



*Watch ye,
stand fast
in the faith,*

*quit you
like men,
be strong.*

I Cor. 16:13

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

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THE FAR EAST

By Bro. Willis Ehnle, submitted by Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf

After the Shioda Church was dedicated in July, 1956, two young men, Akira Utsuki and Yoshito Inoue, lived there together. Yoshito attended school and Akira took care of everything at the church, having preparation classes for the Sunday School teachers on Saturdays. One of the teachers was Atsumi Satoyoshi.

Lois and Willis were living at Kaneko, Chofu-Shi, in Tokyo. Willis took one semester off from his studies, in the Social Science Department at International Christian University, and the two went to Shioda to live for about six months.

It was thought that growing chrysanthemum flowers on the church ground would be a very profitable venture. Yoshito's father came from Tamahata and, although suffering from tuberculosis, worked very hard tilling the soil and planting the small plants with great speed in long rows. Over the noon hour, as he sat on the sofa in the little house, Willis cautioned him against working too hard but he only replied, "I want to grow excellent flowers."

By harvest time the price was very low and Yoshito and Akira were discouraged. Lois and Willis harvested the chrysanthemums and hauled them, on a motor bike, to the market place in Kofu. Willis thought, "If we had been an organized company, we would have been bankrupt, but through it all we worked and we learned."

Amidst all the working and activity, Akira and Willis went fishing one day at Fuefuki River. Willis mentioned to Akira that someone must have lost his lunch, for there were some delicious looking peaches and tomatoes floating down the river. Akira was strangely silent about this remark as he departed to go a little farther up the river. After he left, Willis decided to wade out into the river and retrieved some of that delicious fruit. It was of excellent quality and Willis enjoyed eating it very much.

That evening Akira began to tell Yoshito about their experience at the river. It was then that Lois and Willis learned that because it was Obon, many people had put their best fruit into the river for the spirits of the dead. Willis had come along and eaten the fruit instead

of the dead spirits. Akira and Yoshito laughed so much that they had to bend over and almost became ill.

Besides the Sunday School at the Shioda Church, Ryohai Takeshita had been given permission to have adult services at the Shioda Church. At first services were held only in the evening, as it was thought no one would come during the day, but later Sunday morning services were attempted with some success. If Willis was to have the services, Takeshita San did not feel it necessary to come, as he only came to help out when no one else was there to teach God's Word. Akira or his sister, Kazuko, sometimes translated for Willis because he did not know Japanese very well. One particular evening, when neither Akira nor Kazuko felt they could translate for Willis, he had to speak the best he could in Japanese. The pressure on him was great and before the service started he walked down the road and wept with a loud voice, then returned to the church with red eyes and preached enthusiastically, the best he could in Japanese.

THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman of Francesville and Sis. Lorene and I have just returned from a very blessed month-long visit to the Orient, which included Japan and Korea.

It was humbling to feel the blessings of God, who opened many doors. By His strength and mercy, we were able to ordain two brothers as elders over the flocks there—Bro. Willis Ehnle at Shioda, Yamanashi prefecture, and Bro. Akito Inoue at Tsutsujiga—Oka, Tokyo, Japan.

We found a tremendous amount of love and unity. Our labors were abundantly blessed beyond measure and understanding, and the support given to us in carrying out this most important work was very gratifying. Our Japanese brethren, although filled with con-

cern that we in America might somewhat forsake them, were in complete unity that we proceed to lay these responsibilities on brethren there with the assurance we would continue to stand by their side.

We want to thank all of you dear brethren and friends who remembered us in your prayers, that the traveling mercies of a gracious God could be upon us as we made this long journey. We were refreshed often, however, in knowing that although far from home, we were among those of like mind and faith. The kindness and hospitality of our beloved brethren in Japan was just overwhelming again as I concluded my ninth visit.

Enroute we visited Korea to observe the foundling home, where abandoned babies are cared for

(which is just outside Seoul). Bro. Rudolph Graf and I had first visited there in 1971 at the invitation of some of our brethren who were in Korea at the time we worshiped with them. They felt it would be in good order to investigate this very worthwhile project.

This home provides for up to 200 children up to the age of five, who because of family circumstances, according to Korean custom, are abandoned by their parents when they are not able to provide for them.

Mrs. Choi Kyung Hi, who was a widow, had been the administrator and had dedicated her life to this work, passed away one week before our arrival; and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sun Sook Lee whom we had met in 1971 is continuing the work of love. The for-

mer home was in the path of a newly-built highway, and consequently had to be moved further to the outskirts. It is a three-story building, and although comfortable and adequate, is an entirely different type from what we are accustomed to here in the States.

There had been 13 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, which had done quite a bit of damage to the roof and ceilings. They were very grateful for the check for \$2,000 we shared with them as a gift from our brotherhood through the World Relief Committee. We drove quite a distance out into the country over some rather rough roads, and even had to drive through the bed of a river to visit the farm that was the dream of Mrs. Hi. She especially wanted to have fresh milk and some fruit and vegetables, so the sale of these items would eventually make the orphanage self-sustaining. For the first time, the previous month had showed a profit of \$200, and we

are thankful she was aware of that before her passing.

The 13 Holsteins were housed in a very suitable building, which although simple, related back to our dairy farms of about 20 years or so ago. However, in addition to the regular feed, there were supplements such as would be found in any of our modern dairies today. The milking was done by hand, the milk placed in galvanized cans, cooled in water tanks, and stirred with a hand stirrer such as many of us remember from our childhood days. They are hoping to build the herd up to a capacity of 30 head. To our amazement, a good dairy animal with some blood lines is selling for about \$3,000 in U. S. money.

The trees are young, looked healthy, and were laden with apples and pears. All in all, it seemed quite evident that there is good control and that moneys advanced have been put to good use.

We did, however, feel it wise to make quite a deep inquiry into their operations. We feel they are in a period of transition, and we are awaiting response to a written questionnaire which we forwarded after our visit.

They were very hospitable, and we enjoyed a Korean lunch with some of the staff. The children, although young, were very warm and responsive; and during our visit, we were privileged to have them sing and go through some of their exercise routines. We found them to be very alert, well organized, and tremendous rapport between the instructors, house mothers and children.

Again, we felt our trip was very worthwhile. May God mightily bless all of you who remembered us in your thoughts and prayers.

Most gratefully, your least servants,

Wendell and Marcella Gudeman,
and Lorene and Ben Maibach

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know: God answers
prayer.

I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is
heard.

I know it cometh soon or late;
Therefore, we need to pray and
wait.

I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I
thought.

I leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own.

Lyle Steffen came to be a part of our family in May of 1973. The son of Ed and Bena Gudeman Steffen, he has four brothers and two sisters. Brothers Duane, Jerry, and Ed Jr. live in the Goodfield and Congerville area. Eldon and his wife, Blanche, reside at Cissna Park. Lyle's sisters, Phyllis Zobrist (Mrs. Howard) and Ida Mae Rocke (Mrs. Eldon) live in the Goodfield-Eureka area. Parents Ed and Bena live in Goodfield. All family members and his many friends are very kind about visit-Lyle; this he appreciates very much. His sunny disposition and

pleasant smile, his eagerness to lend a hand outdoors around the grounds, his expressions of faith and enjoyment of meaningful activities make him an inspiration to all who know him. Birthday time for Lyle is June 24.

In Ephesians 5:19, we are advised to utilize "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord". This our residents love to do, and our Friday evening services provide another opportunity. Those on schedule to conduct these services in August are Eureka, Normal and Forrest. For this we are grateful.

The new addition will soon be ready for the papering of the walls and the laying of floor coverings. We are hoping to begin taking new residents by early winter.

Wisdom prompted an author to write: "Give me a little work to occupy my mind, a little suffering to sanctify my spirit and a little good to do, to comfort my heart."

CHILDREN'S HOME — THE HOUSEPARENTS

"Of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire;" These words in Jude's

Epistle gives us a great deal of understanding in how to meet the individual needs of different people. When dealing with people, and our own children, we have to do so with the method that best meets their individual need, so that we can accomplish the good that we intend for them. One has to make a difference in judgment for some of his children, because they may be slower in understanding and harder to teach, while others who know better and fully understand their guilt for wrongdoing must

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be saved by instilling fear within their hearts, which will hopefully shake them up enough to pull them out of the fire.

These important judgments that have to be made must be found from God; and we will never be able to make them unless we take to heart the preceding verses to the above mentioned one: ". . . beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

This has been our first summer in operation, and upon its inset we were concerned about how we would keep all the children occupied . . . But now that it is almost passed, we are very satisfied that all went well. One of the families took a week camping trip, the other went to Kansas for a week of visiting and recreation. The children enjoyed swimming on a number of occasions as well as having their chickens, rabbits and household chores to do around home.

We also had a number of visitors come and assist us, which we really appreciated. Among them were three sisters from Bluffton, who traveled every Tuesday and Thursday to tutor our children who needed special attention. Others filled in as teachers, craft workers, and food preparers, etc. Among the big jobs accomplished, with the help of our visitors, were: Water and electric lines run out to our chicken house and new garden site, playground equipment constructed, basement decorated, and even a large amount of poison ivy sprayed.

Beside the benefit of extra work getting done, our visitors provide us with a fresh and unbiased opinion of our children, projects and procedures, which often helps us to re-evaluate our efforts and to reconsider our impending decisions in a new light of understanding.

Thank you very much to all who lend themselves and their heart to help us both from near and far. **Our labor is not in vain in the Lord.**

It has become evident this summer that we will be needing two or three sewing machines for our girls to learn to sew on. If there are any of our sisters who have two and wish to donate one to the

home, it would be gratefully appreciated. We are also in need of musical instruments like clarinets, trumpets, flutes, etc. If any of our brothers and sisters who have children in band or orchestra and find they have outgrown or no longer use them, we could definitely put them to good use.

We were very satisfied with the participation in our first annual bake and quilt sale. We had a lot of good cooperation from our friends and brethren and were thankful for the enthusiastic buyers that participated to make it a success. There were some 160 quilts and afghans donated from the nearby people and from coast to coast.

Athens, Alabama . . . Hazel Vibbert: We have had a very busy month, with communion services on July 31, Bro. David Bertsch was with us. Then on unday evening, some friends and members went up to Bro. George Kellys in Tennessee and had Communion. Bro. Carl Haggermaker and his family and Sis. Clara have been trying to go up on Sundays for meetings, as it is hard for the Kellys to come to Athens.

On Aug. 13, the church had a picnic at Davey Crockett Park. On Aug. 18, Bros. Levoyd Moore, Sanford Thomas, Cecil Norman, J. R. Hall, Lynn Klopfenstein went to Rittman, Ohio for the Conference meeting. They came back with same tapes that we are all looking forward to hearing on Wednesday nights.

We welcome anyone to stop and visit with us.

Dewey Perry has been in the hospital, had surgery and has to go back for treatments, and has asked that the Christians pray for him.

Sis. Hazel Kyle has been in the hospital.

Huntsville, Alabama . . . Ann Wagler: Many have visited us in Huntsville the past few months. It is always a pleasure to meet again those we have known in the past and to make new acquaintances among God's people.

We wish to thank all who have shared in the work here in gifts and labor. A group of brothers from Peoria put the roof on the new elementary building. Others

from Leo and Bluffton put up the bricks. Still others from various places did carpentry, electrical, concrete, and other labors. There is still considerable finish work and landscaping to be done.

We expect to register about 130 boys and girls through the fourth grade this fall. They will be given the best in academic training, but of greater importance they will learn eternal truths from the Word of God. Sis. Barbara Thomas of Peoria taught through the summer months, and Sis. Donita Marti of Gridley will teach this coming school term. Sis. Gail Gutwein is taking a year leave of absence to get further schooling. Sis. Norma Schini will continue as school director.

A new library will have to be fitted and stocked with good books. If anyone has extra books, a globe, pictures such as of Washington or Lincoln to hang on the wall, class room flags, etc. they would be much appreciated. We also have a new playground to equip with playground equipment, and toys of all types for outdoors and indoors are needed.

Bro. Joe Lathan and Kate Parucci have undergone surgery and both are recovering nicely.

Phoenix, Arizona . . . Julie Hoerr:

We were reminded how very important it is to stay true to the teachings in the Bible, when Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott) and John Lehman (Bern) were our visiting ministers, on August 7. It was brought out that letting our Christian "light shine" in matters of behavior, dress, and speech is **just as important**, as using our cars headlights, that we might see the path and search out any dangers. How important it is to keep a close walk with the Lord in **all** things we do, for how else will we be known as the Christians we have professed to be. As Bro. Lehman reminded us, **Proverbs** plainly directs us to what we **should** and **should not do!**

We are ever mindful of our need for each others prayers, asking for the Lord's will, especially the need for His help for the sick. Those hospitalized for studies were: Bro. Earl Sanders, Sis. Kate Blumenschein, Bro. Alphi Fisher, and Bro. Ron Hoerr.

Our sympathy to Sis. Emily

Greenbank and family on the passing of her sister.

Our cup is full of joy when another gives their heart and soul to the Master. Joyce Yackley (Aldo) is truly one very happy convert to our faith. Friend Keith Kaufman has the precious peace we receive when we are ready for baptism.

Little two-year-old Nicole Schrenk told us, "She got a baby David Wayne". Their happy parents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Alana Schrenk. July 28 is the day grandparents, Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk and Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith will record his birth. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Rose Funk, Mrs. George Freed, and great-aunt, Sis. Frances Schrenk.

When there is love, when there is joy, time flies on Silver Wings, On Aug. 7, Bro. Jacob and I hosted a 25th Anniversary Reception for our parents, Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr. May the Lord continue to bless them.

Thank you: "Our sincere thanks for all the cards and gifts bestowed upon us for our 25th Anniversary. May the Lord bless you, especially you who worked at the reception. A special thanks, to our beloved **Princeville** and **Bradford** brethren and friends." Bro. Ronald and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr

Our growing congregation is a joy to us. We welcome Bro. Harvey and Sis. Nancy Steffen and sons Dan and Paul. Our winter visitor, Sis. Tillie Gerst (Chicago) is now a full-time resident.

Prayer is us talking to God
Bible reading is God talking to us.

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord" Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney are worshipping with us regularly and it is a joy to have Bro. Roy able to return to the pulpit.

Our thanks for the timely teachings Bros. Richard Aberle (Indianapolis) and Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale) left with us. Bro. Harry Sutter reminded us: **WE MAY BE THE ONLY BIBLE SOME PEOPLE READ!**

As we have often read in St. Luke 15:7 "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth..." Jeff Leman (Bro. Paul & Sis. Milli) has turned from the sin of the

world unto repentance.

Charlene, Shirley and Sherri Roth have found the wonderful peace which cometh from repentance and are looking forward to baptism.

"Every child born into the world is a new thought of God..." Heidi Lynn was born Sept. 4th. She is warmly welcomed by brother Mark and parents Jon and Nancy. Grandparents are Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith Freed, Bro. Dan and Sis. Doris Kokanovich. Great-grandparents are Sis. Rose Funk, Bro. Sam Schupbach (Burlington, OK) and Mrs. George Freed.

Little Chad Philip arrived Sept. 13th. Brother Danny and parents Ron and Sis. Jean Getz welcome baby Chad. Grandmother Eliza Getz (Remington) is looking forward to spending some time here with the happy family.

Sis. Kate Blumenschein is still unable to assemble with us, we certainly miss her. Bro. Dan Kokanovich was a hospital patient.

Sept. 13th our ministering brethren reminded us that "as a tree falleth so shall it lay." Certainly no one knows which "tree" our Heavenly Father may choose to fell. Bro. Art Messner was called from this life quite suddenly on Sept. 13th when he had a heart attack. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Leona and we pray that in the Lord's nearness she may never feel alone.

Many were privileged to hear the Conference tapes on Sept. 4th and 18th. How wonderful to hear our Elder Brethren again speak on the guidelines for a Christian life.

We will miss Sis. Carolyn Dotterer as she has left us to spend some time in Peoria. Her address is 7514 Miramar, Peoria, IL 61614.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene Roth's new address is 7802 via D. Montana, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

We are looking forward to holding services in our new building the first part of October. We also want to welcome any of you who may wish to assemble with us during the winter months.

Rockville, Connecticut . . . Carlton J. Lanz: The engagement of Sis. Joan Luginbuhl, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Irma Luginbuhl to Bro. Steve Hoffman, son of Sis. Elsa and Bro. Edwin, was announced here on Sunday. An

October wedding is planned.

Having undergone surgery on her heart recently, Sis. Martha (Leon) Schneider has been discharged from the hospital and, good.

Births: A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Sis. Terry and Bro. Edward Mangold. She has two brothers, Scott and David. Grandparents are Sis. Carol and Warren Gottier; and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Martha Mangold . . . Also a daughter to Sis. Betsy and Bro. Richard Hany, named Joy Elizabeth; she has 1 little sister, Emily Jean. Her grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. George Erickson and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Hilda Hany (both deceased).

A note from Bro. Ernest Gerber, formerly of Rockville, now living at Fairbury — expressed his thanks to all who send him cards and good wishes on his 80th birthday.

"I wish to thank all the loved ones who remembered me in prayer and with get well wishes and many other kind deeds during my heart surgery in the hospital and also during the weeks of recovery at home. May God bless one and all." Sis. Martha Schneider

Elgin, Illinois . . . Mary Moser:

August: We are always thankful for brethren who labor in the ministry. Visiting ministers were Bros. Ben Wysong from Sabetha, Harold Messner and Elmer Schmidt from Winthrop, and Duane Kilgus of Fairbury.

The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Sis. Gertrude Sauder, Bro. Jerry Kellenberger and Mike Hein, son of Bro. Matt and Arletta, were in the hospital for surgery. Carolyn Feucht broke her leg.

Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt thanks to all who remembered me in prayers and with gifts of love during my illness and spiritual trials." Sis. Gertrude Sauder and children.

Christ entered into rest;
And shall I look for roses here,
Or think that earth is blessed?
Heaven's whitest lilies blow
Twas by a path of sorrow drear

From earth's sharp crown of
woe;
Who here his cross can meekly
bear
Shall wear the kingly purple there.

September: We find a three-fold cord, not lightly rent apart. On Sept. 11 Bro. Mike Zimmerman of Morton and Sis. Sue Steffen were united in holy matrimony by Elder Bro. Joe Braker. Visiting ministers Bro. Walt Steffen from Milford and Bro. Everett Hari from Bloomington were also here for the wedding.

Congratulations to Robert and DeAnne Cox on their new daughter, Marianne Kay, born August 31. She was welcomed home by her brother Jay William, Grandparents Bro. Lyle and Sis. Delores Kellenberger. On Sept. 5 a boy, Lynwood Scott was born to Bro. Don and Sis. LeAnne Schambach. Grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Dorothy Schambach and Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart of West Bend, Iowa. Bro. Stan and Sis. Norma Schambach are the happy parents of a boy, Darren Michael. Bro. Albert and Sis. Dorothy Schambach and Bro. Morris and Sis. Lucile Frank of Leo, Indiana are the grandparents.

Our Elgin congregation was richly blessed with visiting ministers this past month. We are thankful for the labors of Bros. Paul Gasser of Akron, Morris Frank of Leo, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and Joe Schrock from Congerville.

Sis. Elizabeth Schambach was in the hospital for surgery. Pat Flannery was involved in a motorcycle accident and was critically injured. She remains hospitalized at this time. Sis. Martha Hugh was in the hospital with heart problems.

A dear faithful Brother in Christ was called from this life into eternity. Bro. Dave Kellenberger was laid to rest on Sept. 13. Bro. Dave's earthly trials are now ended and we believe he is at home with God. We can read in God's word "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away". Rev. 21:4.

Richard Osmun was taken unexpectedly from this life. Funeral

services were held Sept. 24. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Lydia and other family members.

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida . . . Caroline Akel: I spent a major part of this month traveling, as so many do during the summer. Everytime I return I am more appreciative of God's constant companionship. He is a true friend and will stay right by our side even if our journeys take us hundreds or thousands of miles from home. We can feel Him just as near when we are in caves deep under the surface of the earth or standing on a tall mountain peak. There is no limit to the depth or height of God's love.

So many of us have realized the blessing of traveling miles from home and being able to meet brothers and sisters with the same beliefs and hopes that we have. God's love binds people closer than any other force here upon earth. How marvelous that we have been chosen to experience it!

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and everyone who loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."—John 4:7

Our hearts were deeply grieved by the death of our young friend, Greta Lloyd. Everybody who attends our church has been touched by this sorrow, and we extend sincere sympathy to the Lloyd family.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mary Ann Zackovaci as she joins her family to finish her school courses.

We were glad to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, Ill.) and Bro. Al Schneider (Rockville, Conn.) visit with us to share God's word. Their visits and words of encouragement are always appreciated by our congregation.

Sarasota, Florida . . . Kathryn Schroeder: One of our ministers once said that he thought we sometimes placed too much emphasis on the future of things in this world, forgetting the importance of living the present day.

Jesus taught His disciples saying, ". . . lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his right-

eousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

An ancient poet expressed it thus: "Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life—
For yesterday is already a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today well lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of
hope."

"I never behold the stars that I do not feel that I am looking in the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."

Abraham Lincoln, at age 19

Psalm 19:1—"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

Psalm 8:3, 4—"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou has ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? . . ."

It was an auspicious way to begin life's journey together when Elder Bro. Ben Maibach spoke the words in a beautiful ceremony which united Deborah Siladie and Robert Little in the bonds of holy matrimony, in her parent's home Sept. 3.

We were very happy that Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene were with us on two Sundays. His sermons and prayers were inspirational. They returned to Detroit but left a promise to be here in November, if God so wills. So we said, "Auf wiedersehen", to our beloved Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene.

Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Mari-oncu have moved here from Ft. Lauderdale to a new home at 329 San Marino, Warm Mineral Springs, Fla. 33595. They are now attending our church in Sarasota.

Bro. Don Sellers and his two children, Rickey and Charmin, have moved from Jacksonville, Fla., to 4608 Beacon Dr., Sarasota, in order to be near the Sarasota church. We welcome both families with much

happiness. We are growing!

Sis. Marie Martin, Sarasota, was a visitor in Roanoke, Ill., where she attended the wedding of her granddaughter.

Sis. Lydia Voina, North Port, Fla., left for Detroit, Sept. 6, and was gone a month. She visited her children and a grandson.

Each Sunday in church we see more members, young people, and children, who have returned from the north to their home in Sarasota. We also sense that there is a promise of autumn in the air, while the calendar tells us that autumn is here.

We were pleased to welcome our visiting ministers, Bro. Albert Schneider from Rockville, Conn., and Bro. Harold Schmidgall from Gridley, Illinois.

Sis. Mary Reiman went to Roanoke, to be with her sister, Sis. Esther Weyeneth, who is ill

Sis. Kay Eisenmann was in the hospital for some tests. We are happy that she is home again.

Bro. Doug Sabo and Bro. Glenn Price, with their families, attended the Brotherhood Conference in Rittman.

Bloomington-Normal, Illinois . .

Jean O'shea - Paula Knapp: With thoughtful prayers new Sunday School teachers and a trustee were elected. Bro. Bob Huber and Bro. Rick Ringger were elected to Sunday School. Bro. Bob Zimmerman will be our new trustee. We wish them God's guidance.

On Aug. 11 two families were blessed with precious bundles from God. Bradley James Kellenberger (Bro. Jim & Sis. Ann) was welcomed home by his brother Bryan. Grandparents are Bro. Les & Sis. Eunice Unsicker (Peoria) and Bro. & Sis. Gene Kellenberger (Sabetha).

Bro. Kenny & Sis. Devon Rinkenberger are parents of Jarod Matthew. Jarod is the brother of Brandon. Grandparents are Bro. Byron and Sis. Neola Nussbaum (Forrest) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger (Cissna Park)

August 14 was the day Bro. Steve Stahl & Sis. Holey Gramm were united in holy matrimony. They will be living in Bloomington.

The engagement of Sis. Candy Nussbaum (Bro. Alden and Sis. Tillie) and Bro. Dave Huber (Bro. Waynes, Francesville) was made

known on Sunday, Aug. 21.

Bradford, Illinois . . . Jane Le-man: Aaron Richard has joined the family of Bro. Steve and Sis. Rose Staley. Also welcoming the new baby are Cheryl, Eric and Rebecca.

Our sympathy and prayers go to Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell Dietz and their children, with the passing of Mardell's mother, Sis. Louise Grimm (Taylor) . . . Also to Bro. Carl Hancher—his brother Andy passed away.

Marvin Ehnlé (Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla) and Connie Wettstein of Eureka were united in marriage July 23 at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall. Connie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wettstein. We welcome her to our congregation.

A sincere thanks to our visiting ministers: Bros. Bob Meyer (Bluffton), Virgil Metzger (Champaign) and Ron Heiniger (Normal).

"We are so grateful for the outpouring of love since our little daughter, Gail, was taken from us; we thank you for your gifts, prayers and expressions of sympathy." Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky Endress and family.

Chicago, Illinois . . . Kathy Schlatter:

A young Christian, packing his bag for a journey, said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guide book, a lamp, mirror, microscope, telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of tools."

"But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend. "Oh yes," said the Christian. "Here it is." And he placed his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.

We enjoyed visiting ministers, (Bros.) Gene Lehman from Wolcott (July 24); Earl Gerber, Forrest (Aug. 14); and Phil Sauder, Cissna Park (Aug. 21). We're thankful that they allowed the Lord to "have His way with them, that we might be spiritually filled.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We wish our friends, John and Penny Alden & Bro. Dean and Sis. Jackie Koehl Knobloch the Lord's grace in rearing the two newsouls entrusted to their care. Sarah Alden

was born July 28 and has a sister Kaye, aged 2. Sara Kay Knobloch was born Aug. 18.

We are still concerned about our dear sisters, Verna Stedman, who was hospitalized but is now home, and Minnie Lehman, who has been hospitalized for more than a month for a severe back injury.

Sis. Clara Scharlach, a valued friend and mentor, is back in Cissna Park, living with her sister until she can get into her own house. We miss her, and perhaps she will be returning . . . the Lord knows. Clara worked for a family in the Chicago area for over 40 years, and just recently left that home after the death of her employer. She took with her many memories; we know she left a lifetime of Christian service. She is an excellent craftswoman and has used her talents to the benefit of many Cook County Hospital patients through her volunteer work there. She also enjoys plants and, after giving many away, it still took the entire back seat of a car (and the floor) to transport the results of her "green thumb" and the Lord's increase. May the Lord bless and keep her as she continues to shed light into the lives of those around her.

I'd like to paraphrase something I read recently: a particular 'Christian' woman wanted to get married very much—too much. She was older and her whole life was resentful and embittered because of this "lack". Another person's comment on this was that happiness in this life shouldn't depend on marriage, a particular job or "ministry", children, or material possession. Happiness in this world depends rather on having a close inner relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, at the conference in Rittman, one of our elder brothers made the comment that many a single brother and sister have done much for their nieces and nephews, as well as for others, that they would not have had the time and the resources to do had they been married. And truly they are beloved here on earth for their efforts; in heaven their reward will be so much the greater. May we say with the Apostle Paul, ". . . I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, **there-with** to be content."

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois . . . Charlen Banwart: We appreciate the Sunday visit of our Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield. May we remember our shepherds in prayer and strive to do our part to make their burdens lighter.

Students are returning to the University of Illinois and Parkland College for the beginning of fall semester classes. Student officers for the 1977-78 school year are: President — Bro. Keith Hermann (Princeville); Vice-President—Bro. Ron Walder (Cissna Park); Secretary-Treasurer — Sis. Mariann Ringger (Gridley). They planned the annual Student Welcome picnic for students and their parents. We enjoy the Christian fellowship of these members and friends who assemble with us throughout the school year.

A Bible Class is held at the Illini Union on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during the school year. On Monday evenings at 7:00 many people take time from their busy schedule to sing for the residents at the Americana Care Center in Urbana. We look forward to seeing old and new friends at both of these gatherings.

We welcome Shelli Ehman and Sis. Beth Alt. Both are from Cissna Park, and now live and work in our twin cities.

Cissna Park, Illinois . . . Grace Bauer-Marilyn Knapp:

Tomorrow is not promised us,
So let us take today,
And make the very most of it
The once we pass this way.

Our hospital patients have been Ron Knapp, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary, who fell while at work and injured both legs, and Sis. Anna (Mrs. Elmer) Hari. They are both at home again. Rick Knapp, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary, has been a hospital patient again for a few weeks for further treatments for injuries he received in an accident.

Anna NeuKomm (Mrs. Joe) passed away suddenly at her home. Her husband; one son, Ervin, of Lawrence (Ida) Ferdinand of Milford, Mrs. Robert (Velma) Rose-lins of Onarga, and Mrs. Eileen Kaufman of Cissna Park; three brothers, two sisters survive. Bro. Ed Alt held the services. Burial

was in the church cemetery.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Paul Gasser—Akron, Ohio; William Gerst—Alto; Bruce Le-man and Don Sauder, Roanoke; & Virgil Metzger of Champaign. We thank them for coming and shar-ing God's word with us.

The beauty of the home is order;
The blessing of the home is con-tentment.

The glory of the home is hospi-tality;

The crown of the home is godliness.

Sis. Kathy Hoerr of Peoria and Bro. David Obergfel were united in marriage.

A baby daughter, Rebecca Lynn, was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Sally Rinkenberger, on Aug. 20. Her grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger, & David & Sis. Margaret Kupferschmidt.

Our thoughts and prayers were with our brethren at the Confer-ence at Rittman. We thank them and the Rittman congregation for all their efforts.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Clara Vogel celebrated their 40th wedding an-niversary.

"I wish to thank everyone for cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home." Bro. Clarence Rudin.

Congerville, Illinois . . . Sharon McClure-Judy Wettstein:

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

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

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

We were privileged to have Min-istering Bro. Paul Gasser of Akron visit us on a Thursday evening, also Bros. Loren Strahm and Lloyd Kraft from Gridley, Kansas. We are thankful for visiting ministers

that teach us the true word of God.

Our dear friends, Katie and Richard Hasty and their daughter Terri, were proved and baptized on July 23 and 24. Elder Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka was here to help our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury. These dear souls gave their testimonies on how they were searching for a faith, not being from our people at all, and observ-ed something in their neighbors next door, who were of our people. This should show us that someone we may not expect to notice is watching us in our walk of faith, thus we should always remember to be a good light.

We rejoice with Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois Steffen, that their daugh-ter, Maryann, has turned her back on the world and has sought the Lord in repentance.

Our friends, Jake and Glenna (Marquardt) Rinkenberger (Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha) and (Dave and Lois Marquardt) of Wanatah, Indiana, were proved and baptized in LaCrosse, which they attended before moving to Conger-ville. Several of our congregation journeyed to La Crosse to witness this blessed day.

Eureka, Illinois . . . Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Schumacher:

Among the ill the past month were: Bro. Leonard Hartter, Sis. Ann's husband; Jeff Banwart, son of Bro. and Sis. Joel and Sonja Banwart. Sis. Lucy Kempf was in the hospital a short time. Sis. Clara Bruellman is a surgical pa-tient. Sis. Sharon Stoller, Bro. Rob-ert's wife, was in the hospital. Sis. Emma Somerhalder, Bro. Eli's wife, is a surgical patient. Sis. Ida Wenger, Bro. Clarence's wife, was in the hospital but is now at the "Home" recuperating.

Bro. Edgar Sides was at the "Home" a few days but passed away on Sat. 20th. He was taken to Congerville church for services.

Our visitors on the pulpit were: Bros. Byron Stoller, Gridley; Wil-liam Kupferschmid, Normal and Ed Knecht, Silverton, Oregon.

Wedding: Randall Rocke and Betty Troyer. The parents are Bro. and Sis. Norman and Doris Rocke and the Robert Troyers. They were married Aug. 13th.

We have been blessed with show-ers of rain the past several weeks.

which was badly needed. So God does yet send the showers even if sometimes we are a little disturbed because we don't get what we want.

Our visiting ministers who spoke God's word to us in full measure were: Bros. Arthur Bahler and Duane Kilgus, Fairbury; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty, Ohio.

Among the ill and in hospitals are: Bro. Leonard Hartter, Sis. Ann's husband, remains a hospital patient in Peoria. Sis. Rosa Wiegand from the "Home" has been in a Peoria hospital for some time. Sis. Elizabeth Funk, from the "Home" has returned from a long stay in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Edna Fehr is a patient in a Peoria hospital.

Birth: Duane and Tammy Fehr are the parents of their first child, a girl, born Sept. 19th. Her name is Kathleen Renee.

Take time to live; it is one secret of success.

Take time to think; it is the source of power.

Take time to read; it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time for friendship; it is the source of happiness.

But most of all, take time for God; it is life's only lasting investment.

My dear and beloved brethren in the Lord. May I find in my weakness some way to commend you to the Lord, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, to richly reward you for all your love and kindness shown to me during my illness and stay, both in the hospital and now at the A C Home here in Eureka. The many cards, gifts and most of all your many prayers for me. I can never thank you loved ones enough for the prayers that were made in my behalf. May the God above remember you and reward you all richly. Your weak and needy brother in faith,

John Dapper

Fairbury, Illinois . . . Joyce Huber: Bro. Sam and Sis. Valla Broquard became a new mother and dad with the birth of their baby, Jarrod Samuel. The little boy's grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Donald Broquard.

Richard and Karen Stoller are adopting a baby boy. They named

him Scott Richard. They also have a little girl, Jill. Grandparents are Sis. Ernestine Stoller and Sis. Alice Lehmann.

Bro. Warren and Sis. Louise Hartman returned from a 16-day trip to Alaska. They enjoyed the beauty of this state, and a nice surprise was to meet Bro. and Sis. Wendell Gudeman and Bro. and Sis. Ben Maibach in the coffee shop in Alaska.

Mary Jane Lorch, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Marguerite, was married to John Traub, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Traub. The couple will reside in LaSalle, since Mary Jane is an accountant at Westclox, and John is a student at ISU.

Christa Huber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jesse Huber, and Carol Thames, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Phil Thames, were with other chorale members in a two-week concert tour of Europe.

Sis. Sarah Steffen observed her 80th birthday October 3. May the Lord bless her with His peace and good health.

Bro. Elmer Aberle had open-heart surgery, Bro. Ben Zehr had a cataract removed, Bro. Richard Walter had back surgery, and Sisters Sophie Kellerhaus and Lydia Bachtold were hospitalized. Martha Stortz was transferred to the Home at Roanoke.

We were happy to have visiting ministers: Bros. Elmer Witzig, Ed Alt, Fred Knapp, Duane Metzger, Harold Schmidgal, Kenneth Hoerr, Leroy Hartman.

Sis. Leah E. Hohulin submitted this note: God bless you all, as only He can do, for your kindness, cards, gifts, visits, and prayers, during my stay at the hospital and at home.

This poem was composed in memory of Scott Moser, son of Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser:

"Dear Mommie, as I think of you
And the six short years we've
had,

I want to send my love to you
And my thanks to you and Dad!

You told me Jesus loved me so
And taught me wrong from
right,

And I loved when Marsha played
for us

When we would sing at night!

I know I wasn't always good
(Guess all kids are that way),
But we prob'ly teach you patience
Just know we made you pray!

I'm Oh! so very happy here,
Much more than words can say,
And Jesus said there's lots of
room
For all of you someday!

Dear Daddy, when the nights get
long
And days are dark and grey,
Just cling to Mommie and the kids
And don't forget to pray.

He had a purpose for me there;
Each one is part of His plan,
And though sometimes we wonder
why—
Some day we'll understand.

So Mommie guess that's all for now
And please don't grieve for me,
But think of me in Jesus' arms,
Safe for eternity."
Your "Scottie"

Forrest, Illinois . . . Kathryn Steidinger-Beverly Eisenmann: We are thankful God provides brothers to bring the word to us. We appreciated the visits of Bros. Dale Moore (Elgin, Ia.), Frederick Knapp (Congerville), and Virgil Metzger (Champaign).

Sis. Hulda Honegger has had another lengthy stay in the hospital. Bro. Roy Metz has been transferred to a Champaign Hospital since his stroke several weeks ago. Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid, Sara Stoller (Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill), and Bro. Ed Bach are all home from the hospital and able to be among us again. Bro. Ed wishes to thank everyone who remembered him while in the hospital. Sis. Louise Anliker is getting along real well at home since having surgery. "I wish to thank each one for the cards and flowers sent to me, the prayers, and the food brought in. I deeply appreciated each kind deed." Sis. Louise.

Four of our friends are planning November weddings. They are Kenneth Roth (Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth) and Debra Byrd (Bro. Jim and Sis. Leota—Roanoke). Also, Ed Wenger (Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia) and Renee Taylor.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Jane Brown have been blessed with a new baby. Joel Wayne has a brother, Brad,

and a sister, Lori. Happy grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Eleanor Honegger.

Bro. Edward Wenger was born on July 26, 1887, a son of Conrad and Susan Stahly Wenger. His parents lived on a farm south of Fairbury until 1911, when they moved to Fairbury. At that time Ed, being the youngest of 15 children who were all born and raised there, took as his bride Anna Peters. Together they raised a family of seven children — Sis. Aldine Wackerle, Sis. Laura Wenger, Bro. Raymond, Bro. Albert and Sis. Edna Wiegand all of the Forrest congeation), Bro. Clarence (Eureka); and Sis. Wilma Fischer (Roanoke). There are 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren who enjoy visiting Grandpa at his home in Forrest, where he and Sis. Anna moved upon retirement in 1952. His son, Bro. Albert, established his home on the Fairbury farm, making it the third generation Wenger farm.

Sorrow entered the home when loving helpmate was taken into eternity in 1966. Sis. Laura and Sis. Aldine share his home and care for him. In July, Bro. Edward observed his 90th birthday, with a family gathering. Although his strength is failing, we are thankful to see him in his wheelchair at church most every Sunday. He loves the fellowship of the brethren and friends, and has been a faithful child of God since his baptism in 1936. He is often lonely, and wonders why he must tarry here so long after all his brothers and sisters have passed away. However, he finds comfort and does enjoy singings very much.

Goodfield, Illinois . . . Verna Harter — Elna Grimm: Again we beheld the beauties of the earth, when our community was blessed with a very welcome rainfall!

We have two new little baby girls — Anita Elaine, the new daughter of Bro. and Sis. Al and Marie Kieser (grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Herbert and Rose Fehr of Fairbury, and Carl Kieser of Peoria); and Kathleen Marie, daughter of Norman and Sis. Terry Wettstein (grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Carolee Unsicker of Peoria, and Bro. John Wettstein of Eureka Apostolic Christian Home.

Brad Steven is the new son of Larry and Karen Wheeler. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler of Washburn, and Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman.

It was most inspiring to hear the testimony of our new Bro. Chris Meece (Bro. Enie and Sis. Eloise Diggleman). It seems the Lord led him to read his Bible to find this better way in life. He was proved and baptized in August.

The engagement of Sis. Cindy Wiegand (Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla) and Randy Schmidgall (Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen) of Morton congregation has been made known.

We appreciated the messages brought by Bro. Gene Metzger of Lester, who visited us.

Little Holly Knapp (Bro. George and Sis. Fern) had the misfortune of a fall and is wearing a cast on her right arm. Ray Wagner (husband of Sis. Viola) was hospitalized, but we are happy to have him with us again. Sis. Esther Hartman fell at her home and broke her knee. She was hospitalized for some time, but now has returned home.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Rosa Wiegand, who remains in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, with a serious inflammation of her leg.

Gridley, Illinois . . . Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein: We are happy to report that Alan and Mark Steffen, sons of Bro. Dave and Sis. Emma Lou, have repented for their sins and have peace with God and man. Lord willing, they hope to give their testimonies of faith and be baptized on Aug. 24.

Bro. J. D., Sis. Sandy and their son, Whitney, welcome the arrival of Heidi Christine Maurer, who was born August 3. Sis. Vi McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maurer of Gridley are grandparents.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Rinkenberger and Sis. Anna Klopfenstein.

We were blessed with the visits of the following visiting ministers: Bros. Duane Metzger of West Bend, John Steiner of Oakville, Charles Sauder of Tremont, Max Reimschisel of Wichita, Edward Knecht of Silverton, Ron Heiniger of Bloomington, and Lenard Meyer

of Chicago. We are thankful for all such useful instruments of God in bringing forth His words of truth and life.

It was good to be reminded of the special union between husband and wife, which is to exemplify the greater and even more wonderful union between Christ and His Bride, the Church. These beautiful teachings of Ephesians, chapter 5, were read and expounded upon during the wedding ceremony of Sis. Holly Gramm of Gridley and Bro. Steve Stahl of Bloomington. God's instructions for a happy Christian marriage are unchangeable and remain precious to those who are His children: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord . . . Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Illinois State University . . . Barb Hoffmann: Blessings were brought to us by the following ministering brothers: Ron Heininger, Charles Sauder, Francis Rother, and Edwin Ringger. Our summer school session is now over, and our first Bible study for the fall semester was Aug. 25.

Morton, Illinois . . . Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer: A blessed Wednesday evening was spent when two elderly widowed sisters, Katie Schmidgall Brandt and Anna Schmidgall Maurer, gave their testimonies and were baptized. We're thankful for this evidence that God is still calling the old as well as the young to repentance. We heartily welcome them into our fellowship.

Visiting ministers, Bros. David Bertsch and Jack Bollier spent a Sunday with us. They were here to assist with (and witness) the proving and baptism of Dean Stoller. This work was carried out at the Home for the Handicapped, where Dean is a resident.

Two new babies arrived. Sis. Ginger and Dennis Hermann became first-time parents on Aug. 7, when Adam Joel was born. His grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy Frank, and Robert & Helen Hermann.

Jennifer Lynn was born on Aug. 16 to Sis. Mary Kay and Bro. Gary Rumbold. She was welcomed home by Alan, Sheri, Michael and Eddie.

Bro. Walt and Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker of Eureka and Bro. Leo and Sis. Beulah (Rumbold) Funk of Gridley are the grandparents.

On the sick list are Bros. Harry Wick, Walter Gerber and Solly Rossi. Louise Rupp is currently hospitalized.

The engagement of Sis. Cindy Wiegand, Goodfield, and Randy Schmidgall has been announced. Their parents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla Wiegand, Goodfield, and Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen Schmidgall. A late fall wedding is planned.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life go to Sis. Rhonda Keiser and Bro. Jeff Kaufman, who were united in Holy Matrimony. Their parents are Bro. Warren and Sis. Til Kaiser and Clifford and Lola Kaufman.

Our basement Sunday School rooms were being redecorated during the summer Sunday School vacation. Much of the labor was volunteered. We're confident the students and teachers alike will appreciate the bright new look.

With saddened hearts, we laid a beloved Sis. Alice Zimmerman, 60, to rest. She suffered greatly the past three months from cancer. Alice was born in Sabetha, a daughter of Jake and Matilda Sauder Heininger. She married Bro. Harold Zimmerman in 1957. He survives, along with a foster daughter, Mrs. Robert (Cara) Oertle; three sisters, Mrs. Ray (Viola) Huette and Sis. Lorine Heininger, both of Morton, and Mrs. Reb (Sis. Verna) Strahm of Sabetha; and two brothers, Bro. Lester of Elgin and Bro. Alvin of Morton. Bro. Russell Rapp was in charge of the funeral services, and was assisted by Bros. Frederick Knapp, Congersville; Jim Hoerr, Peoria; and Don Sauder, Roanoke. Sis. Alice's cheerful smile and sweet disposition will be missed by all.

Funeral services were held in a local mortuary on Aug. 17 for George Frey, 78. He was a son of William and Mary Sweeney Frey, and was married to Martha Huette, who preceded him in death. Burial was in our cemetery.

"It was truly heart-warming to receive flowers, cards, prayers and phone calls while at Mayo's. There is nothing like a word from home when so far away." Sis. Kathryn Moser . . . "I was so thankful for the ministers' visits and prayers,

and for the gifts and cards I received while in the hospital and at home." Sis. Lydia Huette.

Peoria, Illinois . . . Mary Sue Rieker - Diane Hohulin: August—Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

Did you pray for grace this morning, to help you through the day? Before you lay down to rest at night, did you thank the Lord for helping you through the day?

Two couples have had their engagements announced. Sis. Julie Hoerr is engaged to Bro. Regan Wieland from Bay City. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr, and Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edie Wieland of Bay City. Sis. Candy Nussbaum is engaged to Bro. Dave Huber of Francisville. Their parents are Bro. Eldon and Sis. Tilly Nussbaum of Bloomington and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber of Francisville.

United in marriage were Sis. Kathy Hoerr (Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora) and Bro. Dave Obergfel (Bro. Matt and Sis. Betty of Cissna Park).

We were privileged to have several visiting ministers: Bros. Edward Alt and Kenneth Weerts of Cissna Park, Lavoyd Moore of Athens, David Wiegand and Virgil Metzger of Champaign-Urbana, & Kenneth Schneider of Remington.

Hospitalized are Sis. Jeanette Hoerr, Sis. Mary Ott, Amelia Asal, Brenda Moore and Bro. Bernard Race.

Grieved with the death of our dear Sis. Mary Hohulin. She will be missed by many, as she was known by her many deeds of kindness. We wish her husband, Bro. Ezra, and his family the grace of God in this time of sorrow.

The granddaughter, Kathleen, and great-grandson, Jason, of Bro.

Princeville, Illinois . . . Ruth Ricketts: No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

" . . . the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." We have had three couples united in marriage recently. Bro. Gale Stoller, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Emily, and Sis. Sonia Steitmatter, daughter of Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha, were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Dave Kieser. In a most impressive ceremony, he used Ephesians 5 for his text. They are living in a home they

purchased in Princeville.

Many relatives and friends gathered at the Fellowship Hall in Peoria, to witness the wedding of our friends, Janet Kieser and Michael Weber. Parents are Sis. Bertha and the late Bro. Ludwig Kieser, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Weber. Bro. Dave Kieser performed the ceremony. They will be residing in Peoria.

Kenneth Martin and Cindy Clark were united in marriage, with a reception at the Peoria Fellowship Hall following the wedding ceremony. Parents of the couple are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lorraine Martin, and Loren and Betty Clark. Since Kennie has another year of college, they will be living in Champaign during the school year.

There were many excited little folks at the annual Sunday School picnic held at Jubilee Park. About 300 were in attendance—children, parents, teachers, grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends. All enjoyed being a part of this gathering. The wee folks were so eager to sing their songs from the bottom of their hearts. Each class showed talent, with beautiful harmony from the older ones.

Bro. Nathan Stoller of Bradford was back home. He brought out many precious teachings, both for believers and friends. He ended with the question: Where would you spend eternity if the Lord came today?

The first Sunday in August, Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria and Bro. Ed. Hohoulin of Goodfield were with us. We read the parable of the sowing of the seed. The soil must be just right for it to take root and grow, and then it needs to be nourished daily. So it is with the heart of a person; it must be just right to take root and then needs to be fed daily. Following afternoon services, a very solemn hour was witnessed by the members, when votes were cast for an ordained deacon, the lot falling on Bro. Joe Stoller. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emily have our prayerful support in this duty, and we trust they will find comfort and guidance from the Lord on whom they depend for all wisdom.

Bro. Clifford Grimm of West Bend came for his nephew Kenneth Martin's wedding, and was with us Sunday, Aug. 14. By living in

faith, we can show our light to those about us.

It always pleases us when our Bradford ministers worship with us. On Wednesday night, Bro. Kenneth Dietz ministered to us.

Sis. Nellie Woertz spent several days in the hospital, after becoming quite ill. She has returned to her home, but is still very weak and not able to worship with us. Sis. Helen Schick is again home, after receiving treatment in the hospital.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet Martin have announced the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Erik Givens, son of Al and Bertha Givens. A November wedding is being planned.

Sis. Lydia Feucht has suffered for a time with minor strokes and has been confined to her home. She has suffered more and more and each stroke takes its toll, leaving her weaker. We trust the Lord will be near all who have trying days.

Roanoke, Illinois . . . Edith Sauder - Mary K. Leman:

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; No door that enough love will not open; No gulf that enough love will not bridge; No wall that enough love will not throw down; No sin that enough love will not redeem. It makes no difference—How deeply seated may be the trouble; How hopeless the outlook; How muddled the tangle; How great the mistake. A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all. If only you could love enough, you would be the happiest being in the world.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at the park near Eureka. The children and parents look forward to the fellowship we have with one another.

Hospitalized were Sisters Esther Beer and Angela Rassi. Bro. John Bittner had surgery at Mayo's and is home again.

May God bless the little son, Ryan Jared, who was born to Bro. Randall and Sis. Jan (Blunier) Martin. Bro. Walter and Sis. Marian Blunier, and Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary Lou Martin are the grandparents.

We are happy to have Bros. Ed Aeschleman from Union City and

Vernon Leman from Eureka with us for mid-week services. Bro. Max Reimschisel from Wichita ministered to us the Sunday after the Ft. Sam Reunion.

The Ft. Sam Reunion was held in the new fellowship hall, with 224 in attendance. Loved ones were here from many places.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Neil Hodel and Lelia Mellin, and also to John Martin and Arlene Vissering, who were united in marriage.

Silas and Sis. Louise Sauder were killed in an automobile accident. We wish to extend our sympathy to her grandparents.

"We wish to express our thanks for the acts of kindness and prayers for our dear Sisters Helen Stock and Marie Weess during her illness. Everything was greatly appreciated" . . . Dorothy Weess and family and Stella Bessler . . . "Bro. Ezra Hohulin and his family express thanks for the gifts of kindness shown to his wife and our mother, Sis. Mary Hohulin, during her illness, and also for the love shown to us after her death." Sis. Louise Fehr is able to come back to church and wants to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and gifts they gave her.

Little children, they are precious in His sight." Bro. Jack and Sis. Laura Koehl are the grandparents of a darling little girl, Sara Kay. She was born on August 18 to Bro. Dean and Sis. Jackie Knobloch of Chicago.

On September 10, Bro. Randy & Sis. Carol Feucht became the parents of a precious baby boy, Matthew James. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Iola Feucht of Peoria, and Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth of Roanoke.

When three dear souls can give their lives to the Lord even in their latter years of life, it is strengthening to all of us. Marie and Otto Hoerr were proved and baptized on August 24, and Rosa Kroos was proved and baptized on September 21. We wish to welcome these three souls into the fold.

The engagement of Sis. Kathy Huber was announced to Bro. Hisato Inoue of Japan. Sis. Kathy Huber's parents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber of Francisville.

Hospitalized are Sis. Lena Eberle, Sis. Clara Simon, Sis. Ella

Hoerr, Bill Aeschleman, Phil Fehr, Les Stoller, and Henry Triplett. We pray that God will be with them.

The Peoria congregation was grieved with the deaths of two dear souls. Bro. Bernard Race died on September 2, after a lengthy illness. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Sis. Leona, and their two sons. Sis. Leona wishes to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness during her husband's illness. Sis. Mary Ott died on September 7. We wish to express our sympathy to her nieces and nephews.

The Peoria congregation wishes to express sympathy to Bro. Walter Feucht and his family upon the death of his mother, Sis. Lydia Feucht of Princeville.

We were privileged to have Bros. Gene Leman of Wolcott and Earl Kilgus of Remington in our midst this month.

"I wish to thank everyone for the many deeds of kindness, visits, gifts, and cards during my recent stay in the hospital." Barbara Herman.

Sis. Naomi Perrine wishes to express her thanks for all the prayers, kind deeds, cards, and gifts extended to her and her family during her illness and hospitalization.

Our friend, Eldora Young, wishes to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and prayers offered in her behalf after her recent accident.

On September 10, our choir held their annual dinner at Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys Nnobloch's farm. In fellowship and song, we all enjoyed a blessed evening together. We pray the choir will continue to be blessed as they sing with their voices unto the Lord.

Tremont, Illinois . . . Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold: August—The Lord richly blessed us with many visitors. Among them were Ministering Bros. Gary Maibach—Rittman, Jim Funk—Tucson, John Bollier—Leo, Steve Rinkenberger—Cissna Park, Cleo Rinkenberger—Pulaski, and Joe Aberle—Sabetha. We certainly received many teachings to think about and to adhere to. It was brought out, at the conference, that a brother stated how empty and what a cold feeling one gets when we enter our churches other than when services are held. How the Lord said he would be in our midst where two or three

are assembled in His name. This brother, as we, can feel the Lord's presence when our churches are filled with our brethren who have been redeemed by our Lord's death, the shedding of His blood, and His resurrection. We truly are a rich people to have our Lord's presence among us. Let us never forfeit this divine gift by trying to incorporate man's ideas instead of God's word and directions.

We sympathize with our Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer, in the passing of her father, Bro. John Frank of the Oakville congregation. . . Also to Bro. Ed and Sis. Jewel Sauder in the passing of her sister-in-law, Sis. Mary Hohulin of the Peoria congregation. We also extend our sympathy to Fred and Ruth Endress and family in the passing of her mother of Ittlington, Germany.

A potluck supper was enjoyed in our newly-completed fellowship hall. May our Lord always find proper activities and godly order dwelling in this building.

Friends of Ron Pflederer, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee, and Kathy Cooper, daughter of Ron and Norma, were united in marriage in our fellowship hall.

The engagement of Jay Hantgartner, son of Jerry and Sis. Melba, to Julie Petrie of Pekin was announced. A November wedding is being planned.

Our dear sister Sally Beutel has arrived in Japan for a two-year stay. Wish her an abundance of grace and faith in her new surroundings. She would love to hear from one and all. Her address is the same as Bro. Willis Ehnle, which is 692-2 409-14 Japan.

We have certainly had our share of sickness in the Tremont congregation. Bert Struck, Sis. Emma Springer's sister has been very ill, but hopefully is slowly gaining a little strength again. Sis. Betty (Les) Schweigert had minor surgery and is again home. Eunice Rowell (Harold) was hospitalized for minor surgery, and is again home. Barb Huetter (Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn) had major back surgery. Bro. Mark Meister is again able to assemble with us, and he and Sis. Becky want to thank everyone for deeds of kindness which were done for them. Dick Beutel (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol) had his appendix removed rather unexpectedly. Roger Schweigert

(Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida) required arm surgery, after an accident. Bro. Orval Rocke wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, gifts, cards and kindness while he underwent his second surgery this year.

Bro. Orval and Sis. Doris Rocke are enjoying the blessings of a grandson, John Steve Sauder. Their daughter, Sharon, recently graduated from Illinois Wesleyan. She has returned to her parents' home.

We have again had the brother conference. May we each one strive harder every day anew to be the kind of brother or sister that our elders could humbly say are an asset to our church and who build the church up.

September—We are privileged again to have visiting ministers with us. Bros. Ed Frank, LaCrosse; Bill Gudeman, Elgin; John Steiner, Oakville; Henry Beer, Milford; Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen; and Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park. May the Lord be their rich rewarder.

We sympathize with converts Cindy and Sandy Ritchie, whose brother, Willard Ritchie, Jr., died in a car accident.

Again we had dear ones in the hospital. Bro. Jay Bolliger has been to Mayo's for tests and treatment. Judy Koch, daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna, and June Steiner, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella, were surgical patients. We're thankful they are recuperated.

A baby boy, Kevin Lee, came to bless the home of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Sauder on Sept. 11. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder and Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida Schweigert. Dan and Connie Schweigert are the happy parents of a son, Jeff Daniel, born Sept. 13. He has two brothers, John and Jim, to welcome him. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida Schweigert, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Call, Lowpoint.

Our good wishes are with Ron Koch, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie, who exchanged wedding vows with Julie Hilman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hillman, on Sept. 17. Blessings are also wished for Sis. Barbara Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn, and Bro. Steve Pflederer, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee, who were married Sept. 18.

Best wishes to Sis. Marcia Kieser, daughter of Bro. Loris and

Sis. Martha, and Bro. Jerry Kaiser, son of Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene, who were married Sept. 25. May the Lord guide and bless their lives together.

We wish to welcome Bro. Dean & Sis. Judy Martin and their children, Greg 14, Troy 10, and Tricia 8, to our congregation.

Washington, Illinois . . . Carole Kellenberger:

Reason faces up to life,
And sees things as they are;

Hope sees things as they ought to
be,
And wishes on a star;

Faith dreams of miracles to come
That only God can do;

Love goes to work with patient
hands
To make these dreams come true.

Love is at work in our congregation as volunteers give of their evenings and Saturdays to erect our church building. We watch in anticipation as each wall is built.

Our humble thanks and appreciation to the ministers serving us: Bros. Marvin Schmidgall, Joe Stoller, Dave Kieser, Walter Herrman, Art Baurer, Lavoyd Moore, Jim Leman, Ben Fehr, Al Aberle, Francis Rother, Henry Grimm and Ron Heininger.

Bluffton, Indiana . . . Marti Yergler — Becky Gilliom: Our love shall not diminish, nor fade nor wax away . . . Bro. Greg Leman (Wallace and Sis. Marilyn) and Sis. Lela Ringger (Bro. Sib and Sis. Vi) were united in marriage on Aug. 7. They are living near Bay City.

For a man shall leave his mother, and a woman leave her home; they shall travel on to where the two shall be as one. Bro. Mark Harris and Sis. Susan Steffen (Bro. Sherm and Sis. Lucille) announced their engagement and are planning to be married Oct. 16. . . . Bro. Tim Steffen (Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Elizabeth) and Sis. Marliese (Marti) Yergler (Bro. Robert and Sis. Carolyn) are planning to be married Nov. 6. Bro. Lonnie Bertsch (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lillian) and Sis. Becky Gilliom (Bro. Kenney and Sis. Marie) are planning to be married Nov. 20.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Don Sauder (Roanoke), Art Ringger (Indianapolis), Roy Wieland (Bay City), Max Reimschisel, Al Langhofer (Wichita), and Bill Dotterer (Phoenix). We always receive a blessing from the messages we hear.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Wanda Moser are parents of a son, Jeffrey Mark. Grandparents are Bro. Russel and Sis. Dorothy Moser, and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter.

Hospital patients: Bro. Herman Gerber and Stacey Stucky, son of Bro. Rick and Sis. Cathy.

Sympathy and prayers go to our converts, Terry and Alan Bertsch in the loss of their infant son Abraham. May they find comfort in their newly-found faith.

I am going to a city where the streets with gold are laid . . . and the roses never fade. Sis. Emma Bertsch passed away Aug. 6. Sympathy to her surviving children: Sis. Louise (Carroll) Gerber, Betty (Harold) Compton, Lewis Bertsch, Arthur Bertsch, and Robert Bertsch.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the kingdom of God." Many friends and relatives were saddened by the accidental death of Greta Sue Lloyd, 15 years old. She was buried here in Bluffton on Aug. 16. Donald and Anna Rose (Baumgartner) Lloyd of Ft. Lauderdale are the parents. Grandmother is Sis. Mary (John) Baumgartner.

Bremen, Indiana . . . Marian Germann:

Only one life so soon it will pass.
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one chance to do His will,
So give to Jesus all your days.
It's the only life that pays
When you recall, you only have but one life.

Many times we become so involved in the **things of the world** we forget our duty in the world is to do all for Christ. It's so true that we have only one life, and every Christian's goal is to do God's holy and wonderful will. May this be each one's prayer. to give Christ all our days.

We are very thankful that Bro. El Shumacher recovered from

his gall bladder operation. It is great to have Bro. El assemble with us again.

Sis. Mattie Clauss had the misfortune of breaking her arm.

Many blessings were received during Indiana Youth Fellowship Day at Camp Mack. God's love and grace was felt in words and music.

As children return to school, we pray God will be with the students and teachers during the coming year. We pray for God's guidance of those going to college this fall. They are: Bros. Joel Zimmer, Steve Johnson, Steve Carothers, Indiana University at Bloomington and South Bend; Bro. Louis Gerber, Tri-State; Mark Zeltwanger and Bro. Doug Sutton, Purdue; and Sisters Martha Kaehr and Shirley Meister, Memorial School of Nursing.

We pray God's special blessing on Terry and Linda Zimmer, as they were united in Holy Matrimony on Aug. 13. They will be living in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Terry's parents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Zimmer, and Linda is the former Linda Murphy.

It matters so little how much you may own,

The places you've been, or the people you've known,

For it all comes to nothing, when placed at His feet.

It's nothing to Jesus, just memories to keep.

Francesville, Indiana . . . Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser: August—We are thankful that Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella have arrived home safely from their trip to Korea and Japan. We are happy to have them back with us.

Our dear friend, Emmett Ward, passed away on Aug. 5, after an illness of three years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lena; sons, Bro. Dale, David, and Roger; and daughters, Sis. Barbara (Dave) Wuethrich, Sis. Nola (Rich) Wuethrich, and Mary Ann (Joe) Sanders. We are happy that Emmett could find peace with his God in the last few months. May God comfort the family in the loss of their loved one.

We also have happy news. Three more souls have answered the Lord's call. We have several who have been announced, who have found peace with their God.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Jeff

and Sis. Wendy (Grimm) Gutwein, in the death of Wendy's grandmother, Sis. Louise Grimm of Taylor.

The week-end of Aug. 13 and 14 was enjoyed as Morris Sunday School came to visit us. Bro. Lloyd Schmidgall came also to share the word. Other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop) and Akito Inoue (Tokyo). We thank them for sharing God's word.

Hospitalized this month is Sis. Louise Anliker.

Rick and Judy Wuethrich were blest with a little boy, Brandon Michael Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola Wuethrich are the grandparents.

The engagement was announced of Bro. Dave Huber (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol) to Sis. Candy Nussbaum of Bloomington was announced.

September—We are thankful to Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse) and Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria) who so willingly came to share the precious word with us.

Our converts, Bob and Debbie Cook were blest with a little girl, Carmen Allison. She has a brother, Benjamin. Herb and Sis. Suzanne Cook are the grandparents. We are sorry that little Carmen had to be hospitalized for a few days.

Sis. Connie Wuethrich (Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola) was announced to Bro. Steve Beer (Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann) of Milford. Sis. Kathie Huber (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol) was announced to Bro. Hisato Inoue (Sis. Tamino) of Tokyo. Bro. Brian Huber (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol) was announced to Sis. Jackie Grimm of Goodfield. We wish the couples God's richest blessings.

The choir has visited in Bay City and Princeville and we wish to thank them for their deeds of love shown to us.

Promotion was held in Sunday School. Each class learns a special scripture to be promoted to the next class. New teachers are Bro. Dale Gudeman, Bro. Mike Gutwein, Bro. Ken Wuethrich, and Sis. Peg Gudeman. Also the Pete Party was held when each child fills their piggy bank and brings the money to be sent to the lepers.

On the sick list are Sis. Louise Anliker and Sis. Helen Huber.

Ron and Karen Benakovich were blest with a boy, Joshua Stephen. Jim and Eleanor Bogart are the

grandparents and the great-grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Sarah Anliker.

A blessed week-end was spent when Bro. Theo Beer (Milford) came to share with us. Four dear souls were added to the Family of God. Jinny Gutwein (Bro. Edison and Sis. Chrisann), Cindy Albrecht (Lewis and Sis. Carol), Mim Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb), and Eleanor Bogart (Bro. Ben and Sis. Sarah Anliker) are now our sisters in the Lord.

Indianapolis, Indiana . . . Pam Frank - Lynn Klopfenstein - Marsha Gutwein: Our Indianapolis church is growing physically and spiritually.

Mathew John was born to the proud parents, Bro. Gary and Sis. Christy Bollier on Aug. 25. The grandparents, Bro. Jack and Sis. Velma Bollier (Leo) recently spent a Sunday with us. Christy's mother, Helen Surface, is spending the week with them.

Our new convert, Diane Horn has found peace with her Lord and Maker. Lord willing, she will soon be baptized and welcomed into the family of God.

We surely are thankful that Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Gudeman's son, Glen, has had a good recovery from his surgery and is home with his parents in LaCrosse. We thank the Lord for these miracles every day that our loved ones can be restored to good health and searching souls can find peace and contentment.

We thank Bro. Don Gudeman and Bro. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse) for being with us and sharing God's word.

LaCrosse, Indiana . . . Carolyn Levy - Grace Heinold: Two dear souls were united in Holy Matrimony on July 24 by Elder Bro. Edward Frank. The bride was Sis. Jill Nuest, and the groom was Bro. Jim Hitz, Detroit. Parents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera Nuest and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Audrey Hitz. Bros. Hartzell Kaisner — Detroit, Ed Aschleman—Union City, and Andy Virkler—Bay City were also with us.

Dwight Nuest (Bro. Lester and Sis. Ann) and Anita Walter (Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walter) were married July 30.

We were blessed with many visiting ministers: Bros. Art Ring-

ger—Indianapolis, Harry Suttor—Ft. Lauderdale, Fred Knapp—Congerville, and Gene Lehman—Wolcott. Their efforts to preach the true word is always appreciated.

Another dear sister has been called home, but what a comfort to the family to know she is in her Heavenly Home, where there will be no more sorrow or pain. Sis. Leona Heinold passed away Aug. 2 after a lengthy illness. Surviving her are two sisters, Emma (Art) Luthi and Sis. Sylvia (Harvey) Banwart; and 4 brothers, Charles, Bro. Aaron, Ralph and Otto.

Two more dear souls became children of God the week-end of July 7. Jake Rinkenberger and his wife, Glenna are now a brother and sister in faith. Bro. Jake is the son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha of Congerville. Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury, assisted Bro. Edward Frank in this sacred undertaking. Bro. Bob Walder, Congerville helped proclaim God's true word. Bro. Jake and Sis. Glenna formerly lived here and now live in Congerville.

Bro. Elmer Bucher visited us on Aug. 14, to help honor Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie's 64th wedding anniversary. This dear couple has had many sorrows, including seeing some of their children called home and also many joys during their wedded life. They have long been pillars in our church, and their faith and advice to others has always been that **The Lord Will Provide.**

Glen Gudeman (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary) had major surgery at an Indianapolis hospital. Surgery was complicated, but Bro. Don & Sis. Mary are very thankful to have little Glen home and progressing very well. Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman and Bro. Eli and Sis. Ella Schlatter, Bay City, are the grandparents.

Leo, Indiana . . . David Bertsch: I finished writing the article Bro. Henry Souder started before leaving this life's journey and entering into that blessed rest in Christ Jesus.

Two precious souls have entered into the baptismal waters and risen to a new life as children of our Heavenly Father. Sis. Stephanie Sylvester and Bro. Lynn Stoller rejoice in their faith.

Visiting ministers shared God's

word with us, Bro. Aaron Steffen from Alto, Bro. Ben Stavenick from Mansfield, Bro. Ben Wysong from Sabetha and Bro. Alpha Strabur from Berne. We are thankful for their labor of love.

Our beloved brother in faith, Henry Souder, editor of **The Silver Lining** for many years, passed from this life's journey on Sept. 1, 1977. Bro. Henry is deeply missed from our midst, as we have many memories of his Christian love, his diligence and devotion to the publication of **The Silver Lining**, his joy in singing praise to God, his love for the body of believers, his church, family and all mankind.

In remembrance of Bro. Henry, we include this poem written by Bro. Henry Beer—Milford.

The Soldier's Return

Home is the soldier, home from the strife;
Home in the realms of light.
Home where the loving Savior dwells.
Home where there is no night,

Hearing and heeding the Savior's call,
Joining the fold of God,
Faithful his service,—giving his all
As here on earth he trod.

Called by the nation,—called to the ranks,
Called by war's decree!
Cheerful and willing, trusting in God
Under the colors free.

Faithful devotion—standing for truth,
Serving for many a day,
Willing to go where duty has called,
Trusting in God always.

Trained for his labors under the flag,
Helping his comrades brave,
Moved by the needs of suffering men,
Loving devotion he gave.

Faithful to God and his country too,
Loving and dear to all!
Momently died our soldier brave,
Answered the Master's call.

Summoned to dwell where war has ceased
Called to the peaceful strand,

Home from the jungles' torrid heat,
Home to the fatherland.

Passed from the scenes of destruction,
Away from the suffering and woe,

Gone is the dread of tomorrow,
Away from the cruel ruthless foe.

Wearisome marches are over,
Labors on earth are all done,
Far on an isle lies a soldier,
Our brother beloved, and a son.

As a father oft pitieth his children,
The Redeemer with mercy and grace

Has summoned His child from the conflict
To His infinite love and embrace.

In Jesus he died and is sleeping,
Say not that his death is a loss,
For he has won glory eternal,
This soldier beloved of the cross.
—Henry Beer

Milford, Indiana . . . Colleen Beer - Linda Beer: The Youth Fellowship Day at Camp Mack proved to be a blessing to many, as a multitude of people gathered to hear God's word and praise His name. We thank God and all that took part for such a successful week-end.

We enjoyed the visitors who came for the Ft. Sam reunion, especially ministering Bros. Bob Beebe, Bremen, and Ron Heininger, Bloomington.

Keith Beer (Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois) is hospitalized after an accident. Sis. Freda Haab is again doing well after medical treatment. Bro. Lou Rossi remains in poor health.

Remington, Indiana . . . Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss: We wish to welcome Sis. Penny (Sutter) Knochel to our congregation, and wish God's richest blessings to her and Bro. Eric as they establish their home here, following their marriage in Taylor on Aug. 7.

Bro. Alpha Strahm from Sabetha was our visiting minister on Aug. 21, and we are thankful for his labor of love in sharing God's word with us.

As the fall season approaches, some of our young people will again be leaving their homes to attend college. Scott Schneider (son of Sis. Anna) will be a freshman at Vincennes University. Returning

to Purdue will be Brent Waibel (son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleta), Kent Nussbaum (son of Marvin and Essie), Karen Clauss (daughter of Paul and Wilma) and Ed Bahler (son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois). Returning to Ball State University will be Jeff and Bob Beckley (sons of Elmer and Nancy).

Let us remember our young people in prayer. Theirs is no small task to struggle against the wickedness and deception of this world; and we know that God does hear and answer prayer!

Know Each Other Better

Jacob and Emma Bahler

Jacob Bahler was born at Fairbury on Oct. 13, 1899. His parents were Jacob and Nina (Keller) Bahler, and they moved to Remington when Jake was 2½ years old. He repented at the age of 17.

He married Emma Steffen of Cropsey, Illinois on Feb. 21, 1926 at the South Side Church. She was born July 21, 1899 to Albert and Elizabeth (Hari) Steffen. She repented at the age of 15. To this union, six children were born. They are Arlene Habegger of Bluffton, Elmer of Remington, Lora Kupferschmid of Paxton, Illinois, Alfred and Lowell of Wolcott and Janice Pfister of Leo.

They now have 29 grandchildren. They moved from the farm to Wolcott on Nov. 20, 1963.

Wolcott, Indiana . . . Laurel Widmer:

Out In The Fields

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen

I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new mown hay,
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good
are born—

Out in the fields with God.

As the summer ends, our thoughts turn again to the harvest and the coming winter. To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. . . So it is also in our lives.

The week-end of Aug. 14 was a time of joy, as we shared the day with our friend, Jon Schwab. He has made his covenant with God and is now our brother in faith. Bro. Wendell Gudeman shared this day with us.

In the beginning, God created man and woman. He made them to be with each other and to live, each for the other and both for Him. We were privileged to witness the union of Bro. Darl Schieler and Sis. Cindy Rager, on Aug. 21 in Latty. The Wolcott congregation warmly welcomes Sis. Cindy. We know she will be an asset to us.

Valparaiso, Indiana . . . Marie Heindold: August—

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say I;
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say my;
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and not include your brother,
For others are included in each
and every plea;
From the very beginning,
it never once says me.

Sometimes a Bible verse seems to stand out in big, bold letters—It was so Sunday for Bro. Rod when he read, Peace be to the brethren and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. With the annual brother meeting approaching the end of this week, we do have a prayer on our hearts for them.

Friend Gregg Staub has committed himself to the Lord. What great blessings are in store for a person who finds his Maker in youth and who can truly surrender himself. We are happy, too, for Kenneth Susdorf, who has been announced to give his testimony.

The Staub family had quite a scare, when their son, Gary, met with a terrible auto accident, totaling his car. His leg was broken; a steel plate needed to be inserted. Gary is getting along alright. His grandmother told him, "God must have a reason that He spared your life".

This month's visiting ministers were Bros. Jesse Beer, Earl Kilgus

and Elder Ed Frank. We thank them and all our visitors.

September—It was a joy to hear the testimonies of dear Ken Susdorf and Esther Neuffer who are now our brother and sister in faith. Elder Perry Zimmerman was here to help Elder Ed Frank with this important work. Many teachings were given. Prayerfully we also were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, renewing our vows to love and serve our Lord and Saviour with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our might.

Another dear soul has been given grace to break the bonds of Satan and surrender himself to our Lord Jesus. We are so happy for Willis Feller.

Appreciated very much were the folks who came to visit us this past month; the ministering brethren were Don Gudeman, Todd Feller, Ed Alt and Merle Bucher.

I seek in prayerful words, Dear Friend,
My heart's true wish to send you.
you.
That you may know that, far or near,
My loving thoughts attend you.

I cannot find a truer word;
Nor fonder, to caress you;
Nor song nor poem I have heard
Is sweeter than, God bless you.

Burlington, Iowa . . . Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst:

May we trust Him day by day,
Leaning on His precious promise,
I am with thee all the way
To protect thee;
I will be thy guide and stay.
Behold, I am with you
All the days.

God's messages were brought to us by Bros. Elder Dale Eisenman—Chicago and Ken Schneider—Remington. How wonderful to see how God works through our brothers, bringing us the timely messages we need. It stirs our hearts to hear the humble words of exhortation, comfort, encouragement . . . something for each of us.

We all rejoiced to hear Sue Eisenman, wife of David Jr., has found peace with God and longs to be baptized. May none of us ever disappoint any of these dear souls, but ever be a light to them.

Wednesday evening was an especially inspiring evening when the Oakville church joined us as they are in the process of painting. The singing was so beautiful with the blending of voices. May our love for each other always be just like that in perfect harmony. We thank all the ministering brothers for coming and sharing the precious word with us.

Today is a beautiful day of sunshine, after eight days of rain, which we badly needed. The lawns are all nice and green again.

We have enjoyed the many visitors assembling with us the past weeks. It gives us a new zeal to see our Lord's church filled with those of like faith.

Our friend, Carolyn Pohl (Fredrick) who had surgery and improved rapidly, has returned home to convalesce.

Bro. Uriel went to Rochester, Minnesota for a check-up, and reports were good, although some side effects will remain.

Trusting in the Lord and not worrying can do wonders, too, for our health. He says, if we worry, we are not trusting Him. We grieve the Lord when we forget to trust, and what is not of faith is sin.

Elgin, Iowa . . . Eleanor Butikofer: We are amazed how quickly the early signs of autumn appear. It is only August, but even now Queen Anne's lace and purple wort are beautifying our roadsides. The shucks on some ears of corn are turning to a tan color, the third crop of alfalfa is being harvested. Then, too, some of our feathered friends are leaving for their winter quarters. A few days ago there were between 30 and 40 barn swallows skimming about and alighting on some of our utility wires, and now, at this moment, there aren't any in sight, so they evidently are on their way going south. We will miss them; to compensate, we will have the cardinals, adees, finches and titmice to feed and enjoy.

Thanks are due Bros. James Ringger and Gary Maibach from Bradford and Rittman respectively who visited and expounded the scripture for our benefit. We did so appreciate their coming.

The following were recent hospital patients, but are now all re-

leased: our friend Mary Pulfer, Bro. Fred Marte and Sis. Celia Butikofer. We are thankful they are all getting along quite well.

Bro. William and Sis. Norma Butikofer have announced the coming wedding of their daughter, Julie to Dennis Krugger of Monona, Ia. The date of the wedding is Sept. 3.

We have found pleasure in having Sis. Janet Mogler assemble with us the past few weeks. She has been attending the Area No. 1 School at Calmar, to complete her L.P.N. training. On Oct. 31, she will be enrolled as an R.N. student at the same school. Her home is located in West Bend.

How beautiful is the rain
After the dust and heat,
In the field and street,
In the narrow lane;
How beautiful is the rain.

**A smile is a gentle curved line
that sets a lot of things straight.**

Lester, Iowa . . . Joyce Knoblock - Alice Metzger: As the summer months are drawing to a close, many school and college students will be returning to, or beginning new classes and new experiences. Our Sunday School resumes after a three-month break also. We pray for students and teachers. May their endeavors be according to God's will. Our editor mentioned in the letter, how we have instant and direct communication to God through prayer. Let's not forget to make use of this blessed privilege.

We were thankful for visiting ministers. The way was opened for Bros. Roy Ehnle—Bradford, and Simon Wagenbach—Tremont to spend separate Sundays with us.

Four families were blest with new babies. We believe all the new parents prayerfully accept the responsibility of rearing a new life. Darrell and Lauri Feucht became first-time parents on July 19, when Kristi Lynn was born. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Emma Feucht and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Kooger. . . Ray and Kathy Metzger became parents of Matthew John on Aug. 8. He has one sister, and grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Leubecher.

On Aug. 12, Willis Gene was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Shirley

Nester. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Elizabeth Nester and Sis. Marie Butikofer, and four girls are thrilled to have a boy in the family. First-time parents were Delbert and June Knobloch, when Jeffrey Paul was born Aug. 17. Grandparents are Sis. Iola Knobloch and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vander Sanden.

All our hospital patients are feeling better and again assembling with us. They are Sis. Margene Metzger, Sis. Vera Knobloch, and Bro. Chuck Leuthold.

Stephanie Gerber, Suzette Kellenberger and Esther Feucht are recent graduates of LPN training in Sioux Falls. May they keep an open line to prayer as they begin their new duties. Stephanie has moved to the Taylor area to work, and Esther and Suzette have employment in this area.

Oakville, Iowa . . . Phyllis Siegle: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. . ."

Again we have many and great reasons to thank our Heavenly Father, in joy and in sorrow. We truly rejoice with the angels in heaven for those souls who were enlightened to realize they have been hurt by sin, and have found Jesus, their healing balm. We wish God's grace for those in our community who are seeking Him.

In great sadness, and yet with thankful hearts that this earth's suffering is now over for my uncle and our dear brother in faith, now the light of heav'n more brightly shines. Funeral services for Bro. John Frank, 82, were held July 30, who passed from this life July 27, at Burlington Medical Center. He was born Sept. 16, 1894, in Cissna Park, and was the son of William and Hannah Streitmatter Frank, and married Sis. Rose Vierling Jan. 330, 1921, who passed away June 7, 1968. On Apr. 9, 1972, he married Sis. Clara Eisenmann in Cissna Park. Those surviving are as follows: his wife; five sons, Edward—Danville, John, Jr.—Mt. Genia, Bros. Robert and Norman—Oakville; four daughters, Sis. Lilgan, Sis. Evelyn Schmidt—West Bend, Sis. Ruth Pflederer—Tremont,, and Betty Witte—Dubuque; three brothers, Bro. Ernie—Oakville, Chris—Dunlap, Illinois, and Bill—Moline, Illinois; two sisters, Clara Frank—Peoria,

and Sis. Lena Siegle, Burlington. His presence is keenly missed among us, old and young, as he always enjoyed a timely visit with all who passed his way. He was a pillar in our church, sincere and true in all his endeavors, whose voice we will no longer hear, as he often lent himself to prayer in our house of worship. The time of harvest has come, after he had fought a good fight of faith. Only two weeks prior to Uncle John's funeral, he thoroughly enjoyed the Frank Reunion, visiting with his children and relatives from far and near, and now is awaiting that **GRAND** Reunion with his loved ones in Heaven!

There is a **TIME** for everything:
with the first stirrings of
spring,
When the life-giving sap rises,
that is the time to plan,
And often, while yet cold, that is
the time of planting.

Should it not be so with the soul?
When the heart, uneasy and
restless,
Is the ground still cold? Sown with
the word of God,
Warmed by the sun of grace, that
too is a time of planting.

How wonderful, when the seed of
His word begins to grow,
Then, washed by tears of remorse,
That is the time of repenting.
Rising from baptismal waters, the
new man desires first milk,
Then the vigorous meat, walking,
stumbling, yet upheld
By the mighty hand of God.

Until I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith!
That is the **TIME** of harvest.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Gary Maibach—Rittman; Harold Virkler—Bay City; Elder Bro. Ed Frank—LaCrosse; and Bro. Joe Schrock—Congerville. Some were brought together for a joyous occasion, while others for one of sharing sorrow, but it was a blessing being together. We sincerely thank each one for sharing their love with us.

We also share in the sorrow with Sis. Rose Steiner, whose sister, Sis. Mary (Thomas) Hohulin, Peoria, passed away. . . also Sis. Nettie Gerst, who suffered the loss of her

sister, Sis. Louise Grimm, Taylor.

Two families became first-time parents, and we wish them joy and blessings. A girl, Erica Ann, was born to Bro. Keith and Sis. Beverly Kuntz July 24. Grandparents are Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm and Sis. Ruth Kuntz. A girl was also born to Bro. Tom and Sis. Joanne Steiner July 31. She has been named Karen Joan. Grandparents are Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marion Schmidgall and Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner.

"We wish to express our thanks for the expressions of love by prayers, cards, food, flowers, and other comforting ways during the loss of our loved one." The John Frank Family.

Our new Sunday school teachers are Bros. Dale Frank, Robert Kuntz, Joe Wiegand, and Sis. Susan Gerst. May we have a prayer upon our heart for them and those who are entrusted in their care.

Pulaski, Iowa . . . Janice Rinkenberger - Mary Jane Knapp: We were blessed with the visits of two ministering brothers in the past month. Bros. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott and Carl Kinsinger of Altadena both spent a day with us for which we thank them. Bro. Carl lived his early years in Pulaski until he was 22. He has been very faithful at visiting us yearly, as do a brother and sister also. It warms our hearts to have our small congregation remembered and to think that he still thinks of it as home.

Our annual elections were held with Sis. Janice Rinkenberger and Bro. Joel Wuthrich elected as Sunday school teachers. Bro. Dave Wiegand was elected trustee. Bro. Ron Rinkenberger is our new Sunday school superintendent. Bro. Ed Lanz ministered to us that evening.

Bro. and Sis. Phil and Jan Webber were blessed with the arrival of James Daniel on Aug. 14. Mark Philip and Sylvia welcome him home.

Hospital patients have been Danny Wiegand for surgery and Chad Wuthrich for medical purposes. Both are home again and doing fine.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me while I was hospitalized. I appreciate the concern of everyone." Chad Wuthrich.

West Bend, Iowa . . . Mrs. Raymond Anliker - Becky Banwart:

Sheep by nature are followers and not leaders, and a goat whom they named "Judas" led the sheep from their pen to the slaughtering-place. He was named so because he betrayed the sheep, turning the other direction after leading them to the slaughtering-place. Bro. Ben was told that it takes "nerves as hard as steel" on the part of the person responsible for slaying the sheep, because the sheep are totally submissive at the slaughtering, no wincing, no bleating, no rebellion, not even in death. The Lamb of

As we are writing the news today, our thoughts and prayers are with those brothers gathered together at the Conference. May the direction and guidance of our Almighty Father be clearly felt in hearts of those who must stand up and utter what God has revealed to them. . . And not only on the days of our Brotherhood Conference, but every time a brother must stand before a congregation, we pray he may preach by the inspiration of God, and not to the itching of man's ears. We appreciated having the following visiting ministers in West Bend: Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester) and Paul Fehr (Morris), and Bros. Gary Maibach (Detroit), Dennis Warner (Lester), Walter Anliker (Eureka).

"I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and gifts during my hospital stay and since returning home. They all were greatly appreciated." Sis. Della Metzger.

Again our prayers go out to loved ones in the hospital. May God bless them with improved health, if it be His will. They are Bro. Levi Banwart, Bro. Fred Wirtz, Elmer Anliker, and Kandi Bruellman (daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie).

Tokyo, Japan . . . Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue: We were especially blessed by the visit of our elders and their wives, Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach and Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman. Both brethren and friends alike received much food for thought from the Holy Scriptures.

It was a privilege to partake of Holy Communion one evening with them, as we renewed our vows to serve the Lord faithfully till He comes again. During the meditation, Br. Ben told of a visit he made to a slaughtering-house for sheep.

God, our Saviour, certainly portrayed this example. Zion's Harp No. 184, verse 8, finishes the illustration.

By the grace of God, Paul's instruction to Titus (1:5) . . . "and ordain elders in every city. . ." could be carried out, as Bro. Akito Inue was ordained elder of our Tokyo Church. He vowed to serve and guide our little flock faithfully, and in turn we were asked not only to support him, but to faithfully pray for him. It was Bro. Ben's ninth trip to Japan, and how we thank him for his faithful shepherding and countless letters to guide us in the Heavenly path. For Bro. Wendell, it was the first visit; his ministry and guidance gave untold blessings. One brother said he could certainly feel the Holy Spirit in Bro. Wendell's messages.

Today is "Respect for the Aged" day here in Japan which is a national holiday. Older folks in this land have a special concern that they will not be neglected when they can no longer care for themselves. The scriptures teach us, ". . . when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not. . ." Ps. 71:18.

We wish God's blessings and guidance on the engagement of Bro. Hisato Inoue, younger brother of our elder, Bro. Akito, to Sis. Kathy Huber of the Franciscville church.

We enjoyed several visitors from the states this past month. To meet believers and friends we have never met before, provides us with opportunities to learn more of the love and riches of Christ Jesus in our conversations with them. It was especially nice to have the older brother of our Bro. Willis visit us, Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle and their traveling companions, Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst, all of Princeville. As Beulah was mending and Cleo and I were preparing food for Sunday lunch, Cleo related some of the places they had lived and also mentioned they and Bro. Noah Schrock had some of the same grandchildren as their daughter married Bro. Noah's son.

We bid farewell to Sis. Judy Bauer who spent about 6 weeks here this summer and want to thank her for her "helping hands". We welcome Sis. Sally Gramm who reports a blessed summer at home. She has accepted employment on the teaching staff of a junior high

school in Kofu. We especially remember all teachers and students as they return to their schools. May they begin every morning with a prayer asking our Heavenly Father to be with them.

Shioda, Japan . . . Willis R. Ehnle:

"This is a good pearl, that's a bad one; this is a good pearl, that's a bad one." The Japanese girl sat at a table loaded with cultured pearls, and with keen eyes and nimble fingers, using a pair of chop sticks or something similar, flipped the good ones one way and the bad ones another. A small piece of shell from the Mississippi River in the U.S.A. had been inserted carefully into an incision in the membrane of the Mother of Pearl oyster, and the oyster deposited in the bottom of the sea for three to five years. About 50% are lost by typhoons and tragedies of the sea, and those harvested must be gleaned carefully, because so many have disqualifying characteristics such as scratches, bad color, etc. . . So the sorting process goes on, "This is a good one, that's a bad one."

Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Wendell Gudeman, who were here with their wives, Sis. Lorene and Sis. Marcella, found many spiritual applications from the story of cultured pearls, such as **The Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great price.** "Christ's side was opened that we might have this pearl," . . . "Of the 10 virgins, here were five wise and five foolish, and in a similar way, only half of the oysters can be harvested," . . . "The sheep (the saved) and the goats (the unredeemed) shall be separated, the one on the right hand and the other on the left, much as he harvested pearls are separated, the good ones from the bad ones."

The above teachings were brought out at our fellowship meeting at the foot of Mt. Fuji.

While our elder brothers were visiting here, your servant was ordained an elder at Shioda. Bro. Akito is presently in the states attending the Conference.

At present, my brother, Bro. David Ehnle, his wife, Sis. Beulah, Bro. Dick Gerst and his wife, Cleo, all of Princeville, are visiting us in Japan. We heard this morning that 18 inches of rain fell in parts of Japan in 48 hours. We are anxious for the sunshine to break

through the clouds again.

Do what you can to prevent automobile accidents. Do what you can to maintain good health. You owe this to the temple of the Holy Spirit, as a child of God. **Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own.**

Bern, Kansas . . . Esther and Stella Moser:

A Short Prayer

If the day has been a long one,
Full of woe and care,
Take the time to bow your head,
And first thank God for prayer.

Later you can take to Him
All those painful things,
And he will gladly give to you
The peace that prayer brings.

After a short recess, our new Sunday school teachers are Bro. Stephen Hartter and Sis. Janice Iehman. Other teachers are Bros. Galen Rokey, Leroy Meyer and Darrell Stoller (superintendent), Sisters Helen Meyer and Shirley Strahm. Bro. Roy Rokey was re-elected trustee of the Apostolic Christian Home; he serves along with brother Alvin Strahm.

Trudy Meyer (Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis) has gone to Columbia, Missouri, where she has employment in a hospital. Her address is: R. 8, Box 412, Columbia, MO 65201.

The engagement of Bro. Dean Strahm (Bro. Alphonse and Sis. Marnie) to Sis. Janet Plattner was announced. Bro. Henry and Sis. Loree of Sabetha are Janet's parents.

Our joy bundle is Barry Scott Stoller, born Aug. 18 to Bro. Darrel and Sis. Gloria. A little brother, Bruce, will have a playmate. Grandparents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl and Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm (Sabetha).

Blessings multiplied this month as we had several guest ministers among our many visitors, namely, Bros. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), Cleo Rinkenberger (Pulaski), Earl Banwart (West Bend).

Sis. Lena Strahm (Bro. Alpha) had the misfortune to fracture a rib in a fall.

Fort Scott, Kansas . . . Aleta Banwart: Tammy and Rebecca were

happy to welcome home a new baby brother. Charles Daniel Sinn was born Aug 4 to Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen Sinn. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. Happy grandparents are Bro. Danny and Sis. Dorothy Sinn, and Sis. Mable Roeshley of Morton, Ill.

We also welcome Sis. Kay Beeri, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Koch from Rittman, Ohio. She is living with Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen, helping with the children, and taking a few courses at the college. We're glad to have her with us.

The Lord has blessed our congregation with health. Roger Kraft, (Bro. and Sis. Wanda) has been our only hospital patient. He has recovered and assembles with us again. Sis. Lydia Hawkins has returned to her home again after being in the Golden Age Lodge. We thank God for His many blessings.

With the angels in heaven, we are rejoicing over one, Gail Robb, coming to know Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Gail is the daughter of Gerald and Sis. Helen Murrow, Kiowa. Her testimony and baptism were conducted by Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart in the newly restored Kiowa Church. Sis. Gail, her husband Steve, and children live in Iola, and assemble with us frequently. Bro. Lester Braker, Lamar, ministered the word so Bro. Wayne Miller and Bro. Banwart could be at Kiowa.

This past month, we have enjoyed hearing the spiritually rich tapes of the conference. Let us take heed at the warnings and live each day for the Lord.

Getting to Know You

A special child was born Sept. 5, 1923. Why special? This special child was born with Spina Bifida. I have found that most handicapped persons seem to be more thoughtful and cheerful than those without handicaps. George joined the family of Bro. Henry and Sis. Lydia Bahr in the town of Gridley, Kansas. He has three brothers and two sisters. In 1942, his mother passed away and his father married Sis. Emma Reber in 1946.

As the years passed, the thought came to George, "Where would I go if I die tonight?" "Amazing Grace. . . I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. . . How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed." After true repentance and conver-

sion, George became a brother in faith on Oct. 16, 1949. Elder Bro. Noah Schrock conducted the services.

In 1954, his father passed away. Sis. Emma Bahr is now in the Sabetha Home. Bro. George has lived several places, and at present is living with Bro. James and Sis. Ruth Bahr. He has had several hospital experiences, and was amazed at the cards he would receive saying "We're praying for you." They had a healing affect for him.

Bro. George keeps himself busy, helping at his brother's store or working at an area printing company. In his spare time, he crochets afgans or does embroidery work beautifully. He has sent several articles to the Handicapped Home Bazaar.

He remembered Bro. Sam Kraft for his kindness & follows his example by showing kindness to others. a cheery smile and a big wave.

When asked about experiences, he relates with tears in his eyes; "My being handicapped, and having my brothers and sisters call me up and saying, 'Let's go somewhere—do something. We'll pick you up.' There's nothing finer." Thank you, Bro. George, for your fellowship.

Kansas City, Kansas . . . Wilma Farney: Through the courtesy of the Capital Federal Savings and Loan Association, we in the Kansas City area are blessed in having our church services the first and third Sunday of each month at 75th and State Line.

Our beloved Elder Bro. Gene Marti and his precious family from Springfield, Missouri, were with us on Aug. 7. Bro. Sam Huber and sons from Sabetha, Kansas, were here Aug. 21.

On Sept. 6, Bro. Alpha Strahm and his wife, the Leonard Baumgartners and the Mickey Rokeys from the Bern Church were with us.

Sept. 18, Bro. George Lambert and his wife from Wichita were here. We do so appreciate the effort in traveling so many miles, and the love our ministers show in the messages of truth they bring us. May God our Heavenly Father bless them in every way.

We are so pleased to have Edward and Louise Wreath with us. They were former Baldwin City,

California residents and attended church at Altadena.

Jim Hunyadi from Akron, Ohio, is a first year student at the Kansas University Medical School, and we are happy to have him worship with us.

Sis. Jeanette Trueb from Rockville, Connecticut, is pursuing a Dental Technician course at the School of Dentistry here at UMKC.

We welcome all members and friends as we need each and every one.

Kiowa, Kansas . . . Janice Frieden: August—In a small oriental town, several men were working on a scaffold high above the street. Suddenly one of them lost his footing and fell to the pavement below. Horified, his companions quickly descended, expecting to find his body broken and mangled. To their surprise, they discovered that their friend was unhurt! At the exact moment of his fall, some sheep were passing through the street beneath him, and he had landed on the back of one of the animals. There it lay, crushed and dead, but the man was saved. As he gazed upon the lifeless creature, he was heard to say, "It died for me!"

Christ didn't just happen to be in the right place at the right time to die for us. His coming to earth, life, and cruel death were all planned by a loving God, who loved His creation too much to see us perish in everlasting torment with Satan and his followers. . . And more important than this is the fact that God is no respecter of persons. Anyone who wishes to, may come to Jesus through true conversion, and be welcomed into the loving arms of this precious Saviour. May we never take the sacrifice Jesus made for us for granted, but fall upon our knees in humble thanksgiving and say as did the man of the sheep, **He died for me!**

Our hospital patients were Lydia Farney, Kathryn Miler, and Esther Miller. We are thankful that they are all home now and do hope they will be able to worship with us again soon.

We had a truly blessed evening of Christian fellowship, when Bro. Raymond and Sis. Lavern opened their home for our monthly singing of praises to our Lord.

We are planning to worship in our church next Sunday. It's taken

a lot of time and effort by the brothers and sisters to get things in readiness this week, but everything is falling into place, and we are ready to go home again. We have appreciated having a place to gather during the repairing of our church, but our hearts hold a deep and joyful feeling that we will soon unite in our church building again. May God richly bless each one who devoted his time and effort in the rebuilding and repair work.

September — A dear friend of mine gave me a plaque which I have on my dresser. The words inscribed are—"Every morning lean your elbows awhile on the window-sill of Heaven and gaze upon the Lord. Then turn strong to meet your day."

Having the plaque so close at hand, I read it quite often and I've come to know how true the words are. When I rise early in the morning and spend time in prayer and communion with the Lord, my day is just different. I still have the same problems to face and I make just as many mistakes, but God is there! Sometimes I would almost give up, if it were not for the strength, patience and peace God gives me to keep on each day; so I'm very thankful for those precious moments in the morning when I gaze upon the Lord, for then I can turn, strong to meet my day.

What a tremendous joy we feel to be home in our own church again. Our first Lord's Day to worship there, Ministering Bro. Norbert Steiner, Croghan, was with us to give an added blessing to the day with his words of truth from the scriptures. Then, on our second Sunday at home, we resumed Bible study and our monthly singing in the fellowship hall. Although **Thanks** seems like such a small word for all the Lord has given us, I believe He understands, and may we never forget to say it.

Sis. Shirley Nelson and Bro. Pete Farney both underwent surgery this month, and Bro. Charles Terry was hospitalized for tests. We are very thankful Bro. Charles is again able to be in our midst and pray that Sis. Shirley and Bro. Pete will be up and around again soon.

Lamont, Kansas . . . Susan Emch: September—Our best wishes are extended to Clarence and Lydia

Fankhauser on their 50th wedding anniversary. Open house was held by their children and grandchildren.

Sis. Dena Sauder who recently made her home at the Madison Manor, fell and was hospitalized with a broken hip. We are thankful for her recovery as she has now been dismissed from the hospital.

Tim Anliker, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean was a hospital patient for a tonsillectomy.

The building of our new church is progressing very well. The construction of a building can be an example of the growth of our spiritual life, both require a very firm foundation. All parts must be joined in such a way that when completed it can sustain the storms of life.

This also reminds us of the importance of our annual conference being held, as we are warned of the dangers that are ever present. We trust that by being united we might become a stronger fortress against our ever present enemy—Satan.

We assembled with the Gridley congregation and received many teachings inspired by Bro. Max Reimschisel, Wichita.

Sabetha, Kansas . . . Mrs. Joe Steiner: We are always happy when brothers find it well to visit our small community and bring us the word of life. Our visiting ministers were Bros. Gary Maibach, Rittman; Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; and Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas.

The engagement was made known of Sis. Janet Plattner, Sabetha, and Bro. Dean Strahm, Bern. Their parents are Sis. Loree and Bro. Henry Plattner, and Sis. Mammie and Bro. Alpha Strahm, Jr.

Summer will soon be over and the children will be back in school. Classes in the local schools will begin this week, and Sunday school will start on the Sunday following Labor Day.

Wichita, Kansas . . . Glennis Allenbach: From time to time we like to include news of our sick, so that you may hold them up before the Lord in prayer.

Sis. Hattie Farney is still in a rest home, after a stroke, but always has a smile for everyone who visits her. Bro. Roy Yackley is about the same, after his long illness. He is able to come to church.

Bro. Oliver Allenbach has been ill for many months following surgery, and entered the hospital again on Aug. 21, to see if surgery will alleviate the extreme pain he is suffering.

Let us all pray for the sick as there is no greater physician than the God of Heaven. What men cannot do, He can, for nothing is impossible with Him.

Visiting ministers have been: Bros. Wallace Ramsier—Mansfield, Roy Wernli—Lamont. We like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for coming and sharing the word of God with us.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker—Lamont, and Bro. Ronnie Nelsen—Kiowa, served Holy Communion to us and it was truly a real blessing to everyone, especially our new converts who had never experienced this before.

It is my sincere wish to always include something that is a word of encouragement to some brother or sister, but this must come from my heart—no hollow words for me—and so my article is short this time. Through my own weakness, I seem to have little to say, only that I would like to pass on some words of a song I heard that went something like this—

When the troubles of life get you
down
And the sun refuses to shine,
Trust God, He'll answer on time.
Trust God!

I didn't include this for sympathy, but as an apology. But now that I've written it down. I guess you could say I accomplished my wish—just reread the above words of the song. Thank you, Lord This just proves again that He'll never leave us alone, for as I sat down to write this, I said, "Lord, I am emptyhanded, I have nothing to say."

Alto, Michigan . . . Mrs. Ronald Eisenmann:

We can pray, believe and receive,
or
We can pray, doubt and do without.

We want to thank all the visiting ministers over the past two months: Bros. Andy Virkler from Bay City, Everett Hari—Bloomington-Normal, Phil Wingeier—Sarasota, Merle Kaisner—Fairbury, and Joe Kaisner—Forrest. School teenagers and friends, in-

cluding adults, chartered a bus to travel to Mansfield for Ohio's Annual Youth Day. We would like to thank Rittman and Mansfield for their labors in preparing for this week-end. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Bay City for hosting a Sunday picnic for our Alto Sunday School Bible Class.

Tom Oesch, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva, is now home from the hospital and doing very well.

Bay City, Michigan . . . Carolyn Shamback: A man lay dying. "Read to me from The Book," he told a friend. "What book?" asked the friend. "When you are dying, there is only one book," replied the man.

These words about the Holy Bible were brought to us by one of the many visiting ministers whose teachings we have enjoyed. With us were Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) and Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Bros. Maurice Frank (Leo), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna) and Gary Maibach (Rittman). How fortunate we are to have such easy access to the word and brothers who are willing to bring it to us.

Detroit, Michigan . . . Martha Gleichman: The beautiful fall trees make one pause for a moment from our busy lives to realize the majesty of the Lord's creation.

Our small church has been blessed with four new babies. A baby boy, Benjamin, was born to Bro. Frank and Sis. Sance Denes. He was welcomed home by Manuela and Andrea. Theodore Robert is the new baby boy born to Bro. Paul and Sis. Sharon IzGherian. A baby girl, Amy Cherice was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Beverly Bahr. She was welcomed home by Alisa. Our friends Leland and Katie Haines were blessed with their fourth boy, Kevin. He was welcomed home by Jeffrey, Philip, and Timothy. It is a joy for us to have so many little ones.

We are thankful that Sis. Elaine Burgos and Sis. Bonnie Popp are able to assemble with us once again after being hospitalized. We pray continued strength and encouragement for them.

A special welcome to Bro. Phil Bahr from Sabetha, who is now making his home here.

Our annual Sunday school picnic

was held the week-end after Labor Day. Although many of us thought the park would be filled on such a beautiful day, the Lord provided us with room and tables where we were able to have the blessed fellowship.

Our new church which once was a paper drawing, is now beginning to form the appearance of a building with all the roof and bricks laid. We are thankful to all of those who have spent much time in preparing the plans.

Morris, Minnesota . . . Corrine Schmidgall - Lois Schmidgall:

While going through this life,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
That Thy nearness to my soul
may cause my light to shine.
Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
and in my heart instill
Desires for Thy kindness,
my covenant to fulfill.

When I am heavy laden,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
For where is greater comfort
for this poor heart of mine?
Lord, hold my hand in Thine
when things do go my way,
For then it is so easy
to go from Thee astray.

Until I see life's evening,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine;
Then lead, when night is o'er,
to that promised rest of mine.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Robert Grimm of Goodfield, Walter Anliker of Eureka, Tom Leman of Elgin (Ill.), Joe Schrock of Congerville, and Carroll Gerber of Bluffton. We are grateful for the brothers who visited and brought us many good teachings of God's wonderful word. Truly everyone received many blessings.

Our congregation rejoices with Bev Minke (Bro. Len) as a new convert. She is the daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner. We wish her much grace and understanding to seek her soul's salvation.

The engagement of Dan Luthi (Harold and Bernice) and Christine Hacker (Don and Janet) has been made. A September wedding is planned. Bob Feuchtenberger and Gwen Vantries announced their engagement. A January wedding is being planned. Parents of

the couple are Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Vantries of Farwell.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Ruby Schmidgall have been blessed with a little girl, Karla Mae, on Aug. 18. She has two sisters, Gail and Joan, and one brother, Loren to welcome her home. The grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall and Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr.

Other hospital patients were Jeff Luthi (Bro. Reuben and Sis. Chrystol), Bro. Keith Schmidgall, Tim Schmidgall (Bro. Keith and Sis. Lois), Bro. Charles Koehl, Leann Brown (Bro. Vernard and Sis. Barb), Randy Fehr (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane), and Guy Koehl (Bro. Ed and Sis. Lois). All have been dismissed from the hospital except Bro. Charles.

Time has come when schools are opening again, and many young people will be going away to college or schools of higher learning. May God be with everyone, so they can stay close to Him.

Withrop, Minnesota . . . Delores Messerli - Marcella Dapper: Elder Bros. Leo Moser—Lester, and Harold Messner shared in the proving and baptizing of Gary Messner and John and Jane Messner. We welcome these dear ones to our flock. While here, Bro. Leo told the friends, they are related to the church, not embodied thereof. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Ministering Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger from Pulaski came to share God's word with us. Often we are missed by visiting ministers in our community; so when times of refreshing such as this come, we do appreciate any efforts made by our brothers.

Several brothers attended the conference at Rittman. Truly God was with the elder body when they assembled for the consideration of our future church. May we be willing followers of their suggested pathway to Zion.

The Sunday School resumes classes the first Sunday in August. May God guide the teachers in this most worthy undertaking.

Sis. Carrie Messner is hospitalized, following a heart attack. Sis. Jeanine is able to worship with us, following treatment again. Friend

Darrell Redmann had surgery.

Our friends, Holly Nelson and Jay Mogler were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Harold Messner, Saturday, July 23. We enjoyed the many visitors who stayed with us for Sunday services.

Sis. Gertrude Messner graduated from the School of Practical Nursing in New Ulm. She is temporarily employed in the Lafayette Nursing Home.

It was our blessed privilege to visit with Bro. John and Sis. Julie Dapper in the Eureka Care Center. Bro. John asked to be remembered to all his loved ones. He desires your prayers in these, his sunset years of life.

Lamar, Missouri . . . Janice Braker - Becky Hohulin:

Come, share the road with me, my own,
Through good and evil weather;
Two better speed than one alone,
So let us go together.

Come, share the road with me, my own;
You know I'll never fail you,
And doubts and fears of the unknown
Shall never more assail you.

Come, share the road with me, my own;
I'll share your joys and sorrows,
And hand in hand we'll seek the throne
And God's great glad tomorrows.

Come, share the road with me, my own;
And where the black clouds gather,
I'll share thy load with thee, my son,
And we'll press on together.

And as we go we'll share also
With all who travel on it,
For all who share the road with me
Must share with all upon it.

So make we all one company,
Love's golden cord our tether,
And, come what may, we'll climb
the way
Together, aye together!

Isn't it true, how often we would stumble and fall, if our Saviour wasn't beside us, to lead and guide, each step of the way.

A precious bundle of joy came to gladden the home of Bro. Wil-

liam and Sis. Barbara Stefan and family. Nancy Sue was born on July 31. To welcome her home are also her sisters, Lori, Karen and Angela. May they have many precious moments together.

In the hospital for surgery is our dear Sis. Mary Marti. She is the wife of Elder Bro. Gene Marti.

Taylor, Missouri . . . Lena M. Haers: God's Miracle Book. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. What a difference between the many books that men make and the one BOOK that makes men!

July 23—Bros. Louis Hoerr and Raymond Haerr and families entertained a large group of the D-3 Ft. Sam brethren and friends at a reunion at Taylor Fellowship Hall. Four ministering brothers were found in this group: Bros. Gerald Gerber—Bluffton, Jim Ramsier—Bav City, Paul Gasser—Akron and Walter Hermann—Bradford. We humbly rejoice how God's invitation goes forth, and we pray many will HEED the call.

Sis. Louise Hodel Grimm could leave this world of suffering to go "Home to Die no more", July 25 at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Illinois. She was in ill health for six months. Louise was born April 11, 1908 in Cissna Park. She married Fred Grimm June 5, 1932. Bro. Fred went Home March 31, 1957. How we missed him! Now 20 years later she could go to! Not only the four children and families miss her, but the whole congregation. Louise was a staunch, firm, loving sister in faith. She was converted in her youth and kept the faith to the last breath. The children, our elder, Bro. Roy, Sis. Judy (Don) Feller, Sis. Kathy (Paul) Haab, Sis. Mardell (Kenny) Dietz, four brothers and two sisters survive. The funeral services were given by our home ministers, Bros. Gerald Sutter and Kenny Knapp. Many people and ministers came on Wednesday morning, July 27.

Marlene (Don and Judy) Feller broke her leg, July 28, while the cousins were playing with a skateboard. She has a cast and uses crutches to get around. Steve (Bob and Nancy) Gerber submitted to surgery at Blessing Hospital Aug. 11. We are thankful he is getting along well.

A beautiful wedding ceremony

by Bros. Ed Bahler, Remington and Roy Grimm for Bro. Eric Knockel and Sis. Penny Sutter was on Aug. 7. We will miss Penny very much, as they will make Remington their church home.

Last week our thoughts and prayers were with all our brothers in faith, and elders at the Conference held at Rittman. May God's will be done.

We enjoyed many visiting ministers, Bros. Ezra Feller—Cissna, Albert Wuthrich—Pulaski, Arthur Burlington, Kenny Dietz—Bradford and Sam Huber—Sabetha.

Sis. Susan (Mike and LuAnn) Knapp will graduate from LPN nurse's training Aug. 26. Congratulations, Susan.

Union City, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania . . .

Carolyn Roberts: Our ministering Bro. John Diggelman has reached the age of 83 years. He yet has the health and strength to carry out in proclaiming the word. May we continue to wish him the Lord's blessings.

Our good wishes go out to Friend Richard Diggelman and his new wife Helga. They are making their home at 804 Rietvlei Center Ixia Street, Milnerton, 7405 Cape Republic of South Africa.

The Philadelphia congregation is very grateful to have had four visiting ministers who brought the word. They were Ministering Bros. Ronald Steiner (Rittman), Roy Wieland (Bay City), Vernon Lehman (Eureka), Elmer Witzig (Gridley).

Sis. Emily Schoenleber is a shut-in and unable to attend services.

A collection of new shoes for the World Relief were sorted out with the help of visiting sisters. They will be shipped to Haiti and to the Children's Homes.

Naumburg, New York . . . Corinne Virkler:

August—

We appreciated the messages given to us this month from visiting ministers, Bro. Joseph Kaisner, Forrest and Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of loved ones from Remington, Rockville and Ohio.

Several Bros. from here attended the conference at Rittman.

The Croghan congregation assembled with us Sunday, Aug. 21.

We always enjoy this fellowship.

Sis. Edith Herzig has been transferred to the House of the Good Samaritan, Watertown. September—

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be a sadness of
farewell
When I embark.

Word has been received here of the passing of our Editor of the Silver Lining, Bro. Henry Souder. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and will miss reading his inspiring articles and appreciate his faithful work.

We were blessed with two ministering Bros. who visited our churches on Aug. 29-30. On Monday evening we were privileged to hear Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley preach the word. On Tuesday evening Bro. Vernon Lehman of Eureka, head of the World Relief showed slides of the conditions in India, Japan and Honduras. We thank them for coming.

We enjoyed guests from Cissna Park and Congerville. Many from here especially enjoyed seeing again after 35 years, Bro. Raymond Eisenman of Cissna Park who was stationed near here at Pine Camp (now Camp Drum) before he was converted. He would assemble with us on Sundays.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 11, we heard part of the tapes of the Conference with the Croghan congregation assembling with us. We will hear the rest at a later date.

John Schultz has returned home from the hospital, also Sis. Edith Herzig is home.

Sis. Dorothy Herzig is in the Lewis Co. Hospital for treatment.

The Croghan Congregation assembled with us for a covered dish supper on Sept. 28.

Croghan, New York . . . Alice

Virkler: August—We received many blessings & were richly reminded of the wonderful HOPE we are assured in this life & the life to come—something the world knows nothing of—when our ministering brothers Merle Kaisner and Joe Kaisner were in our midst one evening. We were also reminded of the importance of our older Brothers and Sisters in the faith, what

they should mean to us, and that we should always esteem them as fathers and mothers. We express our appreciation to these brothers and their families for their concern and dedicated service to God and their service to communities. We have had many other visitors throughout the past weeks. We appreciate each one of them and the wonderful fellowship we can enjoy with each other in this earthly life. Surely it is just a foretaste of the joys to come in our heavenly home.

Our annual Sunday School and church picnic was held at Happy Hollow on Saturday, August 13. A nice afternoon was enjoyed by young and old.

Our annual church meeting was held August 1. May each newly elected and reelected officer look to God for their guidance in the coming year.

Brother Floyd Jr. and Sister Lindo Graves have welcomed their new daughter, Hope Lanae, born August 19. Holly Mae also is happy with her new little sister. Their grandparents are Brother Floyd and Sister Loretta Graves and Brother Lowell and Sister Celia Virkler. Great grandparents are Sister Sarah Virkler and Walt and Harriet Lasher.

At this writing Sister Kate O'Brien (Bro. Chester) remains a hospital patient following surgery several weeks ago. Sister Amelia Belle Virkler (Bro. Ted) was also a surgical patient for several days in Rochester. Our medical patients during the month were Sister Pearl Lehman, Sister Irene Farney, and Sister Berdena (Bro. John) Widrick. We are thankful Sister Mabel Ebersol was not seriously injured in an automobile accident. She was hospitalized a few days and is spending some time at the home of her daughter. Our prayer is that each of the four loved ones & their families look to God as their comforter and healer as they go through these earthly illnesses and trials.

September—

The foliage in Northern New York is reaching its color for the fall season. We are reminded of God's goodness and love for us when we are privileged to see the change of seasons and the beauty of each season—the newness and awakening of the earth and plants

in the spring—the flourishing and growth of the summer—the beauty and harvest of the fall—and the beautiful white and dormant season of the winter months. We have had much rainy weather during the month of September and are looking forward to some warmer and dryer weather for the harvest and beauty of the month of October.

We were privileged to have Brothers Vernon Lehman of Eureka and Elmer Witzig of Gridley and their wives with us on two evenings. They ministered the Word of God unto us at the Naumburg church on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening we enjoyed a covered dish supper at the Croghan Church and Brother Vernon showed us his slides of India and Honduras and spoke to us about the World Relief work. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their visit and ministry unto us.

Our hospital patients have been Sister Pearl Lehman, Sister Kate O'Brien (Bro. Chester), little Tracie Farney, daughter of Duane and Karen, and Pernal Virkler (Bro. Howard). We are thankful that Sister Mabel Ebersol could assemble with us again after recovering from her injuries. Also Sisters Kate and Pearl have returned home and little Tracie has been back in church. Pernal remains a patient at this time.

We are glad to report that loved ones have turned their back to the world and all it has to offer and have turned their lives to God and His wonderful promises for our lives. Noreen Farney, daughter of Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice, has been announced as having found peace and is awaiting baptism in Rockville. Also, Duane and Karen Farney are beginning to walk their lives according to God's ways. May they each look to God for faith in their new ways.

Greetings, Brother Souder—

Our thoughts of love and sympathy go out to you loved ones at the time for sorrow which again has come into your lives. We pray that you may be guided in all thoughts and decisions that must be made in the future of the SILVER LINING. It is a wonderful publication to be sent into our homes and is enjoyed by all who read it each month. Many times I am asked on Sunday "Have you

received your SILVER LINING?" It seems that when we receive it a few days later than usual, many think theirs has been lost and they begin to inquire whether others have received their copies. We pray that you and your family may be led through this sorrow and change and that God in His mercy, will guide you through this time. May He strengthen and comfort each of you.

In Christian Love,
Alice Virkler.

Akron, Ohio . . . Gail Spangler:

There's no measure to God's
mercy;
There's no limit to His love,
And no end to boundless blessings
That He sends from heaven above!

All who were granted the opportunity to attend the Conference in Rittman surely experienced boundless blessings. The concern expressed for their flocks by our dear elder brethren was sincere, and it would certainly behoove every brother and sister to pray that we might walk closer to God, and not in any way try to broaden the way.

We are always thankful to have visiting ministers and were especially blessed this past month. Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) visited us on a Sunday evening. Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena) was with us on Wednesday evening. The Sunday following the conference we heard the word expounded by Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl (Rockville), Elder Bro. Paul Fehr (Morris), (Bros.) Noah Miller (Minneapolis), Loren Strahm (Gridley), Robert Beyer (Naumburg), and Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis).

We welcome into our fellowship as brother and sister in faith, Zoltan and Bonnie Bako. We are so thankful our church is growing, but as we rejoice to a new brother and sister, we are also saddened to have a sister leave us. Our dear Sis. Katherine Ries has moved to Colorado to be with her daughters. We will miss her, but we trust the Lord will provide for her and that she will find happiness in her new home.

Junction, Ohio . . . Gwen Manz:
Several of our members were present at the annual Brother Meeting.

We were blessed with visitors from Minnesota and Kansas who were on their way to Rittman for this meeting. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, ministered to us on the following Sunday afternoon.

Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Bros. Ray Sinn and Merrill Laukhuf—Latty and Henry Dotterer, Rittman also visited us this month.

Bro. Ralph Schlatter was elected Sunday School teacher.

We are happy to have Bro. Oliver Spangler in our midst again. He gets around well with the use of a walker since his hospitalization.

Latty, Ohio . . . Karen Klopfenstein — Diane Stoller: A precious little son, Adam David was born to Dave and Deb Mielke.

Many young people from here spent Sunday, July 24, at Mansfield Youth Days. The day was enjoyed by all.

Ministering Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron) spent a Wednesday evening with us. We thank him for his efforts.

May the Lord bless Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest) for bringing us the true word of life on Aug. 7.

We enjoyed the blessed occasion of the uniting of two hearts together on Aug. 14, Bro. Gaylord Dotterer (Bro. La Vern and Sis. Christine) and Sis. Betty Stoller (Bro. David and Sis. Irene). Visiting ministers Bros. Ken Sauder and Gary Maibach spent the day with us.

On Aug. 17, Wednesday evening, Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont) and Bro. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, Kansas) stopped to visit us on their way to the conference. It truly is a blessing to have brethren come from so far to minister unto us. May we ever remember the word that was brought to us, to be lights in this dark world, and to abstain from worldly pleasures. Also, spending the evening with us were Bros. Art Gudeman and Sam Schlatter.

Pure love leads to perfection,
Joy of our soul and guide,
Gives us true satisfaction,
And leads to heaven's light.

Aug. 21 was the wedding of Bro. Darl Schieler—Wolcott (Sis. Marilyn), and Sis. Cindy Rager (William and Sis. Elsie). Visiting min-

isters were Bros. Robert Beebe (Bremen), Gene Lehman and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Art Gude-man. Sam Anliker (Lamont) and Walter Rager (Toledo). May God bless these brothers for their labor of love.

Mansfield, Ohio . . . Lucille Groh:

Are you passing through a testing?
Is your pillow wet with tears?
Do you wonder what the reason
Why it seems God never hears?
Why it is you have no answer
To your oft repeated plea,
Why the heaven still is leadened
As you wait on bended knee?
Do you wonder as you suffer
Whether God does understand
And if so, why He ignores you,
Fails to hold you in His Hand?
Do black doubts creep in, assail you,
Fears without and fears within,
Till your brave heart almost falters
And gives way to deadly sin?

All God's testings have a purpose;
Someday you will see the light.
All that He asks is that you trust
Him,
Walk by faith and not by sight.
Do not fear when doubts beset
you.
Just remember, He is near.
He will never, never leave you;
He will always, always hear.

What is more comforting than the communion with our Heavenly Father in prayer? In a conversation with one of our local ministers, he said how wonderful it is to be able to feel the prayers of the congregation when it is time to speak God's word. He said it cannot be explained, but it is surely felt. Let us all pray more fervently for our brothers who are asked to proclaim the holy word.

Our hearts are filled to overflowing as we think of the many blessings we have received this past month. Many loved ones have favored us with visits, and it is impossible to name everyone, but we do thank everyone for being here. Ohio and Michigan Youth Day was well attended. God heard our prayers and granted us a beautiful, sunshiny day. The theme was **Seedtime and Harvest, Sewing and Reaping**. We especially want to thank our elders, Bro. Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier for supporting us, as well as ministering

brothers, Wm. Gerst (Alto), Roy Wieland (Bay City), and Ray Singh (Latty).

Bro. Sam Aeschliman (Bluffton) brought us a wonderful message from God's word on July 31. Bro. Sam served our church for several years, and it was so nice to think, at his age, he could make the trip and visit us again.

The week of the conference brought many loved ones into our community. Those who labored in the vineyard here were: Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, Iowa). Uriel Gehring (Burlington), Al Langhofer (Wichita), Noah Herman (Tucson). Don Manz (Junction), Douglas Sabo (Sarasota), and Aaron Steffen (Alto).

It is a joy to report good news, especially when it concerns two souls who have found peace with their God and are awaiting to be added to God's family. They are friends. Dan and Mary Ann Domka. Dan's parents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Sabo Domka, and Mary Ann's parents are Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder.

Our dear aged brother and sister, Aaron and Katie Sauder recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Rittman, Ohio . . . Marlene Dotterer:

With the love of God inspired,
There is joy for us on earth;
May the spirit we've aquired
Grant us blessing, peace and mirth.

So ended the general brotherhood conference held in Rittman on Aug. 19. Many brethren from across the nation and Japan gathered to be renewed in mind and spirit of our duties as children of God. As our beloved elders were inspired of God to direct us, may we ever remember to "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you."

On Saturday evening following the conference, we were privileged to hear the testimony of two precious souls—Wendell Dotterer and Rudy Zollinger. After promising faithfulness until life's end, they were baptized and received the

Holy Spirit. Assisting Bro. Joe was Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern. Wendell is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer. Rudy is the husband of our friend, Brenda, and son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Lillian Zollinger.

Other ministering brothers who spent the week-end with us and so lovingly gave of their services were Bros. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis). Albert Schneider (Rockville), and Aaron Steffen (Alto).

We are thankful that there are those who continue to answer the call of the Lord and seek Him in repentance. Those who have begun walking with the Lord are Alpha Maibach, Jr., Art Riggenbach, and Ken Zollinger. Alpha is the son of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach. Art is the husband of friend Lynn, and son of Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Riggenbach. Bro. John and Sis. Marjorie Zollinger are Ken's parents.

A tiny "rosebud" was taken from our congregation on Aug. 4. Marlin Ramsier, seven-month-old son of Bro. Steven and Sis. Karen died unexpectedly. Those surviving from our congregation, in addition to his parents, are a sisster, Debra; grandparents. Bro. Nelson and Sis. Aldine Ramsier; and great-grandmother, Sis. Emma Ramsier. May the family find comfort in the following words.

Although you will feel grief, you no longer need worry about your little boy. He's safe now. safe in your hearts and in God's love. You needn't fear that evil will corrupt him, or that disease will cripple him. Sadness can never find him. Old age can never touch him. He's gone on ahead to wait for you in the land that is fairer than day.

We have had loved ones who spent time in the hospital. Bro. Stanley Winkler spent a couple weeks in for tests. Roger Hessidence and John Bauman met with accidents. John was in for observation and is home again. Roger remains in traction. Joel Steiner and Gary Murray also spent time in area hospitals.

The engagement of Christina Beegle to Michael Ramsier has been announced. Mike is the son of Bro. James and Sis. Dorothy Ramsier.

Several dear ones have moved away from Rittman and are assembling in other congregations. We

will certainly miss them, but know that another church will appreciate their support. Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beres and family are now with the Poenix church. Their new address is: 1732 West Marlette, Phoenix, AZ 85015. Sis. Kay Beery has gone to live with Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen Sinn of Ft. Scott. Her address is: Route 5, Box 151D, Ft. Scott, KS 66701.

Sardis, Ohio . . . Joyce Indermuhle: Greetings be to you our brethren and our sisters in the Lord! Again the Lord has richly blessed us to overflowing with many beloved visitors. Ministering to us were Elder Bros. Loren Stoller—Latty, Ezra Feller—Cissna Park, Roy Grimm—Taylor. John Rahler — Rockville, and Herman Kellenberger—Elgin, Illinois. Ministering Bros. were: Joseph Kaisner—Forrest, Merle Kaisner—Fairbury, Corbin Bahler—Rockville, Lloyd Kraft—Gridley, and Norbert Steiner—Croghan. May God continue to strengthen our dear brothers who labor so faithfully. May we spend much time in prayer for them, that they might always speak the truth in all it's sincerity.

As our children start a new year in school, with new zeal and determination to learn all that is taught unto them, let us each strive a little harder to make sure the Christian background they are growing up with is strong. All the education in the world will come to naught unless the Lord adds the increase. May we as parents, teachers, and friends of these little ones never fail to be the proper light and example.

Toledo, Ohio . . . Josephine Rehk-lau:

Our prayer, O God, is that we with Thy grace strive diligently to preserve our heritage, the Precious Faith, obtained through Thy righteousness and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We were blessed by having Bros. Elmer Witzig—Gridley, Illinois, and Vernon Leman—Eureka, with us for midweek service. They spoke about those things which make for a fruitful life in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Summer Bible School held a wonderful spirit of unity and love. The topic for the week was **The Life of Christ**. It was a tender,

moving experience to watch the shaping of the crown of thorns by the upper class and their teacher. The thorny branches of the locust tree were used. It brought all of us closer to the realization of the suffering and cruel mocking that our beloved Lord endured. The program of songs and verse was lovely from the tiny songsters o nthrough the upper class.

A number of our brethren attended the Conference at Rittman.

Bro. Rolf and Sis. Verna Kaeppler have a new address: 4140 Bower Rd., Toledo, OH 43613.

Portland, Oregon . . . Connie Steffen: We have been enjoying a lovely summer, very warm days and cool evenings. Today it rained a little, and everything smells so fresh and new. Along with the lovely weather, we've had much company and have enjoyed fellowship with each visitor so much. Please, all come again.

We have had quite a few visiting ministers: Bros. Jesse Schrock, Jim Hoerr — Peoria; Roy Ehnle — Bradford, Glenn Hackenjoes — Altadena, and our dear shepherd, Carl Kensinger — Altadena. We truly appreciate the teachings these dear brothers brought to us, and our elder brothers' words of encouragement, and I wish all of you could have been with us to hear the inspiring messages, inspired by the Holy Spirit, that exhorted us and lifted us up in our most holy faith. We should always appreciate what the spirit puts into the hearts of our brothers, that we may be encouraged along our pilgrim path.

Sometimes people say in a complaining way, **Why me, Lord?** But what we ought to do is really think it through:

If we took an upward view, then we could ask anew, **Why me, Lord?**

He who bled and died, that we might be justified

By that precious crimson tide, that flowed from His side,

For **me** He was crucified, and through my tears I cried,

Why me, Lord?

Sis. Debbie Hodel, Roanoke, has made her home in Portland. We welcome her and wish her the Lord's blessings.

The world not only judges us by our actions, but by our reactions.

Silverton, Oregon . . . Kathy Dietrich: Truly we have been receiving showers of blessings. On July 24, our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger was with us for the services of our new house of worship, to dedicate it to the service of the Lord. Bro. Carl mentioned it was clean and new, and that our lives should always be thus. Bros. Jim Hoerr and Jess Schrock, Peoria, were also with us. Bro. Jim ministered to us in the evening services.

We appreciate these brothers being among us and also the many other visitors who shared the day with us, from coast to coast, and even from Germany, as Sis. Irene Baer was visiting here in Oregon, where she once lived.

The following Sunday, Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard—Fairbury, and Edwin Ringger—Gridley, were with us and served the Lord's Supper. What a blessing to so feel the Holy Spirit among us. Bro. Roy Ehnle—Bradford, also assembled with us and ministered during the evening services.

We were also glad to have Bro. Duane Kilgus—Fairbury, in our midst the next two Sundays, to bring God's word to us.

We appreciated the efforts of these brothers to travel the many miles to assemble with us and to lend themselves, that the Spirit could speak through them to our edification.

Zapata, Texas . . . Lee and Mary Plattner: Our ministers have been Bros. Earl Kilgus—Remington, Ed Hohulin—Goodfield, Herman Kellenberger—Elgin, Ill., and Marvin Stieglitz—Leo.

The final work is being completed now on our church. The carpet is being laid and the pews installed.

When our winter residents return, we should have a much larger building to assemble in.

New Martinsville, West Virginia . . . Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey:

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Thomas and daughter of Peoria visited here with relatives on Aug. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy C Grimm of Taylor, visited with friends in this locality on Aug. 14, attended services at the Sardis Church and went on to Rittman,

where they attended the Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Emch of Madison, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kraft of Gridley, Kansas, also attended the conference at Rittman, came down to the Sardis Church for services on Aug. 21, and visited with relatives and friends here on Sunday evening, accompanied by Kenneth Indermuhle.

W. E. Durig had back surgery in Wheeling on Aug. 11, is doing very well, and will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wade and

family visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Crane in Durham, North Carolina. The Cranes were married in June and will make their home there, where both are employed.

Derek Barth Fiorie was born on Aug. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Al Fiorie in Little Ferry, New Jersey. The little fellow is a great-great-grandson of the late Emma Barth.

Mrs. Ralph Young of Mannington, West Virginia, visited with her aunt, Miss Della Witschey.

The annual Witschey reunion will be held here at City Park on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The annual Green Hill Homecoming of teachers, pupils and friends of the school will be held at the school on Sunday, Sept. 4. This will likely be the last meeting, as the building is in very bad condition, and since it is not used for school purposes, no money has been appropriated for its upkeep. Many pleasant memories are sealed within its walls and will remain with those who attended school there in their early years.

Mrs. Eph Wells (Ruth Froelich) is in Cleveland with her husband, who is a patient in a hospital there. He has been very ill.

Sermon Spoken by Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke, Illinois

P R A Y E R

Taken from I Corinthians, Chapter 13

To our great eternal God and Father in Heaven, we bow head and heart unto Thee, acknowledging Thy greatness, Thy love and tender mercy. Thou hast, in such a wonderful way, provided for us in this life even before we knew Thee. Thou didst love us so that Thou didst send Thy only begotten son into this world who was willing to suffer and die for us. Thou in Thy infinite love did look upon us in Thy tender mercy and grant unto us that we could see our lost condition. We had nothing in this life without Thee. Our hearts could be moved by Thy grace, dear God, to repentance, that we could feel sorry for our sins and then we could enjoy a peace with Thee. This is indeed precious unto us. This faith wherewith and wherewith unto we were called is precious unto us. Thy church, dear God, we love and we pray unto Thee that Thou would now edify us that through Thy good and precious Holy Word we can take therefrom the very things that are needful in life.

Thou knowst, Heavenly Father, that we are weak and needy servants and we have nothing of ourselves. are totally insufficient and depend entirely upon Thee, Oh God, that Thou would share unto our hearts, through Thy good and Holy Spirit words wherewith to speak and hearts wherewith to understand. Grant unto each and every one of us, that as we hear

Thy Word today, even as Thou dost instill it in our hearts and on our tongues and lips, that we all might receive a blessing, yea, a father blessing out of Thy father hand. Grant unto us, too, Heavenly Father that we can have in this day, godly wisdom, understanding that Thy word might be meaningful unto us and that we might let our hearts be moved to new faithfulness and devotion unto Thy good and holy will.

We pray Heavenly Father that as we are in this community among these loved ones, very likely there are those who suffer the pain and affliction of this life, even perhaps the agony of the soul. Wouldst Thou in Thy love share unto each and every one of them a blessing in this day, for Thy hand can reach out unto the hearts of men where man's hand cannot even reach. Let all mankind feel Thy nearness in this day that they may not despair nor become discouraged, but that they may look up in faith to Thee the living God.

May it please Thee, Heavenly Father, that as loved ones from many a church and many a family are far away on the battle field, or in the camp serving our country, we pray Heavenly Father, that Thou would visit them in this day. Give them new faith and courage to know that Thou art everywhere and Thou can indeed bless them. Wouldst Thou alleviate, Heavenly Father, the pain that comes to the

heart of those who have loved ones far away. We, with them, pray unto Thee and bring unto Thy father heart a deep concern for the condition of the world as it exists. Grant, Heavenly Father, that we can enjoy a measure of peace yet here upon this earth, even in these later days. Wouldst Thou reveal unto mankind that the only peace that can be ever abiding in the hearts of men is the peace that Thou dost give.

Wouldst Thou call yet many souls unto Thee while it is yet time and day of grace and wouldst many a soul hearken unto the kind invitation as it goes forth from time to time.

Heavenly Father, bless this church. Bless the loved ones here, the friends of the truth who come to gather, who indicate an interest by their presence. Wouldst Thou in Thy great love, share unto each and every one, Heavenly Father, that which is needful in life. Yea, to come close unto Thee and to acknowledge Thee as their personal Saviour. We pray for the ministers here. Heavenly Father. When the Word goes forth from Sunday to Sunday wouldst Thou bless them in their work. Wouldst Thou also share unto the dear shepherd here, who has the oversight of the flock, every needful thing in life, that as he leads the flock he may be blessed by Thee and that he may find an obedient flock. Yea, we all yearn, heavenly Father, to work to-

gether, to labor together and today to worship together. We pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

It should not seem strange to us, loved ones, when we read of all the blessings and the goodness of God, that there should be one virtue that should stand out, one virtue that could excel and one virtue that you and I should long for; to possess it in our life, to exercise it in our living. This virtue is the very meaning of God himself, the virtue of love. Love has many definitions and we find in this particular chapter it holds forth for us the very good thing in life. We know that as we analyze this great virtue and see ourselves even as in a mirror, we can see, loved ones, where we might have failed in life, where we might do better, and whereunto we might resolve to do better. You know, things have to start someplace. I believe everyone can testify that things have to start someplace. Where do we start? The truth of the matter is, loved ones, we don't make the start. God makes the start, God loves us and that is why our calling is such a precious calling. It is not of our own doing as many souls can testify. This is God's work and doing as he calls unto the hearts of men. As God calls souls unto Him, that is what makes this such a precious calling and such a high calling in God. It is not merely a matter of making a decision, loved ones. There are many, many decisions made in this life, but loved ones, when we are called unto God this is God's love that calls unto us and not our decision, first, to follow the Lord and accept Him. This is what makes our faith, perhaps, so much different. The faith of our fathers, the faith of Bro. Frohlich many, many years ago was founded upon the same faith of Peter's confession. When Jesus asked, "and whom do you say that I am?" Peter spoke out and said, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." Christ told him upon this faith He would build His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. This is the faith that has stood down through the ages of time, this is the faith, loved ones, that many, many souls have died for. The blood of the martyrs became the seed grain of the church. The church flourished and grew, the more the church was

persecuted, the more it grew in number and in faith toward God. We have a blessed heritage because our faith goes back to that same faith that Peter confessed; that Jesus is indeed the Christ, the son of the living God. Upon this foundation was the church built. Furthermore, the Lord said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Now what does that indicate to you? That indicates that the church will be persecuted. The church has been persecuted and the church will continue to be persecuted. This should indicate to you that the church will stand because the Lord, Himself, said the gates of hell shall not prevail against.

Who is the church? The church, as we look at it, yes, we have a body of believers, a congregation, but I believe in the overall, loved ones, that the true church will come together and be together at the time when Christ will come in power and great glory. He will call forth those who have died in the Lord and they will arise from the grave. Those who are living will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last triumph. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, then the souls that have repented, been born again, those that have taken advantage of the shed blood of Christ will be changed in a moment from mortal to immortal and then arise to be with the Lord forever more. This is the true church, this is the body of believers, this is a group of souls that will have been called out of sin by God, Himself. Would we want it any different? It couldn't be any better, loved ones. How would it be if man would decide who was going to be saved? No, God will decide who is going to be saved and he is no respecter of person. Whosoever will, may come. This is not necessarily for a chosen few. It might seem, loved ones, that in our time the souls that turn unto the Lord are rather few. What a precious gift was given unto mankind, that man could be redeemed, then so few, so very few take advantage! This is something to think about, loved ones. We could justify ourselves a little once in a while and say well, this is the sign of our times, we are in the last days. Well if we are in the last days then all the more should

souls see that great advantage of coming to the Lord.

It does us good to think back to the time of Noah because the Lord said as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. When Christ will come it will probably be the next greatest milestone in Christian history. How was it in the days of Noah? Noah was preaching, warning the people because God spoke to Noah and Noah knew what to preach. He knew that the time was short. You can just sort of feel how he must have felt as he was building this ark by the direction of God, in faith. While he from day to day saw the work being completed he warned the people, trying to bring them to the sense of reality of what was going to happen. As the time grew short, even as the ark was completed, before the rains came from heaven and up from the deep, Noah preached more earnestly, more sincerely, and almost begged the people to see the great catastrophe that was going to befall them. Did they heed the call? No, just a few were saved, just a few! Many are called but few are chosen and yet if the watchmen on the wall would not sound out the warnings, the very stones would cry out because the power of the Word of God is there. The power of the Word of God can penetrate into the hardest of hearts and that's why, loved ones, we are fortunate in this day and time that God yet reveals Himself unto us that we have a faith that supports the Word as it is recorded for us. As we worship together, we can have a feeling that God is with us, that God will stand by us, and that God in His infinite love will yet call more souls unto Him.

Did it ever occur to you, as you read in the Bible, "all those will be saved that should be saved," whether or not you are one who should be saved? Oh, loved ones, if you will listen to the love of God, there isn't a one that can say, "No, I'm not one that should be saved." It's God's will that all men come to the knowledge of the truth. It's God's will that all men be saved. Whosoever will may come. Don't exclude yourself and set yourself on the outside, loved ones, because God is sharing His love in your heart if you will only listen and understand. If you will only see in the

Word of God where even as the great deluge enveloped the earth, where all men were lost except eight souls, this will re-occur in a different manner. Sin, eventually and conclusively, will be done away with and all that will remain will be love.

"Though I speak with the tongues . . . of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass . . . for brass just makes a lot of noise. A tinkling cymbal is a little more pleasant, but it will fade away and be gone. We have to have charity, loved ones, for it to abide with us and in our hearts. . . . "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and . . . have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." The Bible says though one gives all his goods to feed the poor, gives his body to be burned, if he doesn't have the love of God, he doesn't have anything. Wouldn't it be a shame, loved ones, if there would have to be one who became a martyr and didn't have the love of God in his heart. It would accomplish nothing. "Charity suffereth long." How kind and how loving is the Lord! He suffered ridicule and reproach and shame by the hands of men and as a lamb, dumb before his shearers He opened not His mouth. Charity is kind; so kind that it went to the cross. Charity died on the cross; that love went so far that He laid down His life for His friends. "Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." No, it isn't a part of any of the things that are detrimental to the soul. It is a part and should be a part of a life that wants to live for that which is right. "Does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." Oh, loved ones, all of these we read of here are descriptive of love. On every one we could write paragraph after paragraph of the depth of what it means to the heart of men. Oh, we many times are tempted and tried. Sometimes we might say something we wish we would not have said and sometimes we might do something or think something and then we are brought back to the realization that this is not a part of love. If we can keep our lives in tune with the love of God,

then, loved ones, we will be on the right road. "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." Sin and iniquity were brought into this world through Satan who has been a deceiver from the very beginning. Satan's doom has already been sealed by God, Himself. Eventually, after the tribulation period, at which time, we believe, he will run rampant and will deceive many and even after the millennium period wherein satan will be loosed yet a little season to try the souls of men, then he will be put into the lake of fire. Yea, all his angels, all those who believe and all those who partake of sin and iniquity. Oh, loved ones, there is many, many a thought given in regard to satan. One is that he's just an influence in life, he is not really a person. We'll not regard him very lightly. Satan is cunning. He is more than an influence. It says there in Revelations that an angel from Heaven came down and chained that old serpent and put him in the bottomless pit, during the time of the millennium period, bound him for a thousand years. Loved ones, you don't bind an influence, you bind a person, someone who is real, someone who can besiege the hearts of men and someone we have to beware of. One of the last things the Saviour told His disciples was to be not deceived.

"Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" These are more of the descriptions of love or charity. Now, here is one that should encourage us all. "Charity never faileth." How precious is this! How encouraging, loved ones, to know that charity will never fail. Charity stands for the truth as we read here, rejoice in the truth and the truth shall make you free. There are many other things in life that shall fail, however. Even prophecies shall fail, tongues shall cease and knowledge shall vanish away. Many times we can experience in life where an old brother or loved one passes out of this life; one who has spent many, many years in the service of the Lord, one who has acquired a great deal of knowledge. Then we know that all that knowledge is not with us any more. What a blessing it is when a soul passes away when they have been faithful unto the Lord; faithful unto death. The love will not vanish away, but abide forever. We

know only in part and we only prophesy in part. We are not perfect, but someday that which is perfect shall come. Who is that? When the Lord will come in power and great glory, then that which is in part shall be done away with, when that which is perfect is come. Then, things will be made perfect. I believe that one of our great concerns in life should be that we be ready and waiting so that when the Lord comes, when that which is perfect is come that we will be found worthy to be with Him in all eternity. This is something to look forward to, loved ones. As we come to the time of the end, this is something that we should look to with great anticipation, the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus. That time will surely come. Isn't it true that we now see through the glass darkly? There are many things we don't quite understand. We would increase our knowledge. We would like to know a little more of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. We would like to know a little more about the mysteries of God. God imparts unto us, even though it is in part, and yet in our mind we cannot comprehend the fullness of the glory of God. That's why we see through a glass darkly, but the time will come when we shall see face to face and then we will know even as we are known. This will be a blessed time, loved ones. This will be worth all the striving, all the efforts that we put forth in life, all prayers that we utter, yes, all the love that we exercise in our hearts. "Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Faith is something that a soul must have in order to think about God and to repent. I believe earnestly that if God sees a desire in the heart of man, He will call such a heart. I believe that there is a prayer that souls who have not yet repented should utter. It's a prayer that God would not forget them, but that God would call them and hear their prayer and give them faith. You know, sometimes we take faith as sort of matter-of-fact. Faith is something we cannot see. Faith is something that is required. It was required of Abraham, it was required

of Noah, and it was required of Moses. By faith, these men gave a glad account and it was accounted unto them for righteousness. So, even today faith is important. But, when that which is perfect is come, we will need no more faith, for then we will see and faith ends in seeing. "Hope." We hope for eternal life, we hope also for that which is perfect to come, but when it is come then we need no longer hope, for then hope is become a reality. Then abideth all these, but the greatest is charity.

Faith and hope and love adorn Heart and life of all true Christians; With these must each child of God Be endowed in full submission. All who wish to serve God truly Must show forth these virtues fully.

Faith which laid the cornerstone Of redemption's true foundation, Looks to Jesus Christ alone, Makes with heart and lips confession Of His Spirit's faithful training, Bears the cross without complaining.

Love, the fruit of faith, must we Show to God and to our neighbor; Yield to discipline each day, Willing for the Lord to labor. No affliction e'er can sever Us from Jesus Christ forever.

Hope encourages our love To overcome all tribulation And will in the deepest flood Anchor on the firm foundation. What we here endure with sadness, Hope will change to joy and gladness.

Faith and hope will pass away When believing ends in seeing; Then our love will enter in, Where it first came into being. There my love in endless action Shall attain sublime perfection.

His Last Week

From peaceful Galilee up to Jerusalem The Saviour turned His face and thither went His way. The vision of a cross upon a lonely hill Stood out in bold relief against that coming day.

Up to the sacrificial feast He needs must go, For heaven will a paschal lamb provide. Farewell to kindred ties in pleasant Galilee.

For He must keep this feast whatever may betide.

Then Jesus with the loved disciple band Descended from the mount of Olives on the way. Steadfastly to Jerusalem He set His face. And rode upon a colt in lowly, meek array.

The loved disciples, children, people all Cried out with waving palms, "Hosanna to the King. Hosanna to the King who cometh in God's name. Hosanna in the highest," His praises they did sing.

Though oft He went unto the Paschal feast. Yet now He went e'en as the Lord had willed. The altar is prepared, the sacred hour draws nigh; How is He straightened till it shall be fulfilled!

And as the time drew nigh He showed power divine: The fig tree is accursed and withered in one day; For henceforth shall no fruit on thee be borne. They marvel all who chance to pass that way.

Straight to the temple where He oft had taught. He entered in, and as He looked about The moneychangers who did buy and sell Were by His words and power put to rout.

He told them by what power He did His works And with authority He did expound The holy truths which we embrace today, Which in the blessed book of life are found.

Sweet parables of truth: The wicked husbandman. And the two sons, and tribute we must give; The marriage of the son, and the true vine Are words of truth He spoke which evermore shall live.

In this eventful week rare gems of love He spoke; How love fulfills the law, and is the great command. The widow's humble mite, the resurrection quest. And how the pure in heart shall in God's favor stand.

The Jews for whom He came from heaven's realm Could not perceive His love, His power divine. For they who say they see, their blindness shall remain. To such as seek me not my heavenly light shall shine.

Then to the upper room which was for them prepared The Savior with the twelve sat round the festal board.

How sacred, holy was the evening hour, As they did eat the farewell supper with their Lord.

What pain and sorrow filled the Master's heart. For one who sits in fellowship near by Shall by the morn betray me to my foes. Then answered they the Master, "Is it I?"

How sad the thought, we fain would call the name. 'Twas Judas who betrayed his friend and Lord. Then to the priests he went with soul bowed down with guilt, And thirty silver pieces was his deed's reward.

Then Jesus with His true disciples there. The holy Sacrament did then ordain. The bread I break, the wine I share with you, I give in memory of my suffering and pain.

And then to prove His love and deep humility The Savior washed the loved disciples' feet. What I do now ye neither can perceive. But afterward will follow blessings full and sweet.

Before they left the holy upper room, Before He needs must go into the depths of woe. They sang a hymn with loving sweet accord. Then Jesus said, "Arise, and let us go."

And then the holy band went over Cedron's brook Into the garden of Gethsamene. For it was hither where He often did resort There with His own in fellowship to be.

It was in Eden's garden where man first did sin. His innocence and first estate were lost. The gate to Paradise to men was closed. And they were driven out at awful cost.

So in this garden of Gethsamene Our Saviour sought the help of power divine. And won the victory o'er self and Satan's power, And prayed submissively, "Thy will be done, not mine"

Then the disciples whom He asked to watch And share with Him the sorrow and distress Fell into slumber there. Their help could not suffice. Then angels came the sorrowing Christ to bless.

Then the betrayer with the soldier band. The priests and scribes with torches all aglow Came forth from out the midnight darkness deep And Judas went before the way to show.

Here heaven oft had blessed the Son of God. But now the powers of darkness did prevail.

O woeful night of sin and wretchedness,
When sinful men the Prince of Peace
assail!

Then Judas gave a token to the
soldiers there
And with a kiss he did the Lord betray.
Then they came forth with swords and
staves and all
And led the Saviour, Christ, the Lord
away.

Then came the judgment of the only
just.
The Judge supreme, was judged by
mortal man.
And false accusers rose in wrath and
scorn,
Which did fulfill prophetic word and
plan.

False witnesses came in to testify,
And every justice was the Lord denied,
By envy moved to wrath and vile
contempt,
Then they cried out, "Let Him be
crucified!"

What if the Christ would deal with
men on earth
As they had done and sentence us to
die?
What if He had no mercy or regard
When men for justice and for mercy
cry?

It was a custom on that noted day
A prisoner from the city to set free.
Barrabas, vile and sinful, was their
choice,
But Christ, the pure, must die, was their
decree.

O sinner as you walk this earthly vale,
What is your choice, the sinful, or the
pure?
Do you prefer the vile whose wage is
death,
Or will you choose the Christ, whose
wage shall e'er endure?

Then from the judgment hall
condemned to die
Out to Golgotha's Hill they led the way.
There Jesus fainting neath the cross
He bore,
The cross on Simon of Cyrenne they lay.

The surging multitude that followed
on that morn
With soldiers, priests, and scribes in
one accord
Went on it seemed by some Satanic
power moved,
As out to Calvary they led the loving
Lord.

O well for men who can this day
perceive,
And feel the debt of love to Christ we
owe,
And keep the vision of His passion in
our hearts;
It was for sinful men that Christ this
way must go.

The vision of the cross which Christ
had long foreseen,
Which ever stood before His heart and
eye.
Was now the sacrificial altar for the
Lamb.
On which the Christ for fallen man
must die.

The world will once be judged by
Calvary's cross.
It is the crowning act of holy, sacred
page.
Herein the hope of every nation lies.
By it men come in every clime and age.

'Twas there on Calvary's brow the
Saviour died.
O spot despised by all who go that way!
Into the depth of darkness Christ did go
To lift men up unto eternal day.

To you who do not know the power
of the blood
Let it by faith be to your heart applied.
Draw nigh to Christ in prayer and
penitence,
And by His healing power be wholly
sanctified.

Then Nicodemus, ruler of the Jews,
With Joseph of Arimathea on that day
Went forth to Pilate,—begged the body
from the cross.
They were disciples of the Lord, but in
a secret way.

And Joseph took the body from the
cross,
Now openly he did the Lord confess.
And Nicodemus came with spices rare
The body to anoint,—to prove his
faithfulness.

And near the place where He was
crucified
They laid the Lord in Joseph's own new
tomb.
They rolled a stone before the sepulchre,
And sadly parted in the evening gloom.

Is there a soul who truly loves the
Lord,
Who keeps it secret, locked within his
heart?
Now Jesus on the cross revealed His
love for you,
Will thou not openly thy love to Him
impart?

There was a hush—a silence in
Jerusalem,
As thoughts returned to Calvary on the
Sabbath day.
The quaking earth, the darkness o'er
the land,
How Jesus suffered there, in anguish
passed away.

And when the next day dawned of
this eventful week
The earth did quake and Christ the
Lord arose.
The grave could not retain the sinless
Son of God,

Triumphantly He came from out His
death's repose.

O who alone but Christ, the sinless
one,
The Prince of Peace, the Hero of the
Cross,
Could rob death of its sting, the grave
of victory,
And save us from eternal wrath and
loss?

O wondrous thought, - the resurrected
Christ still lives:
He lives all glorious in the realms above!
He sheds abroad His spirit into hearts
of men,
'Tis He who lives, and reigns, and inter-
cedes and loves.

O seek not for Him in an earthly tomb,
Where now the kings and nobles of all
ages lie.
No grave can keep the sinless, matchless
One.
All glorious Prince, He lives again on
high!

Awake my soul! The Lord will come!
Awake!
The rapture of the saints is drawing
near.
O consecrate yourself to Him anew,
Be wholly sanctified and live in Godly
fear!

Henry Beer

Prayer

How sweet the privilege of prayer,
When we our cares and sorrows
share
With Him who understands.
Our Father's house has large
supplies,
He owns and rules the earth and
skies
And bounteous are His hands.

'Tis not command nor mere decree
That makes men come on bended
knee
To seek His holy face;
When'er the soul's deep needs arise,
In fears and trials it relies
On His sustaining grace.

As friend to friend will oft confide,
In prayer we seek the Saviour's
side,
And tell Him all our grief;
If we but ask He'll lend His aid;
When on His altar prayers are
laid,
He'll send the soul relief.