



And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

THANKSGIVING AT ALL SEASONS

There is always success in God's plans. He knows what He is about. Trusting, the heart finds sweetness, safe in the arms of Jesus. It is a sweet melody—the refrain of thankfulness so melodious in holy word . . . and the word in righteous lives.

Think of the sweet satisfying gifts from God's own heart. Bro. Ernest Graf, Akron, submitted about the Book of Books. It is consoling to the trusting heart. What reasons to be thankful!

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored. Heaven opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

—It is the Book of Books! God's Book! The revelation of God to man.

Appreciation makes a lot of difference. Murmuring, complained are moments of unhappiness. Who we look to makes the difference. Worldly wisdom, even daily news, gives that emotion from men, sometimes distressing and depressing. The good news, heavenly tidings glow with the thoughts and ways of God. Pure, lovely, right, and joyful! It looks Beyond, and breezes bring the fragrances of heavenly fruit.

Now Daniel, this is Thanksgivin'—
a day when the good Lord meant
We should all sit down and think
over the blessin's He has sent,
And give Him the credit that's due

Him for the good things He bestows,
But you've got into the habit, as
ev'ry one 'round you knows
Of finding fault with most things,
while you overlook the good,
An' you don't thank the Giver for
them, as ev'ry Christian should.

Now, Dan'el, I'm goin' to be honest
an' tell you plain an' square
What I think about your grumblin'
—you don't use the good Lord
fair;

You fret 'cause the corn was a failure;
you worried about the grass,
But never a word, my husband,
about the dear little lass
That the Lord in His merciful kindness
gin back when we thought
she must die.

What's all the corn in the country
an' ev'rything else, say I,
To the child the Lord has spared
us? So, if you are bound to complain,

Act honest an' give Him the credit
for our blessin's as well as our
pain.

What if the corn was a failure?
We'd a good big crop o' wheat,
An' with that an' the meat an' potatoes
we're sure of enough to eat.

You don't expect ev'rything, do
you? Things might ha' been
worse, my dear;
Think how we'd feel, my husband,
if our little girl weren't here.
Be honest, and give the Lord, dear,
the credit He ought to get.

Jest reckon up all our blessin's, an'
you'll find we're deep in His debt.
You'll see you ain't actin' right,
Daniel, to dwell on the dark side
so

Give Him the credit that's due Him,
an' you'll have a Thanksgivin',
I know.

Thankful? God's methods fit us
for not only eternity in mind, but
in action. How well to be grateful
to Him . . . for affliction, sickness,
tribulation, everything that His
will allows . . . all things. Keeping
in time with the Master, in His
Book, tells us why and how they do
so. We look forward to everlasting
joy, with "wings", His own way of
perfect happiness . . . INDEED!

"For our . . . affliction, which is
but for a moment, worketh for us a

far more exceeding and eternal
weight of glory" . . . A crippled
boy sat in his wheelchair on the
ferryboat, and a sympathetic lady,
pitying his helplessness, exclaimed
to her friend, **Poor fellow! What
has he to look forward to?** The
cripple overheard it, and turning
his head said pleasantly, **Wings,
some day.**

Our burdens are our blessings in
disguise;
Through battle, smoke and fire, we
win the heavenly prize.
The weights of glory come from
weights of woe,
Our Edens from transfigured
thorns below.
O suffering saint, take up the try-
ing things
Until they grow from weights to
heavenly wings.

**Thankful! for the fellowship of
His suffering. There is a perfume
of God that only comes in the press-
ing. This sympathetic togeth-
erness, the finest essence of nectar,
is given in suffering. Ah how rich,
for it is the eternal love of God. It
helps us to know Him better, and
each other.**

Forbid, O God, that I should lose
the song
That has made me brave, and kept
me strong
Through shadowed nights and days
o'erlong,
From dawn till setting sun.

For a harried world in quest of
gain
With its dirge of death, its moan of
pain
Is seeking to still the sweet refrain

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ber to send change of address.

And leave my heart undone.

Yet the song that bears my soul
afar
Through the silver isles of moon
and star,
From the things that seem to the
things that are,
Is the song of the cross.

A cross of sin and shame that were
mine,
A cross of love, of God's love di-
vine,
A cross where blood drops like
jewels shine,
Crowning its utter loss.

There is no such sweet singing
as a song in the night.

Miles are spanned, years crossed.
Remember to be thankful for pray-
er and for friends. We join hands
in eternal life, knowing the Father
and the Son. What a priceless pri-
vilege!

Your prayers have comforted me,
friend
Through many a day.

URBANA IL Dianne Leman

As children in Sunday School,
all of us committed Scripture to
memory. We had our weekly me-
mory verse, which we each recited
in turn on Sunday morning. How
many of us have retained this pre-
cious habit? What a storehouse of
treasures our memory can be if
we fill it with God's word. We can
draw anytime, anyplace, for any
purpose. Would we allow our kit-
chen cupboards to be void of con-
venience foods, ready for imme-
diate use? Neither should we allow
our mind to be empty of a ready
supply of spiritual food. Make a
commitment now to store away one
verse a day in your memory bank!

We've enjoyed having Bro.
Bruce Leman, Roanoke and Bro.
Edmund Kloter, Goodfield, to min-
ister to us.

TOKYO JAPAN

Marie Inoue - Yoshio Yamazaki

We had our annual church clean-
ing here in Tokyo church. It was
a joy to work together to clean the
Lord's house. Several friends who

When strength has failed me, then
I know
That you will pray.
When any hurt becomes too great
For me to bear
I feel it ease, remembering
Your power in prayer.
I shall pray for you each day, you
said.

My voice shall lift
In your behalf . . .
Pray for one another, we are told.
I, too, shall pray
For you and for each troubled
heart
In need today.

Let us be thankful that God's
gathering in His Home is real. Re-
membering is sweet in the hope He
has given. Satisfying, so sweet . . .
loved ones filling the vacant places
in His House! What a joyous com-
munion, a glad greeting, a heav-
enly conversation . . . together for-
ever.

And that is the everlasting holi-
day . . . world without end.

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
Tis not so very long

Since other voices blended
With the carol and the song!
If we could but hear them singing,
As they are singing now,
If we could but see the radiance
Of the crown on each dear brow,
There would be no sigh to smother,
No hidden tear to flow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the bells across the snow.

O Christmas, past years' Christ-
mas,
This never more can be;
We cannot bring again the days
Of our unshadowed glee,
But Christmas, happy Christmas,
Sweet herald of good will,
With holy songs of glory
Brings holy gladness still,
For peace and hope may brighten,
And patient love may glow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the bells across the snow.

God's forever is really beauti-
ful, vivid, alive, and filled with hap-
penings. Come with me, my friend,
into the glory of His presence . . .
and we shall be satisfied.

helped us were Mr. and Mrs. Mi-
yata and Mr. Takahashi. They are
faithful in coming to church on
Sunday, and we hope they will be
our brethren someday.

After cleaning, we enjoyed a
meal together, each bringing a
dish. Traditional dishes of vegeta-
bles, with fish products and rice
wrapped in soybean skins were
among the foods served.

FRANCESVILLE IN. Helen Huber — Sharon Neihouser

Be Thankful You Are An American

Be thankful for the little things of
life.
Be thankful you have the oppor-
tunity to—
Take time to live, because that is
what time is for.
Take time to work; it is the price
of success.
Take time to be friendly; it is the
road to happiness.
Take time to pray, it is the mark of
an American.

Sorrow has again come to our
congregation in the passing of Bro.
Ludwig Welker, 85, on Oct. 2. He

was born in Yugoslavia and came
to this country from Austria 26
years ago. He leaves to mourn his
wife, Sis. Louisa, four daughters,
and two sons. May God comfort
the family, especially Sis. Louisa,
since she is confined to the hospi-
tal.

Joy has come to the home of Bro.
Doug and Sis. Margaret Leman. A
little girl, Tanessa Jo, was born to
them on Oct. 1. Bro. Sidney and
Sis. Fern Leman are the grandpar-
ents . . . Also born to Brad and
Nancy Wuethrich, a little boy, Pa-
trick Russell. Travis is happy for a
little brother. Bro. Dave and Sis.
Barb Wuethrich are the grandpar-
ents.

Sept. 11 was the wedding day of
David Wuethrich and Mim Cook.
Parents of the couple are Bro.
Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich and
Herb and Sis. Suz Cook.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Arlene Metz-
ger have moved back to Frances-
ville from Lafayette. We are hap-
py to have them with us, and we
welcome them.

Bro. Lester Huber (Lexington)
spent Oct. 17 with us. We always
enjoy when he comes back to his
home congregation to worship with
us.

OAKVILLE IA Phyllis Siegle

Autumn Days

We thank Thee, Lord, for rain and sun,
And for the joy of work well done
For every season's steady flow
That causes life to change and grow,

For soil and water, grass and trees,
For all of nature's mysteries,
And now for autumn's golden days,

Dear Lord
Accept our humble praise.

The happy parents of a new baby boy are friends, Dennis and Robbin Barth. He was born Sept. 28 and has been named Brandon Dean. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ursel Barth.

In a recent sermon we were reminded the importance of letting our light shine. How timely the words were that were spoken, especially for those who work among the public and those who know not His ways. It was stressed that we should not "run with them" nor compromise just for the sake of being liked. How many times are the words spoken, just what we need.

How simple and pure are the teachings of a child. A minister related how that a father and son were driving down a road, and the father was desirous of some sweet corn he saw in the field along the road. He told the lad to look back down the road to see that no one was coming. Then seeing no one in sight, he proceeded to stop the car and gather some corn. The child then said, "But daddy, you forgot to look up".

Our visiting minister was Bro. Rod Huber from Valparaiso. We want to sincerely thank him and hope he will visit us again.

We want to express our sympathy to Bro. John Wegman and family in the death of his sister Bertha Aeschliman, 87, who lived in the Sabetha Home.

They that know God will be humble; they that know themselves cannot be proud.

LATTY OH

Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller
"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." The wedding of Bro. Rodney

Stoller (Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite) and Sis. Le Ann Laukhuf (Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera) took place on Sept. 26.

December is Silver Lining collection for Latty.

Sis. Nellie Sinn has returned home from the hospital.

He Loves You!

It's amazing and incredible,
But it's as true as it can be,
God loves and understands us all,
And that means you and me—
His grace is all sufficient
For both the young and old,
For the lonely and the timid,
For the brash and for the bold—
His love knows no exceptions,
So never feel excluded,
No matter who or what you are;
Your name has been included—
And no matter what your past has been,
Trust God to understand,
And no matter what your problem is,

Just place it in His hand—
For in all of our unloveliness
This great God loves us still.
He loved us since the world began,
And what's more, He always will!

MILFORD IN

Linda Beer - Coleen Beer

Now abideth faith hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Lynn Hively and Theresa Ginger were married Sept. 25 in the fellowship hall. Lynn is the son of Bro. Levi and Sis. Katherine Beer. Greg Kaiser and Paula Bell were united in marriage Oct. 2 in the fellowship hall. Greg is the son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Clara Kaiser. Both couples are residing near Milford.

We rejoice with three young people that confess peace and are looking forward to baptism. They are Steve and Ronn Beer, sons of Bro. Carlton and Sis. Maryann, and Peg Beer, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Milly.

Ned and Deb Speicher are the parents of their first son, David Lewis. David has two sisters, Dawn and Kerri. His grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Barb Wuethrich of Francesville and Bro. Lewis and Sis. Miriam Speicher of Milford.

TOLEDO OH Josephine Rehkla

Lord God, again Thou hast to us a blessing given.

Our handiwork is blest by Thy good word from heaven.

Thou blassest food and drink, our needs to satisfy.

Therefore we give Thee thanks,
and our song shall rise to Thee on high.

The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Sis. Irene and Burley Zeigler was observed Oct. 9. A prayer of thanks and for continued blessings was offered in their behalf. They are now in Sarasota for the winter season. Sis. Clara Beard and son, Bobby have also left for Florida. We miss their presence among us.

An invitation from the Detroit congregation brought us together for an evening of fellowship and songs of praise and honor to our Lord.

Kendy Marie, daughter of Kenneth and Pat Newman, was born Sept. 28. Her grandparents are Sis. Lois and Warren Newman.

May God direct the hearts and lives of all of our innocent little ones, that they may grow up to honor and praise Almighty God, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

VALPARAISO IN Marie Heinold

Colorful autumn leaves, golden grains are here again, and it's Harvest-Time. God has given us many blessings. May we—

Look back and give thanks
Look forward and take courage
Look around and serve
Look up and rejoice.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" . . . We are thankful for a loving young couple, namely Evelyn Alt Ames and husband Todd, who have repented and have been announced to give their testimonies in the near future.

Dear Sis. Lena Bucher has been missed by our congregation, as she has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Art Martin, Cissna Park. Last week, she had the misfortune to fall and slightly fracture a rib. She is to rest and lie flat on her

back for two weeks. We hope she will soon be able to be up and active again as she has always been.

ALTO MICHIGAN Donna Steffen

In Psalm 146:3 we read, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help." . . . Psalm 118:8 . . . "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." Let us completely trust in the Lord to meet our every need. We all have individual, specific needs, and what a beautiful promise I Peter 5:7 is for those who trust in God.

We were so uplifted and richly blessed when our beloved Elder Bros. Joe Waibel (Bay City) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) came to share Holy Communion with us. What a sacred, necessary and humbling act this is for each of us to experience. Shortly before taking Communion, I sat down to search and study the scriptures to find out just why we take Communion. I came up with these four C's: Confession, Communion, Commitment, Commemoration. These play an important, vital part in this Holy Supper.

We are so overjoyed to be able to say we have a precious soul in our congregation who has turned to the Lord in repentance. Wesley Daniels is a young man who has just recently started attending our church. He became deeply convicted and felt a deep need to repent. We rejoice as the angels do, over this one soul, and pray many more might heed the calling of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

At this Thanksgiving-time, as you offer up your many prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving — and as you name your blessings and gifts from your Heavenly Father, I would like to ask you to be especially thankful for you — you are very special in the eyes of God.

BRADFORD IL Jane Leman

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices.

Our Ministering Bro. Jim Ringger was a hospital patient, but is now thankful to be home and feeling better.

October 2 was the day chosen for the wedding of Mary Fehr and Tex

Streitmatter. It was a warm sunny day, so they could be married on the lawn at Peoria Fellowship Hall. Parents are Bro. and Sis. Walt Fehr (Roanoke) and Bro. and Sis. Leroy Streitmatter (Bradford). Mary and Tex will reside near Princeville and plan to attend church there.

Thanks to our Elder Bro. Dave Kieser (Princeville) for ministering to us.

December is Silver Lining collection for Bradford

CONGERVILLE IL Mary Leman - Sharon McClure

God is our refuge and our strength,
A very present help indeed.
He in the time of trouble sends
His grace to meet our every need.

We have four dear souls who have heeded the Lord's call to repentance. They are Katie and Richard Hasty and Kenneth and Betty Miller. May the Lord be with them and guide them in starting on this wonderful pathway to salvation. May God be merciful to them, even as He has been to each of His children.

We are thankful for the words of life that were shared with us, with a special thanks to our two visiting ministers, (Bros.) Tod Feller and Merle Bucher from La Crosse.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Esther Schrock, and Kay Roth (daughter of Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline), who had her tonsils removed.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Lillian Zimmerman, age 94, who passed away Oct. 17. She is survived by her five daughters, Sis. Edith Getz, Morton; Mrs. Helen Bauer of Bloomington; Sis. Vi Hohulin of Goodfield; Mrs. Ida Crabtree of Des Moines, Ia., and Mrs. Lillian Stahly of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; three sons, Bro. Jeff of Morton; Bro. Sam of Bloomington, and Mahlon of Congerville. She was the last surviving member of her family. Bro. Fredrick Knapp had the funeral services on Oct. 20.

EUREKA IL Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

We have two more converts to report: Sharon Belsley, daughter of Bro. and Sis. William and Helen . . . Marlene Wiegand, daughter of

Bro. and Sis. Robert and Helen.

Our visitors that shared the pulpit recently were: Bros. Simon Wagonbach — Tremont; Vernon Wettstein — Congerville; Leroy Hartman — Peoria; Ben Fehr — Roanoke.

We lost two dear ones just a week apart; both were 90 years. They even often celebrated their birthdays together, on the same day and same year.

Bro. Sam Hartter, age 90, passed away at the Eureka Hospital on Oct. 4. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Ann, and two daughters, Sis. Martha Grusy of Eureka and Jane of East Peoria; 1 son, Calvin of Eureka. His funeral was Oct. 6, conducted by Bro. Vernon Leman. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

Sis. Marie Stoller, age 90, passed away at the "Home" Oct. 11. She was the widow of Bro. Isaac, who passed away last February. She is survived by two daughters — Sis. Vera Kibler, Peoria, and Mabel Wittmer of Eureka, and two sons, Ben of Morton and Bro. Leroy of El Paso. Bro. Vernon Leman was in charge of services. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

These two people were the oldest members in our Eureka church.

Hospital patients: Bro. Leroy Huber is in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria. Sis. Minnie Martin is still a patient in Eureka Hospital. The following were in hospitals, but now are home: Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker (Bro. Walter's wife), surgical; Sis. Verda Blunier (Bro. Vernon's wife), surgical.

Maurice Crawford (Sis. Joyce's husband), for a medical check-up. Little Kent Kupferschmid was a medical patient in Proctor Hospital. Bro. Dennis Wettstein (son of Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna) was a patient in Eureka Hospital for 13 days, after being severely burned in an explosion at his parent's barnyard.

"My sincere thanks to everyone who remembered me with prayers and cards while I was in Eureka Hospital." Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker

FAIRBURY IL Joyce Huber

We greatly rejoice with our new converts: Nancy Broquard and Valla (Grandon) Broquard (daughter and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Donald Broquard) and Mary Gail Davis, daughter of Wayne and Verla Davis.

We also greatly rejoice with Jo-

hanna Wenger, who gave her testimony of faith in the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and was baptized.

Inspirational visiting ministers recently were: Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen and Bro. Tom Leman of Elgin, and (Bros.) Ken Hoerr and Jim Hoerr of Peoria.

A dedication service was held in our new fellowship hall Saturday evening, Oct. 2.

Terry and Judy Bachtold are parents of Kristofer Terry. Their new little baby boy has one sister, Holly Irene. He is the 68th grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Steidinger.

Bro. Chester Maier had surgery; Sis. Dorothy Steffen, Sis. Mary Kilgus, and Sis. Esther Kiefer were hospitalized.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Brenda Tucker

Again the signs of fall are taking their place on campus. As the leaves turn to their beautiful colors, it reminds me of the change that takes place in the heart of a Christian when he gives his heart to God. As with the leaf, he is still physically the same, yet he has a new beauty that is seen by everyone. As winter comes, the leaf dies and is united with the ground, where it decays and becomes a nourishment to the soil. Once again its elements will have their own resurrection as they continue through the life cycle.

What a joy it is to think of Christ, whose resurrection from the grave gives us the hope that in our resurrection we may be eternally united with God. May we ever strive each day to keep the inner light and beauty, that others may see and that they too can find the love of God.

We want to thank our visiting ministers for the efforts they have put forth, to come and share God's word with us. On Sept. 29, Bros. Joe Aberle, Carl Hartman, and Sam Huber, Sabetha, were with us. Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita was here Oct. 13. Thanks also to those who come from the various churches to our services. It is such a blessing to have midweek services here, and we continue to encourage everyone to come.

We welcome our new Sis. Teresa Bahr into God's family. She gave her testimony and was baptized on the weekend of Oct. 10. Several of us were privileged to travel to Ft.

Scott, to share this beautiful time with Teresa.

KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

Recently, I was visiting with a dear brother from our Kiowa church, and as we talked, I ask him how long he had served the Lord. Bro. Sam Schupbach told me that he was converted in 1918, and that Bro. Gottlieb Kurz was the presiding elder at that time. Also, he said that he was just getting ready to go into the service of our country and didn't want to go without first coming to know the Lord. Bro. Sam has been a child of God for 58 years, and I saw the love of God just shine through, as he told me his only wish would have been that he might have turned to the Lord sooner. My only prayer would be that if God grants we younger brothers and sisters a long life, we may be the shining light to the younger generation that our elder brothers and sisters are to us.

We had quite a few hospital patients: Sisters Laverne Roth, who had surgery; Linda Liggenstoffer, who suffered a dehydration attack; and Esther Miller, who fell. We are thankful they are able to be in our midst again. Sis. Esther Terry, who underwent eye surgery; Bro. Pete Farney, who suffered a heart attack; and Kathryn Miller, who is undergoing treatment in Colorado, are still hospitalized and are in our thoughts and prayers.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bro. Vern and Sis. Marie Schurter at the passing of their 6-year-old grandchild, Staci, Burlington; and to the family of Sis. Myrtle Rothgeber in the passing of her son-in-law, Dewey Tidwell, Kiowa. Sometimes it might seem hard to understand when a loved one is taken, but God, in His infinite wisdom, knows what is best, and it is our fervent prayer that He will be an ever-present comfort to these dear families in their loss.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney have again taken their leave of us for the winter months. We have truly enjoyed having them in our midst, as we did Sis. Paula Bahr, who left us when school began, and we pray that the richest blessings of God will be with them all.

"I want to express my thanks for the beautiful cards I received

on my 90th birthday. Your thoughtfulness and kindness made it a very special day to be remembered always." Sis. Emma Diel.

LA CROSSE IN

Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever . . . Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness . . . let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."

At this time of bountiful harvest, we surely have many things to be thankful for . . . not only the material things, but more so, the blessings of love and fellowship with brothers and sisters in faith, some who have journeyed many miles to be with us . . . And most of all, let us always be thankful for the plan of salvation that God has given us, and our forefathers have preserved for us.

We are especially thankful for our visiting ministers who have given themselves to be used in God's services. They are Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl, Rockville; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Byron Stoller, Gridley; Sam Schlatter, Junction; Fred Knapp, Congerville; and Elmer Bucher, Francesville.

Sis. Lena Hitz (Bro. Ben) and Sis. Janet Nuest (Bro. Elvin) were surgical patients.

Our sympathy goes out to Louise Alt in the death of her son, Ralph.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel are grandparents, as a daughter was born to Faye and Mark Zahn. Also grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Levy, with the birth of a son, Joel Micah, to Sis. Janet and Bro. Bill Baumgartner, Bluffton.

MANSFIELD OH Lucille Groh

We thank Thee, Lord, for fields of grain,
Gold ripe from summer rain,
For hillsides bright with scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear, for those we love,

For all things sent from heaven above.
We thank Thee, Lord.

How thankful our congregation is that two dear souls have found peace and have been announced for proving! Claudia Gadd (daughter of Mildred Sauder Dolce) and Anna Marie Martin.

On Sept. 24, little Jared, son of Bro. Clair and Sis. Beverly (Zimmer) Keever made his appearance. The maternal grandparents are Bro. James and Sis. Clara (Sabo) Zimmer.

On Sept. 24, Friend Larry Beard and Donna Maynor were married. Sis. Caroline Beard is Larry's mother.

Two marriages were performed on October 10. Friends Eva Brickner and Dana Rinehart exchanged their vows. Eva is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Brickner. Eva and Dana will make their home in Florida . . . Bro. Paul Izgherian and Sis. Sharon Sauder through faith and love were joined together as husband and wife. (Bros.) Ben Maibach (Detroit) and Rudolph Graf (Akron) were here for the joyous occasion. Sharon will be moving to Detroit. Mansfield's loss will be Detroit's gain. **Note:** On the day of the wedding, Sis. Laurie Shock of Elgin Illinois lost a coat. The one left at Mansfield is a light blue, light weight, full length coat, with tie belt. If anyone knows the whereabouts of her coat, she would be happy to hear.

Our dear aged sister, Tillis Bucher is now living at the Apostolic Rest Home in Rittman. We wish her much joy in the golden hours of her life.

A mid joys experienced this month, sadness has also entered the home of loved ones. We extend loving sympathy to Sis. Clara Grosenbacher in the loss of her brother, George . . . to Sis. Katherine (Bro. Robert) Beer in the loss of her father, and to Friend Nina Ru-effner in the loss of her sister.

So often we go from day to day taking for granted the blessings the Lord has given. We fail to take time to write someone lonely or shut-in. A man remembered a school teacher who had been very helpful to him when a child, sent her a letter expressing his gratitude. She was now in her eighties and living alone. Upon receiving his communication, she wrote him, "I can't tell you how much your

letter meant to me. You will be interested to know that I taught school 50 years, and yours is the first note of appreciation I have ever received. It came on a blue cold morning; it filled me with cheer."

This week, we received a letter from a dear young brother who is away at college. He took time out of his busy schedule to sit down and write a few words of cheer and the most important part of that letter was praise . . . in part he wrote . . . "Last time I was home dad was getting melons, squash, potatoes and many good things from the garden . . . Praise the Lord! He surely keeps on blessing and blessing! . . . Every time winter comes or spring comes, I wonder what will have happened by the time that season comes to a close. Will Jesus have returned for us? In a way I hope so, but in a way I don't. I want to be with Him so much, just like you do, but there are so many souls yet to be saved by His grace. Oh, dear Jesus, how long, how long til we sing that glad song — Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen! Beautiful thought, isn't it? May He be your strength and shield until we meet at His feet forever. Praise His name!"

**Hem your blessings with praise,
lest they unravel.**

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie Wertz - Della Witschey

We have had a taste of winter; very cold weather hit this area on October 16 and 17, with heavy frosts and light freeze warnings.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Radanov of Akron visited with Mrs. Georgia Schupbach and daughter, Irma.

Mrs. J. C. Froelich spends most of her time in her home, and is cared for by her two daughters and a lady companion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig are spending a two-week's vacation at points in Florida.

A bus-load of folks from Bay City visited the Sardis area on October 16 and 17, and were served a supper at the Apostolic Christian Church, after which a short tour of the area was made. The group then assembled at the Community Center, where they gave an hour of gospel songs to the well-filled center. They were housed overnight in the various homes, and attended the Sunday services at the church, leaving in early afternoon for their return trip to Bay

City. This reporter attended both services and thoroughly enjoyed their singing and the messages given by the visiting ministers.

Glen Frumm of Fairfax, Va., visited with the Witschey families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Parkersburg spent the 17th here with relatives; they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bush of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Minnie Wertz attended the services at the Sardis Church on October 17.

Miss Della Witschey is doing very well in the Lewis Wetzel Nursing Home, and loves to get mail from her many relatives and friends.

Mrs. Georgia Schupbach was a hospital patient for a few days.

Ray Witschey remains hospitalized in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, following an attack of pneumonia several days ago.

PHOENIX AZ Julie Hoerr

Build a little fence of trust around today;
Fill the space with loving work and therein stay.
Look not thru the sheltering bars upon tomorrow;
God will help thee bear what comes of joy or sorrow.

On Sept. 26, we enjoyed a surprise 25th Wedding Anniversary reception for Gene and Marge Fehr. May they continue to enjoy the blessed closeness of our Saviour.

Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor) brought us an inspiring message from St. John on October 6. How grateful we are for midweek services.

Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Sis. Minnie will leave their daughter, Sis. Roletta Gerst's home in Mediapolis, Iowa, for Phoenix around the end of October. How happy we will be to have them back after their accident.

Sis. Vera Yackley is not doing well. Bro. Clarence must have continuing nursing care for her now, since she has been moved home.

Those hospitalized for surgery were: Bro. Ron Hoerr, Sis. Leona Messner, and Marie Troxel . . . Sis. Lois Elsasser traveled to Mayos for surgery.

Sis. Ruth Baer's address is 9817 No. First Street, Phoenix Az 85020. Sis. Frances Schrenk's is 466 N.

Harris St Apt A, Mesa Az 85203.

A baby shower will be held Oct. 22 for Sis. Jeanne (John) Dotterer.

As Thanksgiving time approaches, we should be ever mindful and give all thanks unto our Dear Saviour, who has given so much to us.

RITTMAN OH Grace Gasser

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing."

We enjoyed visits of two ministering brothers this past month. They are Bro. Norbert Steiner of Croghan and Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke.

The call of the Lord continues to go out, and there continue to be those who respond to this call. Our most recent convert is Rudy Zollinger, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Lillian.

Sis. Lucille Beery has been a hospital patient. Sis. Norma Saylor is presently in the hospital for surgery.

ROANOKE IL

Mae K. Hodel — Edith Sauder

Our church was privileged to host the ACYF (Bible classes from 17 of our churches in Illinois) on Sunday evening, Sept. 29. What a blessing it is to hear so many young voices praising the Lord!

Our dear friends, Mary Jean Fehr and Tex Streitmatter of the Princeville congregation were united in holy marriage at the Peoria Fellowship Hall Oct. 2. . . Sis. Beverly Leman and Bro. Richard Bertschi were united in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Eugene Bertschi Oct. 3 . . . Oct. 9 was the wedding of our dear friends, Jane Diggle and Gary Williams at the Morton Fellowship Hall.

We are grateful to the surrounding churches for the use of their Fellowship halls and facilities. It may be of interest to some, that groundbreaking ceremonies were Oct. 18 for the Fellowship hall to be built on the prairie, next to the parking area of our church.

We had a blessed week-end Oct. 9-10, when six dear converts gave

their testimonies and were baptized: Nancy Hodel (Bro. Glen and Sis. Margaret), Ross Gingrich, Phil Hodel (Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna), Mike Hoffman (Bro. Rudy and Sis. Mary), Carol Sauder (Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith), and Mrs. Jane Beer, wife of the late Bro. Ben Beer. May each of their lights shine brightly, that someone else will see their light in this dark world. Thanks to Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Bro. Edwin Hohulin (Goodfield) for helping in this most important work. Our Elder Bro. Eugene Bertschi was hospitalized that week, and couldn't be here, but didn't want to postpone the work. So we were doubly grateful that the brothers could come.

Thy grace we need forever;
Without it we would fail.
In patience we shall conquer;
Through faith we shall prevail.

God again stretched forth His hand
And blessed this land of ours.
We plowed the fields and sowed the seeds;
He sent the sun and showers.
The harvest now is gathered in;
Our bins with grain o'erflow.
There's plenty now for man and beast;
We fear not wind or snow.
Within our homes bright fires burn.
There's comfort, warmth and cheer.

But far away in other lands
They raise their empty bowls,
So little there to feed and clothe
Those hungry, weary souls.
No pretty homes, no cheery fires
To brave the wind and snow,
But hopelessly they sit and wait. . .
The end they do not know.

We have so much; let us thank God
On this Thanksgiving Day,
And give a portion of our gifts
To those who wait and pray,
That God will move the hearts of men
To share what He has given,
So hungry, weary, hopeless souls
May have a taste of heaven.

Other visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo), Bros. Francis Rother (Morton), Walter Anliker (Eureka), Robert Grimm (Goodfield), and Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal).

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Carol Barth (Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae) and Randy Fuecht (Bro. Walter and Sis. Iola) of the Peoria congregation.

Hospitalized were Sisters Martha Martin, Anna Leman, Dorothy Bertschi, and Bros. Eugene Bertschi and Joe Zimmerman. Sis. Martha and Bro. Eugene are in the hospital at the time of this writing. Bro. Eugene is recovering from surgery.

"We wish to thank Bro. Eugene Bertschi, the ministers and the Roanoke congregation for the kindness and hospitality the weekend of Terry's baptism." Gene, Marge, Terry, and Jay Fehr.

WINTHROP MN

Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper

Elder Brethren Leo Moser, Lester, and Paul Fehr, Morris shared God's precious teachings on Oct. 17 . . . a very timely message reminding us how we are in the end-times, where Bible prophecy is coming into fulfillment, such as wars and rumors of wars and earthquakes in divers places. We are to be aware of the false shepherds, who have a form of godliness and religion and are preaching to the itching of man's ears. In the beginning was the WORD, and the Word was God. This WORD hasn't changed . . . And to the dear friends who we are concerned for their souls are to believe this WORD and hide it in their hearts, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. The scripture truly is an enlightenment unto our inner soul. May the Lord bless these brothers for their love . . .

Soon we will be observing the day set aside by our government as Thanksgiving Day. Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. The psalmist David expresses over and over again many reasons to be thankful and praise his God. Likewise, each of us can search out our own hearts, and I'm sure we can find therein many reasons to be thankful each day, especially to God.

We read so much about therapy. Do you know this word is derived from the Greek word *therapeia* (healing)? What greater therapy than to pray and meditate with our wonderful Saviour . . . How many times discouraged, and God gives

us courage for another day with Him.

Our college students are Ron and Dixie Messner, University of Morris; Jill Nelson, Craig Dapper and Nancy Messner at Hutchinson Vocational; and Sis. Gerty Messner, New Ulm School of Nursing. May these dear young people who are going to schools of higher learning always remember: Wisdom comes from God.

David Messner (Roland) had his tonsils removed.

BLAMING YOUR FAULTS ON YOUR NATURE WILL NOT CHANGE THE NATURE OF YOUR FAULTS.

**WOLCOTT IN
Laurel Widmer**

The summer turned silently to fall. The fall now turns to winter in quietness, and from somewhere a voice seems to say:

"Be still, and know that I am God:"
That I who made and gave thee life

Will lead thy falt'ring steps aright,
That I who see each sparrow's fall
Will hear and heed thy earnest call.
I am God.

"Be still, and know that I am God:"
When aching burdens crush thy heart,
Then know I form thee for thy part
And purpose in the plan I hold.
Trust in God.

"Be still, and know that I am God:"
Who made the atoms tiny span
And set it moving to my Plan,
That I who guide the stars above
Will guide and keep thee in My love.
Be thou still.

We have enjoyed visitors from several churches. On Oct. 3, Karl Westfall (Francesville) was with us for the day.

Sis. Shirley Furrer is able to assemble with us again, after her surgery. We are happy to have her well and back in our presence.

**AKRON OH
Lynda Pamer**

Not long ago I heard the words, "God can make a lot out of a little if He has all of it." These words can be likened to a miracle which our Lord performed while he was here on earth — the feeding of the

5,000 men. The lad's five barley loaves and two small fishes certainly must have looked very little in comparison to the multitude of people. Yet the Lord blessed that food and increased it, and made so much out of so little that everyone was filled.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City) visited us and expounded God's word, that food needed for the growth of our spiritual life.

Bro. Stanley Francis was admitted to the hospital for cataract surgery.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Clarence Graf (California) in the passing of their loved one. Several of his surviving brothers and sisters live in the Akron area. They are: Bros. Elmer, Rudy, Ernest, Ellsworth, and Sis. Edith Graf.

We rejoice with George and Katherine Fulop, as they have been received as our brother and sister in Christ. May the Lord continue to bless them.

December is Silver Lining collection for Akron.

**BERN KS
Esther and Stella Moser**

Thank you, God, for little things
that often come our way,
The things we take for granted,
but don't mention when we pray,
The unexpected courtesies,
the thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us
in time of sudden need—
Oh make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces,
That come to us with sweet surprise
from never-dreamed-of places.

This poem brought to mind a dear old brother (now long gone to rest) who, when asked to lead in prayer after services never failed to thank the Lord, for this Sabbath Day, for Thy word of truth and light, for the opportunity to gather there around, and the good fellowship therein. That heartfelt prayer covered many favors.

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence Rokey have moved from the farm to their new home at the edge of Sabetha . . . son, Don will take over the farm and dairy business.

Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer have a new granddaughter, Shara Lynette, born Oct. 7 to Bro. Terry and Sis. Mary Farney (Leo). Wee Amy will have a playmate.

Sis. Frieda Strahm (Bro. Aaron) is hospitalized with a light stroke and for tests. Bro. Leroy Meyer had the misfortune to get his hand caught in a combine, splitting the bone in a finger.

BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen

As we look around us, it seems the world grows a little darker with sin as each week passes. We don't despair, however, because it only makes us, as Christians, shine more brightly as the true "light of the world".

We hope and pray that God will draw each of our churches together in a united, loving bond, as we see that great day approaching.

God has truly looked in favor on the Bluffton church, as five more souls were added to the fold October 10. Rita Everett (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lucille Kaehr), Cindy Kauffman (Bro. Harold and Sis. Aldine Moser), Glen Barger and his wife Queenie (Fiechter) Barger, and Herman Strahm. The last three mentioned above were in their later years. God promises that even those who repent in the 11th hour will share in the great reward. We rejoice with all our new brothers and sisters!

The children of God are not without trials and sickness. Hospitalized were Sis. Minnie (Elmer) Isch, Bros. Edward Kipfer, Paul Baumgartner, Cal Rauch, Melinda Steffen (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Della), and Joe Compton.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Carol Compton were blessed with their first child, little Shannon Denise. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Virgene Reinhard. Bro. Bill and Sis. Janet Baumgartner are the parents of their first child, Joel Micah. Jonathan has been given to Bro. Von and Sis. Diane Heyerly to love. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kaehr have a new little girl, Leanne Shelly. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Pauline. We pray that God will give these new parents grace to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Bro. Keith Steffen and Sis. Kay Fiechter were united in marriage on Oct. 3. Parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty Steffen and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Bernice Fiechter.

The engagement of Sis. Rhonda Steffen (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Ilene) to Bro. Fred Rupel was announced. God truly gives His best

to those that leave the choice up to him.

The Lord Will Provide was a fitting hymn to sing this Wednesday night, Oct. 20, as Bro. Carroll Gerber was called upon to minister to us for the first time. We are thankful he is willing to lend himself in the ministry. He is the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Gerber. Our prayers are with him, his wife Sis. Louise, and his family.

The Bluffton congregation wishes to welcome back our Bro. Ron and Sis. Linda Kipfer. We are sure the Peoria church will miss them, but we hope they will feel welcome and at home here in Bluffton.

Something to think about. All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

BREMEN IN Marian Germann

The brilliant colors of the trees, with the gently falling leaves, the fresh aroma of apple and pumpkin pies, frost clinging sharply on the grass, turkey dinners, friends and relatives, all tell us of the autumn season. The following quotation comes to mind:

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

God truly deserves our praise and honor during this beautiful time of harvest.

As school resumed in September, a new face was among us. Javier Saenz from Colombia, South America, is a foreign exchange student living with the Robert Kaehr family. We welcome Javier and ask God's blessing upon him.

We have had a birth and first-time grandparents. Helping take care of her new sister is Rachel Woods. Tina and Pete Woods welcomed into the world Sarah May . . . Bro. Steve and Sis. Jane Suttor of Peoria received a bundle of joy, on October 14. Angela is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Al and Sis. Verla Suttor and Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer of Peoria.

We are thankful God has healed Sis. Leah Zimmer enough so she can be at home again.

Anyone missing a tan overcoat? A man's overcoat was found after Easter and has not been claimed. If possible, visit us again so you can retrieve it.

Rejoice! — for this is the day the Lord hath made.

CISSNA PARK II Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

"Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;
sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
who prepareth rain for the earth,
who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains."

We have had quite a few hospital medical patients. They were Bro. Joe Waldbeser, Sis. Nettie Otto, Sis. Esther Siegle, Sis. Sophia (Mrs. Jake) Funk, Anna (Mrs. Joe) Neukomn, and Bro. Herman Bauer. They have all returned home. Sis. Ernie (Mrs. Alph) Eisenmann and Dean Steffen (son of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Blanche) were surgical patients and are now at home. Sis. Lena Rocke remains a hospital medical patient. Rick Knapp (son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary) is a surgical patient at a Maywood Ill. hospital and expects to be home soon.

"O give thanks unto the LORD,
for he is good: for His mercy endureth for ever."

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) Henry Beer, Walter Steffen, Jess Beer, and Art Bahler. We thank them for coming and the many blessings and teachings we received from them through God's word.

There is always a voice saying
the right thing to you somewhere,
if you'll only listen for it.

FORREST II Kathryn Steidinger Beverly Eisenmann

Bros. Ed Alt and Kenneth Weerts (Cissna Park) stirred our hearts anew with God-inspired messages when they visited us.

Four families have been recipients of little bundles from Heaven: Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller welcome Sara Lynn, who has a sister, Shiela. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller (Forrest) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle (Princeville) . . . Bro. Elmer and Sis. Wilma Bachtold's new grandson is Ryan William Feeley, who joins the family of Tom, Verna, Brent, Brian, and Kristan . . . Jeremy David is the

second son for Rodney and Mickey Zimmerman. Cory is his brother, and Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman and the Don Riegers are his grandparents . . . The first child for Warren and Candy Koehl is Trisha Dawn. Grandpa and Grandma are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Juanita Koehl.

Jay Zimmerman (Bro. Les and Edith) and Roberta Hale were married.

Chris Maroney was a hospital patient, also Paul Zimmerman due to an accident at work. Both are home again. Bro. Dan Schlatter is a surgical patient.

"Our sincere thanks to our many friends and relatives for making our 40th wedding anniversary such a memorable occasion." Bro. Oscar and Sis. Kathryn Schneider.

May we each take time to count our blessings and express a special thanks to God for each one, whether small or great, as we observe this Thanksgiving Season.

Grateful am I to really know
That many, many years ago
God sent my Saviour here below.
I am grateful that He came
To heal the sinner and the lame,
And help me conquer in His name.

Grateful am I that He is nigh,
Both when I pray and when I cry,
That He does guide me with His eye.

I am grateful in my heart
For joy and hope He does impart,
And for faith when things seem dark.

Grateful am I for promised rest.
Twill be so sweet for the oppressed
To be in Heav'n, forever blest.
I am grateful for each blessing;
Therefore, I cannot help but sing
And give Him thanks for everything.

GIRARD OH Louisa B. Lance

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore." We have many reasons to praise and thank God for, at all times and especially this beautiful season of the year, when we can look about us, and see all the beauty of the autumn-colored leaves and trees. It is just too beautiful to express in words.

Again we are nearing the time of Thanksgiving Day, when families will get together in their homes, to give thanks and praise for the freedom we have in this country, and enjoy the fruits of their labors during the summer months, but most of all to remember those are gifts from our Heavenly Father.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Ernest Graf (Akron) and Ron Steiner (Rittman).

Sis. Anna Enyeart's husband is improving nicely. Bro. Joe Emch has been able to worship again for several Sundays.

Emma Lou Deislinger passed away Sunday Oct. 17, after having been very ill for several months. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

When Autumn Comes

Can you hear the gentle sound
Of falling leaves which summer
bound
To limbs on bush and shrub and
tree,
Which held them close for you and
me?

God put each leaf into its place,
And left it there with work to face,
To bear the sun through summer's
heat,
To shield the fruit we have to eat.

To shelter birds and give us shade,
And beautify the world God made;
When Autumn comes its work is
done,
But wait, it still would like some
fun.

So quickly change from green to
gold,
And loosen bonds which seem to
hold,
Ah, now at last it is flying free,
From limbs on bush and shrub and
tree.

This poem was written by Sis. Marie Emch. She was laid to rest four years ago.

GOODFIELD IL

Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

"I wish I could go to Heaven right now", said a smiling 6-year-old boy in beauty and simplicity, following a discussion in a Sunday School class. As adults, are we ready to go to Heaven right now?

May the Lord's richest blessings

be with Sis. Gerri Roth and Bro. Mike Hinrichsen, who were united in marriage in a beautiful ceremony on Sept. 26.

With much love and in sincerity, the word of God was spoken through one of His servants, Bro. LeRoy Hartman, our visitor from Peoria.

Our Bro. Harold Plattner has submitted to surgery, and is improving in the hospital.

THY WILL BE DONE ON
EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

. . . so we are taught and try to pray. Yet, our hearts were very heavy with sadness as we learned of the death of our dear friend, Gary Bauman, of Cannon City, Colorado. Following a truck accident, he remained unconscious for nine days, and was taken from this life on Sept. 29. While at his bedside, his dear wife, Sally, and his parents, Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred strengthened their faith and hope. Also surviving are three small children, Mike, Stephanie and Stacey; four brothers: Lester, Bro. David, Glenn and Jake; three sisters: Sis. Kay (Gene) Sibenthal of Princeville, Mrs. Karen (Larry) Wheeler, and Elna of Goodfield.

Our sympathy also goes to our Sis. Vi Hohulin and her family, in the passing of her aged mother, Sis. Lillian Zimmerman of Morton.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

We were saddened by the passing of two dear souls from our congregation into eternity, because we will miss them . . . But we rejoice to know that for them to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and they are only asleep in Jesus.

Bro. Alvin Rich, 87, died Sept. 26, after being in the hospital for six days. The day before he expired, our elder and ministering brothers went to visit him, and he expressed his desire to be baptized. They carried out this important act, and were deeply impressed by his faith and the firmness of his voice in response to the question. "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came into this world and died and shed His blood for your sins?" Bro. Al declared, "I sure do!" Though his outward man was perishing, his inner man was strong, and was renewed in the Lord. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Louise, who was also baptized just a few

days after Bro. Al's funeral. Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Porzelius, El Paso; two brothers, Roy — Chenoa and Simon — Lowell, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Hoffman and Miss Ollie Rich of Gridley, and Sis. Alice Heinold, Kouts, Indiana. Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park was here for the funeral and offered the prayer, as we gathered to lay Bro. Al to rest in the city of the silent where many of our loved ones lay waiting.

Sis. Louise Rich was in the hospital for a short time, but we are glad she is now able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Irsel Funk, 52, passed away on Sept. 29 in St. Louis, Missouri, where she had been hospitalized. She was always a very kind and loving sister in the faith, and a good light to all those who knew and observed her. We sympathize especially with her mother, Sis. Elda, and her brother, Bro. Virgil, who stayed near her in St. Louis during the weeks she was in the hospital there.

Sis. Elda Funk has been in the hospital and also at the Eureka Home. We are glad for her, that she was granted sufficient strength to attend her daughter's visitation and funeral. She has also been able to assemble with us since then. Bro. Alph Witzig and Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein were in the hospital.

We were blessed with the visits of ministering brothers: Jim Ringger from Princeville, Orville Ringger — Bluffton, Ken Dietz from Bradford, Walt Hermann—Princeville, and Roy Grimm from Taylor.

Faithfulness in Small Things

When our hearts are moved with compassion for those who have to bear the sorrow of losing a loved one or must endure physical illness and pain, we pray for them and think of God's strength and the comfort He alone can give them. We often have heard that many of those who have been confronted with such trials and burdens are able to draw closer to God and depend on Him more than before.

We need not wait for a great trial or affliction to prove our devotion to our heavenly Father. We must not wait for momentous circumstances to drive us to our knees in prayer, and cause our mind to

shift from the petty things to the spiritual and enduring things, which will enable us to live forever with our Lord and Saviour.

What we need to remember is to be faithful in small things, for this is the test of true devotion. Jesus said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

Perhaps God has not given some of us what we would consider a real significant and far-reaching opportunity to serve Him. The man in the parable of the talents probably looked at the two other servants who had five or two talents and thought, I just have one talent. That is not very worthwhile. Nothing important can come of just one little talent. He put it away and left it sit. Perhaps some of us are doing the same thing.

Because God has only given us little things to do, we may feel our tasks are insufficient, and neglect seeing to it that these tasks are done well. The Bible says to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus. Do them as unto the Lord.

Are we consenting to small faults? Are we often impatient or unfeeling toward others? Are we self-centered or easily provoked? A ministering brother spoke on having the love of God in our hearts. He asked, "How do we react to small trials?" How do we react, for example, when we have been waiting in line for a long time, and somebody cuts in front of us? What do we think or say about the doctor or servicemen who we feel has overcharged us for his services? What if we find ourself in a traffic jam, and we happen to be in a big hurry to get where we are going? There are many little tests of our love and patience which we encounter every day.

The Zion's Harp hymnwriter has put it so well:

O do not say, In greater trials
Will I to Jesus faithful be!
That is what Peter also promised,
And yet thou dost him weeping see.
So learn true faithfulness in small
things;
In little conflicts faithful be,
Or else thou shalt perhaps like
Peter
For faithlessness weep bitterly.

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

INDIANAPOLIS IN Patrick and Judy Dubach

The frost's frigid breath has swept across the more delicate garden blossoms, leaving blackness and blight, but the chilling nights only bring into brighter bloom many hardier flowers, and set the forest trees burning with transient gold and scarlet loveliness. A melancholy month, urges a plaintive voice. Yes, perhaps so — to some. But the blessed harvest season, the fruition period, can never be wholly sad, wholly desolate. Pain, gloom, and sorrow should not be permitted to cloud these rarely beautiful, twilight-clipped autumn days.

Those ministers who visited us were Bros. Wendell Gerber — Bluffton, Earl Zeltwanger — Bremen, David Weigand — Urbana, Art Gudeman — La Crosse, Edward Alt — Cissna Park.

We held our Sunday School Picnic at a park here on a lovely fall day. Everybody enjoyed their last summer outing.

HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA From a letter from John Wagler

We have nearly finished the second building program and have just begun the third, which is to be a classroom building for grades three through six. Now we have about 80 children coming each day. Each one gets some lesson from the Bible. God is blessing and more are coming each week. Surely the good sown in their hearts will one day spring forth to a good harvest.

A week ago Sunday, our 14-passenger church bus brought in 30 children to Sunday School. There were over 70 in Sunday School.

We know from past experience the great amount of work which lies ahead. However, we are thankful that Bro. Tom Sinn and his family have moved here from Peoria. He is in the building trade, and so will be a big help. He is also our song leader and Sunday School teacher for the teenage class.

LAMONT KS Jane Isch

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

We rejoice that our friend,

Lloyd Luthi, was given the grace to repent and has surrendered his heart to God.

We are looking forward to hearing the testimonies of two dear friends, Jay Luthi and John Wernli, who answered the Saviour's call, have repented and received this precious peace in their hearts.

Bro. Charlie and Sis. Carrie Gleichman quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary on October 24. All of their children were home to enjoy this special day with them.

We give our thanks to Thee, dear Lord,

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

LAMAR MO Becky Hohulin - Janice Braker

One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er;
I'm nearer home today
Than I have been before.

The months pass so swiftly, and again we see that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. As we turn to give God thanks, I hope we will find that this year has not been wasted. Truly we are nearer home today than yesterday.

On Oct. 11, a precious little bundle came to live in the home of Larry and Judy Marti. His name is Tristan Mikael, and he has one older sister, Stacia. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Workman, and paternal grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti. I hope we, as parents, can realize that we are also teachers. May we find strength from the Lord to fulfill this task.

Lord, who am I to teach the way
To little children day by day,
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge, but I know
How faint they flicker and how low
The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them power to will and do,
But only now to learn anew
My own great weakness thru and
thru.

I teach them love for all mankind
And all God's creatures, but I find
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,
Oh let the little children see
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

We are thankful that Bro. William, Sis. Hilda, and Hildagard Stefan have safely returned from their trip to Europe. Our dear brother and sister are originally from Yugoslavia, and I'm sure that being able to return to their homeland meant very much to them.

PULASKI IOWA

Janice Rinkenberger
Mary Jane Knapp

Again the fall season is here, and we are being blest with nice weather to gather in the crops. One only has to pause a minute, and look around at the beautiful fall colors, to realize how close God really is to us. Do we appreciate this enough? A day of Thanksgiving is set aside, whereby the world is reminded to be thankful, but we as God's children should not need to be reminded to thank Him for fulfilling our needs and blessing us abundantly.

On Sept. 26, Bro. Lloyd Kraft of Gridley, Kansas, ministered to us, leaving many teachings to think about.

Oct. 10, Bros. Henry Grimm of Morton and Bob Grimm of Goodfield shared the word of God with us. Also with us that day was the Taylor Bible class. We hope all enjoyed these two days as much as we did and received a blessing from them.

Our small congregation is blest with a new convert. Ginny Wuthrich, daughter of Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley (Metzer) Wuthrich, has found grace unto repentance. Although the temptations and trials are there, with God on her side and much prayer, we know she will be able to overcome. We wish her God's blessings.

REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

Do a deed of simple kindness,
Though its end you may not see;

It will reach, like widening ripples
Down a long eternity!

Sis. Charlotte Bahler had the misfortune to be involved in a car accident on October 11, enroute to her home here from Illinois. She is a patient at Fairbury Hospital, but we hope and pray she will soon be dismissed and that her complete recovery is near.

The Remington congregation will not have services on October 24 and 31, as we are doing some remodeling in the restrooms of our church. We have enjoyed our church building for a number of years, but from time to time there is the need for improvements.

My Dad Knows God

When my son was a small boy playing with his buddies in the back yard, I overheard them talking one day — and the conversation was one of those, "I can whip your dad" routines. I heard one boy say proudly, "My dad knows the mayor of our town!" Then I heard another say, "That's nothing — my dad knows the governor of our state!" Wondering what was coming next in the "programme of bragging," I presently heard a wonderfully familiar voice (that of my own little son), saying, "That's nothing — my dad knows God!"

I swiftly slipped away from my place of eavesdropping, with tears running down my cheeks. I dropped on my knees in my room, and prayed earnestly and gratefully, "O God, I pray that my boy will always be able to say, 'My dad knows God.'"

"My heartfelt thanks for the cards, visits, gifts, flowers, and prayers offered in my behalf, while I was in the hospital and since returning home." Eunice Waibel

SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier - Sandra Price

Jesus said, "Suffer little children . . . to come unto me . . . for of such is the kingdom of heaven" . . . in the little ones, He found the character He longs for we adults to possess . . . little 3-year-old Amy Eiseman (Sis. June) was hospitalized, and she would like to thank everyone for expressing their love.

Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach surely knows the meaning of that awesome expression: **He made the**

blind to see again . . . when suffering in body or soul, we can look back and rejoice, because it was an opportunity to come closer to the Saviour.

Burley and Sis. Irene Ziggler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We have no carnal wish, only that they, still together, be joined at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Bro. Ed Bahler and Sis. Lois are here, and our little flock appreciated his labors of love in renewing our minds toward a greater zeal of Heaven and Home.

If you are planning to visit our congregation and need directions call Bro. Phil Wingeier, 371-4155.

SARDIS OH Linda Idermuhle

The handiwork of God is everywhere;
The hill and valley trees are burning bushes.
Their flaming colors fill the crispy air.

The autumn season brought us many welcome visitors. We especially thank those who brought us God's living word, Bros. Roy Wieland and James Ramseyer (Bay City) and Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield).

Soon we will be taking time for a day of Thanksgiving. How important it is that we are thankful every day, for how can we pay a year-long debt in one short day.

WASHINGTON IL Carol Kellenberger Betty Schumacher

Our new congregation meets at Lincoln Elementary School each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We appreciate company.

The ministers serving us this past month are: Marvin Schmidgall, Vernon Leman, Edwin Hohulin, Willis Wiegand, Roy Sauder, Jim Hoerr, Jim Leman.

Our friends, Fred Wyss, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Wyss, and Paul Streitmatter, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Streitmatter, have announced their desire to give testimony of their conversion. We thank God for them.

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker spent

a blessed weekend with us, and we are always grateful to our visiting ministers to proclaim God's precious word to us.

God has a way of drawing us closer to Him, and we felt the power of prayer when our dear Sis. Frances (Oscar) Zaugg was seriously injured in a farm accident. We are so thankful for God's healing power, as Sis. Francis is improving daily, which we pray she will soon be granted a recovery, so she can assemble with the many loved ones who offered so many prayers to our Lord and Savior. Another hospital patient, Sam Mogler, is a heart patient and slowly improving. Those who are home recuperating are Sis. Beverly (Verner) Wirtz, Sis. Elizabeth (Duane) Metzger, Sis. Kathy (Wayne) Fehr, and Bro. Edwin Wirtz, also Sam Mogler.

A blessing, Brice Eli, born Oct. 4 to Bro. Leland and Sis. Kathy Metzger, has two sisters and twin brothers to help care for him. Grandparents are Sis. Nima Fehr and Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger.

December is Silver Lining collection for West Bend.

**LEO IN
Lydia Souder**

Eternal Thanksgiving

And then, look now, the scene had changed;

The streets no longer rang.
Hushed were the glad Hosannas
The little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery;
The pain so cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross stood fast
Upon an awesome hill.

And once again the scene was changed;
New earth there seemed to be!
There was the holy city
And nevermore the sea.

The light of God was everywhere;
The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter,
And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night,
Nor sun to shine by day;
It was the new Jerusalem
That would not pass away.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
Sing for the night is o'er,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna for evermore!

On Sat. evening, Oct. 9, Gary Garman gave his testimony, and was baptized Sunday. He had so wished for this, but had to wait until his strength returned. He is doing well and attending church services, for which we praise the Lord for His wonderful work.

Sis. Millie Schlatter is again able to attend church services, after having surgery.

A group of our young people spent an enjoyable weekend in Brown County, while the leaves displayed their beauty.

Terry and Mary Farney are the happy parents of a second little girl. Now curly-haired little Amy will have some one to play and share with.

Bros. Art Bauer, Princeville and Wallace Ramsier, Mansfield visited October 24. Art, referring to the gospel portion about who is Jesus brother, sister and mother, explained of His talking about a family. Later, the thought was expressed, **That eternally we can live together in the same house.** (What a beautiful hope). Wallace put forward our vital role of love — **between the man of the world, we are the link to salvation.**

**ATHENS ALABAMA
Hazel Vibbert**

Isn't it amazing what the Lord can do. The leaves are turning into so many different colors, and the fields are white, with the cotton ready to be picked. This used to be a hard back-breaking job . . . But now it is about all done by machinery. The gins will soon be running night and day. If we would only work this hard to help save lost souls.

Life is so uncertain, but death is sure . . . As my son Terry said, after an accident and was unconscious, when he came to, Mom, I thought sure I was dead . . . Gary Vibbert was also in the hospital for surgery, in Germany.

**ALTADENA CA
Linda Cooper**

**WHO ARE THEY BEFORE GOD
STANDING,
COUNTLESS THROGS IN
HEAV'NLY LIGHT;
EACH A GOLDEN CROWN IS
WEARING,
SHINING LIKE THE STARS SO
BRIGHT?
DRESSED IN WHITE YOU SEE
THEM STAND,**

**WAVING PALMS IN EVERY
HAND.**

Oct. 19, our dear Bro. Clarence Graf passed from this mortal life into eternity. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mabelle; sons, Clarence Jr., Bro. Virgil, and Dale; daughters, Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach, Sis. Doris Graf, Lucille Griffith, and Sis. Judy Crockett. May our heavenly Father comfort those who have sustained a great loss at Bro. Clarence's sudden death. I know that our congregation is going to miss him very much; he was a true pillar of faith in our church.

We are happy to anticipate the future baptisms of our good friends, Melva Alexander and Marth Schlenker, who have turned their lives over to the Lord. It always encourages us to learn of someone's conversion, and gives us renewed faith in His mercy to mankind.

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

The many different leaves of fall are so colorful now. One of our ministering brothers had a thought that I couldn't forget. He told of the beautiful trees, then asked, "What has man done to contribute to that beauty?" Everyone enjoys the beautiful array of colors in fall, but yet they cannot take credit for any of that beauty. It reminded me of what Jesus told his disciples: "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Our Elder Bro. Dan Koch spent a Wednesday evening with us. We are truly thankful for his many labors of love.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
Visiting ministers: (Bros.) Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Russell Rapp, Morton; Ron Heiniger, Bloomington; Vernon Leman, Eureka; Ken Wirtz, Cissna Park.

**CHICAGO IL
Kathy Schlatter**

James Garfield, 20th President of the U.S., is said to have experienced many hardships as a youth, yet he never gave up. This statement of his made quite an impression on me: "I cannot do everything, but I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." This statement seems to ring

so true, for the Lord said that to whom much is given, much will be expected. Even from the man who had only one talent, something more was still required.

The hush of our Saturday evening communion service, Sept. 25, was broken only by the spoken reminder of our Lord's commandments at His last supper before He died. Truly the Spirit filled our hearts and minds with humbleness and appreciation. We were glad that Bro. Gene Marti from Lamar was willing to travel so far to spend Saturday and Sunday with us. Through him, the Lord blessed us mightily. Sun., Oct. 17, we enjoyed Bro. Leroy Hartman's visit.

We have many newcomers to welcome. Andrew Thomas Rassi was born Oct. 2 to Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla Rassi. Rachel and Matthew eagerly welcome their new brother home. Loving grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl Rassi and Bro. Carl and Sis. Rose Vierling, all of Morton. We are so happy, to have Sis. Mary Alice Witzig and Debbie Romersberger from Gridley, IL and Sis. Laura Hauter from Morton join us.

Many in our midst have had and are having trials touching the physical body. Sis. Miriam Lockwood is again in the hospital. Bro. Paul Lemman had knee surgery. Sis. Theresa Stammler is confined to her home. Bro. Rich Schurter is now at home, and Bro. Dan Gudeman suffered a severe knee injury. My cousin, Mary Lynne Schmitt (her parents are Karl and Marie Rassi Pfaffmann) is in Room 442 B Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. This week she had spinal surgery and will be in the hospital through Nov. 20. She will spend the rest of 1976 at her parent's home: 517 E. Archer Ave., Peoria Il., getting used to her body cast before going home to Moline for a more normal life with her husband and two small daughters (The body cast will remain on seven months). All these loved ones need our prayers and support.

Two college addresses for Bro. Matt (Bud) and Dorothy Strahm's children are: Jeannine M. McNeill, 525 Lankenau Hall, Valparaiso Univ, Valparaiso In 46383 . . . Brett McNeill, 309 Oglesby URH, Urbana Il 61801.

This month we were reminded often in sermons of the glorious future awaiting us in heaven . . . So I decided to share this poem I

came across. It was written by a brother upon his mother's death. In it he mourns, yet his tone is one of wonder, reaching upwards to an awesome mystery. **Sometime, sometime we'll understand.**

Mom has gone away
And this time it's to stay,
For her the dawn of a new day;
Against this what can we say?

She had so much to live for. . .
But up there she'll have more,
For death is but a door
To greater things in store.

But her family loved her dear,
And at the future they look with
fear,
But someday He'll dry every tear
And everything will be clear.

For behold, a great mystery I'll reveal;
The things around you aren't
real—
Your five senses do conceal
What in your heart you should
feel.

CROGHAN NY
Alice Virkler

Thankful for health, thankful for
life,
Thankful for guidance in sorrow
and strife.

Thankful for food, for ripe golden
grain,
For all that is needful our life to
sustain.

Thankful for friends who just
stand by,
Upon whose help we can rely.

Thankful for home with comforts
blest,
Where peace abides, with love and
rest.

Thankful for brethren, whose help
does impart
Strength for the journey, cheer for
the heart.

Thankful to work in rich, moist
soil
Where roses bloom to compensate
toil.

Thankful to hear the still, small
voice,
Making our heart in life's sorrows
rejoice.

As Thanksgiving Day is here, we

realize the many blessings we have in this land to be thankful for. We have been able to enjoy another year of good harvests, and see the beauty of the spring, summer and autumn seasons, with their changing weather and beautiful colors. As the Thanksgiving season is upon us, may we all remember to be thankful for the wonderful opportunities and blessings afforded unto us by our Heavenly Father. The most important blessing to be thankful for is salvation, which is offered to us with only a small sacrifice on our part. May we each strive for this goal.

The fall season, with its beautiful colors brought us many visitors. We had a blessed day together when Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest ministered unto us.

Bro. Arthur Virkler has been able to return home from the hospital, where he was a medical patient several days. Sis. Regina Herzig has returned home from the hospital, where she underwent surgery. Several of our loved ones and Sunday School children have been ill with the flu or virus and colds.

**HOME FOR THE
HANDICAPPED**

As the Home for the Handicapped has reached its 5th anniversary, it is only natural that we pause for a moment of reflection. Gratitude to our Heavenly Father and to the many dear people who have stood by with material and physical help and encouragement is paramount in our minds. Five years ago, as we undertook the responsibility of carrying out the purpose for which the Home was built, there were many unknowns and many bridges to cross. It is only because of God's grace and help that a measure of accomplishment has been reached. Looking forward to the times ahead brings the realization that, as our responsibilities increase, we are even more in need of the blessings of an omniscient and omnipotent Heavenly Father. In Ecclesiastes is written: ". . . wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it." May we ask your prayers that wisdom be ours?

This month we would like you to make the acquaintance of Mar-etta Rokey, daughter of Roy and Lucy Rokey of Sabetha, who has been with us since January, 1974.

One brother — Allen, his wife Glenda, and their three fine little sons make up the Rokeby family. Besides the usual activities of the Home, Maretta especially enjoys the field trips and outings. Like everyone else, Maretta has a birthday. Hers is on March 6. Receiving mail is enjoyable for her, as it is for all the residents.

The beautiful fall weather has made possible several nice outings, one being a trip to a lake where a picnic lunch was eaten. A visit to a farm was enjoyed in the afternoon.

Spiritually refreshing were the Friday evening services during October. We are sincerely grateful for the ministers and brethren from Congerville, Goodfield and Morton, who were responsible for services during October.

The brick work on the new part of our Home has progressed nicely. The steel rafters are on one part of the building. With a normal amount of nice weather yet this fall, it should be possible to close in the structure before severe winter weather arrives.

Annual Benefit Day

To all who so generously contributed in any way, we express heartfelt gratitude.

This is the harvest season of the year. On our bulletin board, we read, **We harvest love.**

FT LAUDERDALE FL

Bert and Karen Aeschliman

The Ft. Lauderdale congregation was privileged to hear the proving and witness the baptism of Lory Huber. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach lent himself to the occasion, and surely the Lord smiled upon completion of His work. Sis. Lory has since moved to Illinois with her parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Huber and two brothers. We welcome her into the fold of believers, and we feel she'll be an asset to the Bloomington-Normal congregation.

We welcome Ministering Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl (Rockville) back into our midst. Roy is recuperating from open heart surgery he had undergone in previous weeks and is a part-time winter resident. God has blessed Bro. Roy with a speedy recovery, as he is getting along fine.

Bro. Lenny Meyer (Chicago) spent some time with us and shared His word with the congregation.

Bro. Jim Wieland was elected trustee.

Bro. Bert and Sis. Karen Aeschliman have been blessed with their second daughter, Shannon Elaine. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel (Ft. Lauderdale), paternal grandparents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman (Bluffton).

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Hoffman

For the sun that gives us life by day,

For the moon and stars at night,
For the beauty of the autumn trees
That fill us with delight,
For the scenes about the countryside

As far as eye can see,
For the warmth of a fireplace
fire . . .

Our Father, we thank Thee!

Autumn brings many different experiences and feelings to a variety of people. . . . But to a student, autumn has to be the most beautiful time to walk to class amid the golden trees, underneath the deep blue sky, and within the presence of God. With autumn comes the struggle with mid-terms, the deadline dates for projects, and the anticipation of finals. Nevertheless, through all the "joys" of school, God gives us quiet time to be with him.

This fall we have been blessed by the inspiring word of God through ministering brothers, Vernon Leman (Eureka), Dave Wiegand (Champaign), Joe Schrock (Congerville), and Edwin Ringger (Gridley).

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

With the Thanksgiving season approaching, our thoughts have a tendency to count our many blessings. Each year I can think of more things to be thankful for. How about you?

On Oct. 11, a precious baby girl was born to Bro. Tony and Sis. Pam Bosch, but God saw fit to take her home to heaven after two days. Little Tammy Lynn is survived by her parents, two sisters and grandparents, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bosch.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Tremont, while he and Sis. Louise were here visit-

ing their children and grandchildren. We do appreciate his visits.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Lydia Knobloch, Bro. Willie Knobloch, Ben Feucht and Ernie Feucht. Bro. Chuck Koehl became sick while visiting his daughter and family, Bro. Dennis Kellenbergers, and had to be hospitalized for several days. All are feeling better.

On Sept. 25, a beautiful lawn wedding took place at the home of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger, when their daughter, Marlys, became the bride of Lynn "Butch" Doorneweerd, son of Sis. Karoline. The ceremony was performed by her uncle, Elder Bro. Leo Moser.

LEXINGTON KY

Glenda Huber

We were grateful to have in our fellowship (Bros.) Dick Aberle of Indianapolis and Alfred Bahler of Wolcott as visiting ministers. May God richly bless the brethren who preach the word. May we continue to uphold them in prayer, that they may be filled with wisdom and the Spirit of God, to bring forth the word in truth, that many souls may yet be gathered in while there is still time.

Mike Huber has been home on leave from the Air Force for two weeks. He has orders for England. We certainly wish him God's nearness and protection during his stay over there.

Remember that we are but mirrors to reflect the glory of GOD. . . . And a mirror never calls attention to itself unless there are flaws in it! (II Corinthians 3:18)

Disappointing things come to us. . .

But they come,
To make us not weak, but stronger,
To make us not sour, but sweet,
To make us not bitter, but better.

MORTON IL

Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer

Our annual clothing drive was held on Sat. Oct. 2. Clothing was sorted and transferred to the clothing center in Wing, Illinois.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Rebecca Roeschley have a new baby daughter, Heather Sue, born on Sept. 27. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Hermann and Sis. Mabel Roeschley. The baby's great-grandparents are Bro. Frank and

Sis. Naomi Bauman and Mrs. Clarence Roeschley . . . Cindy Sue Schaefer was born on Oct. 4. She's the daughter of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Marge. Also welcoming her home are Janet and Kevin. Cindy's grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huette and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda Schaefer of Tremont.

Another baby girl, Jessica Lynn, was born on Oct. 16. Her parents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Kathy Hermann. Grandparents are Sis. Mabel Roeschley and Bro. Fred and Sis. Ruth Hermann. Jessica's great-grandparents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Naomi Bauman and Mrs. Clarence Roeschley.

Those of our congregation who were hospitalized were: (Bros.) Francis Rother, Carl Vierling, Harold Witzig; Jeffrey Harr, grandson of Charles and Sis. Velma Schwenk; and Sis. Mary Jacob (wife of Bro. Emanuel), who now resides at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home.

We are grateful for the inspiring messages of visiting ministers, (Bros.) Willis Weigand of Goodfield and Harvey Grimm of Bern.

The wedding ceremony of Donna Jacob and Lawrence Sergeant was performed by Bro. Joe Braker on Oct. 16 in our Fellowship Hall. Parents of the newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Sergeant of Milan, Ill. and the late Joseph and Sis. Florence Lanz Jacob . . . Dallas, Texas will be the home of the young couple.

Sis. Laura Miles Hauter, age 88, passed away at Restmor Nursing Home, where she had resided since February. Funeral services were held Oct. 14. Survivors include her husband, Bro. William B. Hauter; one son, Bro. Edward; and one daughter, Margaret.

On Oct. 17, Sis. Lillian Stoller Zimmerman, age 94, passed away at the home of Sis. Edith Getz, with whom she had made her home the past few years. During those years, she often worshipped with us, when her health permitted.

We shall miss these dear old sisters and pray that God's comforting presence will be felt by the loved ones left behind.

Helen Jean Smith Merchenthaler gave her testimony and was baptized. We wish to welcome Sis. Helen into our fellowship and pray the Lord's continued guidance for her life.

Sis. Mary Welk wishes to ex-

press thanks for the flowers, cards, gifts and kindness while in the hospital and the nursing home; also for those who remembered her on her birthday. A thank you to the ministers for their calls and prayers.

"I wish to thank everyone for remembering me with flowers, gifts, cards, and prayers while I was in the hospital." Sis. Rachel Bauman

MORRIS MN
Corrine Schmidgall
Lois Schmidgall

May it be our prayer that the Lord make us more appreciative of the many blessings that we have each day, and may we give the thanks that is due Him everyday, and not only on Thanksgiving Day.

We welcome Bro. Tony, Sis. Nancy and Michael Messner into our community, as they have moved here from Minneapolis.

We wish to thank the visiting ministers: (Bros.) Leo Moser — Lester, Gene Marti — Sabetha, Sam Anliker — Lamont, Joe Braker — Morton.

Kenneth and Jackie Nohl are first-time parents of a little son, Brian Robert, born Oct. 9. Grandparents are Bro. Lawrence Nohl and Sis. Sophie Nohl and Art and Carol Durkee from Hancock.

Our congregation rejoices with the eight new converts who have found peace with their Lord and are awaiting baptisms in the near future.

Hospital patients for this month are: Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger (Bro. Joe), Sis. Louise Mohrman and Ed Heil.

"We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the lovely cards, gifts and wishes that helped make our 25th anniversary an occasion that we will long remember." Bro. Earl and Sis. Minnie Kussatz

PEORIA IL

Barb Geyer - Jo Ann Rieker

As the cold winds blow announcing winter's arrival, we need to prepare ourselves spiritually, as well as physically. Christian fellowship can provide a spiritual warmth to all. Ground has been broken for our new building addition, which includes not only additional fellowship area, but also dining facilities, Sunday school rooms, and a baby room. We trust the Lord to bless this effort.

Our expanding congregation in-

cludes two new babies. Seth Allen was born on Oct. 2 to Bro. Dave and Sis. Chris Zeller. He has one brother, Benjie, at home . . . Angela Jane was born Oct. 15 to Bro. Steve and Sis. Jane Suttor. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer. Congratulations also go to Bro. Les and Sis. Eunice Unsicker on their new granddaughter, Naomi. She was born Sept. 24. Her parents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Lynn Streitmatter.

Sunday, Oct. 17 we were pleased to hear of the engagement of our Bro. Randy Feucht (Bro. Walt and Sis. Iola) to Sis. Carole Barth (Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae) of Roanoke.

The Lord has provided us with visiting ministers. On Oct. 10, Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville, assembled with us. Bro. Bill Gerst, Alto, ministered to us Sunday, Oct. 17.

Hospitalized were Roy Baer, Bros. Rich Hermann, George Koehl, Oscar Hoerr, Sisters Emma Schumacher and Jo Ann Koehl.

Our congregation expresses its sincere sympathy to Sis. Wilma Huber on the passing away of her sister, Sis. Edith Huette of Fairbury. We also extend sympathy to our Sisters Elsa Hartman and Emma Rocke on the passing of their loved one, Sis. Sally Schlipf. Bro. Will Perdelwitz has lost his brother Benjamin in death.

"I wish to thank everyone for prayers, cards, and gifts during my stay in the hospital and at home." Sis. Louise Asal . . . Sis. Minnie Maibach wishes to express her thanks to all who remembered her with prayers, cards, and gifts during her illness . . . Bro. Oscar and Sis. Millie Hoerr wish to extend their thanks to everyone who remembered him while in the hospital.

PORTLAND OR
Connie Steffen

My husband, Garth works with various gem stones as a hobby. It is amazing to see a crude and often drab stone cut, to find inside a thing of beauty, then as he works with it to sand and refine the rough parts, it takes on more beauty. Slowly the scratches are erased, one by one, the big ones first and on down (sometimes it may take hours), till at last the marks are gone; then to the polish, and from the polishing wheel comes a beautiful gem. So it is with a Christian's

life. We meet trials and testings, burdens, heartaches that seem impossible, just too hard to bear; but knowing our Master Workman is standing by us makes it so we can endure the pressures and oft repeated testing, until by His grace we can be ready for the polishing wheel, and enter into our Master's collection of gems. He who loves us so much will never give us more than we are able to bear, but will make us into His glorious likeness, if we are willing to submit to Him . . . "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"

The Refiner's Fire

He sat by a furnace of sevenfold heat,
As He watched for the precious ore,
And closer He bent with a searching gaze,
As He heated it more and more.

He knew He had ore that could stand the test
And He wanted the finest gold,
To mold as a crown, for the king to wear,
Set with gems of price untold.

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,
Tho we fain would say Him, Nay,
And watched the dross that we had not seen,
As it melted and passed away.

And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,
But our eyes were dim with tears,
We saw but the fire, not the Master's hand,
And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shown out with a richer glow
As it mirrored a form above,
That bent o'er the fire, Tho' unseen by us,
With a look of ineffable love.

Can we think it pleases His loving heart
To cause us a moment's pain?
Ah no! But He sees through the present cross
The bliss of eternal gain.

So He waited there with a watchful eye,
With a love that is strong and sure,
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat
Than was needed to make it pure.

PHOENIX

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Helen Kircher, her daughters, Nancy and Rebecca, and Sis. Sophia Kircher in the loss of their husband, father and son, Bro. Wayne. Wayne was called from this life Oct. 20. Truly we will all miss him, as he has become a strong pillar in the church since his conversion and baptism in 1940. We trust the family can find comfort in their sudden loss, as David prayed, "In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me."

Bill Emch (Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene) had surgery.

PRINCEVILLE ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, not drift or lie at anchor.

Outside, a welcome rain was falling, a rather gloomy Sunday morning, but inside our sanctuary, God's spiritual sunshine was bright. When the earth is very dry, it can absorb more moisture, just as we, when our hearts are empty of worldly thoughts, can absorb more spiritual blessings. We were abundantly filled with heavenly blessings, inspired words of God spoken by visiting ministers, Bros. Ron Heiniger of Bloomington-Normal and Bob Walder of Congerville. The friends were made aware of the duties of becoming one of God's family and kindly invited; children of God made aware also of their obligations.

On another Sunday, a beautiful autumn day with the sky a vivid blue, showing the colorful trees so beautifully, we enjoyed visitors also. Bro. Robert Meyer of Bluffton was with us.

We enjoyed so many precious teachings. Our Christian duty is to walk close to the Lord and be ready when He comes to call up His chosen ones. Hopefully we will all be ready to go with Him when He comes, but what about those who will be left?

Two of our older members observed birthdays this October. Bro. George Seidel had his 84th birthday on the 4th. He has not been able to worship with us since suffering a stroke about a year ago. He has always been a quiet brother and a pillar in our congregation. Sis. Anna Roach observed her 82nd birthday Oct. 14. She is still quite active and gets around much easier than she did for a few years, since having hip surgery sometime ago. She enjoys her household chores, a bit of gardening, and also takes part in quilting. We are thankful for these faithful pillars, and happy when they can worship with us and take part in things that interest them.

We are sorry to say that Bro. Ben Streitmatter is still a very sick man and has not been able to be out for several weeks. He always enjoyed coming to church . . . even though he could not speak, had a big smile for everyone.

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

Two families have welcomed little daughters into their homes, both first-time parents. On Sept. 23, Naomi Beth was born to Bro. Steven and Sis. Mary Lynn Streitmatter. Happy grandparents are Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha (Klumpp) Streitmatter and Bro. Leslie and Sis. Eunice (Sinn) Unsicker of Peoria; great-grandmothers are Sis. Frieda Streitmatter of the Eureka Church Home and Sis. Katie Unsicker of Peoria . . . Denise Lynn was born Oct. 9 to Rolland and Sis. Linda (Baer) Joos. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Carolyn (Miller) Joos and Otto and Eleanor (Grusey) Baer; great-grandparents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Anna Grusy of Gridley.

ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

There is reason for concern that ideals and values once held in our lives and society now tend to be defamed and held in disrespect. This is in reference to the more personal forms we have known in the home, church, school, which once gave direction to our lives.

They are reference points. We respected them and grew to maturity with our teachers, parents, ministers and with our employers, each passing on to us their earned and valued experiences. We were taught that a sense of honor is necessary to personal respect.

IN THIS PRESENT DAY AND AGE, THIS RESPECT seems to be dwindling; we hear this from our pulpits from time to time. It is evident that over the span of years when our first Thanksgiving Day was instituted, much of its meaning and import has been minimized.

In a troubled world, where liberty is denied to so many, we should thank God for granting us the privilege of living in a country where freedom for all is a cherished right. History tells us that this was the prime reason for the early Pilgrims, determined to find liberty, when they crossed the wintry Atlantic in a crowded, ill-supplied 180-ton ship. In a New World, a "general sickness" decimated their numbers, "the living scarce able to bury the dead", yet, sustained by courage, resolution and faith in God, they prevailed in the face of fearful odds.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Henry and his wife, Sis. Marie Lanz had open-house at their home, where they received relatives and friends who had come to wish them well and congratulations. They received many gifts and good wishes.

Bro. Ernest Gerber has been discharged from the Rockville General Hospital, where he had undergone surgery. He is resting at his son's home, Bro. Melvin and Millie Gerber.

Bro. John Bahler, our elder has asked that on behalf of his wife, Sis. Julia, who has been hospitalized for a time and now at home, to express his sincere and warmest thanks for prayers, good wishes and deeds of love . . . May we just add a word. Sis. Julia, in her duty as an elder's support and wife has the entire support and love of the church.

We all rejoiced with Donna Webb, as she gave her testimony with the experience she had made in her conversion. She could then be taken into the body of believers. Her parents are Bro. Clinton and Sis. Eloise Webb..

A son was born to Bro. James and Sandra Schneider. James Earl, his name, is their first child and

grandson of Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber, Forrest, and Sis. Gladys and Bro. Albert Schneider . . . Born to Bro. Daniel and Sis. Dorothy Virkler, a daughter, Cathryn Elain, their first child, also a first to grandparents Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Christine Virkler, and Bro. Ray and Sis. Miriam Wenger, Fairbury.

Death has come suddenly to Bro. Leon Herzig, who had originally lived at Croghan. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Emma (Limberger) Herzig.

SABETHA KANSAS
Mrs. Joe Steiner

O Lamb of God, our thanks to Thee,
That Thou upon the sacred tree
Didst win for us eternal grace
And in Thy heaven an honored
place.
We give Thee thanks!

Sometime ago, we were given the opportunity to vote on putting a brother in the ministry. Recently, Bro. Gene Marti was here to give us the results of our ballots. Two brothers had similar amounts of votes, so both were installed as our ministers. They were (Bros.) Ben Wysong and Roger Aberle. May the Lord grant them both the grace, so they can be used as an instrument to His honor.

Sis. Esther Meyer was hospitalized for knee surgery. Sis. Phyllis Strahm injured her foot and has it in a walking cast.

SILVERTON OR
Kathy Dietrich

The congregation here had been a small one for many years, and as the years went on, it seemed to dwindle, as many of those who attended were up in years. A small house was purchased in 1955 and remodeled, to serve as a church-house where they could worship, without having to drive the miles to assemble with the Portland brethren. The ministering brethren from Portland then faithfully served the Silvertown group every other Sunday, until 1971 when Silvertown had a minister elected. In 1970, the small group had begun to grow, first to five members and a number of children, and gradually increased until there is a congregation of approximately 30, members, friends, and children. We found that the present church-house was in need of extensive re-

pair and in various areas also inadequate to accommodate us. Therefore we voted and felt the Lord showed us it was the time to build a small, yet adequately-sized church. Work has begun on the new building, and progress has been good thus far. We feel that God is blessing it, and we pray He will continue to do so to the completion and then also our assembling together therein to His name's glory and honor.

TUCSON AZ
Gloria Bauer

UNTO THEE, O GOD DO WE
GIVE THANKS.

Thank you, Lord, for every blessing,
Though disguised they often are.
Thanks for guiding through the valley
That we might behold Thy Star.

Thanks for sunshine and for shadow,
Thanks for pleasure and for rain.
Thanks, Oh Lord, for every blessing
Thou dost give and give again.

Thanks, Lord, for home and loved ones,
Or if we must walk alone,
Thanks for promises so precious,
Thou wilt never leave Thine own.

Thank you for the wondrous promise,
THOU ART COMING SOON
AGAIN,
Joyfully Thy church to rapture,
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Our Bible class and young people spent the week-end in Phoenix, along with the Altadena young people really enjoyed seeing each other varied activities. The young people really enjoyed seeing each other again and always look forward to the next time. A hearty "Thank You" to the Phoenix congregation for its warmth and love shown our young people.

We welcome Sis. Lena Vege of Elgin, Ill. to our assembly.

WICHITA KS
Glennis Allenbach

"To every thing there is a season . . ."

The subject of hope has come to my mind often lately. I Corinthians 13:7 tells us that charity hop-

eth all things. Now to me that says we're not to give up. Granted—that the hope the word speaks of so often is our hope of heaven, but to give up is not a good witness, not a good light.

I'd like to relate to you a story of a relative of mine. He had some disappointments early in life and never seemed to overcome them. In spite of this, he remained cheerful, and his wife and large family truly loved him. He became a Christian and always seemed to think things would get better. He never seemed so discouraged as to give up. When he passed away, I recall I spoke to my mother about how sad it was, his ship never came in that he dreamed of. Just recently I gave this some thought, and you know that wasn't sad at all, because he never lost hope and that's one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Our dear brother, Roy Yackley is very ill; please pray for him and Sis. Ruth.

In closing, I would add hope to my frequent reminder — Keep smiling and hoping, because as Christians, we have much to hope and smile for.

IOWA CITY

Lynn Banwart - Twila Whipple

I often have to think how wonderful it is to kneel beside my bed at night, after an exhausting day, and just thank the Lord for everything. We can sometimes complain about working too hard, but really it is kind of a blessing. When we are busy, the time goes by quickly, and often there is no room for idle thoughts. Idleness of the mind is something we all have to guard against, so let's fill our hearts and minds with songs of praise and go always onward.

We would like to thank our visiting ministers for bringing us inspired messages. Bro. Jim Ringger (Bradford) was our Sunday minister, and (Bros.) Joe Schrock (Congerville) and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville) were with us on Thursday evening.

JUNCTION OH

Gwen Manz

Look up and smile when the skies
are blue;
Rejoice, be glad that He cares for
you,
And don't despair when the clouds
are gray;

The Master walks by your side
each day.

Sis. Minnie Dotterer has recently been hospitalized and is now living at the Glenwood Nursing Home, 301 Glenwood Dr., Defiance OH 43512. She is the widow of Bro. Elias Dotterer, who was an Elder for many years. Sis. Minnie has been a faithful servant for many years. For the past few years, she has been unable to attend services, but has enjoyed listening to tapes of sermons and visiting with those who came to call upon her.

Elder Bro. Loren Stoller visited and ministered to us one Sunday.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter's new address is RR 8, Defiance OH 43512.

NAUMBURG NY

Betty Virkler

Our beautiful autumn leaves are about all gone, and this morning we are having a taste of winter, with snow covering the ground, but the sun is now shining, and maybe this time it won't stay.

Sis. Dorothy Herzig is home after being in the hospital.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest ministered to us this month. We are always glad for visitors in our small church.

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

The seasons do come and go; the leaves were gorgeous a few weeks ago, but have now become quite somber; fact is, the weatherman predicted that we might have a snow fall on the 18th of October and, true to his prediction, when we viewed the outdoors on the 19th, it was to see every tree and shrub covered with a lovely coat of white. Most of it melted during the day. This morning the temperature had dropped to 12 degrees, the lowest since 1930 for this date. We are however looking for warmer days before winter sets in, in earnest.

Heidi, the baby twin girl of Bro. Al and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer has been released from the hospital and seems to be doing very well.

We had the privilege of partaking of Communion services. Next to baptism, this is probably the most sacred occasion, realizing that our Saviour wants his followers to remember the agony He experienced and His willingness to die for us. May we ever strive to do

His will, showing kindness and tolerance and all virtues relevant to being a Christian. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker from Lamont assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer in serving. We were certainly blessed in having other ministers present that same day . . . Bros. Noah Gerber from West Bend, Alpai Moser from Morris . . . Paul Banwart, who formerly was our elder, was present also, and it was very nice to see him in our midst.

Audrey and Trudy Pulfer, daughters of Paul and Sis. Evelyn, recently returned from a European tour of Switzerland, France, England, Sweden, Holland and Germany. Switzerland was especially interesting to them, for there they visited with relatives. They spent four weeks abroad, and we are looking forward to hearing many interesting accounts of their journey.

Three of our elderly folks recently had birthdays. Our friend, Mary Pulfer was 90; her brother Bro. Gottlieb Pulfer was 93, and our mother, Sis. Elizabeth Schneider reached her 93rd year. Gottlieb is doing remarkably well. He lives alone. Mary, his sister, is in a nursing home and doing real well too. Mother is in her own home and is a semi-invalid, being taken care of by Sis. Maris, her daughter, and is doing fairly well too. Our sister Betty (Mrs. Chester Curtis) from Minneapolis is visiting her, which always pleases mother very much.

Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care;
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care;
He set you there.

Whatever your place,
Not yours alone, but His
Who set you there.

BAY CITY MI

Carolyn Schamback

Unless ye become as a little child . . . Bro. Curt and Sis. Luann Kaeb are the parents of a brand new little boy, Loren Curtis; Melanie and Heidi are his big sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Alf and Sis. Hermine Kaeb and Bro. Noah and Sis. Margretha Blough (Alto).

Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter, Warren and Charlene have

moved back to the Junction area.

With the sick: Sis. Irma Brazeil was hospitalized with back injuries, but now is home and recovering. Bro. Ed Freidinger is right now seriously ill with a heart attack.

A weekend packed with blessings was enjoyed by our choir group, when they made a bus trip to the Sardis congregation. Such a warm outpouring of love and hospitality was shown, thank-yous seem inadequate. Surely we are privileged to be able to go so far and find souls with the same goal!

BURLINGTON IA

Mayme Gerst

I CRIED UNTO GOD WITH MY VOICE, AND HE GAVE EAR UNTO ME.

WHAT NEEDLESS PAIN WE BEAR, ALL BECAUSE WE DO NOT CARRY EVERYTHING TO GOD IN PRAYER. At the conference, it was mentioned that the BIBLE has an answer for our every problem, and GOD will hear our prayers.

The Lord has brought us more precious teachings, as Bros. Robert Gerber — Forrest, Robert Walder — Congerville, Harvey Heiniger — Oakville visited us. We are grateful to the brothers for their love for us.

Sis. Rosella (Bro. Bill) Oberman was a surgical patient, and is getting along real well. Bro. Uriel Gehring is at Mayo Clinic for tests. Beverly Ross, daughter of Sis. Rekie Anliker, has been home for several weeks now and is getting along fine. Sis. Estella Landes had hip surgery the 7th of July, and went from the hospital to the St. Francis Continuous Care Center, where she is convalescing.

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here, and the family get-togethers . . . What a wonderful day visiting with our family and loved ones. Then I think of the lonely ones who have no family. May we not forget them. We should be so thankful EVERY day for God's wonderful blessings. He has been so good to us.

As was mentioned about telling a little of the olden days . . . I think of the old cook stove, the sad iron, and the tea kettle to use at any time. We didn't have to wonder what to do after school, as there was kindling, cobs, and coal to carry in to keep the stoves going . . . The space heater in the living

room, where it was so hot close to it and so cold a few feet away from it . . . Our mothers making coffee in church in the big boilers . . . Cutting the bread in church, also when we served, the many white tablecloths to wash and iron . . . making jelly and butter to serve . . . Remembering also sitting around the old kitchen table, doing our homework for school with the kerosene lamp. Each morning we had to wash the lamp shade, trim the wick, and fill it with oil. We can liken it to our spiritual life; we should pray that we can see clearly and not be spiritually blinded. If we didn't keep the wick trimmed, it would smoke up the shade and we could not see well. The butchering days, threshing, where they needed about a dozen men . . . in our spiritual life, the Bible says the wheat and the chaff will be separated, and the chaff will be burned . . . The big breakfasts were prepared while the men went out to do chores and get the horses ready for field work . . . My father always taking time to read in the Bible after each meal. Everyone seemed happy, maybe because I was just a child and did not know their problems. We always enjoyed the relatives and neighbors getting together and visiting. We never knew when someone would drop in for a meal or after church; there would be 50-60 people in for supper. We had the fried-down or canned meats and the many home-canned vegetables.

IF ONE WOULD LIKE TO CHECK THEIR CHRISTIAN LIFE, LET US TRY TO VISUALIZE, IF EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH WOULD BE JUST LIKE ME, WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH WOULD IT BE.

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colors;
He worketh steadily.

Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the underside.

The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

Bros. John Steiner, Oakville; Bob Walder, Congerville; Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; and Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna were used as instruments of God's word in our congregation. Our minds are not able to retain all that was meditated on, but we can think back on these precious visits and can recall memories of joy and blessings.

The engagement of our Sis. Mary Ann Schweigert (Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida) to Bro. Marvin Sauder (Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna) was made known to our congregation.

Little bundles of joy have arrived in several homes. Sept. 29, Brent Randy Kellenberger arrived. His parents are Bro. Randy and Sis. Karen. Grandparents are Sis. Marie Kellenberger of Sabetha and Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann Wyss of Washington . . . Bro. Bruce and Sis. Becky Sauder welcome Todd Nathan. He arrived Oct. 11. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder and Bro. Al and Sis. Gerry Neukomm of Morton . . . Oct. 12 Marcia Ann Beutel arrived to share the home of Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeannette, Teresa, Jennifer and Steven. Her grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach and Bro. Will Beutel . . . On Oct. 21, little Jamie Sue came to dwell in the home of Bro. Ken and Sis. Amy Koch. Bro. Dave and Sis. Francis Koch of Tremont and Mr. and Mrs. Holden of Peoria are her grandparents.

Bro. Joe Braker shared the joy, with Bro. Dan Koch and the Tremont congregation, of proving and baptizing our friends, Debbie Pfloderer — Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee, and Danny Koch, Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol. May this peace of heart and mind they now possess grow to the perfection of their souls. It was brought out in their provings that we have tools to be used when the evil adversary confronts us in our daily spiritual walk. They are the Bible, prayer, and going to church.

Sis. Velda (Karl) Glueck had surgery and is convalescing in the hospital.

Thank God for a mind
With which to think clear
Thank God for ears
to hear his gospel so dear
Thank God for eyes
to see the Creator cares
Thank God for lips

to speak to Him in prayers
Thank God for hearts
there His Spirit can dwell

Thank God for hands
to do his works well
Thank God for feet
to walk with Him
Thank God for blood
His erased our sins
Thank God for our body
with which to work our way
Thank God for a heavenly home
may we meet Him there someday.

GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Thanksgiving—Giving thanks. A special, commemorated time of year. Thou Heir, prepare your heart.

Many thanks to our visiting minister, Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill., for sharing God's word with us.

Sis. Gail (Banwart) Strahm was hospitalized for surgery. Sis. Gail is home now, doing well.

Many were present Sunday evening, Oct. 24, for a house warming, to welcome Bro. Albert, Sis. Jeanie Edelman and family, from the Forrest congregation, to Gridley. We certainly hope they will be blessed in our midst.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Douglas and Sue Kellenberger

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. . . . That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." The light of Christ is a spiritual illumination that consists of purity, love, forgiveness, sweetness and submissiveness. The qualities of this are given by God to every baby born into the world. Therefore, we cannot help but love them, hug them and kiss them, because there are no evidences of malice, envy, grudges or evil within them.

Young children are innocent, but someday will grow up to know good and evil, and eventually choose the evil and sin, because of the condition of their natural flesh. This sin will harden and make them less receptive to be taught. Along with age comes the presence of pride. Therefore, it is in their young years the children need to be taught about God and godliness. As the latter times proceed closer to the end, and the scoffing and

rejecting adults are becoming more hardened against the Gospel, it seems that God is directing his attention toward the receptive young.

For some years now, the Lord has been working in the hearts of the Apostolic Christian brotherhood to produce the mind and motives of Christ in them, in obedience to His will. On Oct. 24, the Children's Home was dedicated to the Lord, for His use and blessing, to provide a home and spiritual haven for neglected, abused and unloved children. It is not a home for unwanted children but a home for wanted children, because we want them, and have been led by the Holy Spirit of God and His word to have such a desire in our heart.

A crowd of 250 were assembled. The services were held by Elder Bros. David Bertsch and Wendell Gudeman. Opening prayer was offered by Bro. Sidney Leman.

Some of the meditations of the service dwelt upon Nehemiah, and his efforts to rebuild the torn-down walls of Jerusalem. Exhortation was given to all brethren to take courage and with joy continue ahead with this work. Among those concerned over the rebuilding of the wall, half builded. We therefore thank both groups of people for their contribution of money, labor or prayer, because among those of us who work closely together to run these homes, we have realized that God has made it possible for us to work together.

Other meditations included the thought that even though these home walls are now so freshly painted, someday there will be marks on them from children; therefore for those who would visit our homes, please don't expect super-spotless homes, but a place where children live.

Jesus asked Peter, "lovest thou me . . ." Then, "Feed my lambs." These children are Christ's lambs. If we really love the Lord, then we should love our brother, as well as these little strangers, and feed them the truth.

Also mentioned was how Peter and John went up into the temple at the hour of prayer, and they encountered a lame man. He was no doubt an unfortunate person, and upon seeing Peter and John, he asked alms. Peter, not having alms to give, gave something else. ". . . Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us." There is a direct correlation between that

experience and what ours will be. When these unfortunate children arrive at our home, all us houseparents and all supporting brethren should be able to say to them "Look on us", and upon looking they should see the surprise of their life; something they have never seen before, the love of God.

Our administrator and his wife, Bro. Terry and Sis. Mary Farney, and other houseparents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Sue Kellenberger were introduced and had a few words to speak.

Bro. Terry testified how, after the Lord occupied his heart and mind with the burden to come and administer these homes, he and his wife went upon their knees in prayer, and asked Him to show them if this was really His will. They opened the scripture, and in there were instructed: **Deny yourself and take up the cross and follow me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.** . . . He also made mention that a yoke is made for two, he being in the one half and his Lord the other. Through many experiences like these by us all, God has assured us that it is His will for us to do this **work of faith and labor of love.**

At the close of the services, prayer was made to God, to work His will and blessings in all the people's heart who will have a contact with this home.

Thanks to God, we enjoyed two wonderful sermons prior to the dedication services. Bros. Art Bauer and Wally Ramsier were with us. In the morning, exhortation was given to obey what God tells us, after we have asked Him for His will. Sometime during the day it was impressed upon my wife, To always keep the heavenly goal in front of our mind, so that all our decisions and works are done to obtain a closer nearness to this goal. In the afternoon, the brother opened up to the resurrection of Christ. . . . We were very edified and encouraged to maintain a strong faith and trust in the Almighty ability of our Saviour. . . .

We have our license, and are ready to take children in any day, as the Lord would open the doors. Please pray to God for this work.

GARDEN GROVE IA

Eileen Funk

We praise the Lord that our friend, Louis Peasley has turned to the Lord in repentance. Louis and

his wife, Kathy are living in Minneapolis.

We appreciate our visitors and received many blessings from Elder Bro. Roy Grimm, Taylor, and Ministering Bros. Elmer Witzig, Gridley II, and Carl Hartman, Sabbath.

In the future, we will have a new reporter, Zerele Funk, RR 1 Garden Grove Ia 50103.

TOKYO JAPAN

Our beloved Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle came to visit us in Tokyo on Oct. 23, Saturday evening. Holy Communion was served to our brethren, remembering that Christ was our "passover" lamb, and that He suffered on the cross in our stead. We should express our appreciation and thanks daily for the atonement made at the cross, making possible the forgiveness of our sins and peace with God for all who repent and have faith, believing.

God loved us so much to send His Son to be crucified and resurrected for us; we should remember them and count our blessings always.

SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

I was busily engaged in studying the Japanese language. The Japanese gentleman, with his hair all cut off, sitting across from me on the train had been reading aloud to the lady beside him from what I suppose was the Buddhist scriptures. He stopped reading, noticed that I was studying the Japanese language, and asked, "Why do you study Japanese?" I replied that it was so I could teach God's word and also to help me in my employment for earning a living.

His next question was, "What about Christ? Did He return to heaven?"

I replied, "Christ died for our sins, arose again, and then ascended into heaven to be our intercessor."

My friend responded, "It is not good for Christ to be in heaven." (Evidently he felt this puts Him far away from human beings.) "It is not good for the dead to remain on earth and it is not good for them to be in heaven. Buddhism is still in a quandry as to what happens after death."

I replied, "We must know the true and living God . . . Christ can be in heaven and in our hearts at the same time. It is definite. Budd-

hists should read the Bible and learn the truth." As I talked, I realized that this man was a Buddhist priest dressed in ordinary clothes. I gave them our church address, the man and the lady whom I assume was his wife.

The idea, that if the dead go to heaven they are too far removed from the living on earth, is evidently why Buddhist tradition has the dead coming back to visit their home each year during their festival called Obon. At that time the best food is placed in the river and in other places for the "returning dead".

Upon reflection, I notice that my Buddhist friend did not mention the place of hell, when considering what happens to the dead. Evidently, modern Buddhism, as well as modern Christianity, often prefers not to dwell on the problems of hell, although it is a part of Buddhist literature, and the Lord Jesus Christ said, "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him."

From my conversation with this gentleman, I have the impression that Buddhist scholars do not even claim to have an absolute on which to base their teaching . . . that they themselves are still wondering what would be the most satisfactory explanation as to what happens to the dead, that is, what would be the most satisfactory explanation from the standpoint as to what would be pleasing for human beings. As human beings we should know, though, that we can't have everything our way; there is an accounting which must be made. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. . ."

I have been thinking lately that for most individuals a real effort is required in order to reach the place of repentance. Therefore, everyone who is not yet a part of the spiritual family of God should pray that God would help him to repent and believe on Christ, that God would somehow humble him to make him willing to surrender. Satan's grasp on the individual is very firm . . . "Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually."

Different ones in the States have shown an interest in visiting Japan sometime, and for their possible benefit, I give the following information regarding travel. Charter

flights at certain times of the year for less than half the normal fares are available through the International Association for Cultural Exchange, 565 5th Ave Suite 901, New York NY 10017. A small fee for dues to this association must be paid at least six months prior to flight time.

Reiko Furuya was baptized at the Shioda Church on the afternoon of Oct. 17, after giving her testimony the prior evening. That same afternoon we partook of Holy Communion together. Sis. Reiko is employed in an orphanage, and takes quite an interest in being of service to others. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

FROM FROEHLICH

To be charitable, compassionate with the poor and needy with one's earthly good is . . . requisite . . . distinguishing mark and fruit of every contrite soul, as soon as one acknowledges and deplores his hitherto unrighteous, ungodly, idolatrous, covetous life.

"He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

With Zacchaeus, the tree burst forth in buds when the new life-sap of Christ raised itself in it: "And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

Then how much more shall the believer prove his new life in Christ by being compassionate, merciful and benevolent toward needy brethren, if he has the means and is able to do it . . . For what shall we think of one who is untouched and unmoved to compassion by the need of the poor? Or if he indeed feels the desire, but suppresses and stifles it out of love for his earthly good!

"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? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

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The apostle calls for an **active love** in the daily life of a child of God, in great things as well as in small ones. There are two sides to the complete life of the believer: the one is hidden in the Spirit and is in relation to the Lord, Who searches the heart. The other is **revealed in love** and is in relation to the brethren. Now, as the inner life is constituted, so is the outer one also: if we live in the Spirit for God and love Him with all our heart, then in the flesh we live for mankind and serve it in love . . . we have a great field to work in, and what we do in this way to the brethren for the sake of the Lord, that we have done for the Lord Himself, and He in turn will recompense us on that day. Actually, whatever we do we do for ourselves. Whether it be good or evil, it is put to our account.

“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that

which he hath given will he pay him again.”

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”

“Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.”

Paul therefore says, “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another. . . .”

But what is love? It is not an idle word, but a **full work**, for he who loves in word, without deed, is a liar, and he who loves in tongue, without works, is a hypocrite; for love is the most holy

thing; it is God Himself, and we must ever be careful that we carry on no mockery and jesting with God and profane the Holiest of all with lies, falsity and craftiness.

. . . he who hallows his whole life and brings it as an offering to the Lord must necessarily do all to the glory of the Lord and in relation to Him, for the outer life is but an effluence of the inner one, be it good or evil. But if Christ dwells in us by His Spirit of Promise, a mixture of sweetness and bitterness does not flow from us, but rivers of living water (John 7:39) and those, then, by no means are empty words, but lovely, as they sound: they are divine love in deed and in truth.

Mail Some Kindness

When one is away from home, shut in, sad, kindness is nice . . . a note, a letter . . . Take a little time . . . give a few moments. Fellowship and be a friend this way. Kindness travels the miles . . . Can you picture the scene at the other end of the mail call?

MEMORY LANE FOR EVERLASTING AGES

Henry Souder Jr.

Sweet are the sounds of eternity. Today, they already carol their joy. Among the prized rewards there will be the love and friendship found and gained here.

Philippians is a beautiful book. It is brim full of actual joy and happiness, the enduring kind. Alive, it is a **lived-in** book. That is what it takes to really be rich in the things of God.

The second chapter begins also with heavenly inspiration, breathing wonderful words. There are the **ifs** or conditions, and the **How to**. Success always begins and carries through when we keep the thoughts of God. Could we see how rich our memory lane will have made us!

If there is therefore any exhorting in Christ . . . that is the first. We need urging and encouraging. His teaching can arouse us into an eager, delighted living — a discovery of deep things from God. The

cheer, the pat on the back, grandstands thundering for the win of love — this is what is needed. How well do we encourage? His way can fire His pupil to loving, energetic gaining . . .

The second **if** is what **comfort of love**. Of course we don't feel right when love is not there. Love has a rich incentive, God's own reward. Ah, it's treasure now — tomorrow in unclouded splendor, it will be perfect. Teacher in the pulpit, fire your pupil with action words. Preacher, show that love's ways lead in star-lit path. Tho steep and thorny, they're worth it all and so much more. The joys await the keeping of the love — turning the other cheek, I Corinthians 13 — patience and all the beauty of charity . . . Views? What superb sights of hope!

The third **if** is what **fellowship of the Spirit**. Ages upon ages will show our deep gladness for this wonderful gift. He is our light. . .

What a shelter, keeping safe in the arms of Jesus.

What is possible if we find the secret of the **if**. Heights man little dreams, till He rises in His skies now. His is a oneness, not only for time, but forever. He helps us work. There He will grant us flood-tides of fullness, constant, continual reaping of the Spirit in beautiful, **beautiful** happiness.

The fourth **if** is what **bowels and mercies**. The heart, where it dwells, there is fabulous jewel treasures. A brother or a sister is great with gentleness, love, kindness, forbearance. We must be about our Father's business . . . but it does make a great difference **how the officer gives the ticket**. And so much, so very much of scripture living is kindness and loving.

What we recall then, our sweet remembrances, is today, the memory lane of tomorrow.

See what can be accomplished when we live in His way.