet it can lift  
The weight of a soul  
Up from despair.

One Sunday our retired Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold (Princeville) was in our midst, and we enjoyed hearing him minister unto us again. We also thank Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville) for his visit.

Mary Alice Witzig had been assembling with us for several years, as she had a teaching position in our area. She has moved to Chicago, where she is now employed.

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#### FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss were blessed with a new baby, Kev-

in Ray. The little boy has brothers that are twins: Aaron Arnold and Allan Eli, and three sisters: Renae Lynn, Dawn Lynette, and Kara Ann. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Arnold Metzger and Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss.

Sis. Salome Schlipf, 77, passed away at the Fairbury Hospital, and funeral services were held for Sis. "Sally". She was a retired nurse, being administrator of the hospital for nine years, and a member of the hospital board for 29 years, retiring this year due to ill health. Surviving are three sisters: Sis. Ruth Walter, Leah King and Hannah Reany; two brothers, Dave and Eli.

Sis. Edith Huette, 56, passed away, and funeral services were conducted by Bro. Henry Beer of Milford. Sis. Edith was a former administrator of Fairview Haven, and for nine years she was a laboratory technician for Dr. Sauer. She married Bro. Lyle Huette, who survives. Also, surviving are two daughters, Sis. Joan, and Loretta Zimmerman; one son, Russell; four sisters: Sis. Wilma Huber, Sis. Pauline Rocke, Sis. Lorene Kloter, Sis. Emma Lou Steffen; three brothers, Bro. LeRoy, Bro. Reuben, and Bro. Robert.

Hospitalized were Bro. Sam Walter, Sis. Esther Kiefer, Sis. Luella Sohn. Sis. Lydia Aberle is home from surgery, and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and gifts.

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#### GIRARD OH

Louisa B. Lance

"O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him . . . talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore."

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Elmer Hartter (Milford) on Sept. 5, and on Sept. 12, Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron). We thank them for coming and bringing many good teaching from the word of God. We thank all the other visitors that came to worship with us. It is so uplifting to have others come and worship with us, especially since we have such a small congregation, but even though we are few in number, the Bible tells us that **where two or three are gathered together in My name, I will be**

**there also.**

Bro. Joe Emch has not been able to assemble with us on Sunday. Friend Glenn Enyeart is improving. Emma Lou Deislinger is making a very slow recovery; she needs our prayers.

Why do you wait, dear brother?  
Oh why do you tarry so long?  
Your Saviour is waiting to give you  
A place in His sanctified throng.

What do you hope, dear brother?  
To gain by a further delay?  
There's no one to save you but  
Jesus;  
There's no other way but His way.

Do you not feel, dear brother?  
His spirit now striving within?  
Oh why not accept His salvation  
And throw off your burden of sin?

Why do you wait, dear brother?  
The harvest is passing away.  
Your Saviour is longing to bless  
you;  
There's danger and death in delay.

Why not? Why not?  
Why not come to Him now?

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#### LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

We are thankful that Sunday we were blessed to have Bro. John Lehman of the Bern congregation minister unto us. It gives us new courage and faith, when we can hear young brothers proclaim God's holy word in truth and sincerity . . . Especially in this last time when **Many brethren brave are falling.**

We trust God will give His servants the necessary grace to stand firm in their convictions and to continue to preach the truth in season and out of season.

Our Sunday School classes from fifth grade on up spent a Sunday in Wichita. We hope God's good seed can be sown in their tender hearts.

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#### MILFORD IN

Colcen Beer - Linda Beer

**BE STILL** and know that I am God . . . The quiet moments we have to let God speak to us are very few. Satan **ROBS** the child of God and tries to keep us so busy we can not find a quiet time to stop and listen to God.

A quiet time can be similar to cleaning house. We need daily cleaning in our spiritual life. We

need to clean out the dusty corners of wrong attitude, need to clean the linty accumulation of critical, unkind thoughts. In periods of solitude, we can hear the wise voice of conscience and God through His word. How we need to slow down and LISTEN.

Bro. Oscar Graff was injured in a fall from a ladder and is confined at home. Tim Steffan, son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Dot, had a knee injury requiring surgery. He is able to return to school with crutches and a cast. Sis. Aline Hoerr remains poorly. Bro. Charles Weisser and Sis. Inez Brooks have been able to worship with us, in fair health after hospitalization.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella Beer wish to thank all who remembered them in love on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Teach me how to listen, Lord,  
While in my room I kneel;  
Where all around is quiet,  
Thy plan to me reveal.

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

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

#### NAUMBURG NY

##### Betty Virkler

We remember our shut-ins and hospital patients with prayers . . . Ralph Virkler (Sis. Corrine). We are happy to have John Shulz (Norman and Mary) back with us, after his recent hospitalization.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Minnie Taube in the loss of her brother, Joseph Eisley, 71, who has been called to his reward.

Our Ministering Brothers, Robert Beyer and Leland Hirschey, attended the conference in Illinois, and we are thankful for their safe return.

A new bundle of blessing came to the home of Henry and Barbara Beyer (Sis. Nina, grandmother), Gerald Henry Beyer, at Lowville Hospital on Sept. 2.

We appreciate visiting ministers kind enough to come and share the word of God with us. Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rudolph Graf, Joseph Ramsier and Bro. Corbin Bahler brought wonderful teachings from

God's word, when we shared Communion with Croghan Church, with union services at Naumburg, Sunday, Sept. 12.

Your anniversary brings a prayer  
That God will always bless your  
life

Together in time ahead  
With still more happiness . . .

Our congratulations go to Roy and (Sis.) Edna Sturtze, who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary Sept. 18, with open house held at Beaver Falls Community Hall, Sept. 26. Edna and Roy have three children, Robert, Barbara (Nortz), and Virgil, and several grandchildren.

HAPPINESS IS . . . doing the  
will of God.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

##### Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey

Very dry weather has hit us the past month; late summer crops are not maturing, leaves are falling, and we know that fall is upon us. Very cool nights and mornings are here, and we can look forward to the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Froelich of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. John Steiner of Rittman were visitors here on Aug. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent several days with the Barth families during the month.

Robert Indermuhle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Delphos Figel of Sardis visited with friends here on Aug. 29.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville, Pa., spent two weeks the last of the month with Minnie Weltz and Mary Ann Brothers.

Mrs. Norma Brandle of Akron visited the Barth families on Sept. 15.

Miss Della Witschey remains a resident of the Lewis Wetzel Nursing Home here, and is doing well and loves to get mail. Her address would be the above name nursing home, New Martinsville WV 26155.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins spent a week with relatives in Parkersburg the last of the month.

Mrs. John Potts of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away very quickly on Sept. 15. Mr. Potts was a former resident of New Martinsville, Charles and Gene Potts are brothers, and Mrs. Melvin Moser is a sister.

Ray Witschey, a former resident, suffered a severe cerebral attack, and is a patient in the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Frank Barth of Parkersburg visits his families here almost every Sunday.

#### RITTMAN OH

##### Grace Gasser

Autumn is already making its appearance in Ohio, as the trees are beginning to dress up in their most gorgeous colors. How nice, that when the earth has nearly completed its work for the season, God allows it to bring joy to His people through its striking beauty. It is when the amount of chlorophyll in the leaf decreases, and it must stop making food, also when cool nights prevent the movement of food out of the leaf, that it takes on its beautiful original color. How many lives are the same way, adding beauty to their surroundings, even when youth and vitality decrease, and productivity must slow down. For those who may be in or approaching these years — just remember our beautiful autumn leaf, which contributes so much beauty to our countryside after it ceases to work.

We enjoyed many blessings as we were ministered to by the following visiting brothers: Jim Ringger—Bradford, Walter Herrmann—Princeville, Ben Stavenick—Mansfield, Rudolph Graf, Paul Gasser, Eugene Pamer—Akron, and Merrill Laukhuf—Latty.

We were happy to learn that Walter Beery (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth) has turned his back to the world and is seeking the Lord in repentance.

Hospital patients have been Arthur Curie and Sis. Norma Saylor.

First-time parents are John and Veronica Etherton, a son, Eli John. Little Lisa Marie has arrived to gladden the home of Bro. Richard and Sis. Pat Steiner.

Again we must bid farewell to two families who are leaving our community. Bro. Elmer, Sis. Clara, Joe, and Sis. Dorothy Zollinger . . . also Bro. Alvin and Sis. Katherine Laukhuf are planning to make their home in Phoenix. We will miss them, but surely wish them the Lord's richest blessings. Bro. Elmer has served us faithfully for many years in the ministry, and we surely are grateful to him for his faithful service.



**ROANOKE IL**

**Mae K. Hodel — Edith Sauder**

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Roy Farney (Phoenix), Bros. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), Robert Beyer (Naumberg), Richard Schupbach (Phoenix), Richard Aberle (Indianapolis), Earl Gerber (Forrest), and Rod Huber (Valparaiso).

Bro. Andy Kemp, 90 years old, passed away. He is survived by one son, Raymond, of Dunwoody, Georgia.

Funeral services were held for Bro. Jake Schafer (His wife died in January of this year). He is survived by a son, Richard; three daughters, Mrs. Maryanne Cavanaugh, Mrs. Lenore Wiley, Mrs. Shirley Presby, and six sisters, Sis. Lydia, Sis. Minnie, Sis. Caroline, Sis. Frieda, Marie, and Mrs. Emma Frank.

We welcome Sis. Lynn (Knapp) Getz to our congregation. She and Bro. John Getz were united in marriage Sept. 12 in Congerville.

We heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of Ruth Ann Fischer and Terry Fehr. It is so encouraging to hear of the faith and love these young souls have found.

Births — A daughter, Karen Rae, to Gary and Sis. Wanda Edwards, Sept. 1 . . . a son, Kevin Charles, to Bro. Charles and Sis. Rita Eisenman) Hodel, Sept. 4, and family . . .

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Judy Knepp have moved to R.R. 2 Timberline, Geneseo IL 61254. They will make Bradford their church.

Tim Leman was hospitalized and is home again.

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them”.

**SILVERTON OR**

**Kathy Dietrich**

Before returning home to Japan, Bro. Willis Ehnle and family spent some time with us on Aug. 29, as Bro. Willis brought God's word to us when we assembled Sunday evening for services. We trust God has protected them as they journeyed home.

Sis. Mildred Dietrich has not been able to assemble with us recently due to pneumonia. She is home recuperating, and we hope soon will be with us again.

**TAYLOR MO**

**Lena M. Haerr**

“The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us . . .”

My Father! what am I, that Thy mercies sweet like sunlight fall so constant o'er my way? That Thy great love should shelter me, and guide my steps so tenderly through every changing day?

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Max Reimschisel—Wichita, Arnie Gerst—Chicago, Ron Heiniger—Bloomington and Harvey Heiniger—Bern. We appreciate them coming

We had our fall business meeting. Bros. Norman Haerr was put in, to work with Mike Knapp for the Bible class. Kent Heimer has the Junior Bible class. Sisters Lois Sutter has the 3-4th grade. Sally Haerr has grades 1 and 2. The by-laws were discussed for our new Fellowship Hall. We are enjoying the Fellowship Hall, and this week started working on World Relief projects. Sis. Susan Knapp is our chairman for this.

College students returned to their studies: Bro. John Knapp back to Champaign, Sis. Susan Knapp to the School of Nursing in Hannibal, Missouri. John and Susan are children of the Mike Knapps.

Bonnie Plank, daughter of Buddy and Barbara (Hoerr) Plank returned to Missouri University at Columbia, Missouri.

**WEST BEND IA**

**Mrs. Melvin Fehr**

**Mrs. Raymond Anliker**

Best wishes are extended to Sis. Sandy Banwart (daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty) and Bro. Lonnie Butikofer (son of Bro. Bert and Sis. Beulah) of Elgin, Iowa, whose engagement was announced. Our loss will be Elgin Ia congregation's gain.

A blessing . . . a baby girl, Trudy Jo, born Sept. 12 to Eli Jr. and Margaret Grimm. Patty and Peggy will welcome their sister home. Grandparents are Bro. Eli Sr. and Sis. Lena Grimm and Sis. Emma (Aliva) Meyer of Lester.

Our hospital patients are Sis. Emma Luthi, therapy, and Sis. Beverly (Verner) Wirtz, foot injury. Bro. Fred Wirtz is now attending services again, after a long stay in the hospital. Louisa (Reuben) Anliker is home convalescing.

Our congregation was saddened of the passing of our friend, Mildred Carter (daughter of the late Sis. Martha and Ernest Freiden). Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Noah Gerber, assisted by Bro. Earl Banwart, on Sept. 21. Surviving are her beloved husband, Benton, a son, Richard Fish, and one brother, Ernie. Her parents, two brothers and one grandchild preceded her in death . . . “We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all for their love and kindness shown to us during our sorrow. The Benton Carter family.”

**WINTHROP MN**

**Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper**

“All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.” Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, reminded us to pray for our so-called Christian nation, that it may repent and BE a Christian nation. Those of us who have been born again should hold onto our precious Christian heritage.

Our congregation enjoyed the visit of young brothers and sisters in faith from Elgin Ill., Lester, Minneapolis, for Labor Day weekend.

Sis. Geri (Marvin) Messner and Sis. Delores (Connie) Messerli had minor surgery. Our hospital patients, including Sis. Mary Ann Thiem and Sis. Jeanine Messner, have recovered and are able to worship with us again.

“Many thanks to all who came to see me, sent me cards and flowers, and kept me in your thoughts and prayers while hospitalized.” Sis. Jeanine Messner.

“I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with get-well and birthday cards during my surgery . . . also for the many prayers that went out in my behalf and for your visits.” Sis. Mary Ann Thiem.

**Know Each Other Better**

We express many times how we appreciate our older members. Though quite young in the faith, Bro. Walter Messner (at the age of 64) and Sis. Florence Messner (at the age of 58) just 11 years ago were baptized and taken into the body of Christ. They were the last members taken up in our old church. Bro. Mike Miller, Sis. Florence's father, was a faithful old brother who dedicated many years in the Lord's service. Even though

Bro. Mike wasn't living, his prayers didn't go unanswered.

Often they were on the threshold of surrendering their hearts to the Lord, and finally in 1965 with tears they sought the Lord together, and the Lord was yet merciful and gave them the grace to repent, for which they do testify they will be eternally grateful.

Born to them were six children. Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy were members before their parents, and Bro. Kenneth since. Bro. Walter just celebrated his 75th birthday, and they had shared 50 Golden Years together in 1975.

Backsliding begins where the knee-bending stops.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Terry Farney

Again the magnificent colors of fall decorate our environment. With the landscaping complete, the beauty of our home is a picture of our God's great appreciation of beautiful colors.

The date for dedication services has been set for Sunday, October 24, at the Children's Home, directly following afternoon church services. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all who are interested in this project, to come and share in the dedication of this **work of faith and labor of love** to God and His Son. For those who would like to spend the week-end in our area, there will be an evening meal and a singing on Saturday evening. Accommodations will be made available by the Leo congregation. All are invited to come and spend the week-end, or feel welcome to come and worship with us on Sunday.

We are happy to announce that, after quite a delay, we have been licensed by the state of Indiana as a Child Care Institute. At this time, we are looking for residents and pray that the Lord will guide to us those who are to live here.

### AKRON OH

Lynda Pamer

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."

We are thankful for ministers who have visited us recently: Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Bros. Walter Herrmann (Princeville), Jim Ringger (Bradford), Elmer Hartter (Milford), and Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis).

A group of Sunday School students, along with several others of our congregation visited the brethren and friends in Toledo. We wish to thank the Toledo congregation for their kindness and hospitality.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on Saturday, Aug. 28.

### BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Thy word, O Lord, forever is  
The mirror where we see . . .

. . . Thus we were again brought the truth by our own and visiting ministers, reminding us that we should look to the word to fashion our Christian images, and not to other men. With us were (Bros.) Loren Strahm (Gridley, Ks.) and John Klotzle (Altadena).

Bro. Eli Schlatter was spared from what could have been a tragic accident, when his tractor was struck from behind by a car. The hand of God surely protected him from more than a broken bone in his leg and various cuts, scrapes and bruises.

Our dear Sis. Nettie Knochel (the late Bro. Fred) has gone to that heavenly rest, after an illness of six months. Surviving are seven sons, Bros. Floyd, Norman and Victor, and Fred Jr., from here, Bros. Alfred (Remington), and Herb and Ted (Phoenix); three daughters, (Sisters) Marie (Bro. Harold) Schieler (Remington), Alvinia (Bro. Wallace) Wackerle (Bay City) and Laura (Bro. Glenn) Knapp (Fairbury). A son, Harold, died several years ago. We'll miss her sweet smile, but are happy she can be at rest . . . The family of Sis. Nettie wishes to thank all who remembered them and Nettie during her illness and death.

### CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee  
Through Thy blest sacrament,  
which we  
Partook, that joined in heart and  
hand  
To Zion's realm and holy land  
We journey on.

We were joined in heart and hand on Sunday, Sept. 12, when we were privileged to assemble with the Naumburg congregation to receive the blessings of partaking of Holy Communion together.

We were so richly reminded of our duties and obligations in this life and the importance and meaning of this holy duty. We could go back to the time when our Lord gave His life for each of us, in such a cruel death on the cross. It is our goal to live our daily lives so that we may be joined in heart and hand with our Creator in eternal life.

We extend our deep gratitude and thanks to our dear Elder Bros. Joseph Ramsier of Rittman, Rudolph Graf of Akron, and John Bahler of Rockville, for their concern and love in ministering to us. Also, our thanks to Bro. Corbin Bahler of Rockville for serving us in the ministry. Truly a blessed day was enjoyed by all. It is as a foretaste of life to come in that upper and better kingdom. May we each strive daily for this life.

We are happy to report that Ministering Bro. Floyd Graves Sr. has been able to assemble with us again, after having undergone hernia surgery. Bro. Lowell Virkler can assemble with us, after having been a medical patient for several days.

### CISSNA PARK IL

Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

SMILE — it's the melody of the soul. WORK — it's the service of the spirit. READ — it's the source of wisdom. LOVE — it's the gift of the heart. PRAY — it answers every need.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 18, we were privileged to hear the testimony of our dear friend Beth Alt, daughter of Bro. Edward Alt and Sis. Marge. On Sunday, we witnessed her baptism. How the angels rejoice when a soul is added to the fold. Our visiting ministers for the day were Bros. Edwin Bahler from Remington and Vernon Schwab from Wolcott.

On Sept. 8, a baby girl was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma Rinkenberger. She was named Denise Marie and joins two sisters and one brother. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger, Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia Steiner from Tremont.

A dear sister, Mary Bauer was called to her eternal home Sept. 3. She had been a resident at the Eureka Nursing Home for eight years. Survivors are seven daughters: Sis. Ella Wittmer (Bro. Maurice),

Morton; Sis. Wilma Blunier (Bro. Henry), Eureka; Sis. Marjorie Rinckenberger (Bro. Wm.), Rankin; Lois Schmidt (Henry), Milford; Sis. Marie Hohulin (Bro. Robert), Roanoke; Sisters Dorothy Walder (Bro. Dale), Rankin; and Carol Waldbeser (Bro. John), Cissna Park; three sons, Alvin, Robert and Larry, all of Cissna Park. We extend our sympathy to the family.

We are happy to have two more souls who have turned their backs to the world. We wish that many more could find the way of salvation.

Surgical patients are Sis. Carolyn Hari (Bro. Marvin), Sis. Mary Jane Egolf (Bro. Glen), and my co-reporter, Sis. Grace Bauer. We are glad that they are all home again and doing well. Our Sis. Esther Siegle has again been transferred to the Carle Hospital in Urbana and is doing as good as can be expected. Bro. John Otto remains a patient in the nursing home, after a light stroke, but is some better now. Sis. Laura Hodel (Bro. Henry) was admitted to the Cole Hospital for tests and observation.

"We want to thank everyone for kindness shown to our mother during her long illness and for the expressions of sympathy at the time of her death." The family of Mary Bauer.

"I want to thank everyone for food, gifts, prayers and visits while in the hospital and since I am home." Grace Bauer.

#### EUREKA IL Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Our visitors were as follows: Bros. Edwin Ringger, Elmer Witzig, Harold Schmidgall, Gridley II, Ed Knecht—Silverton, Ed Hohulin, Willis Wiegand, Goodfield.

Sept. 19 was the day chosen to be the wedding day of Sis. Rosemary Klaus and Bro. Wayne Wiegand (Goodfield). Her folks are Bro. and Sis. Joe and Ida Klaus of Morton, and his folks are Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty Wiegand of Goodfield. Bro. Ed Hohulin was in charge of the ceremony. The newlyweds will have a Secor, Ill. address.

Hospital patients: Bros. Dan Wiegand, Eli Somerhalder (Eureka Hospital, home again), Sam Hartter (Eureka Hospital), Sisters Minnie Martin (Eureka Hospital),

Edna Martin (Methodist Hospital), Rose Bahler (Eureka Hospital, back at the "Home" again). Sis. Mary Jacobs from the "Home" fell in her room and broke her hip. She is in the Pekin Hospital. Bro. Leroy Huber is a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital.

Converts: We have four more to report. Paul Schmidgall, son of Bro. and Sis. Marvin and Dorothy; Phil Lehman, son of the Cliff Lehmans; Merle Weyeneth, son of Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Leona; Louis Niergarth, a resident of the "Home". He has been an invalid for a long time, since being hurt in a tractor accident.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Mike and Kari Schmidgall on Sept. 21. His name is Christopher Michael. This is their first child.

Sis. Mary Bauer, age 81, who lived in the "Home" was called to her eternal "Home". We will miss Sis. Mary, and yet we were all glad that she could be relieved from her sufferings. Our sympathy goes to her family.

"I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, gifts and cards while a patient in Eureka Hospital. Thanks to all who brought food into the home for my family." Sis. Inez Molger, wife of August Mogler.

#### FORREST IL Kathryn Steidinger Beverly Eisenmann

We could truly feel God in our midst, when we could sit and listen to the testimonies of our three dear friends and witness their baptism. Our new sisters-in-faith are Donna Zimmerman (Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy), Kathy Steidinger (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn), and Cinda Zimmerman (Bro. Al and Sis. Carolyn). With us for this occasion were Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Josh Broquard (Fairbury), also Ministering Bros. Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Merle Kaiser and Art Bahler (Fairbury).

Sis. Mildred Zimmerman (Bro. Glen), Warren Koehl and Nathan Masters (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) have had surgery and are now convalescing at home. Doug Steffen (Bro. Rich and Sis. Lou Ida) and Kenney Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura) also spent some time in the hospital.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leona Le-man are enjoying their first grandchild. Their son-in-law and daughter, Bill and Diane Ducett have a

little girl, Colleen Marie. Sis. Carrie Roth is Colleen's great-grandmother.

Friends and relatives of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Kathryn Schneider gathered with them, as their children planned an open house for their 40th wedding anniversary. Their son, Bro. Ken and son-in-law, Bro. Virgil Metzger were in our midst that day and brought us many wholesome teachings from God's word.

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL Bert and Karen Aeschliman

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

We in Ft. Lauderdale are sorry to hear that one of our families will be moving. Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Huber, along with their children, Sis. Lorie, Ryan, and David have announced that they will be moving in the coming weeks to Bloomington-Normal area. One son, Mark, will remain in Ft. Lauderdale. Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris have spent approximately 20 years in Ft. Lauderdale, and the absence of their presence will be felt by all here. They have given much love to our congregation, and we hope they can feel that they are taking much love and many prayers along with them.

Bro. Rodney and Sis. Sally Gress are new parents, as they have been blessed with the birth of a son, Benjamin Lee. What a blessing it is to a child to be born into a family of believing Christian parents and grandparents. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Darrell (Bud) and Sis. Billie Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale) and Bro. Fayah and Sis. Marie Gress (West Bend).

#### GRIDLEY IL Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

When our thoughts and motivations are guided by His Spirit, and all we do, we do to His honor and glory, then the full and abundant life of joy in Christ is ours. Our elder brother asked a dear older friend, who has found the grace to repent and become reconciled to God in the sunset years of his life. "Where is Jesus?" Pointing to his heart, he replied, "Right here." May we always be able to say with assurance that Christ is reigning

in our heart and lives.

Al and Louise Rich have repented for their sins and have found peace with God through faith in His Son, Jesus. If the Lord wills, they will be baptized Oct. 3.

"... though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." As the ministering brother read and expounded upon these truths, it seemed especially comforting and meaningful, as we thought of some of the loved ones in our congregation who have been enduring physical weakness and illness.

Sis. Ursel Funk has been in the hospital for a number of weeks and has been taken to a hospital in St. Louis to undergo surgery. Her surgery is over now, and hopefully she will soon be able to return to a hospital closer to home. Sis. Elda Funk, Sis. Setta Klopfenstein and our believing friend, Al Rich have also been in the hospital.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Hoffman

We go this way but once, O heart  
of mine,  
So why not make the journey well  
worthwhile,  
Giving to those who travel on with  
us  
A helping hand, a word of cheer,  
a smile?

We go this way but once. Then let  
us make  
The road we travel blossomy and  
sweet  
With helpful, kindly deeds and ten-  
der words,  
Smoothing the path of bruised and  
stumbling feet.

September marked the beginning of another semester at ISU. Each year brings many new faces, and we welcome all new freshmen and transfer students to our Thursday evening Bible Study.

We enjoyed the words of inspiration from Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont), Joe Braker (Morton), Lynn Klopfenstein (Landersville), and Edwin Bahler (Remington). We sincerely want to thank them for coming and sharing God's word with us.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

#### CHICAGO IL

##### Kathy Schlatter

John the Baptist came preparing the way of the Lord. Christ came upon earth so that the plan of salvation might be completed, and He is the Way . . . And there are others who have died and suffered tremendous persecutions in our own faith, too, to help prepare the way for us. For example, early in our church's growth, not wishing to bear arms was considered nigh to treason. One brother in particular, because of his humble and upright demeanor, made an impression with the authorities, that made them more ready to give others of the faith noncombatant status. Are we preparing the Lord's way, or erecting brambles and stones to hinder others in the way?

Our hearts are full of joy, of sorrow: joy for two becoming one, joy in the Lord's will being done — sorrow for parting, sorrow because of a loved one's illness.

We were thankful for Bro. Everett Hari's visit (Bloomington) Wed. evening, Sept. 1. Also early in September, we were happy to share in a joint singing shower for Sis. Marlene Plattner and Bro. Steve Lau and for Sis. Carol Schrenk and Bro. Ed Troxel. Sunday, Sept. 12, Sis. Carol and Bro. Ed became husband and wife, as they were united in the threefold bond of Christian marriage by Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann. We were glad for Bro. Art Gudeman's ministry (La Crosse) to us that morning, as well.

We miss Sis. Louise Kettner, who has moved to Peoria, and soon Bro. Elden and Sis. Lucille Schurter will be leaving us and joining the Ft. Scott congregation . . . Louise's home was a haven for many, as they stayed with her at various times through the years, and Bro. Elden and Sis. Lucille are to be commended for their 14-years' service in cleaning and keeping up the Chicago church. We know all three are following our Lord's plan for them . . . And then when God is for us, who can be against us?

For Sis. Marge Young and Sis. Miriam Lockwood, who are struggling with physical weaknesses and encumbrances, we crave the Lord's help . . . And for Bro. Rich Schurter, who has been so recently hospitalized, and a malignancy diagnosed, we pray that the Everlasting Arms may lift up both him and Sis. Aldenne. They both appreciate

so much all the prayers and cards from congregations and individuals. In fact, Bro. Rich said he could just feel the whole church praying for him one Wednesday evening, when we were all signing a card to him.

**Know Each Other Better:** Bro. Rich (Huldreich) Schurter was born in 1902 in Switzerland. His parents were members of our church there. Then at the age of 20, Rich came to the U.S., settling in Rockville, where he repented a year later. I am told he had a tremendous struggle to gain peace, but the Lord granted him visions and impressive signs — and his hard-won peace has been a true reminder for him from that day until this, of the wondrous things the Lord has wrought . . . And from his hospital bed, Bro. Rich has been able to say that, from that time, he has never yet since been discouraged.

In 1928, Bro. Rich came to the Chicago congregation. Then in 1937 he married Sis. Aldenne (Grusy) of Eureka; she had repented in 1924). They have three sons, Leon and Ron of California, and Ken of Houston, Texas, and seven grandchildren, with an eighth on the way. Bro. Rich worked 35 years for the Air Motor Windmill Co., spending 15 months in Oklahoma, to help them get started when the plant moved. He has since worked for the Carter Precision Electric Co.

Bro. Rich served many, many years as treasurer and trustee for the Chicago congregation . . . And he and Sis. Aldenne welcome all to our church. Numerous friends, both younger and older, have expressed their appreciation of Bro. Rich and Sis. Aldenne's conversation and example. We members have also many reasons to thank our Lord for dear Bro. Rich and Sis. Aldenne. Their humbleness and Christian love are shown in all they do. Aldenne is always ready to help one who is serving, Sunday, Wednesday evening, or for church suppers. Rich has long been known for his being moved to add a few words at a friend's proving (after ministers and family have given their confidence in a friend's true conversion), welcoming them with loving, warm words, echoing the thoughts of our congregation, and often bringing tears to our eyes. We love Bro. Rich and Sis. Aldenne so much, and they've done so much

for us and the church. Even when one visits Bro. Rich in the hospital, one feels that he is the one who has been uplifted! Bro. Rich said, "Just so the Lord's will is done," and Sis. Aldenne added, "Yes, but he (Bro. Rich) is so precious." We agree with both statements.

### LEXINGTON KY

Glenda Huber

#### The Rose

It is only a tiny rosebud . . .  
A flower of God's design,  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I . . .  
The flower God opens so sweetly  
In my hands would fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I think I have wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So . . . I'll trust in Him for His  
leading  
Each moment of every day,  
And I'll look to Him for His guidance  
Each step of the pilgrim way.

For the pathway that lies before  
me  
My heavenly Father knows . . .  
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.

Our lives are a design, just like the rose. If we try to unfold it ourselves, we'd sure ruin it. How wonderful it is that we as Christians can trust the Lord in faith, believing that He will unfold our lives for us.

On Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, we enjoyed having the Bremen young group with us. Sis. Ann Witzig brought a carload of sisters from Morton down for the weekend. As she spent this past summer with us, it was good to see her again. We all had a blessed weekend in singing and fellowship around God's word.

Sis. Millie and Bro. Eugene Huber from Francesville have been with us for a couple of weeks. They are here on business, and their fellowship has really been a blessing to us all.

### PRINCEVILLE ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

**Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him a hopeless end.**

Awake, my heart, and honor  
With praise and thanks and might,  
Thy God and Thy Creator  
And sentinel at night.  
The morning sun with splendor  
Proclaims its Maker's fame;  
Anthems of praise do render  
All ye who bear His name.

What beautiful words to sing to begin a beautiful Sabbath Day worship! A number of visitors were present to share this day with us, coming from a number of congregations. Bro. Wallace Ramsier of Mansfield occupied the pulpit and humbly brought forth words of inspiration from the holy word. Eternity—how long?—Forever! Our life—how long?—Very short! In this day of grace we have ample time, yet a short time to prepare for eternity.

On this Sunday, Bro. Norman and Sis. Joyce Streitmatter were hosts for a "mini" Ft. Sam reunion. Nine young men left their homes from various places and went through basic training together, sharing one another's woes and encouraging one another. Time brings many changes. Most of these men are now converted to our precious faith and came with their families to enjoy the weekend together. We were privileged to have them worship with us, and all enjoyed a blessed day.

Another Lord's Day, we had visitors from various places, and were all filled from precious words from our visiting ministers, Bros. Dale Moore of Elgin, Iowa, LeRoy Hartman of Peoria, and Kenneth Dietz of Bradford. Many precious gems of thought were brought forth in the stirring messages. Christians should display a true Christian attitude at all times in all places. Those who observe our walk of life should be able to discern we have peace and joy in our hearts and be a light to all. The friends were so kindly invited to share in the joy and peace a child of God possesses. We wonder how can one not prepare their soul for the wonderful place called Heaven. How can they be satisfied to indulge in the pleasure of this world, that has nothing to offer but disappointment? Satan is so deceiving in ma-

ny ways and very crafty, so that each one of us must be constantly on guard, so we will not lose this precious gift.

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." These precious words were read by Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger, when he spent a Sunday morning with us. Many teachings were brought forth, and many blessings derived, blessings given not by man, but from God who alone can bless. We indeed are a fortunate people, who so readily can hear the true word of God . . . and is up to us whether or not we heed His tender bidding. We are most grateful for all visitors, and especially to those who were so willing to give for our behalf.

Our dear friend, Andrew Streitmatter, fell while tearing down an old barn and suffered fractured discs in his back. After several days in the hospital, he is now recuperating at home. Sis. Lucille Rumbold is recovering from major surgery. Our aged Bro. John Baurer is in the hospital. He attended church on Sunday, but wasn't feeling well and had to be taken to the hospital that afternoon. It is thought he has pneumonia.

We are so happy that Janna Gehrig, Lisa Eberle, and Sis. Marian Hinshaw are able to worship with us again.

Our friend, John Wyss, is slowly recovering from cataract operation. When one is 81, it takes longer to recover fully; however, with patience we feel this can be accomplished.

A son, Ned Eric, was born Sept. 11 to Bro. Stephen and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller. Andrea and Natalie welcomed home their little brother. Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber of Eureka and Otto and Eleanor Baer are the grandparents, and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller of here and Bro. Albert and Sis. Anna Grusy of Gridley are the great-grandparents.

On Sept. 15 a son, Marvin Alfred, was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Diane Streitmatter. Ronald, Dennis and Carol welcomed their new brother. Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Alfred and Katherine Baer are the grandparents, while Sis. Frieda Streitmatter of Eureka is the great-grandmother.

The past few days finds many farmers in the fields, harvesting beans and corn. Even though it has been dry for a long time, the corn

is still rather wet. We are blessed with a good yield again this year, and should be most grateful for another abundant harvest. The days are getting shorter, the nights colder, with a hint of frost. The leaves are beginning to color, so we know that autumn has arrived.

How we all pray for an abundant ingathering of souls to the Lord. We are most thankful for two tender souls who have turned their backs to the way of the world and are seeking their soul's salvation. Barbara Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter, and Wayne Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen Klopfenstein of Latty have both surrendered their will unto their Lord. We rejoice with these two souls and with their families.

Our dear retired Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold observed his 83rd birthday this past month. We are so happy he is in good health and is able to worship with us each Sunday, and even helps with odd jobs around the farm. Sis. Ida Huber, who now resides in the Peoria Church Home, also observed her 83rd birthday this past month. We are thankful she is able to be up most of the time, and enjoy her home and those around her.

### SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

"You are a Japanese, aren't you? If you are are a Japanese, believe a Japanese religion." These are the words with which the authorities in Japan some 350 years ago approached those who professed to be Christians. At that time, many professing Christians were put to death for their faith. But what about this idea that Japanese should believe a Japanese religion? It is highly nationalistic and evades the real issue of believing the truth. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

On Sept. 16 I walked into a conference room in Tokyo and told one of the men that my church in America was interested in offering relief and assistance to people adversely effected in times of disaster, and I understand that they are set up to handle that kind of relief. A Mr. Johnson asked, "What mission are you from?", and I replied that I am from the Apostolic Christian Church. He said, "Oh, one of your missionar-

ies died the other day in Nagoya, didn't he?", and I replied that that was a different Apostolic Church and that our group is not "pentecostal". Mr. Johnson threw both hands in the air and said, "I hope the Lord can keep us all straight!" . . . and I am sure He can. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me". The important thing is for us to be counted among His sheep, which means we should give careful attention and adherence to such Scriptures as, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." The Lord said "daily", not just on Sunday, although there is danger we fall short even on Sunday.

Mr. Johnson referred me to a man who handles relief work. I intend to check with him as to how work is handled here, and then report to our World Relief Committee in the States, as our brethren have offered assistance of this nature if needed in Japan. Just recently, by typhoon rains and high water, thousands were driven from their homes in some of the lowlands of Japan. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17

Sept. 15 was church cleaning at Shioda Church, and we certainly appreciate the pleasant and efficient cooperation of all who came to help. It is one important avenue of service in the vineyard of our Lord, one way of putting our talent to use. "And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities."

On Sept. 22 I took one of our kindergarten children home, a distance of about one mile, right to the foot of the nearby mountains. It had been a somewhat rainy day, with mist and low-hanging clouds. The mist and clouds so hovered in the valleys of the mountains between the ridges that the bright green foliage of the trees on the mountains appeared to be partly in hiding. As I drove along and observed the beauty of it all, I thought that the author of the hymn, **When the Mists Have Rolled Away** must have lived in an area

where there were mountains similar to those in our vicinity. The author wrote, We shall know each other better, when the mists have rolled away. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face".

My family and I would like to express sincere appreciation to the many, many loved ones from coast to coast who shared their hearts and love with us during the past summer. The close fellowship in our group of believers can be wonderful, but it takes some doing on the part of each one of us. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly . . ."

A very definite impression which I have of our visit to the States is there are quite a number of churches in our fellowship which are attempting to become established in new areas, or are attempting to be rejuvenated. What an opportunity at Maywood, Tucson, Girard, Philadelphia, Union City, Portland, Lexington, Huntsville and other places which need reinforcements, for all brothers and sisters, who are anxious to be of more service in completely cooperative and humble manner. Their very presence alone, in any of such congregations, would be a royal service to the Master, not to mention the need for Sunday School teachers, song leaders, and brothers and sisters to support, encourage, visit the sick, to just generally speak of spiritual things, and be a good example and light to those who are not yet converted to our Lord Jesus Christ. There is much opportunity for service, but it should not be on our own terms, lest it be self-glorification. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ". He didn't set his own terms for service.

### ATHENS ALABAMA

Hazel Vibbert

A great blessing was felt when three dear souls saw their need for a Saviour and are now repenting, Carl Wayne and Linda Johnson—the son and daughter-in-law of Sis. Celo Johnson, and J. R. Hall—the husband of Sis. Louise.

Two bundles from heaven were delivered to loved ones. Friends Roger and Wanda Brooks have a son (their first). He was born Aug. 5; his name is Brandon. We are so happy to see him in church . . .

Randall and Robin Gwen have a baby girl (their first). She was born Aug. 22, and her name is Stephenie Dawn. Sis. Mary and Bob Tucker are the grandparents.

A fellowship meeting was at the new church on Sept. 18, and everyone enjoyed a chicken stew. It is wonderful to see the progress of the church. We have had many visitors.

Our newlyweds are Alford Perry and Elaine Dawson. He is the son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Anis Perry. They were married Sept. 24. Alford plans on still making his home with his parents at 510 Coleman Avenue.

Mrs. Lola McBay passed away Sept. 19. She was the mother-in-law of Sis. Reba and aunt to Bro. Levoyd.

#### BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL IL Ann Kellenberger - Paula Knapp

Our Elder Bro. Dan Koch was with us on Wed., Sept. 1. We voted on a brother for trustee and Sunday School teacher. Bro. Ron Hodel was elected trustee; Bro. Gary Ifft, Sunday School teacher. May the Lord be ever present in their new duties.

We heard the testimonies of two souls on Sat., Sept. 4. The following day, Jim O'Shea (John O'Shea—Chicago) and Kevin Nussbaum (Bro. Byron and Sis. Neola—Forest) became our brothers in faith.

We rejoice with the angels in Heaven as we have two new converts, Steve Zimmerman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) and Steve Hari (Bro. Everett and Sis. Bev). We wish them God's guidance in their new walk of life.

On Friday evening, Sept. 10, several families gathered for service at the Home for the Handicap in Morton. How happy it makes the residents, when we spend a few minutes visiting with them.

Our annual fall wiener roast was held on Sat. evening, Sept. 18 at 3-Bears Area.

The holy gospel was proclaimed on Sunday, Sept. 26 by visiting minister, Homer Reineck (Toledo). We thank him for his labors. That evening we had our monthly hymnsing. Our hearts were uplifted as we listened to our 4 to 6 year old children and also a Roanoke group.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Harvey and Margaret Walter and family in the loss of Harvey's father. May God be of comfort to them.

#### TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

Autumn, a most beautiful time of the year is here again. The harvest is ready; our lands have been blessed. Let us remember our source of blessings, material and spiritual.

As the school year has again begun, we have a special prayer on our heart for each brother, sister, and friend attending colleges. May our prayers be fervent, that they may bypass the many temptations.

We thank Bro. Ben Maibach for his encouraging visit. Truly the Lord is good to us.

#### A Prayer

Thank you, God, for our baby—

And help us to be worthy of the trust in those little eyes. You have entrusted us with a human life to care for and to love. You have placed in our hands an innocent soul, so fresh from heaven, and we are humble before Your gift. Now well we realize that in our wonderful task, we will need the help of the greatest Teacher. Give us your guidance, dear God, so that we may set those tiny feet in the right direction, and guide that dear little mind into the right channels. May Your loving Spirit forever be a guest among our family and in our home, we pray.

Bro. David and Sis. June Koch have a little son in their home; Thomas David was born Aug. 31. Bro. Willis and Sis. Pauline Sauder, Bro. David and Sis. Frances Koch are his grandparents.

Sept. 17, a sweet baby girl, Kimberly Anne, came to live with Bro. Richard and Sis. Evelyn Sauder. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Elizabeth Sauder, Sis. Clara and the late Bro. Perry Yackley.

Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy Rassi rejoice with a son, Michael Joab, born Sept. 20, a playmate for brother John. Grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane Gramm, Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia Rassi. May the Lord bless them, and help all parents to bring up their children in the love and the beautiful teachings of the Lord.

Our sympathy is with Bro. Leslie and Sis. Betty Schweigert at the loss of their sister-in-law, Sis. Edith Huette, Fairbury.

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

#### WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

Thank you, Lord.

Some of you may recognize the above, as the title of a beautiful hymn. I'm sure many of you have favorites that touch your heart strings. This is my prayer song; I love to sing to the Lord when I'm alone.

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul;

Thank You, Lord, for making me whole;

Thank You, Lord, giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free.

Will you join me? — you're in for a blessing!

Last Sunday was the bi-annual Sunday School **get-together** at our church. It was a busy day for a lot of young people, starting with a breakfast at the park, then outdoor Sunday School, singing for us at noon, afternoon activities after church, and concluded with a dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman came especially for this. He has a cheerful witness and a special gift of relating to young people in a persuasive way. We were also happy to have Bro. Wayne Miller from Ft. Scott. We are always glad to hear his ministry. Earlier this month, we were fortunate to have Bro. Dale Eisemann, from Chicago, as visiting minister. He brought a sincere and timely message.

I would like to pass on some of Bro. Wendell's sermon. He used the text Luke, Chapter 5. This is where the fishermen had left their boats, because they had toiled all night to no avail, but Jesus told them to launch out into the deep and try again. Bro. Wendell said that Peter could have thought, here he was a fisherman and Jesus the son of a carpenter, and here was Jesus telling him how to fish. Bro. Wendell likened this to us believers, who might think we know when to **leave the boat and put away our nets**, because the situation is "hopeless" . . . But we may be asked to launch out once more and let down our nets, and find our nets filled to astonishment.

Getting back to the subject of young people again, I would like to close with a bit of a story and poem written by an elderly sister to a young friend. I imagine the sister

is gone by now, as the letter was written in 1955 when she was almost 78 years old. The letter was written to Karlene (Farney) Wheeler from Sis. Mary Ammann at the Apostolic Home in Mansfield. I am confident that Sis. Mary would agree to this as part of her witness. Karlene had been there to visit and later received this letter.

Sis. Mary tells how she came from Switzerland in 1877, when four years old. She states, her parents did not attend the church in Switzerland, but had relatives here that were called the **new-baptized**. Her father was very interested in attending the church and finding out about the faith the new baptists had. The first sermon touched him, and he and his wife became converted. With her letter, she enclosed a poem that she states was written for a granddaughter of Will Sauder's. The poem had six verses.

My dear beloved youthful friends,  
Ye children of the Saviour's saints,  
O what a pity it would be,  
Here and in all eternity,  
If now on this accepted day,  
You'd trifle all your time away.

In Sunday School from early youth  
You are taught of holy truth;  
Your parents to whom you are dear  
Bring you up in godly fear.  
How many prayers do arise  
For you to God above the skies.

The closer to the truth you stay,  
The less you are apt from it to stray.

The sooner you give Christ your heart,  
His love to you He will impart,  
And great gain to you t'would be,  
Here and in eternity.

I would like to add, that if any young friends be kind enough to read this poem, please reread the first two lines of the last verse.

#### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

#### Time Is

Too slow for those who wait,  
Too swift for those who fear,  
Too long for those who grieve,  
Too short for those who rejoice,  
But for those who love,  
Time is eternity.

Love is like having a fever . . .

When a man loves, he endures more than at other times; he submits to everything.

We had many visiting ministers on Sun., Sept. 5, due to reunions etc. in the area. Those brothers who served us were Bros. Loren Stoller, Latty; Ed Bahler, Remington; and Dave Wiegand, Cham-paign.

On Sept. 12, Bros. Gene Bertschi, Roanoke; Roy Sauder, Peoria; and Ed Ringger, Gridley were here to help Bro. Ed Hohulin with the ordination services for Bro. Bob Grimm. Bro. Bob was ordained as deacon.

The engagement of Bro. Larry Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla, R. R. Deer Creek, to Sis. Lori Knapp, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fritz and Marge, Congerville, was announced on Sept. 5.

Adam Hohulin, son of Bro. and Sis. Tom and Carol, submitted to major surgery and is getting along fine.

Word was just received that Gary Bauman from Canyon City, Colorado, was very seriously injured when the brakes went out on the truck he was driving. He is in the hospital in very critical condition. His parents, Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman, Goodfield, have flown out to be with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in these anxious hours.

Hope awakens courage. He who can implant courage in the human soul is a physician. Hope ever urges us on, and tells us tomorrow will be better.

Bro. Sam Heiniger and his daughters wish to express their thanks for everything that was done for them, in the passing of their dear wife and mother, Sis. Bertha. It was all greatly appreciated . . . Bro. Sam Scheiler called to say how very grateful he was to those who sent cards and uttered prayers in his behalf while he was so ill. He is now at home and recovering nicely.

#### INDIANAPOLIS IN

Patrick and Judy Dubach

Having the Heavenly Father by our side does not keep the storms of life away, but He is with us in those storms. One who has put his trust in God very well knows he is safer in times of danger with Christ, than in times of solace

without Him. Only a foolish person would place his hopes in sinking sands. One's confidence is sure in the steadfast **Rock of Ages**.

Those ministers who kindly lent themselves to us were Bros. Jack Bollier—Leo, Roy Wieland—Bay City, Vernon Schwab—Wolcott, Henry Beer—Milford. We thank them all.

Many of us spent the first Sunday of September in Bluffton to witness the wedding of Sis. Andrea Neuenschwander (Bro. and Sis. Chuck and Doris) to Bro. Kevin Sipe of Bluffton. Bro. Alfred Bahler performed the ceremony before many friends and relatives, truly a blessed day for all.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Carl Kipfer family in Bluffton, at the loss of their beloved Velma. Sis. Doris Neuenschwander is a sister. We know God will comfort them in their time of need.

#### WASHINGTON IL

Betty Schumacher  
Carole Kellenberger

Some brothers felt the conviction that new churches should be established, and surveying our area for the most likely place in need, found it to be the Washington area. Slowly and prayerfully they pursued this vision, consulting the elders and the church families in the surrounding communities. Once the need was established and the local elders approved, monthly hymn-sings were held throughout the summer. A picnic was enjoyed by those who could meet. At the brotherhood conference, the elders gave their approval and blessings. So on Sunday, Sept. 12, approximately 160 persons met for the first time as a new congregation (About 53 of these were Sunday School children).

It was a beautiful day outside and within. There seemed to be a peaceful feeling of being in the right place. Ministers from the surrounding churches will be serving us, with Bro. Roy Sauder as our elder. Bro. Chuck Hemmer of Peoria was our first minister, and instructed in the things necessary for starting a new church that will reach out to the lost souls around us. Bros. Roy Sauder and LeRoy Hartman served us the first Wednesday evening service, and they emphasized the importance of letting our lights shine. Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville was our min-



ister on Sept. 19, and Bro. Joe Schrock was here the following Wednesday evening.

Dennis and Debbie (Rumbold) Wells are the happy parents of a son, James Robert, born August 10. He has one brother, Jason . . . A daughter, Jennifer Lyn, was born to Ronald and Carole (Meiss) Kellenberger on August 31. She also has a brother, Philip.

We are holding services at Lincoln Grade School, Lincoln and Jackson, in Washington. We have plenty of room, and extend all of you a welcome to visit us.

#### SARASOTA FL

Sandra Price - Lyn Blunier

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER. BUT HE THAT ENTERETH IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP . . .

This meaningful verse was read to us by our Elder Ben Maibach, during the baptismal services for Kathryn Schroeder. We rejoice with our new sister, and share with her the continuing wonder and miracle of salvation.

It was so good to have Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene with us for a short visit . . . Bro. Lester Huber (Lexington) visited us this month. Their son, Mike is stationed at St. Patrick Air Force Base here in Florida, and will be leaving soon for England. For all those serving our nation — our prayers are with you!

We are happy to report that Sis. Lydia Voina (North Port Charlotte) and Mike Siladie (St. Petersburg) have been worshipping with us again after a hospital stay.

A new couple has arrived! Alan and Sharon Maibach have moved to Sarasota. We welcome them to our fellowship.

#### ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

Autumn means many things: golden sunsets . . . farmers harvesting their grains . . . gardeners salvaging what is usable, before a heavy frost invades the premises . . . squirrels scampering to and from their favorite nut trees, hoarding food for the winter-time. We live at the end of a half-mile

lane, off the main highway; on both sides of it, wild flowers and vines grow rampant. The sumacs and goldenrod are doing their part to impart beauty in their brilliant red and gold attire.

Bro. Lonnie Butikofer, son of Sis. Beulah and Bro. Bert, has commenced a two-year nurse's training course at the area school located at Calmar, Iowa. This is an R. N. training course. He has been working at the West Union Hospital in various capacities for a period of time, but now his school work necessitates his giving up this project for the time being.

It was announced that Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Sandra Kaye Banwart, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty of West Bend are engaged to be married. The wedding date has been planned for the 26th of December.

A pair of twin girls were born on the 16th of August to Bro. Albert and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer. They were named Heather Jane and Heidi Sue. Heather lived but for a short time. Sis. LaVerne had a rather lengthy stay at the hospital, due to some complications, but she is now at her home and growing stronger every day. Heidi too is gaining in weight. We wish to congratulate the Butikofers. In addition to Heidi, they have three boys, Tommy, James and Eugene, two girls, Betty Lou and Sandra. LaVerne's mother, Sis. Ida Fischer from Roanoke, is here assisting in the home.

Due to the fact that the twins were born prematurely, Heidi has to remain in the hospital for a while longer.

Sis. Alta Thoman submitted to a gallbladder operation at the La-Crosse Hospital, is feeling well enough to leave the hospital and go to a nursing home in the near future, and we are thankful for this. Sis. Alta seems to be the very essence of patience, a virtue much to be desired.

Bro. Noah Gerber from West Bend expounded the scripture us at a Wednesday evening meeting at our church. This was certainly appreciated.

Dark shadows fall in the  
Lives of us all.

Sickness and sorrow come to us all,  
But through it we grow and learn  
to stand tall.

For trouble is part and parcel of  
life,

And no man can grow without  
struggle and strife,  
And the more we endure with patience and grace,  
The stronger we grow and the more we can face,  
And the more we can face, the greater our love,  
And with love in our hearts the more conscious we become  
Of the pain and the sorrow in lives everywhere,  
And so it is through trouble that we learn to share  
God's love for all.

About 20 members of our congregation gathered at the Samaritan home (nursing) yesterday after church service, to sing to the folks residing there, to visit with them, and to bring them some spiritual food.

Most of our song birds are on their way to their winter quarters. This morning, however, there were a number of bluebirds near our garden, and we do hear an occasional robin. The call of a bluejay and the chip of the cardinal is becoming more and more frequent, as is also the whirring of a pheasant. A pair of deer grazing in our alfalfa field recently presented a lovely picture.

God's creations are truly wonderful. His plan for our salvation is most wonderful.

I do not want merely to possess a faith; I want a faith that possesses me.

#### FT. SCOTT KS

Aleta Banwart

We had special Monday night services Aug. 30, when Bro. Joseph Ramsier from Rittman came to minister to us. We enjoyed his short visit and evening of fellowship.

Have you ever felt down in the dumps or listless in spirit? Then what you need is some good inspirational singing. That's what the Ft. Scott congregation was blessed with, when the Wichita Choir performed for us Sat. evening, Sept. 11 and Sunday afternoon. The faces on everyone had such wonderful expressions of love and joy, and I feel we all received quite a blessing and had a wonderful week-end of fellowship. We sure enjoyed hearing the beautiful praises unto to Lord. SING UNTO THE LORD!

Visiting ministers with the choir were: Bros. George Lambert, Al

Langhofer and Max Reimschisel. We want to thank the Wichita Choir for all their efforts and their many talents in presenting such inspiring music. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the cooks for the two lovely dinners we all enjoyed.

Our sympathies are extended to Bro. Emil Banwart, over the loss of his great-grandson, Brandon Charles Bierstedt. Brandon was born Sept. 7 and died Sept. 15 of a heart ailment. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Bierstedt of West Bend. May God comfort them in their time of need.

Sept. 17 and 18, the Kansas Sunday Schools met in Wichita for a youth fellowship gathering. Saturday evening the youth, following a chili supper, sang praises around the campfire. Sunday morning, they met again for breakfast, before going to church. The Ft. Scott Sunday School would like to thank the Wichita congregation for such a lovely weekend.

Our friend, Teresa Bahr, has been on the road to 'Damascus' and has seen the light. She now feels the wonderful feeling of peace in her heart, and is looking forward to sharing her experience, and to baptism in the future. Her happy parents are Bro. James and Sis. Ruth Bahr. The weekend of Oct. 10 is the tentative date set.

Our hospital patient is Bro. Joe Banwart.

### MINNEAPOLIS MN

#### Josephine Esterling

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world . . ." Jesus can unlock the mystery of life for you. Read the Bible. In its contents are the words of Jesus to solve the mysteries of life.

Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris and Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin were with us Sept. 12 to share God's word.

Bro. Tony and Sis. Nancy Messner will leave our congregation and will move to Hancock. Tony will be employed in Cyrus. We wish them God's blessing on this new adventure.

Susan Esterling, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Jo, moved from Morris to Minneapolis and will be furthering her studies at the University of Minnesota.

Hospitalized in September were Everett Olson and Beatrice Miller. New in our congregation are

Kathy and Lewis Peasley, who have moved from Garden Grove.

### SABETHA KANSAS

#### Mrs. Joe Steiner

Sis. Shelby Meyer and Bro. Dale Strahm, Bern, were united in marriage on Sept. 5 by Bro. Gene Marti. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Sis. Beth and Bro. Dennis Hartter are the parents of their first child, a daughter, born Sept. 7. She has been named Sally Jo.

Our congregation assembled with Bern one Sunday, while carpeting was installed on our first floor. Some of us gathered this last week to complete our fall housecleaning.

Hospitalized this past month have been Sis. Eloise Bahr, Sis. Elizabeth Marti, and Bro. Joe Aberle. They have all returned to their homes.

Sunday school has resumed, after a short vacation for the month of August.

### ELGIN ILL

#### Mary Moser

Steve Steffen, son of Sis. Eleanor, was in Chicago for minor surgery and is now back at his home. Sis. Sophie Gudeman and Bro. Al Wewetzer have also been hospital patients this past month. May God bless and continue to guide those who are near the end of life's journey. May they find comfort in the words of the hymnwriter, "I am nearer home today than I have been before."

Bro. Bruce Leman of Roanoke delivered God's precious word to us the last Sunday in September. We read in the Bible that we should have sound speech that cannot be condemned. No evil can be spoken of us if God directs every action and conversation.

Take my eyes, O Lord, that I may see

The good that's in others—the sins that are in me.

Take my tongue and guard it, so that the words I say

Brings no pain or sorrow to anyone today.

Take my hands and use them to do the good they can,

Loving Thee in service for my fellow man.

Take all of me, my Saviour; help me grow in grace,

And hear **You were faithful** when I see Thee face to face.

### GRIDLEY KS

#### Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

#### A parable

One morning, long before the carpenter was to appear to work, his carpentry tools decided to have a conference about who wasn't performing his job properly—and just who it was, that needed to be dismissed from his duty in the shop. It seemed that each tool had something wrong with one of the other tools—The **h a m m e r** was way too noisy; the **screw** required too much time with turning to get anywhere; the **plane** had no depth to him—he only did surface work!; the **rule** was always measuring others up, as though he was the only one ever right, and the **sandpaper** was always rubbing others the wrong way. In the midst of all this discussion, the kind carpenter came; after working the entire day, he finally completed a beautiful church pulpit! The tools were each returned to their own special place, and the carpenter returned to home. Quietly, Bro. Saw arose—Brethren, I perceive that all of us are to be laborers together.

Do you often feel like within your own community there are those who do not perform their duties just the way you think they should? Perhaps it would be very well for each of us to think twice, before finding fault or making criticism towards one of God's instruments . . . for he or she may just be the instruments of service needed to complete God's building. If you have made a selfish and hateful judgment against one of God's necessary tools, and that tool becomes removed from his work, wouldn't you be the one causing God's work to be delayed?

Many thanks to Bro. John Lehman, Bern, for lending himself to expound God's precious word to us.

Our teenage Sunday School group were privileged to be among a large number of those invited to Wichita, the Sunday of Sept. 19, for a blessed time of fellowship. We want to sincerely thank the group at Wichita for their efforts.

**IOWA CITY****Lynn Banwart - Twila Whipple**

We always look forward to fall, when the students again start school. We welcome Janet Gerst and Debbie Smith (Oakville). Jay Mogler (Lester) has found work in the Iowa City area, and we also welcome him to our group.

We are happy that Bro. Brad and Sis. Joyce Eland and their family will be staying in Iowa City. Brad has finished school and is employed at Muscatine Area College.

Bros. Ben Fehr (Roanoke) and John Steiner (Oakville) were our ministers this month. May God bless them for their labors in bringing us the inspired word.

Again this year, we have felt enough support to continue our special services. Services are the first Sunday and the third Thursday. On Sunday, we have song service at 1:00 p.m., and church service at 2:00 p.m. Thursday evening service begins at 8:00 p.m. CDT, and 7:30 p.m. CST. We welcome all to worship with us.

**Leo, In.****Know Each Other Better**

Friendship is a sweet fruit of paradise. We get to know the desirable traits that will endure in ages and aeons in unseen distances. We love, and the links are forged of the Spirit of God.

Brethren are on the pages of life's reality. This is the drama of reality, the action of heavenly ages. We leaf through, and would not want to be missing of one. They are eternal keepsakes, a place of the deep things of God.

Bro. David Bertsch gave an account of a certain man who would let others go first. Isn't this, in deepest reality, a precious part of the character of a dear saint? This man would say, **You go first; I'll follow.** Then the moment came when life faded, and eternity was dawning. Listen! He whispered, **You go first; I'll follow.**

Elder David read words that breathe so warmly of memories yet to come, parts or all Revelation 21 and John 14. He mentioned of Bro. Ed Hall, who had passed on. Ed's concern was yet to do something.

Sylvon Pulfer is a quiet brother. Two hymns he often gives let's us know where his affections are: **In The Sweet By and By** and **When We all Get to Heaven.** Sometimes we little realize the gift of know-

ing a member. When I was in the hospital, Sylvon said he prayed I would be back in church at such a time, and I was. **Sylvon.** The name can give of quiet, placid peace. Good character will never end.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Dean Stoller live a short distance from State Highway 1. One of their sons, Dean Allen, fills a place in the Home For The Handicapped. This young heart turns his prayer to the beautiful heart of Jesus.

Our education, both formal and in the workshop of experience, helps us to understand. One time in conversation, Ernie dwelt on the sweet solace, of the spirit being aware when one falls asleep. The best of fellowship is the quiet, tremendously wonderful way of the things of God.

Ernie, in the service of our country, was in faraway Korea. One time he was walking along the Sea of Japan. An airplane came real close, tipped over. Ernie's concern (he was not converted) was fear of who it was. American. What a relief. . . And is not one of God's comforts the knowing there are those who are of the homeland called heaven? Who are in the same family of God? Who have like affections, thoughts, minds and training? Throughout the thunders of the battle's night, still God's banner waves victoriously.

Ernie went north on the train in Korea. War had wrecked in somebody's heartaches. Then he came to the end of the line. The train could go no further. The city was badly destroyed. He went by truck further . . .

On the way, the shrill of the shells could be heard, coming from behind, headed for in front, destruction and perhaps death. Now Ernie is converted and in the peaceful fold. His son, Lester, has heard the call of the Saviour, and starts to follow.

Yes, if we observe the way the Bible shows, to get to know each other better, there are innumerable sweet fruits of the Spirit. Certainly, many a pleasant moment may be spent pondering our real memory lane — things that go on and on . . . golden yesterdays whose people will live in the countless hereafter.

Levi means join or joined. Bro. Levi Pfister is joined in the everlasting link, never-to-be-forgotten friendships. Each child adds something, and rich . . .

Levi's dad had a farm in the Wolcott area. He moved to Leo. Levi was 17. Chicago was the place where Levi was in the egg business. He would take eggs, and go to a big apartment building or more. His memory recalls of one lady who would be sitting at a table with money — and gave to those who came. Varied lives touch varied places, places where most of us will never see. Where is that person? How did she go, if she passed on?

**Otto Bertsch . . .**

Our brother, Otto's grandpa and dad, came from Eppingen, Germany. In 1922, Otto began on railroad work. He can tell you a lot about trains. Things have changed . . . the shops are in the east now. The commuting is in the past. Otto is retired from this particular chapter. Today lives we touch, most of the rest have never seen, real people, and will never see.

Otto keeps sheep. Sometimes he has nice new little lambs. He knows the sheep, how they eat . . . how they are suspicious when a stranger comes.

Thus the Good Shepherd knows His own sheep. He calls them by name. We get to know Him better, and how wonderful. He cares about each, feeds them, seeks the lost, heals the hurts.

Life, with its vanishing minutes, hastens toward its finale. Retirement is just another phase for Otto to do things. What each of us do is **mighty important.** We can indeed find riches in really **Knowing Each Other Better** — word, deed . . . suffering and sympathy — two sweet riches of fellowship.

. . . And touching other lives with love which can make all the difference!

**WHAT FROELICH SAYS**

**True divine love is Christ living in us and working through us, and therefore we — if Christ is in us — ought to lay down our life for the brethren, as He has given His life out of love toward us.**

**CONGERVILLE IL****Mary Leman - Sharon McClure**

On Aug. 29, we were privileged to have Elder Bros. Paul Fehr of Morris and Sam Anliker of Lamont in our midst. That evening, a pot-luck supper was held, and we were again blessed by hearing the word of God brought forth by Bro. An-

liker. Adding to the many blessings which we had already received was the presence of many ministers and brethren from our neighboring congregations.

Our sister, Lori Knapp, daughter of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge, was announced to Bro. Larry Wiegang, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla, of Goodfield.

On Sept. 12 our sister, Lynn Knapp, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice, and Bro. John Getz were united in marriage. He is the son of Bro. Emery and Sis. Mab'le of Roanoke. We were privileged to have Elder Bros. Joe Braker of Morton and Josh Broquard of Fairbury and Ministering Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke to share this happy day with us.

We are thankful that another soul has answered the kind invitation and has turned from darkness toward the marvelous light. Debbie Knapp, daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy is repenting, and we wish her God's grace and nearness.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to Richard and Katie Hasty and their children, who have been assembling with us.

During the month, we have also enjoyed visiting ministers. Bros. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville, Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, and Bro. Everett Hari of Normal.

Hospitalized were Sis. LuAnn Zobrist and Ricky Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Denny and Sis. Carol.

"I'd like to thank everyone for the flowers, gifts and food that were sent in the hospital and since returning home; also your visits and prayers were much appreciated." Bro. Allen Schrock.

### JUNCTION OH

Gwen Manz

We have been blessed with many visitors this month. Among them was Ministering Bro. Eugene Fetter from Toledo. How precious is this fellowship we enjoy!

Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter have recently moved back to the Junction area. We welcome them and their children, Warren and Charlene.

### LA CROSSE IN

Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy

Come souls that are longing for pleasure,

Our Saviour has pleasures to give;  
Come find in His love the rare treasure

That makes every true pleasure live.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over three more souls who have turned to the Lord, Bob and Joe Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann) and Dean Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen). We wish them God's grace and nearness.

August was vacation month for the Sunday School students and teachers. May God watch over the high school and college students as they go back to their classes.

**When pure and upright hearts by flames of love ignited:** Bro. Ed Troxel and Sis. Carol Schrenk (Chicago) have been joined as husband and wife by God's holy ordinance. We welcome Sis. Carol to our fellowship and wish them God's blessings.

Bro. Joe Schrock expounded God's word to us Sun. Sept. 19. We are always thankful to have visitors.

Bros. Dave and Charles Baumgartner and Bro. John Reinhard have moved to our community. We welcome them in our assembly.

Hospital patients were Don Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma) and Dale Meiss (Bro. Rollie and Sis. Josephine).

### LATTY OH

Diane Stoller - Karen Klopfenstein

Our congregation is still rejoicing with the many souls that are still seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Ed and Alice Wenninger, Dave and Deb Wenninger (sons and daughter-in-laws of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine), Stan and JaNahn Sinn (Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie Sinn and John and Sis. Lillian Schlatter), Leon Klopfenstein (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine), Beverly Plummer (Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann), Bob Stoller (Bro. William and Sis. Florence), Wayne Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen). Wayne has made Princeville his church. May these souls build their faith on a firm foundation.

On Sept. 5, a daughter, Erin Kae was born to Bro. Dwain and Sis. Wanita Laukhuf. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera . . . Another little blessing came to the home of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Deb Dunham. Melissa was born Sept. 22. She has a sister and two brothers to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham.

Bro. Ed Frank (La Crosse) ministered to us.

Sis. Nellie Sinn (Bro. Dan) has been hospitalized for the past several weeks.

**A Thank You** to all who remembered us with cards, gifts, flowers, telephone calls, and the prayers which we felt over the time of my accident. We felt the love of all." The Russell Stoller Family.

### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

The testimonies of three friends was brought before the brotherhood the week-end of Sept. 12, when Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, was here to assist Bro. Leo in this important duty. Baptized and taken into the fold were Pete and Susan Van Wyhe and Lois Leuthold (daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle). Susan is the daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch, and Pete the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Van Wyhe. We feel renewed in spirit when newly-converted souls tell of the miracle of salvation. Bro. Duane Metzger, West Bend, was also with us and ministered on Sunday.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler's daughter, Sis. Janice, and Bro. DeWayne Nohl, Morris were united in holy matrimony by Elder Bro. Leo Moser on Aug. 29. Janice will be greatly missed here and especially in Sunday School, where she taught the pre-school class. Other ministers here for the week-end were (Bros.) John Lehman (Bern), Andy Virkler (Bay City), and Al-phai Moser (Morris).

Bro. Marvin Steiglitz, Leo, ministered to us for a midweek service. It was a real blessing to have him in our midst, and we appreciate all visiting ministers who give of themselves in God's service.

Sunday School was resumed after a summer recess, with 200 children and 18 teachers in attendance. Superintendent is Bro. Frank Moser, and new teachers are Sisters Kathy Metzger, Madonna Wulf, Bros. Art Metzger and Howard Mogler.

Stacy Louise is the new baby in the home of Bill and Charlotte Metzger. She is welcomed home by two sisters and a brother. Grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach and Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger.

Hospital patients were Barb Metzger, Paul Feucht and Sis. Carrie Metzger. All are home again

and feeling better.

Jay Mogler, son of Bro. Andy and Sis. Frieda, graduated from NITC in mechanical drafting. He is now employed in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

#### MORRIS MN

Corrine Schmidgall  
Lois Schmidgall

#### It's Up To You

God gave you this day to do just as you would;  
You can throw it away or do some good.  
You can make someone happy, or make someone sad.  
What have you done with the day that you had?  
God gave it to you to do just as you would.  
You could do what is wicked or do what is good.  
You can hand out a smile or just give them a frown.  
You can lighten some load or some progress empede.  
You can lift someone up or push someone down.  
You can look for a rose or just gather a weed.  
What did you do with your beautiful day?  
God gave it to you—Did you throw it away?

We had many blessings and good teachings, when Bros. Dale Eisenmann of Chicago, Noah Gerber of West Bend, Ray Sinn of Latty, and Bob Grimm of Goodfield visited us. We want to thank them for their visits.

God is yet calling souls to repentance. We are happy to report Vera Luthi, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn, has surrendered to the Lord. May God grant her the needed grace and understanding, so she can find peace and enjoy the many blessings of living for Him.

The wedding of Sis. Lyn Zeltwanger and Bro. Ken Wuethrich of Francesville was solemnized by Bro. Dale Eisenmann, on Sept. 19. Parents of the couple are Bro. William Jr. and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger and Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Wuethrich.

DeAnn Spohr, daughter of Wilbur and Ruth, and Steve Heintzelman, of Morris, were married on Sept. 25.

A wedding reception was held for Bro. Dewayne and Sis. Janice Nohl. Dewayne is the son of Bro.

Alvin and Sis. Minnie, and Janice is the daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler of Lester. We want to welcome Sis. Janice into our congregation.

#### MANSFIELD OH

Lucille Groh

Tho your sins be as scarlet  
They shall be white as snow.

Bro. Gary Maibach visited our church on Sept. 19 and expounded God's precious word in truth and in simplicity. He spoke about scarlet which is a very bright red indelible dye and of which cannot be erased or removed. He compared it to the wonderful saving power of Jesus' blood, and even though our sins be like as unto scarlet, they can be washed white as snow.

Another precious Sunday was spent on Sept. 5, when Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) visited, read and spoke God's precious truth.

School is now in session, and two of our brothers and two precious friends are enrolled this year in college: Bros. Russell and Melvin Sauder and Friends Ron Laporo and John Rueffner. We welcome Sis. Viola Manz from the Junction church, who has entered nurse's training here.

Hospitalized was Mark Sauder (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Sue). He is now home again.

The grim reaper has taken two friends from our midst, John Bobcheck and Joseph Isley, brother of Sis. Martha Isley. John lived in the Mansfield area during his youth, but in later years he resided in Michigan.

Sis. Caroline Dotterer will be moving to the Apostolic Rest Home in Rittman. Her new address after Nov. 1 will be 10680 Steiner Road Rittman Oh 44270. Caroline was born near Junction, and has lived nearly 45 years in our community. Before our new church was built, she lived about a block or so from the old church, and many of us often spent many cheerful hours in the Dotterer home. She lived with her sisters, Sarah and Lizzie. Just recently, I had the privilege to stop by to see her, and she told me about her little sister, Franciska, born in 1867, but died in infancy. Elder Geistlich was visiting at their home at the time of the little girl's death. Bro. Dotterer was trying to decide where the child should be buried. Bro. Geistlich looked out

the window, and asked Bro. Dotterer if he could see the large tree standing in the distance, and suggested she be buried under that tree. Little Franciska was the first person to be buried in the Dotterer cemetery at Junction, which is now the church cemetery.

We are all going to miss Sis. Caroline, because she has been so much a part of our church and a wonderful example of faith and love. I have never heard her speak an unkind word about anyone. We wish her many blessings in her new home, and we know our great loss is Rittman's gain.

Before we parted that afternoon, Caroline gave me the following poem that Elder Geistlich composed approximately 109 years ago:

My parting hour is nearing swiftly,  
As many friends have gone before.  
Soon shall the thorny path be finished,  
Where leads to rest on yonder shore.

My angel ofttimes comes and whispers  
That my allotted days are few,  
That I must haste with prayer and watching,  
If yonder goal I wish to view.

And should the night of death approaching  
Awaken fear or dread in me,  
I'll trust and look to Him with courage  
Who promised me the victory.

Oh Jesus, Lord of my salvation,  
Let death not find me unprepared,  
But lead me by Thy hand of mercy,  
Where peace and rest to me are shared.

O Thou who over death hast triumphed,  
Give me the victory over death;  
When helplessly I sink,  
Give power to hold Thee fast in my last breath.

Thus gently rests the weary pilgrim  
From every burden toil and care,  
Till he awakes on that blest morning,  
To rise in glory, bright and fair.

#### MORTON IL

Judy Springer - Lorna Schrock  
Daniel Frank and Christine Mil-

ler were united in marriage on Sat., June 28. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frank Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Miller. They are residing at 212 N. First, Morton. On Aug. 14, David Frank and Debra Sieks were united in marriage. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frank Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sieks. They are residing at 423 W. David, Morton.

We were blessed with messages brought forth from God's word by our visiting ministers, Bros. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, Kansas; Roy Wieland, Bay City; Ben Maibach, Detroit; and Carl Kinsinger, Altadena.

The engagement of Sis. Sharon Greene of our congregation to Bro. Larry Stoller, Bluffton was announced on Sept. 12. Their parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Phyllis Greene and Bro. Ray and Sis. Flossie Stoller.

A daughter, Katey Jean, was born on Sept. 8 to Bro. Larry and Sis. Jean Dicks. She has a brother, Eric Nolan, and a sister, Lacey Jean, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Eric and Sis. Mildred Koehl of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Dicks of Farmington. Great-grandparents are Sis. Ruth Domnick of Morton, Mrs. Ed Nelson of Farmington and Mrs. Sarah Dicks, Fulton, Missouri.

Our Sunday School classes have resumed; Bro. Mark Wuthrich and Sis. Heidi Frank have taken new duties as teachers. May God's word and love be sown in the hearts of all our dear young people.

Those who have been in the hospital are Sis. Alice (Harold) Zimmerman, Bro. Al Koehl, Sis. Anna (Henry) Rapp, Gib Bauman and Donna Wuthrich (daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice). We often think of our loved ones, too, who have been confined to their homes and have not been able to worship with us for many months.

"We wish to thank all for prayers, visits, cards and gifts during the illness and hospital stay of our little daughter, Rebecca." Bro. Jim and Sis. Joann Fischer.

On Sept. 19, Sis. Michelle Hirstein of our congregation and Bro. Michael Rauch of Bluffton were united in marriage.

#### OAKVILLE IA Phyllis Siegle

It is a pleasure to have in our congregation Sis. Julie (Wulf)

Schmidgall, wife of Bro. Jon, and also Sis. Christine (Schambach) Frank, wife of Bro. Dale. Julie was from Lester, and Christine from Elgin, Illinois. We trust they can always find the love of God amongst us.

I think we owe our ministers  
Some thanks for all they do.  
They pray and preach and spread  
the word  
Of God, His Gospel true.

They too get weary from the work  
That they on earth must do;  
But they to the church do go,  
And there God's work they do.

So is it asking too much when  
They ask our prayers for them,  
Or our support in matters that  
Are trying to all men?

On Sept. 7, a bundle from heaven came to the home of Bro. Albert and Sis. Martha Wiegand, a girl, Sharla Rae. Grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner and Sis. Edna Wiegand.

We thank our beloved visiting ministers for their true words of life, spoken without fear or favor, Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, and Dan Koch, Tremont.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen nor touched, but are felt in the heart.

#### PEORIA IL JoAnn Rieker - Barb Geyer

#### Prayer Sis. Louise Finck

Whenever life's problems  
Seem too much to bear,  
I call on my Saviour;  
He is always there  
To get me across  
The rough path for the day,  
To help me through trials.  
I have only to pray.

Dear friends, if you're troubled,  
Don't know which way to turn,  
Just call on the Saviour.  
Your call He won't spurn.  
He hears, and He answers;  
He is gentle and kind,  
A true friend in need  
When you're stumbling blind.

Just tell him of problems  
That confront you each day.  
He will help you through trials—  
You have only to pray,

For God alone listens  
And God alone cares;  
If you sincerely ask,  
He will answer your prayers.

God has answered the prayers of two dear loved ones. Saturday evening, Sept. 18, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of Will Perdelwitz and Max Hoerr II. They were baptized the following day. Max is the son of Bro. Max and Sis. Katy Hoerr.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, our assembly was blessed with a large group of young members from surrounding churches. After church, the young people sang at our Apostolic Christian Home. In the evening, they enjoyed a singing on the "Julia Belle Swain".

The Peoria choir began its yearly activities with a picnic at Bro. Nick Knoblochs. All enjoyed an evening of singing and fellowship.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Connie Hoerr, along with their daughter, Darcy welcome home Holly, born Sept. 21.

Sunday, Aug. 29, Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson, ministered to us. We were also happy to have Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski with us on Sept. 19.

Hospitalized were Jamie Hoerr, Sisters Minnie Maibach, Louise Asal, JoAnn Koehl and Bro. Rich Hermann.

The Peoria congregation wishes to express their deep sympathy to our Sis. Eunice Kammerer on the death of her brother, Chris. He was laid to rest on Sept. 13.

"Thank you for the prayers, cards and gifts of love received during my stay at the hospital and while recuperating at home." Lena Eberle

#### PORTLAND OR Connie Steffen

We have had many visitors, including three ministering brothers. (Bros.) Vernon Leman, (Eureka), Merle Bucher (LaCrosse), and Willis Ehnle (Shioda) stopped (on their way back to their home in Japan). We wish to thank the ministering brothers for sharing the gospel with us, and being so willing to give so unselfishly of themselves.

The family of Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller have been blessed with a very dear addition. She is Joyce Kabiru, a 16-year-old foreign exchange student from Kenya. Joyce has already become one

of our little family, and we are so happy to have her here.

November is Silver Lining collection for Portland.

The cabin at the coast, **Restless Surf**, is coming along very well. Last week-end, there were quite a few brothers and friends from Silverton and Portland working together there. The exterior siding on the first floor is nearly finished, and the electrical wiring is nearly complete. To see a dream being fulfilled is a special event, if it is for the glory of the Lord, and we feel this will be to His honor.

#### Princeville

"We really appreciated your cards, gifts, visits and food while Janna was in the hospital. It helped cheer her up. Most of all we were thankful for your prayers." Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna Gehrig

#### PULASKI IOWA

Janice Rinckenberger  
Mary Jane Knapp

We were blessed to have as a visiting minister Bro. Carl Hartman from Sabetha.

We should thank the Lord every day in our prayers that we can freely gather together to hear and rejoice over God's word. There are so many countries where people are put in prison and tortured, many times unto death, for their faith in God and our Lord Jesus.

#### ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

This is one of those in-between times of year, when a brief interval, left of summer is closing out, & colorful autumn is unfolding before us. One would prefer to let summer linger on a bit longer, and nature often complies by providing those warm days and clear blue skies, bringing on what is called Indian Summer, a delight yet to many.

Each autumn, nature paints a wonderland. Countless millions have been thrilled, and stand in awe while viewing this great transition, a mighty work of wonder by our Creator God. Each year, autumn flames to life with the infinite variety of colors in nature's palette.

Leaves wear their reds, and others deep oranges, fall flowers can be seen in their golden best and richest browns, and the blaze of berries on bushes delights the eye of man and the beak of birds alike. It appears like the earth is salut-

ing its last burst of glory just before yielding its final harvest of the year to the shivering whites and grays ahead by oncoming winter.

Autumn arrives in a mixture of days; some soft and sighing with a calm of Indian Summer and some brisk and busy with ice-tipped winds. This is all in the perfect balance within the plan of our Maker and Creator. Even the birds know their time, as they touch down on branches, and follow the flight of leaves as they fall and scatter to the grass below, and by instinct begin their flight to the ever-warm summer of the South, an endless phenomenon that goes on and on, a magnificent work of a Divine all-wise God and Creator.

"I can't hide it any longer." This was the decision of one of the several friends who are making a conversion in their lives. This is good news for the church to hear; everyone rejoices with those who see the eternal value in making this decision. We can borrow the songwriter's words, **God is still with us!**

Sis. Elizabeth Erismann has been hospitalized with a heart attack at the Rockville General Hospital, this city.

Born Sept. 1, a daughter, Sarah Louise to Sis. Emily and Bro. Guy Champ, their first child. Its grandparents are Bro. Edwin and Ernestine Aberle and Sis. Elsa and Russell Champ . . . a daughter, Rachel Jean, to Sis. Beverly and Bro. Edwin Gerber. Grandparents are Sis. Fannie and Bro. Arthur Lanz and Bro. Walter and Sis. Ida Gerber.

It is a pleasure to welcome Bro. Terry Virkler to our fellowship and community. His work has brought him here, where he will now live and worship with us. He came from the New York churches, Croghan and Naumberg.

#### Taylor

A first child was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Sauder of Tremont, Sept. 17, a daughter, Kimberley Ann. The grandmother, (and mother) is Sis. Clara Yackley of Taylor. We wish them God's blessings.

#### TUCSON ARIZONA

Gloria Bauer

Praise Ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

Yea, my soul unto Him sing!

Thanks and praise my voice shall bring.

Laud his great, holy name each day.

With all my heart I'll amen say.  
**HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!**

Praises to God were sung on Sept. 12, as we were privileged to hear the testimony of Tillie Aldrich. Her expressions of peace and joy were inspiring to the Tucson congregation and many visitors from Phoenix. Elder Bro. Roy Farny conducted the services, with Bro. Noah Herman assisting. Bro. Bill Dotterer visited with us on that Sunday also. We thank the visiting ministers and welcome them back soon.

Dorothy Heckel and Sue Lamneck of California have moved to Tucson. We are enjoying their fellowship in our assembly. We warmly welcome them to our city and our church.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

#### WOLCOTT IN

Laurel Widmer

Kent Blume and Robin Collins were married on Sept. 11. We all wish them much happiness in their life together. Kent is the son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Norma.

Due to a recent illness, Chris Bahler (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances) spent a few days in the hospital, but is able to go back to school now. Also hospitalized was Nancy Christopher, at Bluffton. We hope she will soon be back on her feet and with us again.

We were happy to have with us visiting minister, Todd Feller, from La Crosse on Sept. 19.

Would you like to turn to page 11 of the September Silver Lining? There's some good reading there (it was mixed up in type): Starting with **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY** read to the bottom of column. Then to the second column, even with the title **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**; start and read stanzas to bottom of column. Go back to near middle of this column, for the balance of the poem. Continue reading with news to stanza starting, "Then I saw. . ." — next go to the top of the same column for the rest of ISU news. **JUNCTION OHIO** to the poem reads as it should, and then to top of column 11. The editor suggests you keep your Silver Linings for pleasant readings and sweet memories.

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LEO IN  
Lydia Souder

Summer has gone and Autumn is here with its quietness. We see birds have flown southward and this beautiful poem comes to us:

He who from zone to zone,  
Guides through the boundless sky  
thy certain flight,  
In the long way which I must tread  
alone  
Will lead my steps aright.

We had our Sunday School teacher's election. We discussed the possibilities of building a Rest Home for our older people.

We are looking forward to the visit of Bro. Al Langhofer from Wichita, which is to be this Wednesday evening.

A pot-luck dinner and singing is

planned for this Saturday evening at the Children's Home for those who so graciously helped with the Children's Home.

There is much rejoicing as we see dear souls answering the Saviour's call. We are praying that our dear Lord give each one strength and grace to carry through to the end.

BREMEN IN  
Marian Germann

**Don't walk in front of me — I may not follow. Don't walk behind me — I may not lead. Walk beside me — and be my friend.**

This saying says much about our Christian walk. We need not only each other to walk beside daily, but we need God to take us by the hand each day to go through this life.

His guidance can only show us the true way.

Our dear friend, Sue Lowe has heard Christ's call to come unto repentance. May God help her as she seeks God's love and peace.

Sis. Barbara Traub has been in the hospital, as has Sis. Leah Zimmer.

As school has resumed, we pray for God's blessing on all our children and young people, whether in gradeschool, high school, or college.

This past month we had Sunday School elections. As the new teachers assume their duties, we ask God to guide them as they teach our children of God's love and work.

As I leave you with a saying, please think how you could apply it to your daily walk of life in Christ:

**No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.**

## SETTLING DOWN TO HAPPINESS

Henry Souder Jr.

Do you like to dream about pleasant places? And wonderful things? Do you like it, when the heart is happy over something coming? Would you like perfect perfection, where the heart is always **continuously 100% happy?**

God has planned and promised His harbor of such hope. Time has decay . . . passing away . . . moving, always ever moving toward an end. Continuing is never interposed with such thoughts as end, stop or leave. Continuing is permanent, solid, and always right . . . whether you think of the next thousand years, the 500 millionth, the zillionth, or those way, way out of sight. It is sweet and comforting, such a happy life.

The nicest, the exceeding joyful hope of this city is that God is there. Certainly He has features, and they are beautiful! We love to praise Him now—we love His very own Spirit, who has given such good riches. To go where He has prepared, to look, to know that our God is there, that is the fitting of home. We will be completely at

home. So good to be home to. What a joy and privilege to be with Him. Our happy hearts will sing forth in spontaneous praise to Him who is everlasting.

Come with me, my loved one, and think what it will be to greet our Saviour. This is Jesus, the very One who died for us. We actually gaze on the very same hands that were nailed to the cross. This is Jesus, the same One who forgave us and gave His own peace. The same One whose glory fills the sacred page with wonderful beauty and goodness. Look at that compassion, hear sweet beautiful words, feel such gentle kindness. All His riches, they are numberless. Your heart, dear child of His love, can indeed rejoice evermore.

The everlasting holds all the promises of God in full color. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He that believes in Him shall never die.

Now is the vacant chair—but with God is the vacant place filling! And full forever . . . Here is the lonesomeness—with Him is the

laughter. Today is the suffering, various troubles, afflictions, hurtings, crippling, terminalities—with Him is the far more exceeding eternal weight of glory. This puts meaning into every step of the way. We have a city! Hometown, Homeplace, Home people, and at Home with God.

Every hour, each minute we hasten fast, speed toward eternal destiny. The hour is late, the world dark. There are swirling masses of darkness clearly foretold.

But oh the beauty that's bursting. Beyond, real glory, the color-filled horizon of hope. It's really coming—and coming fast.

Were going to be happy . . . we are happy now in its dreams. How joyful will it be, to have Jesus in our midst, with His glorious name, joining us in song. Hearing, really hearing, looking, really seeing, actually all that He said.

Let's all say, **That's for me!** Let's smile this little while. Let's work, because He likes and wants us to.