

# The Silver Lining

## A LIGHT FOR BELIEVERS

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### SERMON BY BRO. ED ALT

Spoken on July 2 at the funeral of the seven members of the Glenn Egolf and Aaron Bauer families who were killed in San Diego, California, on June 28, 1978. The obituaries were published in the September Silver Lining.

Beloved congregation: Have you given thought to how we would feel if we did not have this Book to reach for? When we came in, you sang the beautiful hymn, "Does Jesus Care?" I hope that this family can look back and remember the multitude that is here. There is your answer. Not only there, but in the comfort that you have in your hearts.

When this disaster came upon us, we were overwhelmed. I said to Bro. Aaron, "What would we dare to consider as a thought or a theme," and, beloved, there is one word which is of special importance to a believer. I think you all know what I am thinking of, and that is love. Can it be possible that even this act could have its roots in love? A few weeks ago this family, as a family went on a vacation trip. I know that they looked forward to it for a long time. They spoke of it, and that in itself was rooted in love. I believe that it was Glenn's intention to take his children and grandchildren, one family at a time, in the motor home, and vacation together.

You and I know that many prayers went into their departure, requests that the Lord would be with them and around them. Maybe, in our finite minds, we say, "Well, then, what happened?" What happened is that this is the culmination of God's wonderful plan for His children—and every one of those precious souls was a child of His. Would you, or I, or they have believed it, if we had been told that this lovely trip's

destination would be heaven? That trip is what we all are preparing ourselves for here on earth, but it came much sooner than expected for Aaron, Carol, Glenn, Mary, and those precious children. They are not suffering, beloved; it is you and I who grieve and suffer. The victory is theirs, but we are here and we need comfort. I know no source other than this living Word.

Let us turn to Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church in chapter 13. We know it as the "love chapter." We are going to begin reading at the fourth verse because so much of this is known to us by heart. Here, Paul expresses the feelings of our minds. Beloved, I believe that each one of the adults who lie here before us would have been able to say, on his departure or at any time during the trip, the same thing which Paul said, "I believe that I have the mind of Christ." And the mind of Christ thinks like this, "Charity suffereth long, and is kind." When we speak of charity, or love, we are speaking of the love of God that is in the hearts of His children, and is then passed on to others.

"Charity envieth not . . ." and while we read this, beloved family and congregation, think of your loved ones, our loved ones, and consider whether this doesn't fit them perfectly. "Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth, not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it

shall vanish away." Isn't that the truth?

We read these words often. We read them at funerals. We read them at weddings, hoping to incorporate the love of God into the union. But, beloved, we often fail to realize that these things come to pass, do we not? This has come to pass: "whether there be prophecies (preachings or teachings), they shall fail." That is true. As the tree falls, so shall it lie; as these precious souls have taught their children and grandchildren, so shall that teaching stay. Their tongues are still and their lips are silent, but the Scripture says that Abel, although he is gone, still speaks to us very vividly, plainly, loudly.

You'll never forget these adults; you will never forget these precious children. They'll be gone from us, and to a degree the blow will be softened somewhat—I say somewhat, never totally. But what they believed in, what they stood for, and what they advocated, you will never forget. That is why Paul wrote, "whether there be tongues, they shall cease," and they have; and "whether there be knowledge (the joy of wisdom put into practical use), it shall vanish away." He says "For we know in part and we prophecy (preach, teach, exhort, or admonish) in part."

The next verse shows us where the living and the dead must part, beloved. "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away," and this is what has happened to these loved ones. You and I are still here in this vale of tears. As Bro. Ezra said, we must watch and wait, and we must pick up the torch and go on from here, advancing what these precious souls stood for and

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## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Doug Kellenberger

The number of our children is now down to five. Jerry and Rhonda went to live with their parents. We wish them the best. Children need a consistently stable environment to give them security. Even though, outwardly, we seem to be diminishing, inwardly we are growing. Our program is steadily developing as the staff is growing and ever learning this new and complex field of child care. Our newly developed counseling program with Bro. Bill Hartman has already shown that it is very beneficial to the children and the houseparents. Frank and Emma Zeoli are also very much appreciated on our staff. They are originally from Massachusetts and have worked the past year at the Dessie Scott Children's Home. Since that time they have been led to come to our home, and Frank has taken up the responsibility of maintenance. Emma helps Sue with the washing, ironing, mending, and cooking in the house. They are a dear couple who are serving us well, both in labor and in spirit. However, we are still in need of more houseparents and an administrator.

Last week Claudia and Karen forfeited their after school activities to go with us to pick apples. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, and the fresh air was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed it. The fruit on the trees was beautiful and clean; not a mark or wormhole on it. Our fruit for Christ is supposed to be like that. If we have good and shiny fruit, the world will know that we are good trees.

How do we get good fruit on our branches? By trying real hard in ourselves? No! By abiding in the vine. (John 15:4,5) Christ (His Word, will, and Spirit) is the vine. We can only get His Word, will, and Spirit from Him. We cannot produce them ourselves! Therefore, we must continually seek Him, trust Him, ask Him, be continually occupied in Him, wait on Him, and consider Him in everything that we do so that we can see if we are getting our motivation from His vine. Don't try to produce Christ in yourself. Give Him your whole self (Romans 12:1; Mark 12:30) and let Him flow through your branches to produce fruit.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE:

We thank the many dear ones who contributed to and helped with the second annual Children's Home Sale on Sept. 16. We also thank those who purchased the many items that were offered for sale. The wonderful cooperation was very much appreciated from the planning stage to the completion of the sale. We pray that God will bless all of you.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Sometimes we ponder the meaning of the word "handicapped." Helen Keller once said:

They took away my eyes, but I remember Milton's Paradise.  
They took away my ears, but Beethoven came to wipe away my tears.  
They took away my tongue, but I spoke with God while I was young.  
They cannot take away my soul; and, having that, I can still be whole.

We wonder at her wisdom and insight; and then we wonder further whether we should be sad when the privilege is ours to care for someone who is perhaps not physically whole, but who still has much to offer. Surely God has a purpose. He told the Apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

We introduce to you this month, one of our new residents, Keith Weyeneth. His parents are Melvin and Leona Roth Weyeneth of Metamora, Illinois. Though he was born in Kiowa, Kansas, Keith lived most of his life in this area. Two brothers, Clark and Merle, and one niece make up his family. His favorite foods are hamburger and fried chicken. Keith is interested in and interesting to both staff and residents. He is often seen out and around the Home, keeping tab of all activities. Birthday time is Nov. 4. Welcome to you, Keith!

Benefit Day, scheduled for Nov. 17, is very much in our thoughts. Many lend heart and hand, and we are deeply grateful. One more thing is needful: Let us all pray for a heavenly blessing, lest we labor in vain.

Our 95-degree summer weather has changed dramatically and ab-

ruptly to 50 and 60-degree coat-wearing weather. Frost has not touched the flowers yet, but they will soon have fulfilled their purpose for this season. With this event is born the hope for another season, if it is His will.

## ALABAMA, HUNTSVILLE

John and Ann Wagler

"This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24.

The Lord gave us two weeks of almost perfect weather just when it was so vital. Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Getz of Morton, Illinois, spent two weeks with us. Bro. Harry laid bricks for the new school building, and Sis. Bertha did many wonderful things to help us. We thank the Lord for such sincere Christian friends.

The school's Awana groups have been increasing in enrollment. The children are enthusiastic and enjoy the Bible stories each Tuesday evening. Sis. Norma Schini is our new director. She replaced Sis. Beverly Jacobs, who recently moved to Colorado.

The Morton choir visited our church, and we had a good time of fellowship together. The elementary school children presented a short program for them.

In a recent issue of the Silver Lining, we wrote of the dying testimony of Mr. Livingston, whose children attend our school. Someone showed Mrs. Livingston the article and she stopped by my classroom and said how much she appreciated seeing it published. She was grateful to the editors of the Silver Lining for printing it. She

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felt you cared.

For a number of years, we have been distributing portions of Scripture in various business places in the city. They are placed in boxes, and people pick them up. Travelers often pass through Huntsville, and we have received letters from many states. Bro. Scott and Sis. Regina Pedersen are in charge of keeping the boxes filled. To date we have given out over 100,000. This is one of the ministries of the Huntsville church.

Since we are located at the edge of the city, we are just a short distance from a cotton patch. This year, all the school children took their sacks and went out and picked cotton. Each child kept a boll or two, and the rest was returned to the owner. It was a lesson in honesty—we only kept what had been agreed upon. The older children, by themselves, took the bags of cotton back to Mr. Bailey, and he appreciated it.

Character, good morals, integrity, honesty, and faith are not acquired in a day, a week, a month, or a year. It is taught line upon line and precept upon precept and is shown by living a consistently Godly life before the child as long as he is in your home and under your care.

### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Julie Hoerr

On Oct. 14 and 15 we were privileged to hear the testimony of Alan Schmidgall and witness his baptism in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Bro. Alan was especially happy as Sis. Dorene (Schmidgall) and Bro. Brad Bahler and family came for the weekend. Alan's parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo.

As God has placed a love in their hearts and directed them, Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach announced the engagement of Bro. Barry Fleming and Sis. Shirley Roth. They plan a November wedding. Shirley's parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene.

Herb Mohrman was a surgical patient this month. Bro. Ernest De Mille remains unable to worship with us due to his health, but the Lord has opened a way for Sis. Martha to worship with us while someone is with him. Paul Doolittle also remains confined to his home. We are thankful that his wife, Carol, assembles with us when she

has the opportunity. My mother, Sis. Evelyn Hoerr, is looking forward to returning home after seven weeks in the hospital. She will be limited to bed and a wheelchair as we await the daily strengthening of her physical health which God has so abundantly provided thus far. Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney are grateful for your prayers as Bro. Roy is not able to be out all of the time.

On the weekend of Oct. 8 our Sunday School hosted the California and Tucson Sunday Schools and young members as they enjoyed a weekend of Christian fellowship.

On July 23, Sabrina Lee Elwood was welcomed by parents Richard and Nancy. The grandparents are Herb and Sis. Shirley Mohrman. The maternal great-grandmother is Sis. Louise Mohrman.

Sis. Evelyn Hoerr wishes to thank those from Phoenix, Princeville, Bradford, and Rittman who offered prayers and sent cards and gifts during her hospital stay. Truly, the cards brought a special comfort, as each was like a prayer made visible. She asks your further prayers as she returns home.

THOUGHT: If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8: 31.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

Caroline Kaufman

With very joyful hearts we are awaiting the baptisms of our friends Kathy Knapp (Bro. Lorer and Sis. Evelyn) and Wm. Woodruff (Mr. and Mrs. William Woodruff). We pray that their lives will become much more fulfilling each day, showered with God's love.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Carol Haas held a reception to celebrate the marriage of their son Randy to Nancy Linder. The couple originally met and were wed in Minnesota and are now residing in Wilcox, AZ.

Our young members, along with the Sunday School class, enjoyed a weekend of fellowship at Phoenix.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

As we look on, the fading of our colorful foliage, which seemed to show greater splendor than in the past, and the passing of our beautiful autumn leaves us with mixed feelings. Although it is an annual event, this great phenomenon, if we may term it so, still draws hordes to the highways to view

its transitional stage; the work of an omnipotent God, Creator of the universe.

As we move into the month of November, which normally is bare and still, we think of our harvest past; of the many fields that have produced so bountifully; of the great corn fields growing green and tall, now vacant along with countless others in which we took pride, planting the tiny seeds which grew and produced so gratifyingly. Let us also think of our duty to our great nation, founded by our first Pilgrims. As citizens of this great country, we should be particularly thankful that we can and will gather in our homes with our families on Thanksgiving Day. Let us count our blessings, the many freedoms that are ours, and the almost unlimited conveniences which we are enjoying. History tells us that this country was founded on a basic faith in Almighty God. It is again the time when our nation will recognize and praise God for His goodness.

This country was founded and developed upon the Scriptures, and you and I, no doubt, consider it to be a Christian country. However, rather than occupying a dominant place in our lives, the importance of the Bible has tended slowly but surely to recede in many homes and in whole communities until today it is in but little evidence or use. This is, in part, due to indifference, but there is also growing opposition.

What could be more precious then to have brethren come to us and from our pulpit declare the Truth as it stands in the Scriptures. This very thing took place when several brethren from various churches visited here recently.

The brethren visiting here were Bros. Leo Moser of Lester, Iowa; Ben Hartzler, Rittman, O.; Earl Gerber, Forrest, Ill.; Walter Anliker, Eureka, Ill.; and Walter Rehklau, Toledo, O. We repeat that it was indeed precious to hear those many wonderful messages which we believe were of inspirational origin. Many beautiful examples were left for us to follow, and it seemed that none present were neglected or left out. The ultimate truth is greater and more glorious than we can know or dream. The day will reveal it.

Born on Sept. 15 was a daughter, Rhonda Beth, to Sis. Salley and Bro.



Curtiss Zahner. The couple has four small and lively sons. The grandparents are Sis. Margaret and Bro. David Schlatter of Bay City, Mich., and Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Clara Zahner, of Rockville, CT.

Having undergone surgery at the Manchester Hospital, Bro. Paul is now recuperating at his home in Ellington. Also Bro. Martin Luginbuhl who was a hospital patient for several days with an almost severed little finger, has been discharged.

#### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

##### Caroline Hejja

**THANKSGIVING**—Nearly everyone in America pauses one day in November to consider the many things for which we feel grateful. What makes a Christian's thanksgiving different? A Christian has reason to be thankful, daily. Anybody in the world can give a cheerful "Thanks" for the good things when everything seems to be going their way. The Christian is asked to go beyond this. Can we say thanks in times of trials and when all seems to be going against us? "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Eph. 5:20. Can we still be thankful to God, knowing that even this is in His hands? Even in times of trouble, we can be thankful that God is with us and does not leave us alone. "But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble." Psalms 37:39. Even in difficult times, we have reason to give thanks. Where would we be, and how could we endure, without God's strength which is available to us at times of need? If we are His, He cares for us and wants only what is best for us. Don't we really want what is within His will and what will best glorify His Name? Sometimes we cannot see until later that the trials strengthen us or teach us lessons which will better prepare us for something we must face in the future. We can be thankful that God, who is in control of the situation, knows the purpose and the end result.

Developing an attitude of thankfulness is healthy. It changes our outlook so that we can face challenges positively with hope instead of being overwhelmed and overcome by them. The opposite attitude does not glorify God. How

many times were the Israelites chided for their murmuring and complaining? As Christians, we must try to keep a thankful attitude every day of the year and not save our gratitude to be summoned up on one special holiday.

The members of the Ft. Lauderdale congregation are thankful that Bro. Ed Gerber has been released from the Miami Heart Institute and is now recovering at his home. Although he is not able to assemble with us at this time, he has been able to see visitors at his home. We are glad to hear of his progress.

We are thankful for visits from Bros. Roy Luginbuhl and Bro. Al Schneider (Rockville, CT). We are always appreciative when ministering brothers are able to fellowship and share God's Word with us.

#### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

##### Holly Stahl - Jean A'Shea

We were pleased to host the Apostolic Christian Youth Fellowship program on the evening of Sept. 24. Teenagers from the surrounding area churches filled our benches and shared their singing talents with us.

It seems like only yesterday that I was in their place, and as I look back I can see how these programs were an indirect help to me and how good it was for me to have been there. I must admit that the words to the hymns didn't really sink in back then, but just being there and being a part of our church group was already helping me to find my place as a true believer in our precious faith.

It is so uplifting to know that our youth are still given such a wonderful opportunity to share this worthwhile function. We truly want to thank all those who participated, including the leaders, for their fine efforts.

We rejoice with our new brothers in faith, Mark Huber (Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris) and John Maurer (Bro. Roy and Sis. Anne of Forrest) in that the Lord continued His tender beckoning, and that they found the grace to answer His call. We heard their testimonies Saturday evening, Sept. 30. Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka) assisted our Elder Bro. Dan Koch. Baptisms were held on Sunday, and we were privileged again to have Bro. Leroy, Bro. Dan, and Bro. Ed Kloter (Goodfield) with us.

We held services at Woodhill Towers on the same evening, Oct. 1.

Although the weather was quite brisk, our fall Sunday School picnic was held at Bro. Bob Huber's lake on Oct. 15.

We enjoyed sharing the weekend of Oct. 21-22 with a large group from the Bluffton, Indiana, church. A special group sang for us at our monthly "hymn sing" on Saturday evening after a potluck supper at the church. We had a blessed day together on Sunday, and a supper was held before their departure. It never ceases to refresh our spirits when we can share such closeness with our brothers and sisters from afar.

We were recently reminded of the story of little David and the giant Goliath. David had so little to rely on physically, yet, spiritually, he was armed with the whole armor of God, and, thus, he was victorious against Goliath. He had everything in that he had an unwavering faith and trust in his Almighty God! It can be such a lesson to us when we start to lose faith. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mk. 9:23. If only we can find the strength to pray, as the father whose son had an evil spirit prayed when all physical odds were against him, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!" Mk. 9:24. Surely, then, even in our weakness we shall be victorious.

#### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN - URBANA

##### Charlen Banwart

"Baptized into Thy name most holy, O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host. Immersed with Christ, I'm dead to sin; Thy Spirit now shall live within." The Baptismal Covenant, Zion's Harp No. 41, was sung as Cheryl (Schlatter) Mangers became our sister-in-faith. We welcome her to the Fold and pray that she will "be faithful in life and in death, Abiding in Jesus until her last breath." (Zion's Harp No. 209)

Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman and Ed Hohulin were with us for Cheryl's proving and baptism. Bros. Edmund Kloter and Leroy Hartman also ministered to us recently.

Dave and Sis. Sheila McCoy became parents on Oct. 2 when Alisha Faye was born. The grandparents

are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta Baumgartner of Cissna Park and Dr. McCoy of Manhattan, Kansas. Dave has completed his PhD program at the University of Illinois and has accepted a job in the Milwaukee area. Sheila's sister, Sharon, and her husband, Jim Moran, have moved to Ames, Iowa. He has also completed a PhD program here and has begun working in Ames. We have enjoyed having these two couples in our midst and especially appreciate the time Sheila spent working with our Sunday School students. May they find contentment in their new positions in life.

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

All that's necessary for evil to triumph is for Christians to do nothing. (from *Our Daily Bread*)

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." I Tim. 4:15. Thus we were exhorted and thus we prayed that we might do, as we, on three Wednesday evenings, listened to tapes of the elders' conference.

On Sun., Oct. 1, we were blessed by having many visitors, particularly those who ministered to us: Elder Bros. Joe Braker, Morton, IL, and Edwin Ringger, Gridley, IL, and Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, IL. Later in the month Bro. Russ Rapp of Morton shared the Word with us.

We have always been well blessed by the brothers who have served our church as trustees and ushers. We know that again the Lord has been very good to us. Bro. Dick Gudeman is our new trustee, and Bro. Rick Kellenberger, our new usher.

Joyously we welcome Sis. Sheila and Dave McCoy and their "brand new" baby daughter, Alisha Faye. The Champaign, IL, church will miss them, but we are fortunate that they will be living in the Milwaukee area and assembling with us. Bro. Jim and Sis. Eloise Howell and their small son are moving from Bloomington, IL. It's great to have them here. And to add to the coziness in our baby room, we're delighted to welcome Katie Rose, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky Gudeman, born Sept. 26. She has a brother Ben to welcome her at home, and Grandma and Grandpa Wuthrich, and Grandpa and Grandma Gudeman from Francesville, IN, are glad she's part of

their families, too. We're a little bit late in saying "Farewell" to Sis. Sharon Littlejohn. We wish that she could have stayed with us, but we are happy that the Lord has a place for her in Eureka.

Our prayers are with Sis. Lucille Feller, who just broke her wrist, as she copes with its accompanying annoyances and difficulties.

We were taught in a parable of the rotten pear. It can look good on the outside, yet be mush at a touch. It rots from the inside, and if it is touched, it spreads its sticky rotton feel to our hands. How it is like our lives! If we harbor sin within, though we would not pass it on, our influence still touches many lives. "Would you be cleansed from your burden of sin? . . . There's wonderfull power in the blood!" No. 46, Tabernacle.

There are days of highest beauty and special meaning in our lives. The Lord grants them as He sees fit. For me, first and foremost are my proving and baptism. And I was privileged to share them with my brother. Then there was our wedding day, my younger brother's proving and baptism, and my brother and sister-in-law's wedding day. Close together was the birth of our daughter and my father-in-law's precious second marriage.

Then there was a span of time, and just recently the Lord lifted me, us, up again. I was privileged, with my mother-in-law, to sit beside my beloved sister-in-law as she gave her testimony, haltingly, she thought, but simply and sincerely, with the clear guiding of the Spirit. On Sunday, I was able to sit with her two older children, and my own, in the front bench to watch her baptism, and pray that the imprint of the memorable scene would stay with them, that they might bring forth fruit in His own time; and not only they, but others who were there, others who were not there. The Lord is able to pull at heartstrings from many miles away. Speaking for ourselves, He has blessed us mightily; first with our own individual families, and then with a place in the family of God, a second family as precious as the first. 'O Thou who hast given us so very much, grant us one thing more . . . a grateful heart.' (from a kitchen plaque)

### KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

Two pillars in our Chicago church were married in Chicago

45 years ago on Oct. 21, 1933. Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie (Winger) Lehman have lived in the Chicago area during their entire married life, and, since they were taken into the fold in 1949, have served and supported the Chicago church in many ways across the years. We celebrate their anniversary in the Lord!

Sis. Minnie was born at Cissna Park, but then came to Chicago, took some business courses, and worked in an office here. Bro. Karl, from Wolcott, IN, was in the National Tea grocery business at a time when butter was 25c a lb. Later, in retirement he worked with his brother Gene and wife, La Virra, in the printing and advertising business (where our church address and phone number directory has always been printed, gratis).

Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie have always given of themselves. Their hospitality has been quite extensive, especially when the church was smaller and younger. Many ministers and elder brothers found a blessing in being at their home.

Bro. Karl has been our church treasurer for many years, and we pay a special tribute to him for his service.

In addition to shouldering responsibility in the church, Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie have stayed close to their families, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins, and nieces and nephews. They are grateful to have been able to live close to Gene and La Virra and their late son, Dennis, his wife, and children, with whom they have always spent much time.

The church has been blessed by the example of Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie's walk of life, their hospitality, love, and experience. They have had setbacks and pain, physical and otherwise, but they are not complainers—rather they are sustainers, quiet, caring, and gracious.

"They who WALK the closest and WORK the hardest, WATCH the best for His coming." (from *Our Daily Bread*)

### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Marilyn Knapp

Judy Bauer

Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton) spent Sunday with us. Since Bro. Jim grew up in Cissna, we especially appreciated having him share God's Word with us. We want to thank him for letting himself be used.

Sis. Sylvia Knapp underwent op-



en heart surgery. We're thankful to say she is recuperating at home now. Bros. Wayne Hauptli and Walter Vogel were hospital patients. Bro. Walter injured his hand in a combine. They are both at home now. Mark Kaufmann, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys, spent a few days in the hospital with pneumonia.

We would like to express our sympathy to Bro. Bob and Sis. Eileen Greiner in the loss of their son-in-law, Bro. Rob Romersberger.

Bro. Bob and Sis. LeAnn Siegle are thankful for a new baby boy, born Sept. 19. Jason Allen was welcomed home by his sister, Laura. Being thankful is an art, and it can be expressed in many ways. Wilfred D. Peterson explains it well in this poem.

#### THE ART OF THANKSGIVING

The art of thanksgiving is thanksgiving. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy: "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions in human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Judy Wettstein

Gay Knapp

"I promise that I'll always serve Him gladly—  
When He can use my voice to speak His Word,  
To share His loving message of forgiveness,  
Of peace and hope with those who haven't heard."

Amanda Bradley

On Oct. 8, we were privileged to have Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin), Don Sauder (Roanoke), and Josh Broquard (Fairbury) to carry out the ordination of Bro. Bob Walder as Deacon. May God grant Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria much grace for the added responsibilities and duties that are given them.

How thankful we are when we can gather around God's precious Word and have it spoken about in its truth. Other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington), Byron Stoller, (Gridley), Bill Kupferschmid (Bloomington), and Simon Wagenbach (Tremont).

Benjamin David was born to Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley Funk on Sept. 6. Brothers and sisters welcoming Benjamin home are Susan, Roger, Ruth, Connie, Mark, Miriam, Sarah, and James. The grandparents are Sis. Elda Funk, Gridley, and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, Tremont.

Julie Anna is the first child of Mike and Yvonne Kamp. She was born on Sept. 30. The grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kamp of Eureka.

The engagement of Bro. Steve Knapp (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy) to Sis. Lorie Leman (Bro. Roy and Sis. Wanda) was announced. We wish them God's richest blessings. Our prayers are with Sis. Arlene Banwart and her family as she is in the hospital. May the love of God give them the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gay Knapp, together with their family, wish to thank all who remembered them in the death of their son, Mark Edward, and in the long trial of the past year. Your prayerful support and many manifestations of kindness are much appreciated.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

Before the winds of autumn  
Have blown the leaves to earth,  
We see their golden virtues,  
Their beauty and their worth.

O, listen little leaflets  
As autumn days grow cold,  
As to the earth you're falling,  
A lesson you unfold:  
May I, when life is ended,  
As a tree in autumn's glow  
When back to earth I'm falling,  
Such golden virtues show.

From Autumn, by Henry Beer  
The preacher tells us of seasons.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die . . ."

Ecclesiastes 3:2

And so it is with our sister in the Lord, Marie (Graf) Kimball who passed away Sept. 17 at eighty-four years of age.

Sis. Rose Goll wishes to express gratitude and thankfulness for all the acts of love bestowed on her at the time of her son's (Jack Goll, St. Ignas, Michigan) death on Sept. 6. Rose is well acquainted with sorrow for she has experienced the grief of losing a husband and five children. She herself suffered a stroke this past May, and yet the Lord keeps her. How wondrous is our Lord!

Ron and Karen Freed became new parents when their little son, Joshua Allen, was born on Sept. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Freed, and Bro. Delbert and Sis. Jeanette Schmidt are the grandparents.

Austin Wade was born this month to Art and Marlene Mueller (Clinton, Wisconsin). Austin claims Oct. 5 as his birthday and is welcomed by Ryan, Darin, and Angela. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta Baumgartner (Cissna Park), and Edna Mueller (Fairbury).

Sis. Emma Moser has gone to stay with her daughter, Sis. Marie Feucht, in Lester, Iowa

We have spent four Wednesday evenings in the month of October listening to the tapes of our brotherhood conference held in Tremont. The exhortations are heart-warming and treasured as we try to serve our Almighty God.

Several of our brethren have felt afflictions in the body this past month. Sis. Elizabeth Anliker has gone to the Mayo Clinic for tests

on her eyes. Hospitalized here have been Sis. Joan Scheitlin, Sis. Lydia Ernst, Bro. Richard Klopfenstein, and Bro. Charles Huber.

Bros. Nathan Stoller (Bradford), Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Vernon Whetstein (Congerville), and Simon Wagenbach (Tremont) all visited us this past month bringing us the words of God. It's a blessed fellowship when we can gather together from various communities and share the same Holy Spirit.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Melba Mangold

We welcome Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein to our congregation; they have moved to Eureka from Gridley. We hope that they will be happy here.

On Oct. 1 we heard of two engagements, four young souls who are now going to take the second most important step in life. They are Sis. Carol Kempf, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Clara, and Bro. Art Anliker, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Mina, all of Eureka; also, Sis. Lori Leman, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Wanda of Eureka and Bro. Steve Knapp, son of Bro. Gerry and Sis. Nancy of Congerville. We offer best wishes to them, and we hope that God will continue to guide them in all that they do.

We are so thankful when someone is able to turn his back to the world and turn to the Lord, seeking his soul's salvation. Mark Zimmerman, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Lorene, has answered His call. We wish him much grace in his new walk of life.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel Wiegand of Champaign and Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand of Goodfield spent a Sunday with us. We thank the brothers for their labors of love. Many good teachings were expounded to us.

On Oct. 8, the engagement of Sis. Marlene Wiegand, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen, to Bro. Bob Prather, son of Bro. Jack and Sis. Milly, was announced. They are both of Eureka. We are happy with them and wish them God's richest blessings as they plan their future together.

We are fortunate by not having many sick folk. Sis. Dorothy Hari, who lives in one of the duplexes, has been in the hospital for some time. She is now in the infirmary at the Home to recuperate. Bro. Dan Sauder of the Home is also in the hospital.

I've found a little remedy  
To ease the life we live  
And make each day a happier one—  
It is the word "Forgive."

So often little things come up  
That leave a pain and sting,  
That covered up at once would not  
Amount to anything.

'Tis when we hold them up to view,  
And brood and sulk and fret,  
They greater grow before our eyes;  
'Twere better to forget.

Taken from "Apples of Gold"  
compiled by Jo Petty

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

Bro. Ben and Sis. Marguerite (Kilgus) Lorch celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an open reception hosted by their children: Mary Jane Traube, MaLinda, and Michael.

We are sorry for those who were hospitalized: Sis. Elsie Denick, Bro. Eli Meiss, Sis. Bertha Maurer, and Bro. George Zimmerman.

In Memory of Bro. Eli Moser  
To my Father—

Always may your compassion, your  
laughter ring in my heart,  
May my soul ever again find the  
security you gave me.

We are all only images and shadows  
made in God's sight.

But you, my very own, had God's  
blessings of a special touch.

I remember you tossing me in the  
air, ruffling my funny blonde  
curls,

Teasing me but never hurting;  
bossing, arguing,

But always, always in the end there  
was love.

It seems strange to say to Mother:  
"I know, I've been there,"

The extra chair at the table, the  
manly voice that has been stilled,  
But I have been there and I know.  
I survived, so shall she—heartache  
though it may be.

Now you have walked through the  
shadow of death.

I fear no evil, for you shall be on  
the other side waiting for me.

I love you, Dad, may I still call you  
Daddy?

You gave me life from the womb of  
my Mother.

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow.

Karen (Moser) Wagner

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

Kathryn Steidinger

Beverly Eisenmann

Various illnesses and sicknesses

always seem to be among us. We are thankful each time God again blesses with health and strength. Bro. Glenn Knapp and Bro. John Stoller are home after being in the hospital a short time. Bro. Roy Maurer, Sis. Louise Zimmerman (Bro. Sam), and Mary Bradley had surgery. Bro. Dan Schlatter is having cataract surger. Bro. Ernie Gerber, who has been staying with Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller, is again in Carle Hospital. Sis. Bertha Maurer fell at Fairview Haven, where she resides, and remains a hospital patient at this time. Our loved ones, Bro. Paul and Sis. Edna Wiegand, are out of intensive care but remain hospitalized since their car accident a month ago. They are showing improvement, but recovery will be slow since they were both seriously injured.

Our home ministers held the funeral services for our aged Bro. Roy Metz who had recently observed his ninetieth birthday. His wife, Sis. Martha (Haab) and a son, Earl, preceeded him in death. Bro. Roy spent much time at the church, keeping the lawn neat and doing repair work on the building. He is sadly missed, especially by his children—Sis. Mary Ann Plattner, Sis. Betty Nussbaum, Ruth Thiel, Mildred Allen, Royalene Toombs, and a son, Ivan.

Several of our friends are making wedding plans. Kevin Huette (Bro. Art and Sis. Velda) and Toni Lynch are planning a Dec. 2 wedding. Also planning to marry this winter are Charles Leman (Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna) and Diane Traub (Junior and Sis. Bonnie).

Art and Jana Lehman and Janelle welcome little Jodi Elizabeth into their hearts and home. Sis. Alice Lehman is her grandmother.

We enjoyed our visiting ministers: Bros. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Charles Sauder (Tremont), and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott). We appreciated their efforts of speaking God's Word to us.

We also appreciate the many years of service our Bros. Mel Steffen and Ivan Steidinger rendered our Sunday School classes. And now we trust God will bless the efforts of Bros. Ben Metz and Bill Masters as they carry on this important duty.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leona Leman sincerely thank all the Londoners for the love and kind remembrance shown to them.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

God is calling yet! Four dear souls have answered His call, given their testimonies of faith, and were baptized on Oct. 1. Our new sisters and brothers in faith are Sis. Carol Wiegand (Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla), Sis. Cindy Grusy (Elmer and Lucy), Bro. Rod Steffen (Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Alene), and Bro. Sam Hohulin (Bro. and Sis. Harold and Carol). May God bless and keep them in His care.

Charles and Brenda Hinrichsen were blessed with a new little boy, Eric Vance, born on Sept. 23. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen and Vance Moore of Deer Creek. Sis. Sally Fehr of Eureka is the great-grandmother.

Best wishes to Kathy Scheiler and Steve Clarkson who exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 23 at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall. Their parents are Robert and Marcy Scheiler of this congregation, and the Dwayne Clarksons of Mackinaw.

May God bless the marriage vows of Sis. Malinda Meece and Bro. David Aberle who were married on Oct. 8. Bro. and Sis. Ernie and Eloise Diggleman, and Bro. and Sis. Walter and Vera Aberle of Tremont are the parents of this new couple.

We say a special "thank you" to Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, and Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont, who came and ministered to us in the past month.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"Sometime across the river, Safe in that holy place,  
Jesus, my Friend forever, I shall behold Thy face.  
Then, in the light of glory, How I shall Praise Thy love!  
How I shall tell the story, With the redeemed above."

These beautiful words describe the blessed assurance and hope that dwells in the heart of every redeemed soul. And though their hearts ached with sadness, the eleven brothers in the Gridley men's group were able to sing these words of comfort and hope during the funeral services of Bro. Robert Remersberger who, such a short time ago, stood among them

as they sang. Our hearts were struck with sorrow on Oct. 13 when Bro. Rob, 30, was killed in a car accident. He was well-loved by all, so young and full of life; it seemed incredible that in an instant his course was run and his earthly pilgrimage ended. But, as he was laid to rest, we were reminded that death is but a gateway to heaven for those who have been redeemed. Though it hurts deeply to say good-by to a loved one, we can be comforted and smile amid the tears as we look forward to the great reunion that will take place when the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Rob's wife, Sis. Ardean; his daughter, Christine; his sons Nathan and Phillip; his parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucille; his grandparents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Lydia Kuntz; his brother, Bro. Ron of Princeville; and his sisters, Debbie and Denise.

Phillip Arthur Romersberger was born Oct. 6 to Bro. Rob and Sis. Ardean just one week before his father died. Phillip's maternal grandmother is Sis. Eileen Greiner of Cissna Park.

Two little bundles of love were welcomed into the home of Bro. Dale and Sis. Vicki Schlipf who are the parents of twin girls. Heidi Erin and Heather Dawn were born Oct. 10 and have two brothers, Ryan and Jared, and a sister, Heyley. Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Heck of Roanoke and Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf of Gridley.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Sophia Kaupp and Minnie Funk.

### ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Deanna Marti

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Ps. 23:4. There are many who grieve at times like these when loved ones pass away. Just recently we had a tragic death in my community in Gridley, and also a loved one from a neighboring community passed away. It is very sorrowful for the friends and relatives that are left behind, but it is a time of rejoicing for the converted soul who has reached his goal. Death, as well as life, is part of God's wonderful plan. To a believer, death is

the key to eternal life. Like a seed that is planted, we must die and shed our earthly bodies before we eternally live. Although God is rejoicing when a soul makes it home, He understands that we humans need comforting at this time, so He provides us with His Spirit, His Word, and His family to help make the load lighter. Our prayers truly go out to all of those who need strength as they experience the loneliness from that empty chair. May each of us strive to comfort those who have lost loved ones, and let us strive to show our love and appreciation to others while they are here to receive it.

Our ministers for this month were Bro. Ed Bahler, Remington; Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville; Bro. Virg Metzger, Champaign; and Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago. We want to thank these brothers and all of those who attend our services.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON Joanne Roecker

On Sept. 17, Bro. Roger Belsley and Sis. Martha Bahr were united in marriage. Bro. Bob and Sis. Mabel Belsley and Bro. Willard and Sis. Eloise Bahr of Sabetha are the parents of this happy couple. We pray for God's richest blessings for them as they begin their new home together.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Mark Bahr of Detroit and Bro. Roger Aberle of Sabetha.

We would like to welcome two new families to our congregation. Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Metzger and their two sons are coming to us from princeville. Bro. Geo. and Sis. Joann Koehl join us from Peoria.

We are sorry to say "farewell" to Bro. Maurice and Sis. Marge Schaefer as they take their family to Tremont. We will miss them, but we know that they will be warmly received in Tremont.

On Oct. 8, it was our privilege to have several visiting young members and friends. It was a blessed time of fellowship for all. It is so encouraging to see many young people gather, knowing that they will carry on the Faith. Our love and prayers are with them always.

Our deepest sympathy goes to our dear Bro. and Sis. Ralph Garber and their family. Bro. Ralph's father was laid to rest on Oct. 5. He was 74. What a blessing it is to have the peace of knowing that you have not "lost" a loved-one, but that they have gone to be with



our Lord.

The son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Lena Schoenbein passed away on Sept. 28. Ernest was 71. Services were held by our ministering brothers, and burial was in the church cemetery.

We are happy to report that two dear souls, Jane Schmidgall and Tami Garber, have repented and found peace. We look forward to hearing their testimonies on Oct. 21 (Saturday).

The engagement of Bro. Chris Wiedman and Sis. Mary Kisling was announced on Oct. 8. Our best wishes and prayers go to this dear brother and sister.

Darryl and Sis. Sandy Nelson were blessed on Sept. 28 by the birth of their fifth child. Matthew Charles was welcomed home by Mark, Breck, Shay, and Sara. The happy grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Ruth Hermann and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bushman.

Another blessed event was on Oct. 11. Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Kay Rumbold rejoiced with their family on the birth of Douglas Jay. Douglas will be welcomed by Alan, Sheri, Mike, Eddie, and Jennifer. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Leo Funk and Bro. and Sis. Walt Anliker. How precious are these little ones that are entrusted to us for safe keeping. May God richly bless these two families with their new babies.

When we are home and enjoying good health, how quickly time flies. There are many days when we feel that our chores outnumber the hours. While we are busy with our daily routine, we often forget our shut-ins, elderly, and those confined to our hospitals. For these dear ones, time becomes very long and sometimes, a bit lonely. It would be well to think of these dear ones more often. On our hospital list this month are Bro. Rudy Kilgus, Shirlee Baer, Steve Thannert, and Sis. Joann Roecker.

Bro. Frank Bauman wishes to thank everyone who remembered him with prayers, cards, flowers and gifts during his stay in the hospital. He asks that God will bless all of you.

A thought for today: It is unreasonable to expect a child to listen to your advice and ignore your example.

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### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Sue Rieker - Diane Hohulin

#### "AMAZING GRACE"

Hymns of Zion

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,

That sav'd a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears reliev'd;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believ'd.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

On Oct. 1, Tom Hoerr, son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette Hoerr, was baptized. We welcome him into the fold. It was truly a blessed weekend for all.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Judy Sceggel are the happy parents of a precious baby boy, David John. The grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister.

#### "MY HEAVENLY MANSION"

Hymns of Zion

My heav'nly mansion beyond the sky,

Where they who enter shall never die;

There would I journey this very day,

And with my Jesus forever stay.

On Sept. 2, Sis. Elmira Rauhaus passed away. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Bro. George, and family. Bro. Jonas Ball passed away on Oct. 3. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Sis. Sophie. On Oct. 11, Bro. Many Eberhardt passed away. We extend our sympathy to his daughters, Sis. Mazie Thomas, Lois Eberhardt, and Anna Hayes, and to their families.

The Peoria congregation also wishes to extend their sympathy to Bro. Dale and Sis. Cindy Endress upon the death of Sis. Cindy's father, Don Jackson; and we feel sorrow for Bro. Bob Ray and Sis. Francis Wiegand upon the death of Bro. Morris Wiegand of Roanoke.

Sis. Connie Triplett, Sis. Julia Ehnle, Marlene Bagley, and Bro. Dave Meister were hospitalized. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;" James 5:15.

Sis. Emma Leman wishes to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness in prayers, visits, and cards during her illness.

Tim and Sue Rocke left on Sept. 13 for Guatemala, C.A.; they will be there with the Peace Corps for two years: Their parents are Norman and Sis. Emma Rocke. Our prayer is that God will bless and protect them. May they return home safely.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

"Without the Way there is no going; without the Truth there is no knowing; without the Life there is no living." Thomas A. Kempis

We are enjoying most beautiful autumn weather with the sky a deep, clear blue, and the trees displaying gorgeous colors of gold, orange, red and russet, with deep green leaves mixed in. Some of the trees are shedding their leaves and will come forth fresh again in the spring. Is it not a good time for us, also, to shed whatever we are not in need of? It may be that we have transgressed a bit here or there, and should shake it off to keep ourselves pure. Most of the harvest has been gathered in, and, again, we have many blessings to be thankful for.

We were thankful for our guest ministers this past month as well as for a number of other visitors; we appreciate them all. When Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington and Vernon Schwab of Wolcott visited us, we felt God must have smiled down on us for the rich blessings derived from the humble teachings. We could feel His presence in the singing, prayer, and meditation on His Holy Word. Many signs of the end-times are seen, and the fulfillment of prophecy is prevalent all around. Our dear friends were urgently and pleadingly invited to partake of the blessings of salvation. Let go and let God—surrender self will and let God take over. It would be better not to have been born than to enter judgment unprepared. God will preserve His own—what will your answer be when Jesus calls you home?

On Sept. 24, just as services were beginning, a dear friend was called out of this life suddenly. Clarence Streitmatter had suffered a fatal heart attack in his home; mortal men stood by helplessly for there was nothing they could do. He was

born Jan. 29, 1891, to Lewis and Mary Streitmatter. He married Sarah Rieger on Feb. 11, 1914, and she survives to mourn his passing. A son, Lloyd, a sister, Sis. Carrie Gehrig of Peoria, and a grandchild also survive. Services were held at the church on Wed., Sept. 27, with Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria officiating, assisted by our local ministers. Clarence was laid to rest in the Streitmatter cemetery. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and we trust that they will find solace in the Lord.

We welcome two young brothers who are living in our area where they have obtained employment. Bro. Gary Herr came from Gridley, Kansas, and during his first week here he had the misfortune of slipping into an auger, resulting in the loss of the two small toes on his foot. After several days in the hospital, he recuperated in the home of Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane Ehnle, where he is making his home. Bro. Gary wishes to thank everyone for their visits, prayers, gifts, and for the many kind deeds which were done for him while he was in the hospital and since his return home. He wishes that God will bless all of you.

Bro. Tony Ehnle, who has spent the past year or so in Phoenix, Arizona, is presently making his home with Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle. We trust that these two young brothers will be happy with us and share the blessings we receive in our fellowship with one another.

We are so glad that Bro. Sam Martin is able to be with us again after an absence during which he was recovering from a serious accident in which he injured his back and pelvic bone. Bro. Ervin Martin is also "about" after having surgery for a heart bypass early in the month. We are thankful that he made such satisfactory recovery and trust that every day will be better for him.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Edith Sauder · Mae K. Hodel

We thank Thee, Thou God of harvest,  
For ripened golden grain,  
For art of labor, heaven-blest,  
For sunshine and for rain.

We thank Thee for the meadows wide,

For cattle, barns, and hay,  
For fertile plains and lovely woods,  
For safety night and day.

We thank Thee for the joy of life,  
The fountain-spring of thought,  
For glory of the setting sun,  
For freedom, dearly bought.

And as the old year folds its wings  
With song from wood and glen . . .  
We thank Thee for Thy blessings great  
And for Thy love, Amen.

S. C. Tremble

The marriage of Debra Leman (Bro. Roland and Sis. Verla) and Stewart Kinkade (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinkade) was performed by Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) on Sept. 23 in our Fellowship Hall.

Sis. Peggy Zimmerman (Bro. Rich and Sis. Helen) and Bro. Tim Stoller (Bro. Rich and Sis. Barbara) were united in marriage on Oct. 15. May God richly bless these two young couples in their future years together. We thank Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) for sharing God's precious word with us on the day of the wedding.

Sis. Ida Fischer is recuperating from surgery in the hospital.

Bro. Morris Weigand died unexpectedly of a heart attack yesterday morning. May God comfort the hearts of his dear wife, Sis. Lena, and their four sons, Morris R. of Springfield, Mich., Bro. John, and Bro. Roger and Jim of Roanoke. Bro. Morris is the first spoke to be broken from the Wiegand family wheel.

God cares: He truly cares! To this one thought hold fast—  
His tenderness is infinite, His love and mercy vast.

We cannot comprehend His plan,  
But this is in His word:  
All things shall work for good to them Who love and trust the Lord.

Unknown

Bro. Morris and Sis. Lena were especially blessed this year as Bro. John and Bro. Roger were taken into God's family. A few weeks ago Jim surrendered his heart and life to the Lord.

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach  
Lydia Rassi

Before God's footstool to confess

A poor soul knelt, and bowed his head;  
"I failed," he cried. The Master said,  
"Thou didst thy best—that is success!"

"It is in loving, not in being loved,  
The heart finds its guest;  
It is in giving, not in getting,  
Our lives are blessed."

Author Unknown

Bro. Vernon Wettstein of Congerville was our only visiting minister this month. Last month Bro. Harold Schmidgall of Gridley was omitted from our group of visiting ministers. We thank both of these brothers for their labor of love.

Bro. Merle Getz had major surgery and is now at home recuperating. John Schmid and Carl Enderess were both hospitalized for tests and are home again.

Bro. Fred Rowell is confined to his home following a stroke.

Jim Dill (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Marilyn) had the misfortune of losing a finger while unloading corn. May God's healing power reach out to all these loved ones.

Many from our congregation attended the wedding of Bro. David Aberle, from here, and Sis. Malinda Meece at Goodfield on Oct. 8.

Jeff Hangartner (Jerry and Sis. Melba) and Nancy Stark (Mr. and Mrs. John Stark) were married on Oct. 14. They are both from Pekin. We wish both of these young couples God's blessings as they start their new homes.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Becky Meister wish to thank the Tremont congregation for the warm welcome and all the love shown them during their short stay in the community. The friendships that were nurtured will always be cherished.

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Valerie Kipfer  
Linda Ziegenhorn

Sometimes I wonder when things go so wrong,  
Has God forsaken and done me all wrong?  
Then I remember through trials and despair,  
He's always with me, I'm most richly blessed!  
I asked for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was given weakness, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I sked for health, that I might do brave things,



I was given infirmities, that I might do better things.  
 I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
 I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
 I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
 I was made weak, that I might feel the need of God.  
 I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
 I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
 I got nothing that I asked for,  
 And everything that I'd hoped for.  
 And almost despite myself,  
 I, among men, am most richly blessed!

Author Unknown

What a joy to resume our monthly hymn singing this fall. What a blessing to sing praises to our Lord!

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Carol (Maurice) Leman in the death of her father, Art Leman, and to Bro. Grant Rauhaus in the death of his mother, Sis. Elmina Rauhaus.

We thank ministering Bro. Joseph Aberle from Sabetha, Kansas, for delivering God's word to us.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Connie Troxel  
 Teresa Fiechter

Our dear Sis. Lillian M. (Samuel H.) Gerber passed from this life into the next. Surviving are three stepdaughters: Sis. Margaret (Frederick) Gerber, Sis. Elizabeth (Leroy) Steffen, and Sis. Joan Gerber. The family wishes to express thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, and deeds of kindness shown to them.

We would also like to thank the many visiting ministers we enjoyed: Bro. Chuck Hemmer of Peoria, Bro. Steve Gutwein of Francesville, Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria, Bro. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo, Bro. Henry Beer of Milford, Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Bro. Jesse Beer of Milford, and Bro. Rod Huber of Valparaiso.

Lovingly, Bro. John Reinhard (Bro. Aaron and Sis. Irene) and Sis. Pam Yergler (Bro. Claire and Sis. Mary Jane) joined hand and heart in holy matrimony on Oct. 8.

On the evening of Sept. 20, Bro. Lester Pulver of Leo and Sis. Aldulla Reinhard pledged their lives to each other. Elder Bro. David Bertsch aided in the ceremony.

Bro. Gene Longenberger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty) and Sis. Joni Fiechter (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy) have become engaged. What a joy it is to find more love to share; in addition to Christian love, they now have love for each other.

"God scatters love on every side  
 Freely among his children all,  
 And always hearts are lying open wide

Wherein some grains may fall."

James Russell Lowell

There is still another kind of love in our midst; the love of children. Brett Andrew was welcomed into the protecting arms of his parents, Jerry and Vickie Meyer. Marty and Jenny (Isch) Mygrant have a new son, their first, Eric William. Steve and Jan Kaehr, along with young LeAnn, were glad to welcome little Kristan into their family. As we heard recently in a sermon, our lives, our personalities, our characteristics mold themselves into a pattern at a very young age in life. May parents realize their great responsibility.

The Bluffton Sunday School hosted a Christian Endeavor for all our Indiana Sunday School students of high school age during the weekend of Oct. 14-15. The children enjoyed fellowship and formed friendships to last a lifetime. The message on Sunday morning dealt with the appreciation of our parents; for what we have and what we are, we owe to them. It's true, and we don't thank them enough.

Many from our congregation were ill this month: Sis. Wava (Leonard) Bertsch, Joan Frauhiger (daughter of Bro. Doyle and Sis. Jane), Sis. Charlotte (Raymond) Kipfer, Bro. Roger Compton, Bro. Russell Steffen, Bro. Keith Baumgartner, Kevin Gerber (son of Bro. Victor and Sis. Julia), and Tina Stoller (daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Cathy). Our prayers ascend to heaven in their behalf.

October sunsets are spectacular with the evening skies painted in bursting color, proclaiming God's glory. "The heaven's declare the glory of God; And the firmament sheweth His handywork." Psalm 19:1

### INDIANA, BREMEN

Norma Lehman  
 Laura Suttor

"And He gave some, apostles,

and some, prophets; and some, evangelists, and some, pastors; and some teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Eph. 4:11, 12)

Visiting minister Bro. Walter Raeger from Toledo, OH, was with us. We appreciate the words that he spoke to us.

A business meeting was held to elect Sunday School teachers for the 1978-79 Sunday School year. Our prayers are with these who were chosen as they teach God's love and perfect plan of salvation.

Bro. Ed Germann, 86, was called home to his heavenly mansion after a lengthy illness. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Caroline.

"Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4)

Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, and Loren Stoller, Latty, assisted in provings on Oct. 14. Those proved were Terri Meister, Brian Meister, Pete Wood, and Bridget Johnson. Elder Bro. Dan Cook was with us on the following day for baptisms. We really had a blessed weekend and welcome our new members into the family of God. Communion services were held on Sunday evening. It was truly a blessing for all of us. "And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me." (St. Luke 22:19)

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Linda Gutwein - Sharon Neuhouser

"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light." St. Luke 11:33. Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury) spoke timely words to us on this passage of scripture. Bro. Rod Huber (Valpo) also spent a Sunday with us. We are thankful to those who are willing to teach us.

Sis. Carol Huber was hospitalized for foot surgery. May she feel God's healing power.

Bro. Brian and Sis. Jacki Huber were blest with a daughter, Sharlin Michelle, on Oct. 11. The grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber and Bro. Bob and Sis.

Elna Grimm of Goodfield. May God bless their home.

Many of our young people went to Christian Endeavor for a weekend of fellowship. We thank the Bluffton congregation for hosting the weekend. May God bless them for their many efforts.

#### INDIANA, LA CROSSE Grace Heinold - Lois Bucher

We were happy to have Bro. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield) with us on Oct. 1 and are thankful for the many spiritual teachings that he gave to us.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Julie Bucher are happy first-time parents of a boy born on September 30. They have named him Andrew Jacob. The grandparents are Sis. Esther Bucher and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jacobs.

We rejoice to hear that another dear soul, Mrs. Carol Bucher (Bob), has returned to the Lord in repentance. May God lead her every step of the way to salvation.

Larry Bucher (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Carol) is wearing a cast because of a broken arm.

We wish to express our sympathy to Bro. Lyle Zeltwanger and family on the sudden death of his brother, Dean, of Hancock, Minn.

#### INDIANA, LEO Mrs. Phil Schlatter Mrs. Al Frautschi

Hem your blessings with praise lest they unravel. Give thanks part of the time and live thanks the rest of the time.

How content are we? That man is sad who has much and wants more. Having food and raiment let us be therewith content. I Timothy 6:8. Be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have. Hebrews 13:5.

So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbors. No squirrel ever died in anxiety lest he should not lay up nuts for two winters instead of one. And no dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years.

So many people put the wrong emphasis on the wrong things. The Lord's advice is this: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Selected.

Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Visiting ministers on Oct. 15 were Bros. Phil Stettner and Orville Ringer, Bluffton, and Alfred Bahler, Wolcott. The latter two assisted Bro. David Bertsch in the ordination service for Bro. Maurice Frank to serve as deacon.

Sis. Ruth Garman was a recent hospital patient. She's made good recovery progress, another reason for praise.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psalm 145:9.

The Lord is good. Ps. 145:9. Then TRY Him.

The Lord is good. Ps. 34:8. Then TRUST Him.

The Lord is good. Ps. 100:5. Then THANK Him.

The Lord is good. Nahum 1:7. Then TELL of Him.

#### INDIANA, MILFORD Sandy Beer

God has not promised that our skies will always be blue, but He has promised never to forsake us or to let more come over us than we are able to bear.

Many of our loved ones have experienced this recently. Hospitalized were: Bro. John Lehman for open heart surgery, Sis. Inez Brooks for tests, Bro. Ron Beer for a back injury suffered during a fall from a silo, and Lisa Kaiser (Bro. Richard) for an ankle injury. Bevan Hurd (Bro. John) is wearing a cast because of a badly broken wrist. Bro. Raymond Levy had a cast removed from his arm recently.

We were vividly reminded of how close death is when Richard Sorg, son of Sis. Helen Baumgartner, and Gary Chambers, brother of Carol Haab, were taken in a twinkling of an eye from life into eternity. Also, six-year-old Clint Jones, grandson of Bro. Levi and Sis. Kathryn Beer went to be with the Lord after a year's illness. Near his life's end, Clint told his mother that he saw Jesus with His arms open, wanting him to come. We pray that all of us will have surrendered to the Lord and will have been true and faithful so that Jesus can open His arms to us at our life's end. May these families feel the comforting of the Holy Spirit at this time.

On Oct. 14, Dave Doll took as his bride, Roberta Bowser. Dave's parents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Becky Doll. May God always be present in their home and bless the new couple.

A first child, Chad Alan, was

born to Bro. Lee and Sis. Sandy Beer on Oct. 14. (Ed. note: Congratulations, reporter Sandy!) Grandparents are Bro. Jess and Sis. Shirley Beer, and Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth.

Oct. 15 brought many visitors to our congregation. Bro. Nathan Steffen from Elgin, Ill. and Bro. Gerald Suttor of the Taylor, Mo., church brought us the Living Word. Much was said that day about our being saved by faith in Jesus Christ and not by living according to the old law or by our own good works. We appreciate having this same old gospel story brought forth anew each Sunday by those who take time to visit us and by our own servants of the Lord.

#### INDIANA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY (Lafayette) Candy Wuethrich

We welcome all the students back to Lafayette for our fall semester at Purdue. It is such a joy to meet our Christian brothers and sisters as we walk from class to class. We are thankful for the opportunity we have of assembling together again for church services. We have received countless blessings from the Lord during each service. We strive onward with our cup overflowing.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Gene Leman (Wolcott), Wendell Gudeman (Francesville), Earl Zeltwanger (Bremen), and Art Gudeman (LaCrosse).

We are again singing at a local nursing home. As we sing praises to His holy name, we can see the happiness in the eyes of the people as they think of our Saviour and the promises of eternal life.

Those that are new in the Purdue group are: Sis. Cindy Albrecht (Francesville); Dave Anliker (Francesville); Sis. Lori Clark (Bluffton); Bro. Mike Fritz (LaCrosse); Sheli Furrer (Wolcott); Sis. Jenny Gutwein (Francesville); Jeff Hoerr (Milford); Annette Mathew (Remington); Bro. Duane Schieler (Wolcott); Sonie Waikel (Remington); Jane Zeltwanger (Bremen); and Sis. Laurie Zeltwanger (LaCrosse).

We extend our best wishes to Bro. Doug and Sis. Brenda Suttor as they begin their married life. We welcome them to Lafayette.

Those who are planning a December wedding are: Bro. Jon Schwab (Wolcott) and Sis. Wendy Gudeman (Francesville), who plan to



be wedded on Dec. 17, and Bro. Linn Stoller (Leo) and Sis. Brenda Beer (LaBelle, Fla.), who plan to be wedded on Dec. 31. May God richly bless their lives together!

Bro. Tim and Sis. Julie Bucher are the happy parents of a precious little boy. Truly, we can all find many reasons to give thanks.

Purdue services are held every other Thursday evening in the Purdue Christian Campus House on the corner of State St. and Waldron St. at 7:30 p.m. We would like to welcome everyone to come and worship and fellowship with us!

### INDIANA, REMINGTON

Amelia Schini  
Mildred Clauss

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:5-6.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Henry Dotterer and Ron Steiner of Rittman. Having visiting ministers is one of the precious benefits of our faith.

Bro. Odell Pitman and Nettie Schini were hospital patients this month. Thankfully, both are home and recovering nicely.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Eunice Knochel in the time of the death of her sister, Clara Woodruff of Lafayette.

We are looking forward to the weekend of Nov. 11-12 when Eddie Bahler (Lois and Edwin) and Dan Kilgus (Arlene and Earl) will give their testimonies of their faith and repentance and hopefully make their vows in baptismal waters. We also have four others who have turned their hearts to their Saviour.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Marie Heinold

My Father's way may twist and turn,

My heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad I know,  
He maketh no mistake.

A. M. Overton

Oct. 1, Elder Bro. Edward Frank ministered here in Valparaiso. Bro. Don Gudeman ministered the following Sunday when many of our folk journeyed to Bluffton to attend John Reinhard's wedding.

Bro. John Heinold has been admitted to Porter Memorial Hospital here in Valpo for medical tests.

He has been suffering severe chest and leg pains.

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots;  
Kind words are the flowers;  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Author Unknown

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Laurel Widmer

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity!

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity, but shall be upon Israel. Psalm 125.

We have two young converts who were recently announced as having found peace with God and men. They are Suzanne Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene) and Neal Widmer (Ed and Sis. Gladys). We are very happy for them and look forward to the day of their baptism.

Accidentally omitted last time was the name of Tony Christopher who is also a Freshman at Purdue University this fall. He is the son of Wayne and Sis. Nancy.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. LeRoy Hartman and Roy Sauder (Peoria) and Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont). We thank them for taking the time to come and be with us.

Sis. Josephine Farney is recovering from recent surgery. Walter Kyburg is now home from Mayo Clinic where he underwent tests. We hope they will soon be assembling with us again.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

Mayme Gerst - Judy Gehring

The Burlington Sunday School hosted the West Bend, Elgin, Ill., and Oakville Sunday Schools. Our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz conducted the Bible classes on Sunday afternoon.

The engagement of Bro. Kent Obermann to Sis. Debbie Knochel

of Detroit, Mich., was announced on Oct. 1. Lord willing, the wedding will be on Dec. 31.

Bro. Jerry Kuntz from Oakville spent the afternoon of Oct. 8 with us.

On Oct. 7, Ellen Woodward and John Cox were united in marriage. She is the daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna (Wagenbach) Woodward. John's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Cox. They are faithful "church-goers." John's employment is near Morton, and they plan to make Washington church their home church. May God richly bless both of them.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Edith Anliker were blessed with a son, Greg Michael. He will be welcomed home by Brian, Renee, Karen, and Janice.

In our rural areas, the fall harvest is in full session. How bountifully the Lord has blessed "the tillers of the soil" with the fruits of the earth. The trees along the river bottoms and on the hillsides are also in full glory, beautifully arrayed in their various colors.

The harvest of the crops and the beauty of the trees are both part of the handiwork of God which he allows all mankind to enjoy, but there is something more precious and beautiful than both of these which He has reserved for the true believer. Our Saviour described it in these words, "... the kingdom of God is within you..." Luke 17:21, and what could be more beautiful than the kingdom of heaven?

If we have received this blessing from our Creator, we should be, of all men, most thankful and willing to be obedient to the teachings of our Saviour the rest of our days. Then, when our days on this earth are over, with the kingdom of heaven being in us, we shall be in the kingdom of heaven. May this hope of immortality always be a source of encouragement to an unwavering faith in Almighty God.

### IOWA, ELGIN Eleanor Butikofer

We are witnessing a change in our season. The nights are cool and the hours of daylight are lessening. Yesterday morning, there was definite evidence that autumn had arrived, for the grass was covered with a coat of frost.

A flock of robins stopped to rest in some of our tree tops for a period of time, and then lifted their wings and took off in a southerly direction. Then, too, a V-shaped flock

of wild geese flew over, honking as they passed by.

We are enjoying our share of fall coloring. Around our rim of hills, the trees are turning from dull greens to gold, orange, and red. It is truly a wonderland to behold, an exquisite panorama.

We are happy for the farmers in that the corn yield is real good. How busy they are at this time, garnering the golden kernels into their bins. God has truly blessed their labors. May we always thank Him most sincerely. We are instructed in the Book of Life to give thanks in all things.

Bro. Lonnie Butikofer, since his graduation as an R.N., has been employed at Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union, Ia. Sis. Janet Mogler, also a full-fledged R.N., is employed at the same hospital. We congratulate both for their achievements, and may they find real joy in administering their duties in caring for those in need of assistance, shedding spiritual light along their respective ways. Every field of endeavor seems to have its challenges. Fathers and mothers, too, certainly are included.

Recently, one of our ministers brought out in a sermon a thought which has remained with us. It went thus: He made the comparison that without heeding a doctor's advice we can't expect to recover from a malady, and that in like manner, if we do not heed the advice found in the Bible, we can't expect to find peace in our hearts.

We are happy to see Sis. Marie Butikofer back in her usual place in church. She spent some time recently with her daughter and husband, the Will Wiegands, living at Kempton, Ia.

What a man believes about immortality will color his thinking in every area of life.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psm. 124:8.

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**IOWA, IOWA CITY**  
Twillia Whipple  
Connie Gerst

Our Iowa City congregation has been blessed with many new and important changes in the last few months. In August, our elder body granted us the privilege of going to regular services; within a few weeks after that, we were led by the Lord to a building that we have purchased for our church. Truly,

this has taught us how well the Lord provides for those who wait upon Him for guidance.

We enjoyed our Iowa City reunion on the past Labor Day weekend. Services were first started in 1964 when the group met once a month on a Thursday evening, and, now in 1978, we are an established congregation.

In our annual meeting, the following brothers and sisters were elected to fill positions in the church: Sunday School teachers, Bonita Stock, Joyce Eland, Joe Gerst, and Ken Rinckenberger; correspondent, Gary Anliker; usher, Bruce Frank; Silver Lining reporter, Connie Gerst; world relief, Beverly Mogler; trustees, Joe Gerst, Brad Eland, and Gary Anliker; Ladies Committee, Edie Anliker; and Personal Property Aid and Building Aid, Rod Moser. May the Lord guide each one in his duties.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto), Tom Le-man (Elgin, Ill.), John Steiner (Oakville), Henry Grimm and Francis Rother (Morton), and Cleo Rinckenberger (Pulaski). How important it is to listen to the Words of Life and heed their teachings.

Our church services are scheduled to start at a new time, beginning Nov. 5, when we will start meeting every Sunday. The schedule is as follows:

- 10:45 A.M. Song Service
- 11:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 1:00 P.M. Song Service
- 1:30 P.M. Worship Service

The church is located at the corner of North George and West Cherry Streets in North Liberty, Iowa.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact our correspondent, Bro. Gary Anliker, 19 Bedford Court, Iowa City; telephone 319-338-0925.

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**IOWA, LESTER**  
Alice Metzger

God has been good to us, and we rejoice with the angels that we again can report those who have turned from the world of sin to repentance. Beth Feucht and Lynn (Butch) and Marlys Doorneweerd are now seeking to do God's will and live for Him.

The betrothal of Bro. Brad Kellenberger, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine, and Sis. Teresa Hartter, daughter of Bro. Virgel and Sis. Marie of Sabetha was announced. A December wedding is planned.

On Oct. 9, Bro. Dave and Sis. Margene Peasley became parents of their first child, Elizabeth Marie. The grandparents are Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peasley, Humeston, Iowa.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd, Sis. Mary Jane Metzger (Don), Bro. Ed Gerber, and Jody Kellenberger.

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**IOWA, OAKVILLE**  
Phyllis Siegle

**THANKSGIVING**

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices,  
All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Holy Ghost,  
Who dwell in highest heaven.

**Zion's Harp** "All Come And  
Thank The Lord!"

On this Thanksgiving Day our memory should wander back to the ones at Plymouth Rock, the pilgrims of our land. They felt His blessing through the year, after hard times and shock. Trouble beset them while they stood on "Jordan's stormy banks," seeking the freedom of their faith. Thus they made the day of Thanks.

We want to express our sympathy to Sis. Lorraine Whipple whose mother, Sis. Elmina Rauhhaus, Peoria, Ill., passed away, also to Bro. Joe Eberhardt, Sr., who was a brother to Sis. Elmina.

As the winter season nears, some from our congregation leave us to reside where it is warmer. We'll miss them but wish them God's protection and blessing until spring-time brings them back to us.

We want to thank Bro. Arnie Gerst who shared God's Word with us.

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**IOWA, WEST BEND**  
Mrs. Raymond Anliker  
Becky Banwart

The weekend of Sept. 30, Elder Bro. Leo Moser was with us for the proving and baptism of Lori (Bruellman) Skogland. We gladly welcome our new sister into the fold and ask God always to bless and keep her. We thank Elder Bro. Leo and Bro. Carl Fuecht (of Lester) for sharing this blessed time with us.

The engagement has been announced of Mary Schmidt, daugh-



ter of Sis. Betty Schmidt, to Bill Berg, son of the William Bergs of Las Vegas, Nevada. Bill is employed in West Bend. We wish them the Lord's blessing and nearness.

How we rejoice with one soul who can turn to the Lord, freeing her heart while on this side of the grave. Wanda Metzger, daughter of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice, is now in repentance. We wish her God's grace and guidance.

Our prayers have gone out to our loved ones at the nursing homes as well as to the following hospital patients from our area: Sis. Emma (Noah) Gerber, Sis. Ida (Chris) Schmidt, Bro. George Bruellman, Sis. Lillian Fehr, Jeff Banwart (son of Benjys), and Dick Schmidt, who remains in the hospital.

On Oct. 15, our hearts were warmed with a host of visitors. Among them were the following ministers: Elder Bro. Ed Frank, Bro. Art Gudeman, Bro. Don Gudeman, all of La Crosse, Indiana, and Bro. Russel Wuthrich of Pulaski, Ia. The special occasion was a marriage in the Lord. Elder Bro. Ed was instrumental in uniting the heart of his son, Bro. Curt, to the heart of Sis. Lyla Metzger, daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della. May God richly bless the ministers and the newly-weds, standing mightily by their sides.

Kendra Kay Banwart, 13-month-old daughter of Kenneth and Marlene is in the hospital with bronchitis and asthma.

#### JAPAN, SHIODA Sally Gramm

On Sept. 23, we had our annual church cleaning. With many willing hands working together, our task was soon completed.

We gathered together on Monday evening, Oct. 2, for our Communion service. Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle and Elder Bro. Akito Inoue served us the Lord's Supper. We could feel God's presence in our midst as we remembered our dear Saviour's death. As our dear Lord and Saviour so freely gave His life for us, may we always give our all to Him in whatever we do. May we always be united in serving our God.

O, may we all united stand  
By holy tie and sacred band,  
As members of Christ's body here,

Led by Thy Spirit true, sincere,  
With one accord.

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee  
Through Thy blest sacrament,  
which we

Partook, that joined in heart and  
hand;

To Zion's realm and holy land  
We journey on.

Zion's Harp

#### JAPAN, TOKYO Yoshio Yamazaki

**We give thanks to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which we have to all the saints . . . Col. 1:3, 4**

September 23, which is our Japanese national holiday, we had decided is church cleaning day every year. We had quite a few members and friends for cleaning church in that day. After that we had blessed lunch.

**And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. Luke 22:19, 20**

It is so wonderful that we could have an opportunity to accept the Lord's Supper. We had real blessed Communion Service here on last Sunday afternoon. Brother Willis and Sister Lois Ehnle came from the country church, and, joining with us, he assisted Bro. Akito in this service. We surely thank God that He gave us such wonderful grace. We feel that we should work for Him much more.

#### KANSAS, BERN Esther and Stella Moser

"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye idle? They saith unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, go up also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive—So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many are called but few chosen." Matthew 20:6, 7, 16.

How we rejoice that our friend,

Martha Marti, age 93, and a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home, could answer the call of God and repent. Elder Bros. Lester Hartter and Eugene Marti proved and baptized Martha on Sept. 23 in the presence of her family, several friends, and local ministers. May she experience many joys while living for God in the remaining days that He gives her life on earth.

We have three new babies to report this month. Sis. Julia Plattner has a granddaughter, born Sept. 20 to Lois and Charles Branek, Steinaur, Neb. Belinda Ann has four sisters to welcome her.

Morris and Sis. Arlinda Rokey, Michelle and Trenton, welcome Eric Quintan into the home. Eric was born Oct. 7. The grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila, Bro. Walter and Sis. Mildren Strahm (Sabetha).

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence Rokey have a new granddaughter, Emily Suzanne, born Oct. 10 to Garry and Martha Rokey, Kansas City, Mo. Andrea and Megan complete the family circle.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," Philippians 1:20.

That one verse sums up the life story for our brother, Louis Meyer, age 91, who passed away on Oct. 5, at the A.C. Home where he was a resident for the past nine years. Lou was a quiet, patient brother, always in his place at church as long as he was able. In 1912, he married Sarah Hartter. She passed away in Nov., 1976. He is survived by four sons, Bro. Velmer, Bro. Louis, Jr., Fremond, and Ezra; four daughters, Sis. Mildred Strahm (Alvin), Lena Strahm (Oscar), Leora Baumgartner (Leslie), and Alberdena Vancil, Norton, Kans.; one brother, Bro. Will Meyer; and three sisters, Emma Edelman, Sis. Mary Hartter, and Sis. Lena Wenger. Services were held on Oct. 8 by our ministers.

#### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT Jan Kraft

"Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:24

We all have things in this world which we put our all into to achieve; likewise, we must continually work and strive in our daily walk of life to achieve that eternal goal. Let us make it our number one goal.

Reuben Banwart was hospital-

ized for major surgery. He is now home and we pray for his continued recovery.

Elder Bro. Leroy Huber was here to minister to us. We thank him for sharing some time with us.

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

There are friendships that we cherish,  
Friends of a warm and lasting understanding,  
And those that live from us apart.  
There's definitely a tie of noble kinship—

In a soul who loves the Lord.

(In parts taken from the song "Christian Friendship")

We sincerely wish to thank those from Morton, Ill., for the lovely weekend they so graciously provided for those of us from the Kansas churches. Truly the Lord blessed each of us as we were privileged to be among them for a short while. Indeed, a personal experience with the dear ones has caused the heart to grow fonder in a tie of Christian love.

The following was submitted to me by my grandmother. Age and illness has caused her to now seek outside assistance in order to remain in her own home for a few years longer.

The sun is sinking low behind the western skies—and in the November month nature's beauty gently dies. But when spring comes forth, so does beauty miraculously arrive again. Such it is with the soul of man. God will in His power again bring peace and beauty to all human life.

### KANSAS - MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Paula Bahr

The following poem is very thought provoking, and I would like to share it with you.

#### WHERE I FOUND GOD

With scorn, I built a wall  
Excluding undesirables.  
And I, shut-in with God,  
Re-read all of my Bibles.  
I had misgivings, though,  
And, so, one day in doubt,  
I climbed my wall to see  
Vile things I had shut out.  
'Twas there amidst outcasts  
I saw the Lord of All—

The God I thought I had  
Confined behind my wall.  
Perry Tanksley

We would like to thank ministering Bros. Joe Aberle, Sam Huber (Sabetha), Gene Marti (Springfield), and the many visitors who put forth the effort to come and worship with us. May the Lord bless each one of them.

### KANSAS, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Eric D. Huber

As autumn befalls us here on campus, the beauty of this season is reaching its peak. It certainly reminds us of the splendor of God's city to come. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9. Surely, we cannot fully fathom God's magnificent works.

Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, Ks., spoke about how important it is to become part of the Vine which is Christ our Lord and discussed how to acquire that status. Bro. Glen Funk, Wichita, Ks., covered the prayer of intercession between Christ and our Heavenly Father. John 17. They both expressed the thought that God must have loved us very much to have had His Word preserved for us, and that it is our duty to strive with all our might, exercising the fruits of the Spirit. We appreciate their willingness to come to K-State and minister God's Word to us.

### KANSAS, KIOWA Janice Bahr

In our area, the farmers have recently finished sowing wheat. As I drive to work each morning, I can see the tiny stalks coming up and am awed at the lush carpet of green they are unfolding over the countryside. I marvel, also, for they remind me of a new convert in the Lord. As the tiny seed is buried, and dies, it is born anew as a fresh young stalk of wheat. It grows, being nourished by the sun and rain which are given by our great God, and when it is mature, it is gathered into the storehouse.

How very like this is a new convert. Through a true repentance and conversion, its old life, like the seed, is buried and dies in the waters of baptism. Then arises a new young child of God. It grows in grace, being nourished by the

Word, which is provided by God, and when it is mature, having been true and faithful throughout life, it is gathered into an eternal home with the Lord. How precious is our Lord who grants us such beauty in Salvation.

It has been a blessed month for us in our congregation. One Lord's Day we enjoyed the pleasure of holding services for the aged at the manor, and on another we gathered for an evening of Bible study and singing. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker joined us on Saturday evening, Oct. 7, and, as we gathered, we remembered our Lord's suffering and death through partaking of Holy Communion. On Sunday, Bro. Sam was again in our midst and brought us precious words of faith from the Scriptures. Praise be to God for granting us His precious Word and brethren to proclaim it.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Esther Hodel spent time at Mayo's this past month, but we are very glad that they are again home and able to assemble with us.

A precious baby girl, Kim Michelle, was born to Marlene and Keith Kisling this month. Little Kim's paternal grandparents are Bro. Frank and Annabelle Kisling, and her maternal grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott. Little Kim has two brothers to welcome her home.

We would like to extend a sincere "Welcome" to Brad and Debbie Ott who have recently come to live in our community. Brad is the son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott, and will be president of the Bank of Kiowa. We are so happy to have Brad and Debbie with us and wish them God's Blessings as they settle here.

### KANSAS, LAMONT Susan Emch

We received many spiritual blessings through the ministry of visiting Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka, Ill. We are thankful and appreciate the efforts of those who visit us.

Now that summer is past and the beautiful fall days are here, we are reminded of our harvest time, and of the spiritual harvest of our Almighty God which is to come.

Sis. Carrie Gleichman and Sis. Hulda Jacobs wish to thank everyone who remembered them with prayers, get-well cards and expressions of love during the past several



weeks. May they continue to be blessed with God's grace and strength in bearing the afflictions of the body.

Mid-week services will begin at Thanksgiving, alternating with that of the Gridley congregation. May the Lord richly reward the brothers who are willing to share the Holy Word with us.

### KANSAS, SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We welcome Sis. Martha Marti into our fellowship. She is a resident of our A.C. Home. Bro. Gene Marti was here recently to hear her testimony and to perform baptism. May God keep her in His care.

Bro. Mark Bahr, Detroit, recently ministered to us on Sunday. We thank him and Sis. Bev. for their visit.

The engagement of Sis. Teresa Hartter and Bro. Brad Kellenberger of Lester was made known. We wish them God's blessings.

### KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

Sally Beutel, writing from Shioda, Japan, in the August, 1978, Silver Lining, told about one of her pupils who drew a picture of several children who were playing and about a face up in the sky. The child explained that the face in the sky was "God looking."

I was interested in this story, because several years ago while traveling through New Mexico, we were drawn to a yarn design hanging on a wall of a restaurant. This design was a perfect square, but hung up by one corner, so it resembled a kite. It is found in many tourist centers in the Southwestern United States and is called, by the Navajo Indians, "The Ojo of God," or eye of God. In the center of the design the spiderweb fashion forms a diamond patch that seems to stare at its on-lookers like a human eye. The Navajo-made Ojos are supposed to represent the eyes of God which are ever upon the world, looking in all directions, everywhere, at all times.

Does God really have eyes, and, if so, what are they like? What do they see? Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and good." The Prophet Amos says, "The eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom." God's own

Word reveals that He is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipresent (ever-present), and omnipotent (all-powerful). David was aware of God's all-seeing eyes and inescapable presence in Psalm 139 when he acknowledged that, regardless of where he was, he could not escape the all-knowing eyes of God.

If children in their innocence and those who still live in pagan religions of their forefathers (read Crying Wind, 177 publication, a true autobiography) can sense the presence of "God's Looking," isn't it comforting to know that by the Word of God as a believer, our life is hid in Christ?

Sis. Kristen, daughter of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Gussie Willschleger of Wichita, Kansas, and Bro. Howard Plattner, son of John and Sis. Marie Plattner of Sabetha, Kansas, were united in holy matrimony on Oct. 1. When I asked Kristen if there was something special she would like to have remembered about this wedding, she replied, "When by the bonds of FAITH." No. 79 ZIONS HARP. Perhaps it was this song that prompted Bro. Sam Anliker to deliver the message from the fifth chapter of Ephesians. He emphasized the difference in a wedding of believers and a wedding uniting those who could not confess Christ to be a part of their marriage. Sis. Kristen and Bro. Howard were reminded to build their marriage according to the word of God.

The Bible teaches believers to comfort one another by the same comfort wherewith they have been comforted of God. II Cor. 1:4. It is beautiful to see this carried out by three elderly widows here in the Wichita Church. Sis. Hatie Farney is confined to a nursing home. Sis. Lyria Bahr, formerly of Gridley, Kansas, and Sis. Dora Young are no longer able to care for themselves and are sharing the love of their families. For the most part, all three are confined to wheel chairs. When a small group of members and friends helped Sis. Hatie celebrate her 79th birthday with hymn singing and refreshments, Sis. Dora accompanied them, also. As these two sisters sat together sharing old memories it brought tears to the eyes of many. It was easy to see that they were comforting

each other in their afflictions. Sis. Lydia Bahr, assisted by her daughter who is almost without sight and unable to walk unassisted, came to see Sis. Dora this last week. There surely was no generation gap here, but only a good time of sharing.

Hospitalized for surgery this month were Bro. George Lambert and our friend, Floyd Beyer. Floyd and his wife, Eva, have been attending our Wichita Church for many years. Eva was stricken by a stroke some months ago and lost her speech. She remains paralyzed in her right side. Floyd has faithfully brought her to church in her wheel chair but now will be unable to care for her during his own recuperation. She will be living at Mid-Town Nursing Home, 13th and Waco Sts., Wichita, Kansas. Perhaps you do not know her, but you could reach out to her need by a card of good cheer.

### MICHIGAN, ALTO

Penny Erismann

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

Our dear Sister in faith, Kathryn Grawberg, passed away in her home on Sept. 11. Our sympathy goes to her husband, Fred, who lovingly cared for Kathryn many years during her ill health. Surviving are three sons and their families, John and Carol, Edmond and Mary Lou, and Ferd and Jane. Her sisters, brother, and all of us in Alto will miss her.

Sis. Anna Wingeier was recently hospitalized for a blood clot. She is home after her first hospital stay and is progressing well. Anna is 80 years old. Mathew Steffen, 11-year-old son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta, was hospitalized for surgery on his arm after falling from a tree. He is home and doing very well.

Sam Olsch and Randi Keefer and Penny Olsch and Denise Higgins were recently united in marriage. Sam and Penny are the sons of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva. Our best wishes go to both couples as they begin their lives together.

A boy, Jerod Nicholas, was born to Jerry and Sis. Brenda Patten on Sept. 14. Congratulations on their first.



### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Patsy Knochel

We are privileged to have Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) bring God's word of exhortations to us again. Our congregation wishes to thank him and his wife for coming and sharing such a blessed weekend with us.

Now it is accomplished!  
I'm no longer mine;  
Lord I will forever and always  
be thine,  
For Thou hast created and purchased me too,  
Baptized with Thy Spirit,  
Thou makest me new.

Zions Harp

It was a day of rejoicing when many of us recently sang these words. Six new souls made the sacred Baptismal Covenant with their God on the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15. Those new names written in glory are: Sis. Alice Mehl (daughter of Sis. Emma Wackerle); Sis. Lula Meier (daughter of Emma Wackerle); Sis. Lula's two daughters, Sis. Janet Kohler and Sis. Diana Jacobs; Bro. Donald Jackson (Bro. Richard and Sis. Yolanda); and Bro. Clifford Knochel (daughter of Sis. Doris).

Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, (Detroit), and ministering Brothers Floyd Wieland (Detroit), and Aaron Steffen (Alto) were also with us for this weekend. May the testimonies we witnessed be an inspiration to our souls. How wonderful the Lord works in a heart that has humbly surrendered all to serve Him!

On Sunday evening, Bro. Ben remained with us to share in the partaking of Holy Communion. It was indeed a solemn hour. First we considered His suffering as foretold in Isaiah 53:5. "But he was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Then in remembrance of Christ and the price He paid for us (may it have been with all purity), we undertook the fulfilling of St. Luke 22: 19,20.

"And he took bread and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: This do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper,

saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Martha Gleichman

In remembrance of our dear Lord and Savior, we partook of Holy Communion. Our ministering brother, Joe Braker, reminded us that, although we clean our houses daily, there are certain times of the year when we do a thorough cleaning. It is at this time that we must look into each corner of our hearts before we present ourselves at the communion table. We are thankful that the Lord still provides us with the blessed opportunity of sharing Holy Communion.

On Oct. 1, we had a blessed reunion weekend with loved ones who had lived in Detroit for a season — either working in the area, stationed in the service here, or attending school here. These precious times remind us how glorious it will be for those who are reunited with the Lord.

We ask for a special blessing for Bros. Joe Braker, Don Manz, Joe Waibel, Don Gudeman, and Phil Stettner for laboring with us during the past month.

Our sympathy is extended to Paul and Sis. Sharon IzGherian whose sister, Angie IzGherian, passed away in Windsor.

We rejoice at the announcement of the engagement of Bro. Kent Obermann to Sis. Debra Knochel. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Those who have been hospitalized this past month are Bro. Joe Bobchick, Bro. Paul Sabados, Sr., and Sis. Bonnie Pond. May the Lord always be at their sides.

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Virkler

As the trees burst forth in their brilliant autumn colors, we look in awe at God's great creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."  
(Genesis 1:1)

### FALLING LEAVES

I saw you fall but a moment ago,  
Dear leaf of crimson hue;  
The summer is past, and the  
bosom of earth  
Was waiting to welcome you.  
The branch bade you go,  
Where you tarried so long,

Where birds built a nest,  
Where they sang their sweet  
song.

As gently would I, when summer  
is done,  
Go at last to eternal rest;  
I am told that God's heart is  
yearning for me,  
That there's room on His wel-  
coming breast  
So why should I fear when a  
frost shall touch  
The stem that must set me free?  
I shall go, please God, with a  
sweeter peace  
Than the leaf that fell from  
the tree.

William Runyan

We extend our sympathy to the families of Bro. Kenneth Schmidt and Sis. Ethel Bednarski, whose mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt of Winthrop, passed away.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Debra Tilbury were blessed with a baby boy on Sept. 28. He has been named Richard Lawrence after both grandfathers. He is welcomed home by a sister, Charity. The grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Virginia Ehman, Cissna Park, and Lawrence and Helen Tilbury, Racine, Wis.

### MINNESOTA, MORRIS Pam Sutter - Lili Koehl

"Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on."

St. Matt. 6:25

"How to be perfectly at peace amid the hurly-burly of daily life is a secret worth knowing. What is the use of worrying? Worry never made anybody strong; it never helped anybody to do God's will; it never made a way of escape for anybody out of perplexity. Restlessness, anxiety, and care are absolutely forbidden by our Lord, who said: "Take no thought"—that is no anxious thought — 'saying what shall ye eat, or what shall ye drink, or wherewithal shall ye be clothed?' He does not mean that we are not to use forethought and that our life is to be without plan or method; but that we are not to worry about these things. People know you live in the realm of anxious care by the lines on your face, the tones of your voice,



the minor key in your life, and the lack of joy in your spirit. Scale the heights of a life abandoned to God, and then you will look down on the clouds beneath your feet."

Darlow Sargeant

We are saddened to report the unexpected death of Dean Zeltwanger. We extend our sympathy to: his wife Dorothy; his son Kevin; his four daughters, Charlene, Kathlene, Marlene, and Vic-ky; his father Bro. William Zeltwanger, Sr.; and to his brothers and five sisters whom many of you know.

Following a 14-month illness, Mrs. W. P. (Bernice) Feuchtenberger was laid to rest. We sympathize with her husband, her son William, her daughter Judy, and her many other relatives and friends.

Our hospital patients this month were Bro. Chuck Koehl and Bro. Davis Wulf.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Delores Messerli - Mary Thiem

Joy here alternates with woe. On Sunday, we rejoiced with Ruth Messner, and with her family, and loved ones when her peace with God and man was announced. Ruth's parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Viola. We have two other dear friends who are seeking the Lord.

On the following Thursday, our dear older Sis. Emma (Messner) Schmidt, age eighty-six, laid down her earthly tools and entered into the heavenly rest. She leaves twelve children: Bro. Arthur and Delbert of Elgin, Ill.; Orville of Tucson, Ariz.; ministering Bro. Elmer, Bro. Darrell, Eugene, and Caroline (Clayton) Overson of Winthrop; Lester, Bro. Kenneth, and Sis. Ethel (Joe) Benarski of Mpls.; Donald of Aurora, Ill.; and Merlin of Whittemore, IA. Her husband Fred, and sons Eli, Alvin, and Bro. Richard preceded her in death. Seventy-six grandchildren and sixty-two great grandchildren survive, along with Bros. George and Walter Messner and Sisters Louise (Gus) Mohrman, Ida (Chris) Schmidt, and Sarah (Henry) Kellenberger.

Her family wishes to express thanks for the prayers and kindness offered in their behalf. They gave me this poetry with some words changed to suit the occasion.

How sweet are the memories remaining  
Of our mother and grandmother,  
loved so dear;  
Her life was a true inspiration  
To all who have known her.

Not only to those of her household,  
But to neighbors and brethren and friends.  
And kindness and love to the end.

For 56 years, she has carried  
Christ's banner;  
She has served her Redeemer and Lord.

The meek shall inherit earth's blessings,  
And Heaven shall be their reward.

By Henry Beer

Our tears were hardly dry when the news that Shirley (Messner) Stressmann lost her husband and helpmate, Elden, age thirty-nine, of a heart attack. He had shared the day and evening with us, prior to his passing. His wife, three children, Randy, Monica, and Craig, and his mother and sister survive.

May God comfort this dear young family in their loss. They wish to have their gratitude expressed for all the love and kindness shown to them.

One service was held for the oldest in faith and another for someone so young. Yesterday, we heard, "God talks to us sometimes loud, and clear, as in this past week, warning the old and the young to be ready for their maker." A brother prayed, thanking God that we can mourn and weep together, and also rejoice together in the promise God has given us for the salvation of our souls.

Visiting ministering brothers during this past week were: retired Elder Bro. Paul Banwart, Noah Gerber, Earl Banwart, and Duane Metzger of West Bend; Noah Miller, Mpls.; Elder Bro. Paul Fehr, Harold Gramm and Floyd Schmidgall of Morris; and Carol Feucht of Lester. We thank them and their wives for sharing with us in our time of great loss.

Hospitalized was Darold, husband of co-worker Sis. Mary Thiem, for observation. At this writing, he has returned to his home. Also hospitalized was Bro. Jim Messner, who suffered chest and back injuries while helping build a new step for the back of our church. He has since recovered

enough to be released from the hospital and is able to worship with us.

Some dear friends were united in marriage. Bryan Jacobson (John and Sis. Dorothy) Pozlin will make their home in Winthrop. Keith and Pauline (Mackenthun) Howk, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice, will reside in Glencoe.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

Janice Braker - Sandra Marti

Fall is such a beautiful time of the year when the trees begin to adorn the "shades of autumn." But with these cool breezes we also know that winter cannot be far off. When the time of harvest is over, what will we have to show for our labors?

"Must I go and empty handed,  
Must I meet my Savior so?  
Not one soul with which to greet  
Him,

Must I empty handed go?"

This is from Hymn No. 174 in the Gospel Hymns. I think it would profit us to read the heading of this song telling why this song was written. Ed. note: My Uncle Louis Getz (my mother's brother) was my room-mate for three years while he lived with us. He was unable to repent until his early forties because he couldn't give up smoking. A heart attack encouraged him to quit smoking and repent. But he couldn't stand it—one more smoke... then another heart attack. He told me that he knew that that one smoke did it. He said to me on his death bed. "Must I go, and empty handed?" Yes, read that heading. Uncle Louie remembered it to his dying day. It may have helped him get to heaven. He died in peace. It may help you die with your hands full.

#### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Lena M. Haerr

"The Victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith." I John 5:4. "Faith is the victory, Oh, glorious victory that overcomes the world."

Gospel Hymns

On Sept. 27, Sis. Evelyn Wysong, Sabetha, had to go to the Quincy hospital for four days: she was visiting her daughter, Sis. Sally, and Bro. Bob Norman Haerr and family at the time.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Sis. Naomi Heimer and

Bro. Roger Moser, Oakville, whose engagement was announced on Oct. 1. Sis. Elenor Yeckley is teaching Sunday School in Sis. Naemi Heimer's place.

A daughter, Kathryn Lyn, was born on Sept 30 to Dave and Carol Romersberger. Grandparents are the Robert Martins of Roanoke, Ill., and the Orville Romersbergers of Meeker, Colo. This is their first child.

Our visiting ministers this month was Bro. Nate Steffen from Elgin, Ill.

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY (and Philadelphia, Pa.)

Ed Aeschleman

Spring with it's beautiful flowering shrubs and trees and fall with multi-colored foliage in the East truly exploit the beauty of God's creation. We are now at the peak of autumn color, and the lovely hues of red, yellow, green, and brown reflect God's glory against the bright sun's rays on every hill and in every valley. "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us:" Ps. 90:16, 17.

Our small congregations here in Philadelphia and Union City seem so insignificant in God's vast creation, and yet He has seen fit to bless and nourish us in many ways. By His grace and the prayers of many we have survived and hope one day to build a house of worship to His everlasting honor and glory.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

On Sunday, October 8, we received many words of love, warning, and guidance through the lips of Bro. Dale Eisenmann of Chicago and Bro. Harold Emch of Girard, Ohio. We were privileged to gather with the Naumburg congregation for services and enjoy fellowship when we had a covered-dish dinner. In the evening, the Naumburg congregation assembled with us.

Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka, Ill., spent Wednesday evening, October 11, with us in the Croghan Church. We thank each of these brothers for the messages expounded to us through God's direction and guidance.

A little girl, Tessa Jill, was welcomed into the home of Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen Farney on Sep-

tember 30. She is a new little playmate for Todd, Terry, and Tracie. Her grandparents are Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney, and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Briot. Her great-grandmother is Sis. Huldah Farney.

On Sunday evening, we gathered in the Naumburg church to listen to the beginning of the tapes of the recent Brotherhood Conference. May each of us take the advice and warnings given by our elder brothers to heart.

Our hospital patients this month have been Sis. Irene Farney and Cliff Lehman at Lowville, Bro. Dave Schamback and Sis. Polly Farney at Watertown, and Minnie Virkler at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Evelyn Farney has been an outpatient for treatment at a Syracuse Hospital. Our prayer for each of these loved ones is that God will continue to be with them in the remaining days of convalescence, and may He be a constant comfort to each of them.

### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG Corrine Virkler

Bro. Dale Eisenman (Chicago) and Bro. Harold Emch (Girard) ministered to us on Sunday, Oct. 8. The Naumburg and Croghan congregations served a covered-dish dinner at Naumburg after the afternoon service. Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka) brought us the Word on Wednesday evening, Oct. 11. The Croghan congregation assembled with us.

Bro. Elmer Taube was readmitted to the Watertown hospital after spending a few days at home.

Ed. note: Sis. Corinne included a note that told us that she has been ill and has been hospitalized.

### OHIO, AKRON Gail Spangler

We are thankful to have Sis. Elizabeth Heib (Bro. Leo) able to assemble with us again. She wishes to thank all who remembered her during her hospitalization and recuperation at home. Also, Sis. Rose Pamer wants to thank everyone who visited her and Bro. Paul during the many weeks and months that they were unable to come to church.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis) on a Thursday evening.

Mark Robert is the newborn son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Barbe Ritzman. Giving him plenty of love and

attention are Laura, Susan, Karen, and Todd. Sis. Marie Ritzman is his grandmother.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Camp Mingo park on September 23. All who were able to attend seemed to have a very enjoyable time.

### OHIO, GIRARD Kathryn Emch

We have enjoyed visitors from various congregations this fall. We are grateful to all who put forth the effort to worship with us.

Bro. Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis and Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron ministered to us. We give our special thanks to the brothers who serve so faithfully.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Psalm 24:1. We were reminded of this as we traveled through the Northwest to see the countless trees and mountains all painted by the Master Painter. Our Father does things in such a big way. Praise Him!

### OHIO, JUNCTION Gwen Manz

Kent Andrew is the welcome addition to the family of Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter. The grandparents are Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold of LaCrosse and Sis. Juliet Schlatter. Warren, Charlene, and Melissa are happy to have a little brother.

Sis. Mary Suttor has moved to an apartment at the Parkview Haven Retirement Home, P.O. Box 797, Francesville, IN 47946. We ask God's blessings for her there.

Sis. Lydia Wahl was laid to rest October 15 at the Dotterer Cemetery following funeral services at Latty. Lydia lived many years in the Junction area and will be missed by all.

### OHIO, LATTY Karen Klopfenstein - Susie Sinn

"ON THE WINGS OF PRAYER"  
Just close your eyes and open your heart,

And feel your worries and cares depart,  
Just yield yourself to the Father above

And let Him hold you secure in His love—

For life on earth grows more involved

With endless problems that can't be solved—



But God only ask us to do our best,  
 Then He will "take over" and  
 finish the rest—  
 So when you are tired, discouraged  
 and blue,  
 There's always one door that is  
 open to you—  
 And that is the door to "The House  
 of Prayer"  
 And you'll find God waiting to  
 meet you there,  
 And "The House of Prayer" is no  
 farther away  
 Than the quiet spot where you  
 kneel and pray—  
 For the heart is a temple when  
 God is there  
 As we place ourselves in His  
 loving care,  
 And He hears every prayer and  
 answers each one  
 When we pray in His name "Thy  
 Will Be Done"—  
 And the burden that seemed too  
 heavy to bear  
 Are lifted away on "The Wings  
 of Prayer."

H. S. Rice

Lanna Stoller (Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet) has found grace to repent. May she always draw near to the Lord and give her all to Him.

We are glad to see Ruth Stoller (Ralph) back in church after being hospitalized.

Little Anthony is the first-born son of Keith and Carol Yoder. Pleased grandparents are Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann Plummer. Also, first-time parents are Bro. Robin and Sis. Joanne Stoller, as Anthony Wayne was born on October 7. Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane and Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder (Rittman) are the grandparents.

Our dear Sister Lydia Wahl went to her eternal rest on October 12. Surviving is her brother, Bro. Ulrich Kipfer, and her sister, Sis. Katie Gerber (Bluffton). Sis. Lydia has won her battle and gained her crown, but WE MUST keep pressing on so we, too, can inherit life eternal.

#### OHIO. MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1

Have you prayed and prayed and received no answer, but still believe that some day your prayers will be answered? Recently, a friend related that she had prayed for 40 yrs. and knew that through

faith some day her prayers would be answered. When Helen was a young girl, she was stricken with a virus that left her without an audible voice. For 40 years she worked in the business world with this great handicap. At best, she could only whisper. In spite of her problem, she was a very loving person. She cared for her widowed mother who was, for a number of years, paralyzed from a stroke. Helen, an only daughter, walked home every noon to care for her mother, and then returned to work.

A few weeks ago, my sister and I met her on the street. She seemed exceptionally happy, and there seemed to be a radiant look about her. As we exchanged greetings, she exclaimed, "Do you notice anything different about me?" Of course, we recognized immediately that she could talk normally and that we could hear her. "Helen," we said "you have a voice!" She seemed so pleased that we had immediately recognized the change. She said, "God has performed a miracle and answered my prayers." After inquiry, she told us her story.

When she was in her early twenties, she had been out singing. The next morning, upon arising, she had no voice. At first, the doctor told her it was caused by a cold, but weeks passed and she knew differently. She became very discouraged, and one day she decided to do what her mother and grandmother had always done when they had a serious problem. She reached for the family Bible; then, praying to God for guidance and direction, she opened the Bible to Isaiah 35 and read the entire chapter. The sixth verse, "then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert," meant so much to her that she held it very dear to her for all those years.

Recently, at a doctor's office, she saw a lady reading a magazine. An ad drew her attention because it stated in essence that if a certain type of medicine was taken a person could get his voice back. She took the ad, after purchasing a copy of the magazine, to her local doctor who in turn referred her to a specialist at a Cleveland clinic. The specialist ex-

amined her and said that he was sorry, but medicine was not the answer to her problem. However, he told her that if she wanted to take a chance, surgery had been done on the vocal chords for this very thing and she could be the sixteenth patient to try it. She said that she would take the chance as she believed God was going to answer her prayers. Two weeks after she spent two hours on the operating table, Helen spoke to us for the first time in a normal manner. She is so thankful to God for answering her prayers. I said to her, "Oh, Helen, wouldn't your mother be happy if she could know of your happiness?" She assured me with the answer, "I'm sure mother knows." She is also very sure that God has a special purpose in her life, and she is waiting for His further guidance and direction.

Loving prayers are made on behalf of loved ones hospitalized and stricken this past month: Sis. Dora Sauder (a broken shoulder), Bro. Jesse Beer (a broken arm), Sis. Ruth Weiss (who is hospitalized and wishes to thank everyone for their gifts of love, cards, prayers and visits), Lori Oesch who had surgery after having been involved in a train-car accident and will be laid up for quite a while (her address is R. D. 2, Myers Rd., Shelby, Ohio 44875), Doris Pierce (a broken shoulder), Jenny Banks (a broken leg, also confined to her bed at home, Rt. 9, Box 2, Lexington, Ohio 44904), and Sis. Barbara Bricker (hospitalized).

We extend good wishes to Wendy Russell and Ricky Sauder (Bro. Richard and Sis. Caroline) who were recently married.

The prayers of Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary Ann Domka have been answered by the safe arrival of a new little daughter, Stephanie Marie. The happy grandparents are Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder and Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Domka.

Loving prayers of sympathy are extended to Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie Sauder in the recent passing of their son-in-law, Fero Miller. Fero leaves four children, Stephen of Florida, Richard of Lexington, Ohio, Sis. Karen Feldman of Bremen, Indiana, and June LaSusa of Ontario, Ohio. His loving wife, Sis. Bertha Sauder

Miller, preceded him in death quite a number of years ago.

Also, kind sympathy and prayers go to Donald and Doris Pierce in the tragic loss of their son, Harold (Rusty) Pierce, who was killed in an automobile accident.

On October 1 our congregation was favored with the visits of ministering brothers Cleo Rinkemberger (Pulaski) and Ben Hartzler (Rittman). We thank them for their kind words of advice and invite them to return again.

Ere you left your room this morning

Did you think to pray?

In the name of Christ our Savior  
Did you sue for loving favor

As a shield today?

Oh, how praying rests the weary!  
Prayer will change the night to day.

So, when life seems dark and dreary,

Don't forget to pray.

M. A. Kidder

#### OHIO, RITTMAN Florence Hartzler

Once again our hearts were uplifted as we listened to nine precious souls give their testimonies on Saturday, October 7, and then witnessed their baptism on Sunday, October 8. What a glorious state, to be a lamb of Jesus; in all the earth there is no higher standing than to follow in the Savior's ways. The new lambs of the flock are Sis. Karen Riggenbach, Bro. Mark Ramsier, Bro. Bro. Art and Sis. Bonnie Ingold, Bro. Dale and Sis. Beth Pelfrey, and Bro. Dan Rufener. We rejoice with these dear ones and their families at this most joyous time. We want to thank Bro. Ed Frank from LaCrosse, and Bro. Rudy Graf from Akron for their assistance. We also say thank you to Bro. Kenny Indermuhle and Bro. Robert Beer for their visit and their inspiring words.

We gathered together on three evenings to hear the tapes from the conference, which we greatly enjoyed. God's ways are just, and His wisdom unsearchable, and the dear elders are inspired by God to give us these teachings for our own good. If it were not for these "watchmen," where would we be when our lives are over? We pray that we will heed the warnings, so that we may have a good and

blessed end, and that we can then rest on the heavenly shores.

There are always some who must endure pain and suffering while traveling on the highway of life, and we pray that God will heal the bodies, as He does the souls, of our dear ones. Bro. Robert Gasser was a hospital patient for a few days. Dennis Indermuhle (Bro. Darrel and Sis. Janet) underwent surgery and is slowly recovering at home. Daryl Bauman (Ivy) was also hospitalized for burns suffered when trying to light a furnace. Sis. Helen Babin (Bro. Immanuel) also suffered burns from a canning accident. We are thankful that these dear ones can assemble with us again.

Our sympathy is extended to Frank and Marjorie Weber at the sudden death of their son Allan. Also surviving is one brother, Myron, and two children.

First-time grandparents are Marion and Sis. Dolores Bauman with the birth of a daughter to their son Allan and his wife, Rose.

Across the road from the church, east of the nursing home, is the site chosen for the four retirement units which are now being built. We pray that the Lord will bless this undertaking and that His will may be done in all that we do.

#### OHIO, SARDIS Joyce Indermuhle

As the workers gather in their harvests, so will the Lord gather in His harvest. Let us continually strive so that we, as the fruit, will be ripe and ready for the coming of the Lord.

As fall reaches its peak, once again we marvel at the beauty that the hand of God has wrought. Not only do we need to thank God for His beautiful creation, but we also need to thank Him, with all of our hearts, for the ability to see, feel, hear, and talk about it as well. We at Sardis are so thankful that we can share God's lovely scenery with all of our visitors. We hope that all who come will feel welcome and will go home with a blessing.

#### OREGON, PORTLAND Connie Steffen

Harvest time is undoubtedly one of the most lovely times of the year. Everything is pretty well

put away for the winter, and we can look on the fruit of our labors. Let us remember that it comes only by the goodness of the Lord.

On Sept. 14, little Amber Marie came to brighten the home of Bro. Jay and Sis. Jill Plattner. She was welcomed home by her little sisters, Holly and April.

"Precious Memories, How they linger." The hymn writer may have been in a reminiscent mood, as I am today. How long has it been since you've been in church alone in the quiet, with no one around? My memories went back some 25 years to the first time I stood in one of our churches. It was the day that my mother and I gave our testimonies before the church and were baptized into the fold and fellowship of our people.

I thought of Bro. Guy and Sis. Rose Miller leading us as sheep, still without any Spiritual sight, lovingly feeding us with Scripture verses that would nourish us and help us grow in paths pleasing to our Lord. They didn't always tell us what we wanted to hear, but what the Scripture said.

Who can express the tremendous joy, the overwhelming feelings we have as we are greeted by our brothers and sisters? We have been adopted into the household of Faith.

Later, I stood by the side of the man with whom I was making another lifelong covenant, and we two became one. Later years brought more joys as we brought our little sons into the Lord's house and asked His blessings on them.

Years went by and many of our dear ones laid down their crosses, and, oh, how we missed them. What would we do without them to help us, with their years of experience on the Lord's battlefield? But our God is faithful; He never leaves us alone. I was told during the time of my conversion, "It's not the beginning, or the middle, but the end of the race that decides our victory," and not all have finished the race as those dear old warriors have.

Grief-filled memories came, and with them, many tears when I thought of those who have fallen by the wayside. Oh! My heart nearly breaks when I think of the wonderful joy they have lost, and the fearful judgment that will be



theirs unless they repent.

Now, again, there are happy thoughts as two dear souls are repenting and awaiting their baptism. So our Lord richly blesses beyond measure, as once again we see both Spiritual and numerical growth in our congregation. We should often think of all that the Lord has given us, and, without a doubt, we say with the Psalmist (Psa. 95:3), "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods," and (Psa. 97:12), "Rejoice in the Lord ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness."

**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA**

(See New Jersey, Union City)

**WEST VIRGINIA,  
NEW MARTINSVILLE**  
Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey

The hills and woodlands are beginning to show their many beautiful colors, and with time for early frosts they will be even more beautiful until the winter sets in. So far we have had very little cold weather, but snow has been seen in some of the higher elevations of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moser, and Elizabeth and Margaret Witschey have returned from a week's vacation spent at Blackwater Falls, W. Va.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville, Pa., spent two weeks here with Minnie Weltz, and Mary Ann Bro-

thers during the month of October.

Mrs. Raymond Barth underwent two major operations in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, during the past two months. She is improving and will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock and family of Huntington, W. Va., were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock, Sr., on October 14 and 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jenney of Wadsworth, O., were recent guests of the Witschey families.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. Ps. 91:14

## SILVER THREADS

### REFLECTION

You don't have to tell how you live each day—

You don't have to say if you work or you play;

A tried, true barometer serves in its place

And however you live, it shows in your face.

The false, the deceit that you wear in your heart

Will not stay inside where they first got a start,

For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace—

What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,

For not what you get, but how much you can give,

If you live close to God in His infinite grace,

You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

Author Unknown

### SLOW ME DOWN, LORD

Slow me down, Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my day,

The calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves. Help me know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations of slowing down—

To look at a flower,

To smile at a child, or to read from a good book;

To chat with an old friend or make a new one.

Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift,

That there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look up into the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.

Crain

### AN ART

To stand at a distance when others are glad

And yet be contented, not complaining or sad;

To travel wearily on thorny incline Yet serving another with unselfish design;

To stand in the shadow from sunshine afar,

But shine for another as bright as a star;

That is an art in which only succeed

Those that on heavenly manna do feed.

In the darkest valley of suffering to stay

And yet for the blessings for others to pray;

Faithful towards others our duty fulfill,

Our own fondest longings commit to God's will;

A secret treasure bear deep in the heart

But for the Lord's sake from it willingly part;

That is an ART which none understand,

Except they be led by the Infinite hand.

To be misunderstood and ridiculed in life,

Yet seeking to cherish the friend in the strife;

When bitterest thoughts arise in the heart,

Never to others these thoughts to impart;

Much unrighteousness around us we see,

Yet never discouraged in faith here to be.

The strength to accomplish this, daily impart,

O, Lord, to my weak and discouraged, sad heart.

Eliza Pulfer

### HE IS WITH ME STILL

Though I walk in ways unknown, I am never left alone,

For the Lord will not forsake me While I do His Will;

But whatever may betide, He is walking by my side

And by this I know He loves me still.

When the raging storm winds  
blow  
And the clouds are hanging low,  
When the waves are beating on  
me  
And the night is chill;  
Then His Presence in the storm  
Quiets all my soul's alarm  
And I know, that He is with me  
still.

'Mid the busy cares of life  
In the battle's raging strife,  
When around my soul are gathered  
All the hosts of ill,  
Then a voice so sweet and clear,  
Whispers words of love and cheer,  
And I know, that He is with me  
still.

C. W. Naylor.

### GOD'S KIND CARE

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives thro';  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

God hath not promised  
We shall not know  
Toil and temptation,  
Trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us  
We shall not bear  
Many a burden,  
Many a care.

God hath not promised  
Smooth roads and wide,  
Swift, easy travel,  
Needing no guide;  
Never a mountain,  
Rocky and steep,  
Never a river  
Turbid and deep;

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.

Annie Johnson Flint

### BE STILL

Oh, be still thou soul of mine,  
Thou art not forsaken;  
Though the pow'rs of sin may  
rage,  
Thou shalt be unshaken.  
He who gave His life for thee  
Thus permits that thou shouldst

be,  
For thy good, as thou shalt see,  
Tempted for a season.

Be courageous, firm and true  
When life's battles waging;  
Oh, bestill my soul and rest  
When the tempests raging.  
He who doth our sorrows share  
In His love and tender care,  
Trials more than thou canst bear,  
Will not let thee suffer.

Why shouldst thou so fearful be  
At the tempter's roaring?  
Simply trust in God alone,  
Satan's wrath ignoring.  
See God's tenderness, and prove,  
With the sainted hosts above,  
His unfailing wonderous love,  
Ever for thee caring.

Yes, dear Lord, I will be still,  
I will trust thee forever;  
I'll submit to Thy will,  
Cling to thee forever.  
Lord, Thou knowest what is best,  
Confident in Thee I'll rest,  
Till I dwell with all the blest,  
And with Thee in Heaven.

Wm. Ebel.

### WITS' END CORNER

Are you standing at "Wits' End  
Corner,"

Christian, with troubled brow?  
Are you thinking of what is be-  
fore you

And all you are bearing now?  
Does all the world seem against  
you,

And you in the battle alone?  
Remember at "Wits' End Corner"  
Is just where God's power is  
shown.

Are you standing at "Wits' End  
Corner"

Blinded with worrying pain,  
Feeling you cannot endure it,  
You cannot bear the strain?  
Bruised through constant suffer-  
ing,

Dizzy, and dazed, and numb?  
Remember to "Wits' End Corner"  
Is where Jesus loves to come.

Are you standing at "Wits' End  
Corner"

Yearning for those you love,  
Longing, and praying, and watch-  
ing,

Pleading their cause above,  
Trying to lead them to Jesus,  
Wondering if you've been true?  
He whispers at "Wits' End Cor-  
ner"

"I'll win them as I won you?"

Are you standing at "Wits' End  
Corner?"

Then you're at the very spot  
To learn the wonderous resources  
Of him who faileth not!  
No doubt to a brighter pathway  
Your footsteps will soon be  
be moved,  
But only at "Wits' End Corner"  
Is "The God who is able" proved.

### HAVE COURAGE, MY BOY, TO SAY NO!

You're starting today on life's  
journey,  
Alone on the Highway of Life.  
You'll meet with a thousand temp-  
tations,  
Each city with evil is strife.  
The world's in a state of excite-  
ment,  
There's danger wherever you go;  
But if you are tempted in weak-  
ness,  
Have courage, my boy, to say—  
NO.

The siren's sweet smile may allure  
you,

Beware of her cunning art;  
Whenever you see her approaching,  
Be guarded and haste to depart.  
The inns and saloons are inviting,  
Decked out in their tinsel and  
show,  
Should you be invited to enter,  
Have courage, my boy, to say—  
NO.

Be careful in choosing compan-  
ions,  
Seek only the brave and the true;  
And stand by your friends when  
in trial,  
Ne'er changing the old for the  
new.

And when by false friends you  
are tempted,  
The taste of the wine cup to  
know,  
With firmness, with patience, and  
kindness,  
Have courage, my boy, to say—  
NO.

The bright sparkling wine may be  
offered;

No matter how tempting it be,  
From poison that stings like an  
adder  
My boy, have the courage to flee.  
The gambling halls are before  
you,  
Their lights, how they dance to  
and fro;

You may be invited to enter,  
Do have courage, my boy, to say  
—NO.

In courage of faith lies your  
safety,  
When you your long journey be-  
gin;  
And trust in your heavenly  
Father  
Will keep you unspotted from sin.  
Temptations will go on increasing  
As rivers from rivulets flow;  
But if you are true to your  
Saviour,  
You'll have courage, my boy, to  
say—NO.

Author Unknown

### RACHEL'S DEATH

Gen. 35:16-19

From the land fo the plain Jacob  
journeyed,  
On his way to the "house of  
bread"\*  
To his sorrow, his Rachel he  
buried,  
And wept as he mourned for his  
dead.

It was still but a little way  
farther,  
To the goal of his longed for  
rest,  
Why then this bitter, sorrowful  
parting  
From the one whom he loved  
the best?

From the land of our sojourn we  
journey,  
"His coming," the end of the  
way;  
We too sorrow—but not as the  
the hopeless—  
When our loved ones are taken  
away.

Say not. Why? to our God who  
first gave them:  
Let no murmuring words ever  
come;  
They have filled out the days of  
their measure:  
They now rest in His presence  
at home.

By the blood of His cross, they  
were sheltered,  
And their sins, they were all  
put away;  
They have left this cold world  
with its darkness,  
For the light of eternal day.

When our Lord shall descend from  
from the heavens,

And the dead in Christ shall  
arise,  
Then the living shall with them  
be caught up,  
Where no tears shall e'er dim  
our eyes.  
\*Bethlehem

### The Sermon . . .

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believed in. How thankful we are  
that it is not a vain philosophy,  
but that it is the living Word of  
Christ, beloved members of His  
Body.

In the twelfth verse Paul wrote,  
"For now we," and that is we who  
are here, "see through a glass,  
darkly; but then face to face." Beloved, when those who live for  
the Lord pass away, they know  
their destiny. We are gathered here  
this afternoon to remind ourselves  
of the destiny that each of us is  
going to face and to prepare our-  
selves, so that we may one day,  
as the Bible says, stand before  
God as sons or daughters, blame-  
less.

Paul said, "now I know in part;  
but then I shall know even as I am  
known." If these precious souls are  
like myself, they often wondered,  
in spite of their faith. We trust  
that it was an abiding, staunch  
faith. They probably often wonder-  
ed (and don't you wonder?) as we  
sing in the beautiful hymn, "How  
shall it be when we at last return-  
ing . . .?" Now, dear family, these  
people know how it really is. Isn't  
that something to think of, and to  
cling to? This is what we need.

Then Paul concluded by saying,  
"And now abideth faith, hope,  
charity, these three; but the great-  
est of these is charity." As you go  
through your lives, think about  
that, and ponder these thoughts.  
Does this describe this family? I  
believe it does. And "the greatest  
of these is love." God is speaking  
here to believing souls. The great-  
est gift that He can give to men  
is the life of God shining forth  
through redeemed hearts which  
pass that love on to their fellow-  
men.

(We are going to bow our  
heads and fold our hands in pray-  
er, and we will ask you to remain  
seated for the prayer.)

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank  
Thee for the beauty of this quiet  
sanctuary in this lovely Sunday

afternoon hour. We came together,  
brethren, neighbors, acquaintanc-  
es, and dear friends, to bid fare-  
well to these whom we loved so  
dearly. How we thank Thee that  
by the gift of Thy Holy Son, Jesus,  
who died on our behalf on Calvary's  
Cross, we may address Thee not  
only as a righteous God, but as,  
Abba, Father. We thank Thee,  
Father, that, although we were  
not born into Thy family, through  
the reading and hearing of the  
Word, we, and these loved ones,  
could come under conviction, re-  
pent, be converted, be baptised in-  
to Thy death, and arise to a new  
life in Christ—totally sanctified  
to walk in Thy grace here on earth.  
We thank Thee for having pre-  
pared such a wonderful way of  
salvation, which defies our feeble  
description.

We do rejoice in the way, and  
our prayer this afternoon is that  
every heart that is wounded will  
be healed. We realize, Father, that  
in the case of the immediate chil-  
dren of Glenn and Mary and their  
loved ones, and of the family of  
Aaron and Margueritte and their  
surviving children, this healing  
will be partial at best. We realize  
that it will be slow, but Thy holy  
love can be poured in like a balm,  
as the healing balm of Gilead. We  
heard in prayer that even this  
tragedy can work for the good of  
those of us who love Thee, Lord,  
and who are called according to  
Thy purpose. We confess, dear  
Father, that this purpose looks  
different to us from what we  
would have expected, but we want  
to be wise unto Salvation and not  
question Thee. Again, we thank  
Thee from the depth of our feeble  
hearts, Heavenly Father, for giv-  
ing us Jesus. May we look beyond  
the empty cross to the risen Christ.  
Who sits at Thy right hand and  
makes intercession for "whoso-  
ever will."

We realize that there may be  
some among us who are not ac-  
quainted with Thy ways, and who  
are not acquainted with Thy Holy  
Word, and with Thy plan for the  
lives of men; we ask Thee to help  
each one according to his need.  
Let us be used here in life as serv-  
ants of Thine, willing to labor in  
Thy vineyard so that when we  
answer the call, even as these pre-  
cious souls did, that we will be  
ready as we feel that they were.  
We thank Thee again, dear Lord,



for Thy loving, kind, tender presence in the family of everyone here who is touched by this tragedy. As a congregation, as a brotherhood, we, too, are rent but not asunder. We know that we will heal, but we ask Thee to be patient with us as we wait upon Thee. Bless us with Thy precious and Holy nearness in the living Word is our prayer in Jesus name. Amen.

This afternoon, we are going to read some words from the Scriptures that are, I'm sure, well known to you, but they never become "common-place." The shepherd's psalm: If you remember, this psalm was written from the sheep's viewpoint. I was told, recently, by one in the medical profession that certain parts of us are very much like those of sheep. I am thankful, beloved, to know that, because sheep are known to be gentle and docile animals. The Psalmist used the illustration of a sheep of his pasture speaking of his shepherd.

When we read this, if we dare put one word before the reading of "The Lord is My Shepherd," let's just insert the word "because"—because the Lord is my Shepherd. Maybe it will give each of us more insight into how the child of God rejoices in His salvation, and has no fear of death because death is not an eternal separation from God. For believers, it is a transition from the state that you and I are in this afternoon, into the presence of God.

David, who had many experiences like ours, wrote, (because) "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Isn't it true, beloved, that we read these words often, but somehow their reality escapes us? We could find ourselves, as this dear

family found themselves, in the presence of God within a matter of moments. It was far from their minds that day. A dinner was planned for them, and they did not arrive; but notice that we read here, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." They don't need mortal food any longer such as you and I depend upon to sustain us. They didn't realize that at the very time when the table was set in their friend's home, the Lord was setting the table for them in eternity.

We have a lovely hymn which goes something like this; "Live thou as thou wilt wish to have lived." That isn't exactly as it is worded but that is what it means. We don't know when our days on earth will be ended, do we? We have no idea, and how thankful we are that God keeps this wonderful secret to Himself.

A dear sister explained to us the other night, and I draw comfort from Margueritte's words, that God had this departure for Aaron planned even before he was delivered. When he was born, I was in Europe, but I recall that we started Sunday School together in 1957, about the time when he was in the seventh grade. It was an unusual class, and we enjoyed it very much. A brother warned me that it wouldn't always be that way, but this happened to be a class of intelligent boys and girls who were interested and very attentive. I think that we might say that it continued all through this young man's life, can we not? But, in spite of this interest which Aaron and Carol had, and in spite of the heart full of love that Glenn and Mary had for you, their children, and for their neighbors and friends, there was something lacking that each one of them recognized; and this is what we rejoice in this afternoon, dear family. They recognized that life without Christ was not life; it was not even existence. Everything else was as ashes, and they believed the Word of God that Jesus Himself spoke to Nicodemus at night, "You must be born again." You must repent, and you must recognize that you are separated from God unless He is in your heart and you have turned your life over to Him as total Lord and Saviour, Prophet, Priest, and King.

If these loved ones had not done that, they would have been eternally separated from Him after the accident in San Diego County. This, beloved, would have broken our hearts almost beyond repair, but being very wise unto salvation and not foolish unto condemnation, they followed the teaching of the Scripture and went through blessed and pure cleansing of heart, soul, and mind. They were not refurbished, but new persons in Christ Jesus.

One precious young soul who finds it very difficult to part with one of this family has said to us, "If I could see him again, just once," and don't we all say that; if we could just one more time hold them in our arms or hold their hand. We recall what David of old said, that he couldn't bring back his son who had passed away, but he could prepare himself to go where he went. The servants were afraid to tell the king, because of what might happen in his wrath, that his son who was ill had passed away; but, beloved, David at that time had the mind of God, and he anointed himself and washed, shaved, dressed and sat down to meat. Then he made this wise statement, "Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." II Sam. 12:23. This is what we are speaking of in this afternoon hour. Beloved congregation, if there is one of you here under the sound of our voice who is not positive of your standing before the living God, realize that He can become the Lord of your life.

Nicodemus, a member of the council and wise in the ways of the world, was brilliant enough to recognize that there was something seriously lacking in his life and he came to the Lord at night. When the Lord speaks to your heart, don't let the cares of this world cause you to turn and walk away, dismayed, as some did. Jesus grieved, too. He told the rich young man to divest himself of what he had. I don't believe that He meant only financially, because finances can be used in the work of the Lord, but we should empty ourselves before God and let the Lord take us into His workshop. This is what happened to this dear young couple in Denver, and this is what happened to Glenn and Mary here in our assembly, be-

loved. The Lord took them into His workshop, and then what you saw, knew, met and greeted was the result of His work. These dear souls are the handiwork of God.

I believe that I knew each of them well enough to know that if we could ask them what we should speak of this afternoon, they would say the same thing. Speak of the things that pertain to loveliness, beauty, and holiness. Think of the things that will lift us up so that we may see beyond the present. The child of God, beloved, is not permitted after his arising from the waters of baptism to be taken immediately into the presence of God. That would be pleasurable for us as we would never be more ready than we are at that moment, but He wants us to stay here as a witness for Him, and to endure whatever He might lay upon us.

I can almost hear a conversation. Our Father in Heaven said, 'Aaron, it is time to come home.' There would not be any argument. 'I'm ready; the only thing, would you let me bring Carol and the children along?' What nobler thoughts could you have, beloved, than that? It's a grief and tragedy for every one of us, isn't it? But, it could be worse, couldn't it? We have no one maimed, halt, or blind as a result of this accident. We have no orphans left here who are juveniles. We all grieve, but, Dawn, you are the one who will really suffer, and you, also, Russell. The Lord will sustain you according to your every need. Keep your trust and your hope in the Rock that is higher than you.

The rest of you have your help-mates. We adjure you before the living God to put your trust and keep your trust in the One Who redeemed the souls of these precious ones whom you loved so much.

When Joseph and Mary asked Jesus if He didn't know that He was causing them anxiety when He was missing, He said, 'Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?' I think that Mary realized a little bit better than Joseph who Jesus really was, but this virtuous man also recognized that he was rearing in his home the Son of God.

Who but a shepherd would make preparation for his sheep to lie down by the still waters? Sheep can't wade out into turbulence to drink. Beloved, they are afraid; they have every right to be. And

so it says, "he leadeth me beside the still waters." The calm waters. This is what is going to sustain this family. This is what is going to sustain you and me, beloved brethren. In the days and hours to come the Lord will continue to lead us beside the still waters. Read His Word and meditate upon it day and night.

'He restoreth my soul.' It must be that once in awhile our soul needs refurbishing, doesn't it? Perhaps, because we are flesh and blood, we sometimes need to be brought up short, admonished, and chastened; but, oh, how much we need to be buoyed up and encouraged again anew. "He restoreth my soul."

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Here again, I think we should pause a moment, as we so often do on this Word, because there might be some among us who feel that righteousness is a standing we can never attain; but, beloved, it is a right standing with God in obedience to His living Word. That is what the shepherd's sheep is talking about here, not Glenn's and Aaron's righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." The shepherd always carried two implements with him, the rod to ward off the enemy of the flock, and the shepherd's crook to reach out and draw an erring one back into the fold. This does indeed lift us up, does it not? You know that all sunshine, dear congregation, creates a barren desert; and I think that Mary, Carol, Aaron, and Glenn would tell us that it was the storm, and the wind, and rain, spiritually, that matured them into what it took to meet what happened last week in California. Think that over. It is true, isn't it? All sunshine makes nothing but a barren desert, and, likewise, all rain would create an Amazon rain forest. So, we need everything to mature us into, as the Old Testament speaks of it, a ripe summer fruit.

I must tell you that I didn't think that this fruit was ripe. Somehow, we just can't think of these precious souls as having been ready to depart this life, but this is the difference between our finite minds and the mind of Christ, is it not? Being the sheep of His pasture, we are going to wait upon

Him. We sing, sometimes, in a lovely hymn, "Some day we'll understand;" and we might think, "Well, maybe there are things here that I didn't think I could understand, but I can if I think deeply." But I believe this defies human understanding. However, the children of God will be willing to wait; and, finally, before the judgment seat of Christ and in the presence of God, we will ask why this, what you and I term an accident, happened last week so far from home.

David writes "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." I read recently that sheep are bothered tremendously by flies and insects. In the very best seasons of the year, the grazing seasons, a wise shepherd takes each sheep and rubs a solution upon its head and nostrils to ward off the flies and the insects that would cause discomfort, infection, and maybe even death. This reminds us of ourselves and of the Christ whom we follow gladly, joyfully. Think of the words, dear family, which Peter wrote in 1 Pet. 2:25, looking to Jesus who went to the cross joyfully despite the shame of it; Jesus, "the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." "Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

If we could recall any one of these adults this afternoon, I wonder if they would say to us, "No, I really wish it would not have happened; I really wasn't quite ready and I would rather have waited." The question was asked of this servant recently, "Would you really like to pass away?" Our natural response is, "No, I would really rather stay." We feel that we still might have some work with our young children. It is human instinct, is it not? But, beloved, the fact remains that this is God's will, and Jesus Himself taught His disciples "Thine and not my will be done." If we had asked any one of these souls, they would probably have said, "If this is God's will, we are more than glad to comply."

Then, finally, David writes, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." This is speaking of those who have given their all into the hands of Christ that their destiny might be guided by Him. Then, after death, beloved, comes the act of God which has happened to this



family; we shall "dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

I would like to read with you, if you will, a few verses from the Scripture which come to my mind. This is a family that had almost an unusual love, one for another. Many times when we gathered for some reason, if they were a little late, they would say, "We had something with the family first." I don't need to remind you that this is what put the family together in the motor coach. It was love, a desire to be together; to spend days and evenings together eating, drinking, traveling, sight-seeing, visiting and enjoying fellowship.

The family is the first structure, and the way the family is structured is going to determine how the nation goes, beloved. Listen to what wise David had to say concerning a family: "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways." The fear of the Lord is in a Godly reverential trust in obedience to His Word. Again, I ask those of you who knew these four adults, don't you feel that they would say, "It is our wish and desire that somehow this might emanate from us." "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." Psa. 128:1,2. I don't believe that these people were interested in wealth as you and I think of dollars and cents, beloved. It wasn't important. Their happiness was first of all in the Lord and then in being together. We wish that this might be spread out among mankind. This is charity.

David continued, "Thy wife shall be a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel." I think that

the joy of Aaron's and Carol's home was these precious little children—it couldn't be otherwise, beloved. We read in the Scripture that they are as arrows in a man's quiver. Then the Psalmist goes on to say, "Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of such arrows." Children are what turn a house into a home.

We would like to read a few more verses from the Scripture for the benefit of all of us. I do not wish to weary you, beloved, but we do not wish to transmit to anyone that all of us are automatically saved because God is love, which He is. I tried to speak plainly when I said that we must repent and we must be born again. "Two ways, O man, are there for thee; There are two destinations." Zion's Harp, No. 106.

In the Old Testament, in the book of Daniel, we read, in the 12th chapter, words that sober us. For Daniel was moved to write, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awaken, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." So we see that this is the time for preparation. He writes further, "And they that be wise (we are speaking of the wise toward God who cast their lot with the Creator of heaven and earth through His divine Son, our blessed Lord, and in that shed blood wherein is salvation) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

If we could ask this afternoon, "Aaron and Glen, what do you hope will be the result of this tragedy which shocked not only our congregation and community, but the nation?" I think they would tell us, "We hope that souls will become (as we read here) wise unto salvation, and repent, become converted, die to sin, be baptized into the death of Christ, and arise as new persons in Christ Jesus, living a sanctified life that in every breath and every thought does one thing, which is to glorify the risen Christ."

One of the members of the family asked me, "Do you have on your pulpit an effigy of the empty cross?" And I said, "Yes, we do," and you see it right here in front of me. This is important, beloved, because our God lives. The Lord of heaven and earth didn't allow man to take His life, but as it says, gave His life—"gave up the ghost." Jesus had absolute control at that time, but He realized (this is what made it joyful) that he needed to give His life so that you might have yours, and so that Mary and Glenn, and Aaron and Carol might have theirs. It isn't only a doctrine to "die by," dear congregation, it is also a doctrine to "live by." Don't think of the fleeting moments which you and I term as fun; they pass away and are gone. But think of the joy that emanates from the personality of one who has given his life to Christ.

Maybe you are thinking, "Why don't you speak of the little people and of Ryan?" It is because, beloved, before God they are innocent. They needed no repentance; they needed no conversion. Had they reached the age of accountability, it would be a different story, but, in their innocence, God accepts them exactly as they are. As He put them here, so they return to Him.

Now, I would like to read with you one last thing for the comfort of this family. When we leave this assembly room, we are going to have thoughts. We're going to concentrate on something, and this is what we would like to have you think of. In the fourth chapter of Phillipians, speaking to the converted (but if we are not converted, beloved friends, we can become so in Christ Jesus who Himself said, "Whosoever will may come"), Paul says, "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."