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PREDESTINATION

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle

"I want to join the church." Struggling within myself, I addressed my mother with these words on that March day, 1945. Five years of World War II had sobered us all, and I was ready to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and to let other things fall into place after that.

My mother responded with tears in her eyes, "I'm happy for you, and you will make it, too." My astonishment showed clearly on my face, but my mother was too engrossed with the subject at hand to notice my look of bewilderment.

The reason I was taken back was the fact that it had not entered my mind that I might not "make it" after I had decided to repent and put my faith in Christ. It seemed to me that deciding to repent was the big thing, even though I used the wrong words and mistakenly emphasized "joining the church." Joining a church in itself doesn't save anyone, and nothing to indicate such a thing is mentioned in God's Word. We do believe in having a church, or brotherhood, however, in order to help each of us to have a better chance of "making it"; that is, of entering the narrow gate of which Christ spoke, and of abiding in Christ.

During the time of my repentance and prior to my baptism, I was riding to church with my father and mother. As we went along the road between Dunlap and Princeville, we approached the brick home where the Streitmatter girls lived. When we had just passed their house, which had once received a prize for having such a beautiful yard, I ventured forth to my parents with these words, "I still don't know if I'm really ready to meet God—but at least I've done everything I know to do to get

ready." My mother replied, "Yes, but you should be able to feel that you are ready to meet God."

My mother's two statements on these two different occasions indicated, according to her understanding, that at the outset of my spiritual life I couldn't be 100% certain of enduring to the end and entering heaven; however, at any given moment of time, I should have the assurance of salvation as a result of trusting in and walking with Christ, in whom alone there is salvation.

The Lord Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father in heaven" (Mt. 7: 21), so my mother's first statement is thereby vindicated. We need to have the kind of faith that brings obedience.

In I John 3:18 and 19, we read, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him." These words vindicate my mother's second statement by telling us we should, indeed, live in such a way that we can feel assured we are in Christ and, thus, ready to meet God.

This tussle with oneself, first becoming willing to repent and to put one's faith in Christ, and then seeking the assurance of being ready to meet God, brings to mind the matter of "predestination," a rather sticky subject which is often avoided for fear of confusion. However, I would like to think that there is a simple explanation, so I offer the following epilogue.

I hesitated outside the narrow gate which leads to life eternal. The sign was posted, "...And who-

soever will, let him take the water of life freely," so I ventured in through the narrow gate and onto the straight and narrow path which leads to heaven.

Along the path were many pitfalls, not to mention the many confusing signs posted by those who chose to stay clear of the straight and narrow path and walk, instead, on the broad way. Also, their comments from the sidelines were sometimes quite disturbing, and the side roads leading from the straight and narrow path were often very enticing. Nevertheless, I plodded on, determined to be neither a quitter nor a failure.

At long last I came to a river where I understood I was to be set free from this body to fly away across the river to endless bliss and wonderful new experiences, far more wonderful than anything on earth. As the seconds ticked away and the time of my departure grew imminent, suddenly a large sign appeared before my eyes which read, "You were predestined unto eternal life before the foundation of the world." This made sense to me, inasmuch as God is omniscient and knows the end from the beginning before it happens. God knew that I would not only repent but that I would abide in Christ. He therefore predestined me to eternal life but didn't tell me for certain until the moment I crossed over; still, all along the way, as we walked and talked together, I had the confidence that I was predestined to eternal life. Thus ends my epilogue.

There is another aspect of predestination which we must also face. It is summarized in Romans 9:18: "Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will, he hardeneth." This

sounds as though we have nothing to say in the matter of whether or not we will be saved, but this is not the whole story. God is the potter, and we are the clay; accordingly, if there is someone who (He knows) will not choose to be saved for his own reasons or purposes, He is free to harden that person. Or, if it is someone (He knows) will abide in Christ to the end, He is free to grant mercy without reservation. There is no indication that God ever hardens the heart of someone who wants to repent.

These conclusions, I believe, are as close as we can come to understanding predestination. These conclusions can be summarized by saying that true faith is the kind that brings obedience and activates the efficacy, or effectiveness, of the blood of Christ; and, since God knows ahead of time who will have that kind of faith and endure to the end, He predestines them to eternal life. The teaching, "Whosoever will may come," is for the unconverted, while the teaching, "You were predestined unto eternal life," is for the believer who is walking with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME Doug Kellenberger

A lot has happened since the last issue of the Silver Lining. We've had our quilt sale, and it was very baked goods. Also, we thank every-donated time and talent into the making of the quilts, crafts, and baked goods. Also, we thank everyone who visited us and participated in buying and helping at the sale.

As was stated in the last issue, our two sisters, Jane Kaiser and Helen Schuon are employed with us, full time. They have been more than initiated and appreciated by this time, as circumstances have mandated their presence in the homes as substitute houseparents. We thank the Lord for His provisions. They are working out well and are now settled down in their "on the premise" apartment.

One of the homes was hosted at the Remington church this past weekend. The children all enjoyed their visit and made new friends. When we told our Randy that it was time to go, he asked if he could stay another year. It was a good and enjoyable experience for us all.

We thank Remington for their hospitality.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Though on this beautiful September morning the fields are still full of summer, here and there we see signs of imminent fall. Some corn ears, heavy with a nearly full season's growth, are pointing downward and putting on the golden dress of fall, even though the mother stalk remains quite green. An overview of the fields shows the corduroy corn rows turning a furry brown, the tassels having accomplished their mission. The giant loaves of hay, standing row by row, are sentinels of physical security for domestic animals. Small animals, needing no calendar but being obedient to the laws of nature, are storing away the necessities for a later time. In a few weeks a little gray squirrel, so busy now, will look at mere man and scold, "I told you so." Perhaps, as twilight slowly draws the shades of night upon the lovely day, we will soon take one last walk among the summer flowers and view the indescribable sunset with an awesome prayer of thanks. The telltale chill in the air tells us that, before another day is ours, beautiful summer will have been put to sleep once more.

Recent group outings for the residents include an annual overnight camping for about 45 residents and staff at a Girl Scout Camp in this area. What a bustle of preparation it takes to prepare bed rolls and food, but the smiling reports of the happy returnees leaves no doubt that it was a worthwhile effort.

Vacation time also finds staff members taking brief breaks away from daily routine. A visit to nature meets many of man's needs. "Among other things he finds beauty for his soul, healing for his body, knowledge for his inquiring mind, communion with his Creator, and peace for his troubled heart."

Esther Baldwin York

The annual Benefit Day is November 16. May we look forward to seeing you then?

ARIZONA, PHOENIX Julie Hoerr

On August 26 and 29, Bro. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, KS, brought us

some great thoughts on which to ponder, repentance and love. Sis. Nadine is here to be with Dorothy and Richard Kraft. On September 2, Bro. Glenn Hackenjoes, Altadena, was our visiting minister. We thank our visiting ministers.

On August 28, the little lad with big eyes and lots of hair in the hospital nursery was Daniel Ryan Hodges, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Jane. The proud grandparents, who came from Akron, are Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank. Basil Hodges is the paternal grandfather.

On Sept. 1, an evening wedding reception was held for Rob Beery and Vicki Yates. The reception was at the home of Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie Beery. We pray the Lord's blessings on our newlyweds.

Our congregation extends deepest sympathy to Sis. Gladys and Bro. Alphi Fisher on the passing of her brother, Everett Olson of St. Paul, MN, and to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall, as Everett was their brother-in-law. Sis. Gladys went to Minneapolis for the services.

"Repent ye." It was announced that Dorothy Kraft has peace and is awaiting baptism as soon as she can leave the hospital.

Glory! And yet another is seeking her soul's salvation as Kelly Kraft has given her heart and soul to our precious Saviour. Kelly is the daughter of Richard and Dorothy Kraft. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

Sis. Lois Elsasser is now home after a surgical stay in the hospital.

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Dorothy Kraft is hospitalized at this time for treatments.

Also, our heartfelt sympathy goes to Rita Siebentel Lamareaux on the sudden loss of her mother, Sis. Hannah Siebenthal, Goodfield. Just a day or two before her untimely death, Rita purchased a plane ticket so she could visit her mother.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 16, we're looking forward to hearing the Brotherhood Conference tapes.

Surrender your heart before it's too late!

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Carol Mac Donald - Shirley Witzig

Bro. Andy Lehmann, Jr., would like to thank everyone who remembered him with cards, letters, phone calls, and prayers during his hospitalization and recuperation at home. They were much appreciated. He prays that God will bless all of you.

Sis. Naomi Schwarz wishes to thank everyone who has remembered her with prayers, cards, phone calls, and other deeds of love. Our prayers and love go out to her, as she is yet unable to attend church with us.

We give thanks to Bro. Akito Inoue for sharing the Lord's Word with us on a Wednesday night. We certainly felt strengthened and encouraged by it. We were also thankful for the chance to fellowship with Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie. Truly the Lord is "greatly to be praised"! (Psalm 48:1)

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

As Autumn approaches, we are astounded by the magnificence of nature's paint artist. God's gifts of beauty and material things brings us to the point where we find endless reasons for praise and glory to Him. There are other times as good as autumn to see the world, but there certainly aren't any better.

To feel the mild sun, to see the autumn sky, to look at the hills in their true dimensions with little brooklets running off and valleys reaching in the distance, and to have the company of busy little squirrels storing their winter supply for the coming cold winter is to know that the annual miracle has been achieved.

Then, to walk the country roads and open fields, to view the golden

rod (so graceful), the sugar maples (in their gold), the white oaks (still brown and crimson with persistent leaves), clusters of shiny red berries, the milkweed in its richness of silk and seed (flying in every breeze), and, on and on it goes, and all the while you are a witness to one of nature's many marvelous plans. There are endless other plans of God that are equally magnificent.

God, who created man and all living creatures, benefited the living by giving His gift of seeing and enjoying the glory and majesty of His beautiful creation. From our reading in the Holy Scriptures, which He has given, we learn of many things that He has done. What He has done displays His character. . . God has revealed Himself supremely in His son, Jesus Christ. We know enough of God to be sure of what His will is for our lives. He declared to Moses, "I AM THAT I AM." (Ex. 3:14)

Three young men, Daniel Bahler, Loyd Luginbuhl, and Ken Bernier have been named as having made conversions. It was announced that they have received peace with God and man. Their baptisms will take place in October. The church rejoices.

August 12, a son, Adam John, was born to Bro. Daryl and Sis. Norma Luginbuhl. There are three other children in the family.

Death came to Bro. John E. Zahner at the Rockville General Hospital. He was 74. Much of his life was spent on the water. He loved to fish, and, no doubt, had taken home many nice fish. He leaves his wife, Ruth Ludwig Zahner; three sons, Clayton, Richard, and Emery; a daughter, Sis. Ellen Kupferschmid; five brothers, Bro. Walter, Bro. Emanuel, Bro. Edward, Benjamin, and Ernest; and a sister, Rose Zahner. Burial was in Ellington Cemetery.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

John and Caroline Hejja

Sometimes the Christian faith seems very complicated or complex to those who are without. This is not the way the Lord intended it to be. He did not make it so difficult and complicated so that only the wise could understand and believe it. Instead, He requires a simple faith. He says in His Word: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever

shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." (Mark 10:15) Sometimes, the Devil puts obstacles in front of the person who would wish to become a Christian. He makes the Christian life look so complicated that the person may hesitate, imagining all sorts of difficulties if he were to give his life to the Lord. The Christian may be likewise deceived. We must cling to the faith which led us to God and not feel that Christianity must be something so complex that we become dissatisfied with the child-like relationship which we hold. "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (St. Matthew 11:25)

Wednesday night service was held when Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Joe Waibel (Bay City, MI) were in our midst. We enjoyed their visits and appreciated the comments and advice which they shared with us.

We are glad that Keith and Connie Hohulin have chosen to make Florida their new home. They and their two children have been gathering together with us on Sundays.

The Ft. Lauderdale church has received permission from the city to build a fellowship hall on the property behind our church building. A committee is looking into the plans to begin construction sometime in the future.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Elda Martin

In the last Silver Lining we mentioned an additional location for church services which will be held beginning December 2 and which will last through March 30, 1980. There will be two services each Sunday, the first beginning at 1:30 P.M., and the second service at 3:00 P.M. This will be at Charlotte Harbor, FL. It is located one mile south of Port Charlotte. The building is called Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte Board of Realtors, 517 South East Harper. It is easily identified because it is within a block of the large water tower, and also a good landmark is a Kentucky Fried Chicken sign on the west side of US 41. At this corner, turn east onto Harper Avenue and

continue about five blocks. Everyone is most cordially invited, and we would appreciate it if ministering brethren who will be in the area would contact Bro. Doug Sabo, 324 South Dr., Nokomis, FL, 33555, phone 813-966-2343, Bro. Roland Kellar, 1701 E. Harbor View Rd., Lot 16, Charlotte, FL., 33950, phone 813-629-2650, or Bro. Ben Miabach in Florida, phone 813-349-6978.

We were again privileged to have our Elder Bro. Ben Miabach with us for several weeks. He reminded us of Hymn No. 67 in the Zion's Harp, "God's Power Revealed in The Clouds," because of the threatening hurricane storms. We were all so thankful that the Lord spared us from these damaging storms.

Bro. Charles Hemmer was also in our midst for two Sundays. We trust the Lord will continue to heal Bro. Charles.

The Lord has again brought a new life into the family of Dave and Sis. Sue Eisenmann. Baby David Arthur has two brothers to welcome him home.

ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL Dixie Knapp

Hope. It's a new word for me, because its meaning has just come alive. On Sept. 1, we were able to listen to Ron Lindenbaum's testimony of how the Spirit first moved in his heart. He explained that in the philosophy classes in which he was enrolled, a sense of futility began to arise within himself. At the same time of these studies, he began attending our church. He tried to discern what it was he sensed within the brothers and sisters he was meeting. After his third visit, he decided it was hope. Hope was the element he was seeing. Hope that philosophy seemed to destroy. Hope that Christ wants to give.

His testimony caused me to think about what the Bible had to say about hope. There are many, many references to hope in the Scriptures. The Old Testament uses the word to express confidence, trust, safety, etc. The New Testament hope is linked with faith (Heb. 11:1) and depends upon the resurrection (I Cor. 15:19). It seems interesting to me that hope is spoken of very little in the Gospels when Christ was on the earth and in Revelation when He will

once again be present in His own person.

Some types of hope—even hope in Christ—can serve as little more than a salve for getting through some immediate struggle. Paul says that "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19). But if our hope resides in heaven through our redemption, it will manifest itself in love and bring forth fruit in this world.

In I Peter, hope is described as a "lively" or living hope (I Pet. 1:3). This hope and assurance centers around Christ's resurrection. The resurrection is the power-providing moment for hope. Both Paul and Peter pointed to hope because of the resurrection.

Just a few days ago as several good friends were gathered around a table, one explained that another word for hope is promise. Doesn't that give it an exciting ring? Promise. We know what God has prepared, and it seems that if we really believe in that Promise, if we really believe we have something great, we'll want to share it with others. Peter exhorts us to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you reason of the hope (promise) that is in you with meekness and fear (I Pet. 3:15).

It was announced on July 29 that Sis. Tianne Nussbaum, daughter of Sis. Tillie Nussbaum, is engaged to Bro. Jerry Overmyer of Francesville. He is the son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol. They plan to make their home in Francesville after their October wedding. We will miss Tianne.

December is the month that Sis. Debbie Zimmerman and Bro. Dave Huber have planned to marry. Their engagement was announced on Sept. 16, and we are glad they will be making their home here. She is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy, and Dave is the son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris, all of Bloomington-Normal.

We have had 40 pounds, two ounces added to our church. The first bundle arrived on June 26 at Sis. Bev and Bro. Steve Virgil's house, wrapped in pink and named Stephanie Taryn. Big Brother Timmy is still trying to keep from getting his and Stephanie's pacifiers mixed up.

A 7 lb. 4 oz. boy named Todd Eric joined Sis. Kayleen and Bro. Ron Heiniger's household on July 24. After being home a short time, Todd had to return to the hospital for a few days. Now he is doing fine, and Mark and Brett take care of their little brother by helping to bathe him.

On Aug. 7, 18 lb. 3 oz. arrived. Sounds like a big baby, right? Well, "it's" a big two babies. Alan and Laura Nussbaum met April Dominique and Bro. Gary and Sis. Peggy Ifft met Rebecca Sue. Shawn and Erika Nussbaum either help Mommy or play with April during the day. Three-year-old Angie Ifft cares for her little sister, Becky, just like only a big sister can.

Brandon and Jarod Rinkenberger, sons of Bro. Ken and Sis. Devon, are still fascinated by their very new little sister. Candice Erin arrived on Sept. 4, and she has all the potential for being a fun playmate. . . someday.

Now that surgery is passed, Sis. Helen Zimmerman is smiling as usual and feels much better, too.

We've been receiving some good instruction from our visiting ministers that have been with us. In July, Bro. Edmund Kloter and his wife, Sis. Lorene, from Goodfield, were here, as were Bro. Earl Kilgus and Sis. Arlene from Remington. In August, we had Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo, Bro. Ken Knapp and Sis. Phyllis from Taylor, and Bro. Henry Grimm and Sis. Kathryn from Morton. Bro. Don Sauder and Sis. Wilma were here for Ron Lindenbaum's baptism, as was our Elder Bro. Dan Koch and Sis. Carol.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Evelyn Endress

We are happy to report we have another family assembling in our congregation. Robert and Becky Joos and their four children moved to this area from Pulaski. We heartily welcome them.

Ministering Bros. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Walt Herrmann (Princeville), Gene Metzger (Lester), and Vernon Wettstain (Congerville) served us this past month. We appreciated the many precious teachings they brought to us by the inspiration of God.

Bro. William Elsasser was a recent surgical patient. He has been

dismissed from the hospital and, hopefully, will soon be able to assemble again with us.

On September 9, the engagement of Sis. Sandy Schick (Washington) and Bro. Dan Guingrich was made known. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Schick and Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich. May they continue to seek God's guidance as they begin their future together.

**ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
Charlen Banwart**

GREETING

Friend, you have come to this Church; leave it not without a prayer. No man entering a house ignores him who dwells in it. This is the House of God and He is here.

Pray then to Him who loves you and bids you welcome and awaits your greeting. . .

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in.

(Canterbury Cathedral)

We welcome the brothers, sisters, and friends from near and far who have come to our community to further their education. Church services are held every Sunday at 10:00 and 12:00 at our church at 702 E. Mumford in Urbana. When the University of Illinois is in session, Wednesday evening services are held at the Illini Union at 7:30.

Our annual New Student Welcome was held Sunday, August 26. Ministering Bro. Edmund Kloter, Goodfield, was with us that day. The student officers for this school year were in charge of the picnic. Bro. Ben Pflederer, Morton, is the new president, Bro. Steve Leuthold, Princeville, is vice-president, and Sis. Alice Schlipf, Congerville, is secretary. We appreciate their willingness to serve. They have planned the annual fall weiner roast for September 19 at Lake of the Woods.

Ministering brothers who have been with us recently include Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest, and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield. Bro. Ed Alt, Cissna Park, and Bro. Bob Pflederer, Morton, also brought us many timely teachings. Bro. Bob, a doctor, told us of a young man he had recently treated who had

become involved in running (or jogging). It evolved into an emotional thing for him, and he pushed himself further and further each day. He entered a race and found himself in the lead. He pushed his body almost to the point of complete exhaustion or collapse. His life was in jeopardy for several weeks. Bro. Bob related this to us to point out the fact that people sometimes abuse themselves and bring on their own problems. He reminded us of Philippians 4:5-7 which says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO
Kathy Schlatter**

" . . . How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" Mark 10:23. Remember how poor in spirit we were at our repentance, trusting only in Him and His shed blood? Have we now grown "too rich" for God—too rich in material possessions, too rich in so many things to do, so many places to go, too rich in rationalizations, or too rich in our own conceit? Are we in any way becoming like the rich Pharisees who wore religion as a status symbol and twisted the Law with utter disregard for God's requirements? Let us also not respond as they did to Christ's words. They challenged angrily and defended themselves arrogantly and viciously, ultimately crucifying Him. How do we respond to the chastening of the Word? Do we cast ourselves again on Him, petitioning for His grace, or withdraw ourselves from true believers and the assembly, maintaining that we are strong and our intentions are good?

Bro. Gene Lehman, Wolcott, IN, was a most welcome visitor on Sunday, August 26. We thank the Lord for bringing him to us and providing him and his fellow travelers a safe homeward journey. Not only ministering brothers, but all our visitors bestow a blessing on us. We rejoice that they have made the effort to worship with us.

Sometimes, men and women, brothers, sisters, and friends spend a few weeks or months in our area, attending training sessions or working for a short period of time. We would be glad to have them stay longer, Lord willing, but we are grateful for even their short stays. May they all know our appreciation for the Lord's goodness to us through them.

Bro. Jim Schlatter has replaced Bro. Boyd Metzger as Sunday School superintendent. We wish him the Lord's guidance and much support.

We have welcomed a number of new faces in recent weeks. We are delighted to have them join us. David and Nancy Kray, their sons, Greg and David, and their twin daughters, Amy and Alice, have moved to Racine, WI, from near Detroit. We feel privileged that they have chosen to worship with us and ask the Lord's blessings on them. May His protecting arm also guard them through their long journey to and from church.

Jim and Sharon (Baumgartner) Moran and their young son, Liam, have moved from Iowa to Wheeling. Jim is working at Kraft. We appreciate their attendance. May the Lord grant us opportunities to see even more of them. Bro. Randy and Sis. Karen Kellenberger and their sons, Brent and Galen, are "settling in." Bro. Randy is working on his degree as a doctor of osteopathic medicine. We welcome them, knowing that the Tremont, IL, church is sorry to have them leave, but believing and praying that the Lord has special blessings in store for them in our area.

Sis. Betty Schlatter from Junction, OH, has just begun work on her master's degree in midwifery at U of I Medical Center. Bro. Dan Steffen, Bluffton, IN, is beginning a school year of internship in social work, connected with the Chicago schools. We wish them, both, the Lord's grace and support in the challenge awaiting them. We're so glad He has brought each one here to us.

Vern Ramseyer from Bay City, MI, has left our area for a job in Minneapolis, MN. We commend him to the Lord's care and keeping and extend the invitation to come back and visit when he finds it possible. Sis. Aranka Bozzay is recuperating from foot surgery. We

are grateful that she can assemble with us again and pray that the Lord can yet bless her with many, many steps for Him.

Why were we lost? We hadn't paid attention to the road ahead, we had neglected to take a map along, and the instructions we got weren't very clear. As we wound around the Indiana backroads with beautiful scenery on either side, we were concerned about our location, and I noticed a truck ahead of us. I thought about how confident those people in the truck were, close to their destination, knowing where they were going and taking the most direct route. They arrived at their destination safely. Which of us are lost travellers in life? Which of us are confident Christ-followers? What makes the difference? The map, clear instructions, listening, and doing.

"This Is the House" is the name of a poem I am teaching to my class. As I was thinking about the various intonations one could use, the various meanings one could convey when telling someone, "This is the house," I thought of our churches. Do we mean, glumly, "This is the place. Every Sunday I'm expected to be here for two whole services. What a drag. The best part of Sunday is after church, watching those exciting football games. . . ." Or, hurriedly, do we mean "This is the place. Now I've got to remember to give these three items to Sister A. I need to ask Brother B about this. Sister G is going to give me a list that needs to be taken care of by Monday. . . ." Hopefully, we mean, eagerly, "This is the place. This is where weary sin-sick souls can hear the truth that can heal them. This is where weary Christian souls can be revived again, given the strength to go forward with their dimming spirits brightly lit again. This is where the church of the future sits in Sunday School, drinking in, not only the Bible stories, but also the attitudes and the examples of their Sunday School teachers' words and deeds. This is the house of the Lord, filled with His love.

"His house is a house of order—not only in its housekeeping need it be, but we should keep all in order in the students' minds. We must search and prune in our lives so that the priorities we have are on the list of what God loves. As a

minister pointed out recently, if we put emphasis on the wrong word in a sentence, its whole meaning is changed. Likewise, if we put emphasis on unedifying things in our lives, the whole thrust of our lives may be turned aside.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Judy Bauer - Mary Anderson

We have had few visiting ministers this summer, so we were very grateful for the inspiring messages of Bros. Robert Beebe, Bremen, Merle Kaisner, Fairbury, and Raymond Roth, Kiowa, who visited us in recent weeks.

Funeral services were conducted on August 24 for Sis. Nettie Otto, 87, who passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria. She spent a few days at Peoria Nursing Home before being hospitalized for a fractured hip. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Bro. Joe Hari has returned to his home from the Watseka Residence Home, where he had been for several months.

Sis. Helen Kuebler has returned to Cissna Park after spending the three years in Francesville, IN, where she lived with her sister, Sis. Tylla Geyer. We are happy to have Sis. Helen with us again. Her address is 415 N. Third St., Cissna Park IL. 60924.

Sis. Priscilla Knapp was hospitalized as a medical patient for a short time.

OUR DEEDS are seeds of fate, sown here on earth, but bringing forth their harvest in eternity.

—Boardman

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Gay Knapp - Pat Rinkenberger

Those who fly through the air in airships say that they first have to learn to turn their ship toward the wind, and fly against it. The wind lifts the ship up to higher heights. They learned to do that from birds. If a bird is flying for pleasure, it goes with the wind. But if the bird meets danger, it turns around and faces the wind in order that it may rise higher; and it flies toward the very sun.

Sufferings are God's winds, His contrary winds, and sometimes His strong winds. They are God's hurricanes, but they take human life and lift it to higher levels toward God's heavens.—Cowman

Our dear sister Kathryn Miller

is still in the hospital, and our prayers ascend to the Lord for her that she may be strengthened and may be able to bear her cross.

The Friday evening following the Brotherhood Conference, four visiting ministers gathered with us, Bros. Lloyd Kraft and Bill Emch (Gridley, KS), Rich Aberl (Indianapolis), and Gary Maibach (Rittman).

Kim Craig's testimony was received by Bro. Josh Broguard. Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka), Noah Gerber (West Bend), and Dale Moore (Elgin, IA) were here for his baptism. It was such a beautiful day. Kim's face just seemed to glow with the love of our Lord.

We are all so happy for our Bro. and Sis. Dennis and Gay Knapp. On August 24, they welcomed little Kevin Glenn into their home. Such a miracle! The Lord truly blesses those that do love and serve Him sincerely.

Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington) also brought the Word to us through the power of the spirit.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

On this earth, it seems we must often bid a painful farewell to those we learn to know and love. We find ourselves in such a position as Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Bena Mae Rocke plan to return to Eureka at the end of October after spending a year with us as the administrators of the Apostolic Christian Resthaven. Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude and Christian love for their unselfish giving of themselves on our behalf. It is our prayer that the Lord will be their rewarder and will continually bless them with His gentle guiding.

Rachel Steffen (daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marilyn) and James Stall (son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stall, San Diego, CA) were united in marriage on August 25. Both James and Rachel are students at the University of Arizona in Tempe.

Bro. Tim Kellenberger (son of the late Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marilyn) and Sis. Marcia Ginzel (daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dorothy, Eureka, IL) became husband and wife through holy matrimony at Eureka, IL, August 26. We welcome Marcia to our fellowship, hoping that she might feel the love of God reigning in our midst.

Steve Tobler (son of Sis. Madeline) had the misfortune of having his gun discharge while cleaning it. The bullet pierced through the palm of his hand. This left him hospitalized for a time, and, at some later date, he will have to return to the hospital for bone grafting.

Bro. John Steffen also met with an accident when he badly cut two fingers on a meat saw at his work. He is recuperating at this time.

Others that have been hospitalized are Sis. Della Kellenberger, Sis. Edna Bollinger, John Foell, Robert Gebhard, and Martha Zierke. We should pray for each one, committing their need for soul and body to our Lord who looks down in love and compassion on those who call upon His name.

Again our congregation was blessed with precious teachings brought to us by ministering brethren from various other areas. Those who shared their time with us were Bro. Leland Plattner, (Zapata, TX), Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Bro. Harold Zeltwanger (Bremen, IN), and Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton, IN).

ILLINOIS, EUREKA Melba Mangold

On Aug. 17, one of our aged brothers from the Home, Bro. John Frey, was relieved of his suffering after only a few days in the hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Hannah, and five sisters, Sisters Mary Meister, Sally Streitmatter, Julie Frey, Rose Bahler of the Eureka Home, and Kathryn Gudeman of Francesville. Bro. Walter Anliker and Wendell Gudeman conducted the funeral services.

Two of our brothers, Carl Knapp and Ron Hartter, have had surgery but are home again. Sis. Elsie (Bro. Earl) Zimmerman is again able to assemble with us, and her burned hand is healing nicely. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and deeds of kindness shown her and her family while in the hospital and since she is home. She hopes God will bless them for their goodness.

We have had a number of new babies this month. Bro. Paul and Sis. Sherry Kelson have a little baby girl, Rachel Lee. Her little brother is Nathan. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Wayne Anliker of Forrest. Loren Mogler's are

the parents of their first child, Loren David, born Aug. 8. His grandparents are August and Sis. Inez Mogler. On Aug. 17, Bro. Tim and Sis. Donna Carr welcomed little Janell Ann to be with them and her little brothers, Jason and Ryan. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth Martin. Steve and Debbie Fehr are the happy parents of their first child, Lindsey Elsie, born Sept. 6. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Fehr, Eureka, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Glazebrook, Washington, are the grandparents. Aaron Ray is the first child of Bro. Art and Sis. Carol Anliker, born on Sept. 15. Bro. Walter and Sis. Mina Anliker and Bro. Wm. and Sis. Clara Kempf are the grandparents.

We welcome another new bride to our congregation. Bro. Darryl Bluner was married to Sis. Lucy Hartter of Goodfield on Aug. 19. We pray God will be with them in their life together.

August 26 was the wedding day of Sis. Marcia Ginzel and Bro. Tim Kellenberger of Elgin, IL. We ask God to bless this young couple as they begin their married life. Bro. Leroy Huber performed the ceremony. Their parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dorothy Ginzel and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger of Elgin, IL. We will miss Sis. Marcia but know that where God leads us we should follow. Also with us that day were a number of visiting ministers: Bros. Sam Huber, Sabetha, KS, Bill Gudeman and Tom Leman, Elgin, IL, Uriel Gehring, Burlington, IA, and Noah Herman, Tucson, AZ. We invite them all back again.

Sis. Evelyn Blunier has left our congregation to go to Japan to teach in our school there. She plans to be gone two years. We will certainly miss Sis. Evie, and our prayers are with her in this new endeavor.

Elder Bro. Joe Braker was with us for afternoon services Sept. 5. We always appreciate and are grateful for the visits of ministering brothers.

We had a most blessed Sunday, Sept. 9, when five dear souls were baptized and added to the fold. Our new brothers and sisters are: Bro. Gary and Sis. Elna Wettstein (the parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Donna Wettstein of Eureka, Bro. Elmer

and Sis. Mildred Bauman of Goodfield), Bro. Dale and Sis. Lezlee Leman (the parents are Bro. Gerald and Sis. Velma Leman and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reinman of Eureka), and Sis. Theresa Martin (daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Arletta Martin). Bros. Ed Huhulin, Goodfield, and Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke, helped in this most important work. It is always inspiring to hear how each one feels the need to turn to God, and helps us gain new courage and strength on our pilgrim way.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

Jay Bachtold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bachtold, was married to Randy White. Randy works at Ha Marque and Joy at Schigro. They will make their home at rural Fairbury.

John and Mary Jane Traub were blessed with a baby girl they named Tina Marie. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben Lorch and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Traub. The great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Rudy Kilgus, Sis. Mary Traub, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Weeks.

Grace Huber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Huber, was married to Ernest Read of Macon, GA. Ernest works for General Motors Acceptance Corp. in Macon, and they will reside there.

Our congregation was blessed by having the Brotherhood Conference here in August, and it was an inspiration to us. We appreciated each and everyone that came and are grateful to each one that gave us a message of ministry.

We are sorry that Bro. Albert Sohn had surgery, Sis. Carrie Roth was taken to the hospital at Urbana, and Sis. Elsie Denick had surgery. Maurice Steidinger returned home after being hospitalized. Bro. Warren Fehr accidentally got his thumb injured.

Bro. and Sis. William Strieb observed their 25th wedding anniversary. A group of friends and relatives hosted a dinner for them. They are parents of three daughters, Trudy, Tammie, and Mrs. Tina Mielnikowski. They also have one granddaughter.

ILLINOIS, FORREST Beverly Eisenmann - Jan Bachtold

It was a blessed evening as we

gathered after the conference and had with us Bros. Pete Baltic and Ken Souder of Mansfield, OH, along with LaVoyd Moore of the Athens, AL, congregation.

There have been a number in the hospital recently, but we are happy that most of them are out and doing well. Ryan Bachtold (Bro. Herb and Sis. Jan) had a tonsillectomy. Sisters Jean Ricketts and Rosetta Stoller were each in for a few days, as were Bros. Frank Honegger, Ed Bach, and Terry Young. Hospitalized at the present time are Sisters Carrie Roth and Ella Honegger. Sis. Carrie fell and broke her hip. We pray that God will extend His healing power to them.

Paul and Loretta (Huette) Zimmerman brought their testimonies of faith and were added to the fold. We welcome them as a dear brother and sister. Elder Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Josh Broquard (Fairbury) helped Paul's father, our Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman, in this work. Also here at this blessed time were Bros. Bill Hodel (Roanoke), Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Ed Kloter (Goodfield), Duane Kilgus, Art Bahler, and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury).

Jon Ricketts (Bro. Meredith and Sis. Leona) who lives at Washington, has repented, given his testimony, and was baptized and added to the fold the weekend of Sept. 8 and 9.

Aug. 26 was the wedding day of Sis. Elaine Leman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Donna) and Bro. Dale Dotterer (Bro. John and Sis. Betty) of Rittman. With us for this occasion were Bros. Henry Dotterer (Rittman), Eugene Fetter (Toledo), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), and Sam Schlatter (Junction). We wish them God's blessings as they establish their home in the Rittman area.

On Sept. 16, Sis. Donna Zimmerman (Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy) was united in marriage to Bro. Larry Bachman (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn), also of Rittman. Sharing in this day were Bros. Ben Hartzler (Rittman), Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Art Gudeman (LaCrosse), and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury). They, too, will be making their home in the Rittman area, and we wish them God's blessing.

Tom Kilgus (John and Barb) and Pamela Wenger are living in

rural Forrest since their wedding. Jean Ann Friedman (Henry and Sis. Marge) and Michael Wenger have begun their life together and are also living in rural Forrest.

Little Shawn Aberle has been sent to bless the hearts and home of Bro. Mark, Sis. LaVerne, Jamie, Shelly, and Shane. The grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean Aberle.

Sisters Martha and Persida Huber wish to thank each one who remembered them with prayers, cards, and other deeds of kindness since Persida's fall. She is now residing at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home, 7023 N. Skyline Dr., Peoria, IL 61607. It is their wish that God will bless each one.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Verna Hartter

We welcome Bro. Joe and Sis. Jan Beer and family who are formerly from Milford, IN. They have moved to this area and have been worshipping with us. May God bless them in their new location.

On August 19, marriage vows were repeated by Sis. Lucy Hartter (Bro. Richard and Sis. Verna) and Bro. Daryl Blunier of Eureka (Bro. Lewis and Sis. Clara Lou). May the Lord bless them and keep them in His care

Our dear sister and a pillar of our church, Sis. Hannah Siebenthal, passed away quite suddenly on Aug. 26. Funeral services were held for her on Aug. 29. Her surviving children are Robert, of this congregation, Ellen McCrorie of Gaitherburg, MD, Verla Frietsch of Creve Couer, and Rita Lamoreaux of Phoenix, AZ. Also surviving are one brother, John Moser of Tremont, and one sister, Ruth Locknitz of St. Petersburg, FL. We miss Sis. Hannah's smile and quiet way and pray that the Lord will comfort her dear family.

On the evening of Aug. 26, two dear souls, Jake and Kris Bauman, gave their testimonies, were baptized, and became our brother and sister in faith. What a beautiful evening! On Sept. 9, Jane Huette (Curt) was also baptized according to her faith and testimony given and is also now our dear sister in faith. It is wonderful to meet these new children of God.

Bob and Marcy Schieler and their son Brian have repented and have

found peace with God. We are looking forward to hearing their testimonies in the near future.

We are happy to see that Bro. Howard Zobrist is again using his left hand and that the bandages are removed. His hand was injured in a garage door accident earlier this summer.

Our sincere thanks go to the ministers who visited us this month: Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago, Bro. John Steiner, Oakville, Bro. Don Manz, Junction, OH, Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, and Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Carol Klopfenstein

"My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9.

A visiting minister recently impressed us with the truth in these poignant words of Jesus. It is when we recognize a weakness within ourselves that we pray and tremble and seek an extra measure of God's grace to overcome our fault. In the areas where we feel more sure of ourselves, we are confident of our own strength and ability, so we tend to forget God and feel no need of His assistance. Thus, He doesn't really help us as He could, and His grace and strength are not evident. What a pity it is when we trust in ourselves and use our blessings in a way that precludes reliance upon the Spirit and power of God. For this reason, the Apostle Paul said he would rather glory in his infirmities, because through them Christ could be exalted.

Does our education, our position, or our material abundance make us feel so secure that we forget to ask for God's help and grace to take care of our every-day responsibilities? Let us view these blessings as talents that God has lent us to use for His glory. Let's not make it necessary for hardship to come over us before we think to ask Him for His help and strength.

We were blessed by the visits of ministering Bro. Bob Beebe of Bremen, IN, and Bro. Steve Rinkenger of Cissna Park, IL.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Lillian Witzig, Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein, Sis. Setta Klopfenstein, Shelley Schlipf (daughter of Bro. Enid and Sis. Lila), and infant twins Richard and Debra Martin

(children of Byron and Katie).

The marriage engagement of Rod Ringger and Laura Marx was announced.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Sherry Stoller wish to express their thanks for all the prayers, cards, and gifts which were given on behalf of their daughter, Rachel.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Doris Bachtold

A young man had just begun turning his life over to Jesus when he had a job interview with an agency. He thought it best if he told of his conversion so they would know where he stood. After being hired, he found himself trying to maintain this good Christian image. However, as time went on, he began to question himself about the real reason behind his concern: did he avoid reacting in certain ways because he really loved Jesus and wanted to give God the glory, or was it because he didn't want to ruin his Christian "image"?

When we try to appear Christ-like, that's when we're most likely to fail. But, if Jesus is really our treasure, then without conscious thought we will express His traits. The more we allow Him to become part of our lives, the more He shines through us. Beatrice Clelland portrayed a Christian as this:

Not only in the words you say,
Not only in your deeds confessed,
But in the most unconscious way
Is Christ expressed. . .

And from your eyes He beckons
me,
And from your lips His love is
shed,
Till I lose sight of you
And see the Christ instead.

Thanks to God, He provides more learning about Himself every week through our ministers. We thank Bros. Marshall Heinold (Washington), Henry Grimm (Morton), and Bob Walder and Joe Schrock (Congerville) for coming and sharing God's Word with us.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Jcann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

Once again the Lord has permitted our dear elder brothers to have a two-day conference, followed by the general conference. We are truly thankful that our dear elders are

so concerned about us. May each of us strive to do our little part to make their load easier. May we all strive to help keep the love and unity of our precious faith and fellowship.

It was with "haste" that we bid "farewell" to our two sisters, Jane Kaiser and Helen Schuon. They have felt God's direction to work at the Apostolic Christian Children's Home in Leo, IN. They will be missed by the loved ones at the Handicapped Home, their respective Sunday School classes, and by all. Morton's loss is Leo's gain. We again bid them farewell and ask God to bless them both as they work at the Children's Home.

We are always very thankful when our ministering brothers come to visit us and bring us the Word in it's truth and righteousness. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them. Those who have recently visited us have been: Bros. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, Paul Fehr, Morris, MN, Harry Sutter, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Dale Moore, Elgin, IA, Noah Gerber, West Bend, IA, Garth Steffen, Portland, OR, Jim Hoerr, Peoria, IL, and Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen, IN.

We rejoice with Rick and Cindy Schmidgall. They gave their testimonies on August 18 and were baptized into the family of God on August 19. May God richly bless them as they now walk on the path of faith, and may He truly be the Head of their home.

Bro. John Frye, formerly of our Morton congregation, passed away at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. His funeral was held at the Eureka Church on August 21. May God bless and comfort his beloved wife, Sis. Hannah.

Kathryn Rother and Philip King were united in marriage on August 25. May God bless them as they now walk life's pathway together. Their parents are Bro. Francis and Sis. Verna Rother and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer King.

Sue Grimm and Richard Cole were married on August 4. We wish them God's blessings. Their parents are Sis. Mary and the late Bro. Dan Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong Cole.

It seems God provides us with loved ones who can inspire us to have just a close walk with our Lord. We would like to share such a loved one with you at this time.

KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

Sis. Katherine (Rapp) Pflederer was born on August 14, 1882, a daughter of Bro. Andrew and Sis. Katherine (Welk) Rapp. She was the third oldest of 15 children. She had six sisters and eight brothers. Her father was a mason by trade. Bro. Andrew was elder at Morton from 1895 to 1911. Her grandfather, Bro. Geo. Welk, was elder of the first church here in Morton.

Sis. Kate repented and was converted in 1897 at the age of 15. This year (1979) she will have been a "child of God" for 82 years. The Lord brought her and Bro. Daniel L. Pflederer together in holy matrimony on May 5, 1905. They were blessed with three loving daughters, Sis. Marie Pflederer, Mrs. Lucille Farley, deceased, and Sis. Margaret Ricketts. The Lord called her beloved husband Home in 1947. Her daughters have, and still do, stand by their precious mother's side. She has four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Looking back, Sis. Kate reflects upon the quiltings, weekly Friday night singings, and the Pansy Sewing Club. With much joy in her eyes, she tells of precious family gatherings. Parents and children looked forward to those times of fellowship.

Many changes have taken place in her life, and Sis. Kate testifies that the Lord has been good to her and has richly blessed her. She is the oldest sister-in-faith, the oldest member, and the oldest mother in our Morton congregation. We can feel very enriched by having known and loved Sis. Kate. It is a blessing that you can have a stimulating conversation with her. She enjoys company coming to visit with her. Although confined to a wheelchair, she still comes to church. Sis. Kate enjoys and appreciates our precious faith and fellowship. She always meets you with a smile. Although she can not go in and out as you and I can, and her eyes are growing dim, she doesn't complain. She says she is ready to go "home" to be forever with the Lord. It is truly wonderful to have a Sis. Kate who is such an inspiration to us. It gives us courage to keep going onward and forward upon the path of righteousness. Sometimes when the "heat" of the day overcomes us, we can pause awhile and think of

loved ones like Sis. Kate and keep walking upward. We both came away feeling very privileged and blessed by our visits with her.

August 25 was Linda Kaisner and Kennis Kuntz's wedding. May God bless them as they walk life's pathway together. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Victor Kaisner and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kuntz.

Brad Grimm and Patricia Wells have chosen October 27 as their wedding date. May God bless them as they plan their life together. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Henry Duane and Mr. and Mrs. George Wells.

Richard Bernhardt was called out of this life into eternity. Funeral services were held on September 11. May God bless and comfort his two sisters, Sis. Emma and Sis. Mary Baum, and his family and friends.

Our hospital list for this month shows Bro. Frank Bauman, Hollis Roby, Si Carius, and Henry Beyer. Also hospitalized were Sis. Salome Beyer and Sis. Marge Bertschi. Let us keep these dear ones in our thoughts and prayers.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Sue Rieker - Diana Hohulin

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38. Several ministers visited our congregation and brought forth the Word of God: Bros. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena, Andy Virkler from Bay City, Hartzel Kaiser from Detroit, Noah Herman from Tucson, Floyd Schmidgall from Morris, and Simon Wagnenbach from Tremont.

On September 18, Bro. Ron and Sis. Mary Ann Herman gave birth to a darling little girl, Nicole Ann. Julie, Ronnie, Amy, Joshua, and Michael welcome their new sister home. The grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman and Sis. Matilda Suttor.

On August 25, Michelle Eisenmann became the bride of Robert Coburn. Michelle's parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann. We wish them God's blessings in their walk of life together.

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." John 15:9. Through the love and faith in Him, Bro. Jim Barth from Roanoke and Sis. Julie Hoerr have announced their en-

gagement. Their parents are Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth and Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr. The wedding is November 25.

The hospital patients are Alan Schafer, Bro. Chuck Hemmer, Bro. Jake Schneider, Sis. Laura Koehl, Sis. Emma Schumacher, Sis. Mary Lawless, Louise Weiland, Sis. Eunice Kammerer, Sis. Martha Streitmatter, Sara Streitmatter, and Bro. Bob Haefli. May God bless each one.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring him." I Thessalonians 4:14. On August 22, Bro. Adolf Koehl was taken from this life, very suddenly, to his home in heaven. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Lillian, and to his daughters. We also extend our sympathy to Sis. Carrie Gehrig whose daughter, Dorothy Bodell, passed away on August 29.

Sis. Emma Schumacher wishes to express her thanks and appreciation for all the prayers and cards sent to her during her illness.

Susan Zeller wishes to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts she has received.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

"Contentment comes not so much from great wealth as from few wants."

God's spirit of love, peace, and unity was hovering over our visiting brothers, Loren Strahm, Gridley, KS, Bill Gerst, Alto, MI, and Wallace Ramseir, Mansfield, OH, when they conducted services Friday evening following the general conference at Fairbury. II Timothy 2 gave much food for meditation, and we were richly filled. How thankful we are when brothers, young and old, are willing to share the Word with us. There is much concern, especially for the young, with so many temptations in the world. Be strong and of courage. With God's help, we are able to overcome evil. We truly are blest people and should be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy.

Bro. Wallace Ramseir meditated on St. John I the following Sunday. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." St. John I:1. Always heed the Word, be faithful, and be a shining light. Bro. Karl

Kinsinger, Altadena, CA, was our guest Sunday afternoon. He, too, brought forth many timely admonitions, for which we are thankful. Bro. Dave remarked how quickly a day comes to an end and how visits of loved ones are like a flower: it soon fades and is gone, yet the fragrance lingers on, just as pleasant memories of the visits of our loved ones do.

More blessings were in store for us the following Wednesday evening when Bros. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix, AZ, and Hartzel Kaisner, Detroit, MI, visited us. We were reminded of how important time is for all of us and how we should use it. Do we share it with others or just use it for ourselves? Is it for spiritual gain, or do we think only of material gain? The Spirit of God is like the wind; we can't see it, but it is enough to feel it on our breast and abide by its promptings.

Sunday, August 25, found Bros. Ben Hartzler of Rittman and LeRoy Hartman of Peoria occupying our pulpit. Again, precious words of inspiration freely flowed from the hearts of the brothers. We heard of the Lord's agony in the Garden. Instead of running away when Judas and the crowd approached Him, He bravely faced what He had before Him, for all of us. What love He had for us. We were warned not to be deceived by spirits of unknown tongues. Know the simple truths, follow the spirit of righteousness, and look forward with anticipation to the reward awaiting the true and faithful.

Bros. Carroll Gerber, Bluffton, IN, and Richard Aberle, Indianapolis, IN, were with us Sunday, Sept. 2, and told of Job's suffering and how he remained faithful to God even though his wife and friends told him he should turn from Him. Our friends were encouraged to repent lest the Lord comes to claim His own and they will not be ready and worthy. As we look up into the heavens where God is and see the millions of stars that light up a darkened sky, does God see lights as He looks down? Are each of us spreading a ray of light to those around us? What kind of glow are we reflecting? Are we doing our part? How many sacrifices have we made for our Lord who did all for us by dying and shedding His blood on the

cruel cross?

Again on Sept. 16, we were refreshed when Bros. LeRoy Huber, Eureka, IL, and Jerry Kuntz, Oakville, IA, ministered to us. In the morning, we heard of charity and all of the blessings derived if we have this virtue. We treasure the Godly love He has placed in our hearts. We should let it grow and radiate. If we remain faithful, it will always abide with us, and we can take it wherever we go. In the afternoon, we heard of lust and were warned to beware of such evil. It leads to sin and, then, destruction. So many precious teachings were brought out that it is difficult to retain them all. Yet it is beneficial if we ponder over the words heard and strive each day to do better than the day before.

We offer our sincere thanks for the many words of inspiration delivered by our ministers and feel we were abundantly supplied with food for thought. Surely many seeds have been planted, and now we await the harvest. May God richly bless all our visitors of the past weeks, especially those who gave of themselves in our behalf. We hope they will all come again.

A new arrival, Christina Lynn, was born Aug. 17 to Roger and Lynn Feucht. Welcoming her is a sister, Grechen Diane, and grandparents, Bro. Rueben and Sis. Nettie Feucht and Leo and Madeline Szafranko.

Sis. Clara Marie Gerber wishes to express the heartfelt appreciation for the many prayers and cards, words of comfort, and kind deeds given since her father's death (Bro. Ed Gerber). May God bless all of them.

Sorry to say, we had some hospital patients again the past month, but we are thankful to say that they are at home and improving each day. Bro. Joe Stoller submitted to back surgery, after many weeks of severe pain, and is making a remarkable recovery. We were thankful to see him in church for half a day and will be glad when he is able to occupy the pulpit again. Bro. Floren Stoller also was able to worship with us after several weeks of treatments. Sis. Grace Streitmatter became very ill and submitted to surgery for removal of her gall bladder. After some very sick days, she is now recovering in her home. Sis. Mary

Martin has recovered nicely from recent surgery and wishes to thank everyone for their love shown to her by remembering her in prayer, with gifts, and with visits. These mean so much when you are unable to be with your loved ones. May God bless them all.

In June, Bro. Rodney Wagenbach had bone marrow transplant in Seattle, WA, and has since gone through much pain and suffering. We are happy to hear that he is now making more rapid gain and is an out-patient at the hospital. He is staying with his parents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty, in an apartment. They have been able to take him for short rides. Hopefully, he will be coming home in October. Our thoughts and prayers have been with this family, as we know they have all suffered together during this ordeal. Yet, we can thank our merciful Lord that the operation appears successful. May He continue to be their comfort and support, and may they ever feel His nearness.

How quickly the summer has flown; school has started and all around is evidence of the autumn. The sky is a vivid blue; some of the birds have flown South; the leaves are beginning to get a tinge of color here and there; and many of the insects sing their songs. The beans and corn are nearly ready for harvest, and already some farmers have started their harvesting. Another good harvest is anticipated, and again we have much for which to be thankful. Every day is one of thanksgiving for all the manifold blessings we receive. Our great concern is, however, how big will the harvest of souls be? How much longer will the Lord tarry? There are so many things being fulfilled: earthquakes, hurricanes, hunger, sickness, rain, drought, and much suffering in diverse places. Time is running out, so let us be watchful and have our lamps burning and filled with oil so that when the Lord comes, He will find us prepared for His great harvest.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel

"THE ETERNAL GOD IS THY REFUGE AND UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS." (Duet. 33:27)

Our ministering Bro. Jim Byrd was critically burned and Bro. Ed

Stoller was seriously burned in an explosion at their place of work. Bro. Jim is hospitalized at the burn center in Springfield Memorial Hospital. He suffers intense pain and is undergoing skin grafting at this time. He is so grateful for all the prayers in his behalf. Bro. Ed was able to assemble with us. His experience has brought him closer to God. The song "No Never Alone" brought him comfort.

Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard assisted Bro. Don with the testimonies of Dennis Leman (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge) and Brian Moser (Bro. Glen and Sis. Christa). They were baptized and welcomed into the fold as our new brothers in Christ. Bros. Raymond Roth (Brian's grandfather) and Tom Leman were also with us. We received many blessings from the Word through them.

Bros. Gary Maibach, Rittman, and Bro. David Bertsch, Leo, visited us this month. Bro. David and family came to visit his father who was hospitalized at the time.

A daughter, Molly Ann, was born to Bro. David and Sis. Maine Hodel. She has two brothers, Andy and Bartley to welcome her.

Bro. Harold Sauder (Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith) and Sis. Judy Hodel (Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathryn) are planning a November wedding.

Bro. Jim Barth (Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae) and Sis. Julie Hoerr (Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy) have announced their engagement and are planning a November wedding. May God bless these two couples at this special time in their lives.

Our dear Sis. Anna Legel passed away. She lived with her sister, Sis. Emma. She is survived by five brothers, Bro. Art, Philip, John, Lewis, and William, and two other sisters, Sis. Ida Mae Klaus and Marie O' Sullivan.

God called Sis. Naomi Moser home from her suffering and pain. She is survived by her daughter, Sis. Delores Knapp, Watseka, a son, Jim, and five grandchildren.

Sis. Raylene Zimmerman is happy to be back with her family after spending two months in Seattle as a donor for her brother, Bro. Rod Wagenbach. She appreciated all the prayers for her and for God's sustaining Grace.

HE GIVETH MORE

He giveth more grace when the

burdens grow greater,
 He sendeth more strength when
 the labors increase;
 To added affliction He addeth
 mercy,
 To multiplied trials, His multiplied
 peace.

When we have exhausted our store
 of endurance,
 When our strength has failed ere
 the day is half done,
 When we reach the end of our
 hoarded resources,
 Our Father's full giving is only
 begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has
 no measure,
 His power no boundary known unto
 men;
 For out of his infinite riches in
 Jesus
 He giveth and giveth and giveth
 again.

Annie Johnson Flint

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Lydia Rassi - Dorothy Wagenbach
 The best victory is to conquer
 self.

There is no cosmetic for beauty
 like happiness.

Apples of Gold

We have grateful hearts and
 much appreciation for the visits of
 our Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and
 Roy Sauder. The Lord led us to
 place Bro. Glenn Dill in the minist-
 try. We wish him and Sis. Marilyn
 God's grace, guidance, and bles-
 sings in his new responsibilities.

Our sympathy is with the nieces
 and nephews of Sis. Pauline Wald-
 beser who was taken to her eter-
 nal reward. She spent her last years
 at the A.C. Peoria Home.

We sympathize with Bro. John
 and Sis. Lila Moser and family as
 Bro. John's sister, Sis. Hannah
 Seibenthal, was called to her eter-
 nal home.

We thank Bro. Philip Souder for
 ministering to us.

Little Stacy Ann is the new addi-
 tion to the Alan and Wilma Moser
 family. Her birthday was August
 29, and she has a brother, Jason.
 Her grandparents are Bro. Ray and
 Sis. Barbara Moser, Lamar, MO.

Our dear Sis. Rosa Kahler was
 taken to her eternal rest on August
 30. She spent many years in the
 A.C. Restmor Home. Our sympathy
 is with her daughters, Sis. Lenora,
 Gladys (Homer) Oswald, and Mar-

jorie (Bill) Largent, and her grand-
 sons and granddaughters.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Karen Kel-
 lenberger and sons have moved to
 the Chicago area. Bro. David and
 Sis. Malinda Aberle moved to the
 Washington area. Bro. Kevin Pfled-
 erer is attending school near Sil-
 verton, OR. We will miss these dear
 ones in our fellowship but know
 they will be fed by the same true
 Word. May the Lord give them con-
 tinued strength and blessings.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Valerie Kipfer

An excerpt from the Apostolic
 Christian Church History, Vol. 1:

The baptism of faith, in the
 name of the Father and of the Son
 and of the Holy Ghost is connected
 with the most precious promises of
 God.

The name of the "Father" as-
 sures you that you are now a child
 of the eternal, almighty Father. He
 has received you as a child and heir
 in Christ His Son, with the pro-
 mise: "Call upon Me in the days of
 trouble, I will deliver thee and thou
 shalt glorify Me." (Ps. 50:15) You
 shall have part in all the good of
 the house and Kingdom of God.

The name of the "Son" tells you
 that the Saviour died for you as
 your Redeemer, and that, with His
 blood, He on the cross wiped out
 the handwriting of sin which was
 against you. He calls you into His
 discipleship and goes before you,
 through cross and suffering, to
 glory. Now you can join in the song
 of praise: "Jesus lives! And with
 Him, I!"

The name of the "Holy Ghost"
 means for you that now this Spirit
 will accompany you through joy
 and sorrow, through need and peril,
 and will comfort, warn, chastise,
 and impel you to every good word
 and work. And He would more and
 more deliver you from all evil and
 from all that is harmful. And so
 this shall come true: "For as many
 as are led by the Spirit of God,
 they are the sons of God," and
 "The Spirit itself beareth witness
 with our spirit that we are the
 children of God." (Romans 8:14-
 16)

On the weekend of September 8,
 9, we were able to hear the testi-
 monies of faith of John and Brenda
 Klein, Jon Ricketts, and Ed Wyss
 and witness their baptisms. What
 a joyful day. It is with love in our

hearts that we greet them into our
 fold. We are thankful that more
 dear souls have turned their hearts
 to the Lord.

With us on that weekend, and
 lending themselves to the deliver-
 ance of God's Word, were Elder
 Bros. Roy Sauder, Peoria, and Per-
 ry Zimmerman, Forrest, and Bros.
 Loren Strahm, Gridley, KS, Floyd
 Schmidgall, Morris, and Russell
 Wuthrich, Pulaski. We are again
 thankful for the other visiting
 ministers who have brought us the
 message recently. They are Bros
 Leroy Huber, Eureka, Noah Her-
 man, Tuscon, Ken Hoerr, Peoria,
 Gary Maibach, Rittman, Kenneth
 Knapp, Taylor, and Frederick
 Knapp, Congerville.

With fall here, we have begun
 our monthly hymn singings, which
 we usually hold the third Sunday
 evening of each month. Our first
 singing was held September 16,
 where we were pleased to hear our
 young single brothers and sisters
 sing several songs for us. Surely,
 there is a blessing in gathering to-
 gether to sing and fellowship.

The Lord has directed Bro. Dan
 Gingrich of the Bradford congre-
 gation to be married to Sis. Sandra
 Schick of our congregation. Sis.
 Sandra's parents are Bro. John and
 Sis. Pauline (Dolly) Schick. A No-
 vember wedding is being planned.
 We wish them the Lord's blessings
 as they plan their life together.
 "Blessed is every one that feareth
 the Lord; that walketh in his
 ways." (Psalm 128:1)

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Shari Kaehr - Peggy Gerber

Many of our brethren have had
 troublesome times to deal with.
 Many have been seriously ill and
 have had great times of need. Also,
 many, many prayers have been ut-
 tered for these souls, that Lord
 willing, they could soon re-
 cover and feel physically better.
 Hospitalized were: Bro. Greg Mey-
 er, Bro. Roger Kaehr, Bro. Charles
 Meyer, Bro. Ray Gerber, Bro. Har-
 ry Longenberger, Bro. Steve Rein-
 hard, Bro. Tom Heyerly, Bro. Pat
 Dubach, Sis. Lucille Borrer, Sis.
 Frances Dubach, Sis. Goldie Stef-
 fen, Sis. Leona Gerber, Sis. Ida
 Meyer, Sis. Candy Gerber, Sis.
 Mary Steffen, and Sis. Sharon Imel.

"For this cause shall a man leave
 his father and mother, and shall be
 joined unto his wife, and they two

shall be one flesh." Eph. 5:31

This was the promise that Sandy Steffen (Bro. Russel and Sis. Alice) and David Moffett made to each other on August 19. On August 26, Sis. Jenny Gerber (Bro. Les and Sis. Rose Mary) and Bro. Jim Fiechter (Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary) became one in the Lord through holy matrimony. On this special day, we felt very blessed to have ministering brothers Theo Beer from Milford (grandfather of the groom) and Ken Indermuhle from Sardis (cousin of the bride) bring us God's Word.

Also visiting our congregation this month ministering God's holy messages were Bros. Al Langhofer (Wichita), Walt Steffen (Milford), Garth Steffen (Portland), Harry Suttor (Ft. Lauderdale), Art Ringger (Indianapolis), Harold Emch (Girard), Vernon Leman (Eureka), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), and Willis Weigand (Goodfield). We sincerely wish to thank these brothers for sharing with us.

We were sorry to hear of the death of David Kipfer. He is survived by two sons, Bro. Art and Don, and one daughter, Mrs. Lloyd (Pauline) Fiechter. We extend our sympathies to his family.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. Many couples were blessed with children during this past month. Michael and Cindy (Leman) Lynch are the proud parents of a little boy whom they named Neil James. On August 17, Bro. Dean and Sis. Holly Frauhiger became first-time parents at the arrival of little Krent Arlen. Also first-time parents were John and Shelly (Ringger) Brickly as Jason Allen made his entrance into the world. Bro. John and Sis. Pam Reinhard felt very blessed on August 19 as their first born son, Michael John, came to complete their home. Gay Michelle was the name given to Bro. Steve and Sis. Susan (Gerber) Byerly's second daughter. Little Gay will be a good playmate for Tara, age three. On August 28, Jennifer Michele made David and Sandy (Longenberger) Spade very happy first-time parents. Also on August 28, Bro. Steve and Sis. Karen Aeschliman were blessed with their sixth child, a girl named Rose Mary. Robert Norman III was given to his happy parents, Robert and Karen (Stef-

fen) Parker on September 8. Little Adam Benjamin was the precious bundle sent to Mark and Renee Kaehr on September 17. We hope and pray that each one of these newborn babies will be brought up under God's Word and will one day also seek their salvation.

It seems as if the waters are still troubled, as we have had four converts seeking the narrow path to heaven.

Bro. Eric Aeschliman has found employment in the Milford area and is worshipping with that congregation. We wish him God's richest blessings in his endeavors.

INDIANA, BREMEN

Norma Lehman

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt 5:14, 16. Many from our congregation have gone to college to further their education. In these verses, God tells we are to be a shining light to all with whom we come in contact. These guidelines should be applied to each of our individual lives, whether we are at home, work, or school.

Aug. 20 was a very special day for Sis. Lavilla Langhofer as she gave birth to beautiful Keyna Anne. Awaiting her arrival was proud "Pop," Bro. Marti, and brothers, Billy, Craig, and Bradly.

We welcome Bro. Chris, Sis. Alberta, and little John Kaehr back to our community after their move from Alabama.

On Aug. 22, we were delighted to have Bro. Akito Inoue and his family from Tokyo, Japan, with us. It is pleasing to hear that the gospel is being taught in other parts of the world.

Ministering Bro. Walt Rager from Toledo brought us God's Word on Sept. 2. We thank him for sharing with us.

Remember, in your prayers, Bro. Phil Carothers who is in the Air Force, stationed in Texas. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12.

Health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Linda Gutwein—Sharon Neihouser

When pure and upright hearts,
By flames of love ignited,
Are by the bonds of faith
More firmly yet united,
The light of hope beams forth
In radiance far and nigh,
Invites us to partake
The blessings from on high.

Hymn No. 79, Zion's Harp

This beautiful verse was read prior to the announcement of the engagement of Sis. Suzanne Wuethrich (Bro. Otto and Sis. Donna) to Bro. Duane Schieler (Sis. Marilyn) of Wolcott.

The Sunday School is our delight.
We love it more and more;
'Tis here we learn to do the right
And live forever more.
We hear the truth, so pure and clear,
Of Jesus' love so sweet and dear;
There we are taught to lift our eyes
To Him who lives on high.

Hymn No. 73, Hymn's of Zion

On Sunday, August 26, the annual Sunday School picnic was held at a local park. Many gathered together for an evening of fellowship.

A little treasure from heaven has come to two homes. Bro. Larry and Sis. Pam Leman have a son, Nicholas Trent. He is welcomed home by Jennifer, Jerod, and Rusty. Bro. Sid and Sis. Fern Leman are the grandparents. Bro. Ron and Sis. Brenda Clark were blest with a son, Justin Randall. He is welcomed home by a sister, Rochelle. The grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus of Remington. May God bless these family circles.

We were pleasantly surprised one Wednesday evening when Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) shared the Bread of Life. The following verse was meditated upon: "But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us." Ephesians 2:4. We were richly reminded of the love of our Lord and Saviour, for He shed His precious blood that we may have the hope of eternal Life.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,

which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1. Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington) visited us, and we felt the challenge before us of a Christian's walk of life.

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Lynn Klopfenstein - Pam Frank

Now that summer has ended and school has begun, we want to welcome back our students. Attending nursing school are Sis. Martha Habbeggar and Patsy Pfeister from Bluffton, and Sis. Delores Topp, Mim Wuethrich, and Nadine Yaggi from Francesville. Also attending school in Indianapolis are Mark Sauder from Cissna Park, IL, and Mark Sauder from Mansfield, OH.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Kathy Sutter have moved to Indianapolis, as Randy is attending medical school. Kathy is working. Don Beckley from Remington has also moved here and is working in the area.

Ministering Bros. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott, Homer Reineck from Toledo, OH, and Jim Rinkenberger from Bluffton were recently with us. We certainly want to thank them for coming and sharing the Word with us.

He giveth more grace when the
burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when
the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His
mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multi-
plied peace.

—Flint

INDIANA, LA CROSSE

Lois Bucher - Pearl Nuest

We were blest this past month by visiting ministers Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty), Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL.), Bro. Corbin, and Elder Bro. John Bahler (Rockville). We were fed abundantly from the Word of God.

Patty Paarlberg (Wayne and Judy) and Dean Bucher (Sis. Gwen) were united in marriage Sept. 2. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psalms 34:18. We are happy to report that Patty and Dean have turned their hearts to the Lord.

Sis. Louise Alt has been moved from the Vale View Convelescent Center to the home of her son, Art, at Valpariso, IN.

Jennie Sinn fell in her home, and is in the hospital with a broken arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We have had the opportunity to listen to the tapes of the Brotherhood Conference. We have been given many timely teachings. May God bless them.

Roger and RuAnn Hitz have been blessed with a baby girl (Lydia Marti), born Sept. 7. She had a brother to welcome her home.

Bro. Harvey Banwart is showing a speedy recovery. He wishes to thank everyone for their cards, letters, phone calls, visits, gifts, and especially for their prayers since his accident.

Sis. Lorene and Erma Moser and Sis. Pearl and Lucille Nuest were privileged to join the Apostolic Christian Heritage tour in July. Two of the greatest highlights were the blessed days of fellowship with the Church at Hallien, Austria, and the gathering around the grave-site of our church founder, Bro. Samuel Froelick, for a short service. The handiwork of God is marvelous and great. The Christian fellowship enjoyed must have been a foretaste of heaven.

INDIANA, LEO

Mrs. Phil Schlatter

Mrs. Al Frautschi

In her more youthful years, an elderly woman had memorized many Bible verses precious to her. As her memory failed in illness, she could recall only one—"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." II Tim. 1:12. Her memory continued to fade with a weakening body until finally she could recall but one word of that verse. The word was "Him," and this she repeated over and over again. Didn't she still have the truth? "Him!"

Visiting ministers who brought His message were: Bros. Sam Huber, Sabetha, KS; James Hoerr, Peoria; Don Wagenbach, Washington, IL; and Loren Stoller, Latty, OH.

Let the Lord have His way in your
life every day,
There's no rest, there's no peace,
till the Lord has His way.

Place your life in His hands, then

rest secure in His plans,
Let the Lord, let the Lord have His
way.

Anon.

INDIANA, MILFORD

Sandy Beer - Connie Beer

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

We rejoice with twelve of our converts who have confessed their sins and now feel this perfect peace in their hearts. We will be looking forward to the day they will become our brothers and sisters in faith.

Jason Andrew Aeschliman made his arrival on August 18 to bless the home of Bro. Bert and Sis. Karen Aeschliman and his sisters, Erika and Shannon. The grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel (Ft. Lauderdale) and Bro. Walt and Sis. Jean Aeschliman (Bluffton).

On August 21, Bro. Alan and Kathy Wuthrich became parents of a daughter, Bethany Marie. Bethany has 14 year-old twin sisters, Beverly and Barbara, and a 13 year-old brother, Bennett. The paternal grandparents are Walter and Martha Wuthrich.

May these families enjoy the many blessings a Christian home can bring.

Sis. Wanda Weisser, widow of Bro. Charles, passed away from life into eternity on August 29. She had been in failing health the past two years, enduring much pain and suffering. Bro. Charles passed away last January. It seemed her faith carried her through many long days of trial, and we think of her, now in heaven, relieved of all past sufferings.

We appreciated the visiting ministers this past month. They were Bros. Al Langhoffer (Wichita), Garth Steffen (Portland), Carol Gerber (Bluffton), Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton), and Phil Stettner (Bluffton).

Paul Kagebein has undergone surgery and is hospitalized at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his daughter, Sis. Shirley Beer (Bro. Jesse). Also, Sis. Inez Brooks (Bro. Ted) is a hospital patient awaiting surgery at Fort Wayne. We wish them God's comforting spirit.

**INDIANA, LAFAYETTE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Candy Wuethrich

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm 23:2,3.

We gather at Temple Israel on every other Thursday evening at 7:30 for our regular Purdue Services. It is truly uplifting to worship the Lord together again. We would like to thank Bro. Karl Westfall (Francesville) and Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington) for sharing God's Word with us during our first two Purdue Services. Words are far too inadequate to express our appreciation.

We welcome all the new Purdue freshman and those who just recently moved to the Lafayette area: Phil Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Mildred, Milford), Kim Boehning (Maxine and Stanley, Francesville), Glen Braker (Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, Remington), Sally Cook (Herb and Sis. Suz, Francesville), Janice Gutwein (Bro. Edison and Sis. Chris Anne, Francesville), Bro. Max Hoerr II (Bro. Max and Sis. Katherine, Peoria, IL), Jeff Miller (Bro. Terry and Sis. Bev, Lacrosse), Sue Paarlberg (Con and Donna, Lacrosse), Gary Schlundt Sis. Suzanne Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene), LuAnn Steffen (Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille, Remington), Sis. Verne VonTobel (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola, Francesville), Lois Wilbur, and Bonnie Wuethrich (Bro. Robert and Sis. Phyllis, Francesville).

God has brought together three dear couples from within our young group at Purdue: Bro. Dan Kilgus and Sis. Jenna Getz, Bro. Neal Widmer and Sis. Kris Leman, and Bro. Duane Schieler and Sis. Suzanne Wuethrich. We can see the marvelous works of God and all the happiness that they bring.

The Purdue group is again singing at the Lafayette Health Care Center every other Tuesday evening. The nursing home residents sing praises to God right along with us. What a joyful noise unto the Lord! It is such a blessing to us to see the love of God reach out to these people as they walk near the end of life's pathway.

Purdue is looking forward to hosting the next college weekend which will be held at Duncan Hall

(Lafayette) on November 10-11, 1979. We extend a warm welcome to all who wish to attend. It will truly be a blessed weekend for all, with the Lord's guidance. Our theme for the weekend is "The Whole Armor of God."

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

During the past month, we were encouraged by the messages of these visiting ministers: Bro. John Bahler, Rockville; Bro. Robert Beyer, Naumburg; Bro. John Steiner, Oakville; Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago; and Bro. Vernon Schwab, Wolcott. We read in Proverbs 12:15, "He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." May God give us grace to obey His Word.

INDIANA, VALPARISO

Susan and Marie Heinold

What More?

Could any mother wish for more?
I stand beside my open door
And look out on the world so grand,
And yet confused on ev'ry hand;
I wonder what the future holds
For you, my child, as the scene
unfolds,
And in my heart there is just one
prayer,
May God go with you everywhere.
Phyllis C. Michael

We are rejoicing for the increase in our Sunday School. We have added two additional classes to our Sunday program and are so thankful for each of the blessed little ones. We pray that the Father will guide them and the teachers through the coming school year.

We offer a warm welcome to Bro. Brad and Sis. Lori Compton who came from Bluffton into our fellowship. Brad is teaching at Crown Point High School.

Ministering Bros. Glenn Price from Florida and Kenneth Wirtz from Cissna Park favored us with their visits this past month.

KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

It is both remarkable and interesting to visit with our 86 year young sister, Ellen (Mrs. John) Troxel. When I asked her for notes of interest on her life, she said, "Oh, there are many others whose life would be more interesting." After some persuasion, she told me of the following events.

First, and most importantly, she

surrendered her life to Jesus 64 years ago. She was born May 29, 1893, one of nine children, to Sis. Drusilla (Gilliom) and Bro. Henry Groh. Her father was a harness maker, having a shop in Bluffton, where Ellen grew up and attended school for eight years. Oct. 13, 1913, she married John Troxel, of that community.

Two years later, they moved to Elgin, IL, where John had employment as a jeweler. Sis. Ellen said, "One night when John and I were living in Elgin, I had a dream that there was a bad storm. In the dream, I heard a voice, 'Repent, for your hour is at hand,' and I saw a form on a cloud. Sometime later, we had a storm, and the thunder sounded just like in my dream. I got up and looked out the window, and the cloud formation was the same as in my dream. Our furniture was being shipped to Elgin, so we were staying with my parents. Remembering my dream, I immediately went downstairs (it was night) and opened the door to the kitchen and said, 'Mama.' All the way downstairs, I prayed at each step that I would not get a change of heart, but as soon as I had spoken, 'Mama,' a beautiful peace came over me, and it was so easy to tell Mama I wanted to repent. This happened many years ago, but I can recall it as if it were yesterday."

Ellen was baptized the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 1915. It appears that Jesus has stood mightily by her side, as it was many years before her husband, too, confessed Jesus as his Saviour.

Again, to quote Ellen, "Over the years, John fished at a lake near LaCrosse. One day he stopped at a restaurant and met Bro. George Yergler who said to him, 'John, you should bring Ellen to church, and soon after that, John repented and was baptized at LaCrosse in 1951. John passed away in his sleep, Oct., 1966.'"

For many years, John operated a jewelry store in Gary. One evening, visiting in their home, we learned he was also a precious stone craftsman. The art of cutting diamonds and the tools used to do this with were very interesting.

Four children were born to Ellen and John, namely, Joann, Harold, Gene, and Don. Ellen lives with her

son, Don, and his wife in Gary. She says she is so thankful for good health and also for the Morton Home for Handicapped where grandson Richie lives.

Ellen always seems contented, but many times she, no doubt, has a longing for that mansion in heaven. We enjoy her cheerfulness here in Valparaiso church and feel she is an example to all of us.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Laurel Widmer

I say unto you, that likewise there shall be joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety-nine just persons which need no repentance.

—St. Luke 15:7.

Our joy is for four young friends who found they were lost. They are Tim Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene), Patsy Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Carla), Marcia Furrer (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla), and Denise Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Viola). We look forward, with them, to their baptisms.

Sis. Edna Kyberg was recently hospitalized but is now with us again. Bro. Albert Oberlander was confined to his home for several weeks but is recovered. Ron Kyberg is recuperating following a motorcycle accident.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Suzanne Wuethrich announced their engagement on Aug. 26. We wish them much happiness in their life together.

We always welcome visits from our neighboring congregations. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman was with us for afternoon services on Sept. 2.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Judy Gehring - Mamie Gerst

We held our semi-annual business meeting. Bro. Paul Wagler is trustee for one year. Bro. Paul Eisenman is replacing Bro. Rollyce Scheitein who moved to Lester, IA. Paul is teaching the Bible Class. Sis. Dixie Messner and Bro. Richard Taeger are new teachers, too. Sis. Verna Woodward will be on the food committee.

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Priscilla Frank were blessed with a daughter, Keialah Dawn.

Two evenings, we joined services with the Oakville Church. The guest ministers were Bros. Daniel Stoller and Lee Bahler. Our Bur-

lington congregation has been blessed with visiting ministers, Bros. Duane Kilgus, Vernon Wettstein, Paul Gasse, Bill Gerst, and Elder Ed Lanz.

We were saddened by the moving away of two young couples, Bro. Lynn and Sis. Priscilla Frank and their two children, Kison and Keialah. They moved to the Wichita, KS, church. Bro. Rollyce and Sis. Lori Scheitlin and Justin moved to Lester, IA. Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosella Obermann had a farewell singing for the Franks, and Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Scheitlin had a get-together for Rollyce and family.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward's daughter, Bonnie, was married in Austin, TX.

Nathan Rowell, son of Bro. John and Sis. Nelda, broke his leg and was hospitalized. Lucinda Scheitlin was a patient, as was Bro. Ben Wagler. All are back in church again.

A recent minister left us food for thought. What kind of reading would one day of our life make if it was written in the Bible or in the book of life? Would it be edifying for anyone?

IOWA, ELGIN

Eleanor Butikofer

We are about to enjoy a new season, that of autumn. The fact is, we are already having a taste of it. The nights are becoming cooler, and the skies a beautiful blue, sometimes cloudless. Just having come in from the outdoors where I enjoyed the exhilarating atmosphere and the beauty of the flower garden which has salvias (the brilliant red ones), celosia (of many hues), bachelor buttons (blue, pink, and white), and the call of a bluejay in the distance, I was again reminded of God's love for His creatures by providing such great beauty for them. We are reminded in the Bible that it has not entered into the imagination of man what He has provided for those who will enter into the celestial realms.

It was a real blessing to meet Bro. Ed and Sis. Marg Alt from Cissna Park and Bro. Chas. and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger from Congerville, IL, who spent last Sunday in our midst. For his sermon, Bro. Ed read to us from the first chapter in the book of Ruth and from the fifth chapter in the first

book of Timothy. We thank him, very kindly, for his explanations of the Scriptures and hope he can come to visit us again.

We are very thankful that no one was injured during an extensive fire which destroyed a machine shed and barn at the Paul Pulfer (Sis. Evelyn) farm home. It was a severe loss, and we sympathize with them.

I just learned a few minutes ago that Sis. Elizabeth Moore has a new grandson. He was born last night and is the son of Gene and Julie Moore. We extend our congratulations to all concerned. The lad is so new that, as yet, he has not been named.

Never a tear bedims the eye that time and patience will not dry.

—Harte

What life means to us is determined not so much by what life brings to us, as by the attitude we bring to life—not so much by what happens to us as by our reaction to what happens.

IOWA, IOWA CITY

Connie Gerst

Our small flock has had many new faces arrive within the past few months. We hope that with God's guiding hand we all can live in peace and harmony so that our congregation can flourish and be blessed. We welcome Sis. Deann Bruellman, (Harley Bruellman's of West Bend), Sis. Jill Nelson (Alvin Nelson's of Winthrop), a convert, Sharolyn Metzger (Arnold Metzger's of West Bend), Karla Banwart (Vic Banwart's of West Bend), Beth Mogler (Howard Mogler's of Lester), Bill Schrock (Bob Schrock's of Oakville), and Kevin Holstein, Oakville.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka; Harvey Heiniger, Burlington; Jon Schmidgall, Oakville; Jerry Kuntz, Oakville; Bill Gerst, Alto; and Walt Herman, Princeville. Truly, we are blessed people to have brothers that are willing to be used as servants of God who speak His word. Let us always remember them in our prayers.

IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

It seemed like a foretaste of Heaven on a recent weekend when eleven dear souls brought their testimonies before the church. It was

so beautifully brought out about God's great love and mercy and also about the many ways that Satan uses to deceive and destroy us. With us for this event were Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, and Ed Lanz, Oakville, as well as Bros. Jon Schmidgall, Oakville, Roger Aberle, Sabetha, Earl Banwart and Duane Metzger, West Bend, and many others. Those whom we now greet as brothers and sisters-in-faith are Arnie Wulf, Terry Knoblock, Curt Kellenberger, Ray Metzger, Larry Leuthold, Tim DeHaan, Jean Heyer, Delbert and June Knobloch, and Bruce and Harriet Metzger. We rejoiced when we heard a few days earlier that Sis. Jan Heyer's beloved husband, Gary, started to repent.

We share the sorrow of Sis. Frieda Gerber and her family in the death of Bro. Ed Gerber. He was called to his eternal reward on Aug. 26 after a long illness. His children are Paul, Minneapolis, Clara Marie, Peoria, and Ernestine Wuthrich, Pulaski. Also surviving are six grandchildren, four brothers, and many relatives and friends. Sis. Freida and the family feel heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the prayers and kind deeds during Ed's illness and death and ask God's blessing on each one who helped.

A large group of single members from various churches were with us over Labor Day weekend. We appreciated their visit and the beautiful singing.

Kristi Stickling is a recent graduate of Nettleton's College in Sioux Falls and is employed in a doctor's office.

We regret that Sis. Nancy Knobloch has moved to Phoenix, as we will miss her, but we hope she will feel better in the Arizona climate.

We welcome Sis. Donna Teubel who has moved here from Pulaski to take nurse's training. We also Welcome Bro. Rolyce and Sis. Lori Scheitlin and their small son from Burlington. They are in the grocery business here in Lester.

IOWA, OAKVILLE Phyllis Siegle

Lives Distressed Cannot Be Blessed

Refuse to be discouraged,
Refuse to be distressed;
For when we are despondent

Our life cannot be blessed—
For doubt and fear and worry
Close the door to faith and prayer,
For there's no room for blessings
When we're lost in deep despair.
So remember when you're troubled
With uncertainty and doubt,
It is best to tell our Father
What our fear is all about;
For unless we seek His guidance
When troubled times arise,
We are bound to make decisions
That are twisted and unwise.
But when we view our problems
Through the eyes of God above,
Misfortunes turn to blessings,
And hatred turns to love.

Helen Steiner Rice

Brothers in faith, Lee Bahler and Dan Stoller, Rockville; Lloyd Kraft and Bill Emch, Lamont; Joe Gerst, Iowa City; and Bill Gerst, Alto, were our visiting ministers. We thank all the brethren for their deeds of love.

We trust our Brotherhood Conference which was held recently was a blessing and comfort to our elders and ministers. Let us remember that when our elders gather together to counsel about the various evils that are endangering our churches, they first seek the Lord, in the spirit of prayer, to lead and direct them so His will may be done. It would then seem that if we are disobedient to our elder's conclusions, we are also disobeying the Lord.

Our congregation wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Sis. Rosemary Wegman whose brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Schramm, recently passed away, suddenly. Sis. Rosemary's sister, Elizabeth, and her husband are from the Pekin area.

Also, our sympathy is extended to Bro. Floyd Rowell and his family. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Millicent Rowell, 75, of Pekin, IL, who passed away Aug. 29 after an extended illness. She left ten children. Bro. Floyd is one of them. A portion of "Evening Hymn" (No. 50 in the old long book, "Songs of Praise and Worship") was sung at the close of the services:

Thou didst for us this day create,
Which now has passed away;
With life, salvation and Thy grace
hast filled our hearts each day!

O hold us fast while we are here,
upon our pilgrim way.
Until our journey we complete
with Thee fore'er to stay!

In this dark night of unbelief,
when loud its billows roar,
Afford protection and relief,
grant courage evermore!

IOWA, PULASKI Mary Jane Knapp Ginny Wuthrich

Our small congregation was indeed saddened to have our dear friends, Robert and Rebecca Joos and family, move to Budda, IL. They will be attending service at Bradford. We wish them the Lord's blessings and happiness in their new home.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Ernestine and Bro. Bill Wuthrich and family in the loss of her father, Bro. Ed Gerber of Lester, IA. May they be comforted to know that he is at rest, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Sis. Donna Teubel has moved to Sioux Falls, SD, to attend school for a year. May the Lord watch over and protect her in this undertaking.

Many good teachings were imparted to us on Sept. 2 when Bro. Edwin Bahler lent himself in God's service by ministering to us. We pray that he will be richly blessed for his labor of love.

Donald Schaer and Susan Holy-cross have made known their engagement. No definite wedding date has been set. May God bless them as they make plans for their future life together. Don is the son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Schaer.

IOWA, WEST BEND Mrs. Raymond Anliker Mrs. Dennis Fehr

Labor Day weekend, we were privileged to have visitors from several churches. Included in this group were ministering Bros. Merrill Laukhuf and Larry Wenninger from Latty, OH. Blessed fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We had a blessed Sunday on September 16, when Bro. Manuel Gerber and Sis. Mary Mogler were united as one-in-the-Lord by his father, Bro. Noah Gerber. We wish them the blessings of the Lord as they walk together down life's pathway.

Also present for this occasion were Bros. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), and Joe Gerst (Iowa City).

We are thankful to hear that Leonard and Helen Anliker and Sharolyn Metzger have peace with their God and are looking forward to bringing their testimonies before the church.

Sis. Lilly Mogler was a surgical patient at Iowa City, but we are thankful that she is again present in our assembly. Helen Anliker (Leonard) is presently hospitalized with a blood clot. We pray that God will grant His healing power. Sis. Edna Banwart (Earl) entered the hospital in Emmetsburg as a surgical patient. We wish her a speedy recovery.

JAPAN, SHIODA

Jane Weiss

You step aboard the jumbo jet, the engines roar and in minutes you're thousands of feet above the earth, flying in the heavens, traveling half way around the world. Such a minute part of an infinite world we are! Just think of the inventions and creations God has allowed man, but look how far from His omnipotence we still are!

God's "traveling mercies" have once again been upon us as Sis. Reiko Furuya and I returned safely on Aug. 29 from a month's visit in the U.S., bringing the new teacher for Shioda American Kindergarten, Sis. Evie Blunier from Eureka, IL, with us. We welcome Evie to Japan and pray for God's blessing on her two years of labor here. Sis. Evie and I both are grateful for the love and support that we felt from our churches, families, and many individuals before beginning and continuing our work among the Japanese people here. We could not do it without their prayers. We thank each one and ask that they will continue in prayer.

Joy Ehnle, daughter of Elder Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, returned to the U.S. after a month's visit here with her family.

We are instructed in James 5:14, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; And the prayers of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be for-

given." James 5:14-15.

Does this speak of physical sickness only? or spiritual sickness only? or both? I'm not sure, myself, but I do know that being on a death bed for Christians means being one step closer to Jesus and eternal life with Him. It's our unconverted friends for whom we must really weep. As we have the sick among us here, also, we ask you to join us in prayer for them. Sis. Reiko Furuya's mother is hospitalized with terminal cancer. Sis. Hiroko Netori's father is now improved and at home after his surgery. Seven-year-old Hiroshi Ashizawa, a last year graduate of our kindergarten, is hospitalized with leukemia. Hiroshi has such a love for God, and we can only trust and pray that God will work out His will for Hiroshi's future.

As September 9 has been the day specially set aside to remember grandparents, we'd like to wish a special blessing to the grandparents in our churches everywhere. "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience; The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things." Titus 2: 2,3.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

We were especially glad to have Bro. Willis Ehnle minister God's Word to us this past month. All of his family accompanied him, including Joy, who spent one month visiting her family and has now returned to Indiana to continue her college work. We wish her God's protection and guidance.

Our Sis. Hideko (Shimada) Kido, her husband and family also visited our assembly this month. They live on the island of Kyushu, so they cannot visit us often. Our wish and prayer for them is also God's love and care.

Bro. Akito Inoue and family returned safely from a blessed trip to the U.S. It is a special blessing to hear the Holy Scriptures meditated upon in your mother tongue. One Sunday a brother mentioned that it should not be necessary to ask people if they are Christians. We should be able to tell by the spirit that flows between us whether or not we are of the same mind.

Within a few weeks I experienced two situations which proved how true this is. I made a purchase at a local business, and noticed that the speech, manner of helpfulness, and appearance of the clerk was that of a God-fearing person. Later I found out he was a recent lamb taken into the fold. The next example was when we were on our way to the Brotherhood Conference in Fairbury, IL. We stopped for gas, and another car drove in right behind us. The married couple in the car introduced themselves, and we could again feel the love of the Holy Spirit flow between us. We enjoyed a short visit there and later in the day became more acquainted. Their experience of becoming affiliated with our brotherhood was interesting and strengthening. The Apostle John sums it up this way in John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

KANSAS, BERN

Esther Moser - Stella Moser

We enjoyed several guest ministers in the past month. Bro. Lee Plattner and family (we still call them "ours" as Lee was born near Bern, married, and lived in our community until quite recently when health problems took him to Zapata), Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton), and Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville).

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. New teachers are Bro. John Baumgartner, and Sisters Helen Meyer and Ellen Strahm.

Teachers And Twigs

As twigs are bent so grow the trees;

And though the role is small,
Teachers have a chance to help
Their twigs grow straight and tall.
Responsibility will grow—
For problems won't be few;
But with task they get the chance
To grow a little too.

—Frances Rice

Bro. Roy Rokey was re-elected as trustee for the A.C. Home, and he serves with Bro. Alvin Strahm.

The annual meeting of the Apostolic Christian Home Board of Trustees was held Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Sabetha Fellowship Hall. Elder Bro. Lester Harter, Bern,

and Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, were also present. Work on the new wing is coming along in "fine shape." We hope to have it ready for new residents by November.

Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer have a new grandson. Thatcher David was born Aug. 16 to Marcie and David Reist. He joins Thad and Tabitha in their home.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT
Jan Kraft

MORE OF THEE . . . LESS OF ME

Take me and break me
and make me, dear God,
Just what you want me to be.
Give me the strength
to accept what you send
And eyes with the vision to see
All the small, arrogant ways that
I have
And the vain little things that I do.
Make me aware that I'm often
concerned
More with Myself than with You.
Uncover before me my weakness
and greed,
And help me to discover how easy
it is
To be selfishly lost in my pride;
And, then, in Thy goodness and
mercy,
Look down on this weak, erring
one,
And tell me that I am forgiven
For all I've so willingly done;
And teach me
to humbly start following
The path that the dear Saviour
trod,
So I'll find at the end
of life's journey
"A HOME IN THE CITY OF
GOD."

Helen Steiner Rice

We thank the dear Lord for the blessings we received from hearing ministering Bros. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) and Bill Gerst (Alto). We thank these brothers and their families for being with us this month.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY
Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

We greatly rejoice with Vernon Beyer who has made known his desire and wish to become a lamb of Jesus. We have missed the assembling of Vernon and his family as they have not been able to attend church since some time ago

when Vernon became quite ill and had to undergo treatment in order to have hope of recovery. May the Lord always bless him and lead him on the path of righteousness.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to our dear Sis. Sarah Beyer who plans to leave our assembly and make her new home in the Sabetha Care Home.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the dear family of Roy Dreyer who passed away, recently.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Jeanie Edelman wish to express their sincere thanks to each and everyone for their love and concern shown to them at the time of the death of their mother, Lena (Levi) Edelman.

Sis. Carrie Lehman has been ill for quite some time and has not been able to assemble with us. Also missing has been her dear sister, Sis. Leona Kraft, who has been home caring for her.

Hospitalized this past month were Sis. Lena Strahm, Lanette Young (Bro. Ephirm, Sis. Dorothy), and Trent Edelman (Bro. Albert, Sis. Jeanie).

We give thanks to Bro. Earl Gerber, Forrest, IL, for his kind words of encouragement and admonition as he labored to bring forth God's holy Word to us.

KANSAS, KIOWA
Janice Bahr

We have several loved ones who have gone through much affliction in health this past month, and we truly miss having them in our midst. They include: Sis. Emma Diel, who was hospitalized but is now residing at the Kiowa Manor; Sis. Marie Schurter, who is critically ill in the Ehid Hospital; Sis. Lydia Bahr, who, though able to at home again, suffered a light stroke; Sis. Elizabeth Otti, who is still suffering much pain from infection in her leg; and Sis. Minnie Schrock, who fell and crushed her hip and is at this time hospitalized here in Kiowa. May the precious words of faith from Isaiah 41:10 be a comfort to our beloved ones in their afflictions:

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee.

Today I was visiting with a friend at work, and she shared the following true incident with me:

A certain minister was visiting with a group of children who were sitting around him on the floor. As he talked, he handed each one a small card. He then passed around a tube of toothpaste and told each of them to place a small amount on the card they held. After they had all accomplished this, he then told them to put the toothpaste back into the tube where they got it. They all tried, but, of course, couldn't put it back. Then the minister taught this wise lesson to those children: Putting that toothpaste back into the tube where it came from was like trying to take back the words (cruel, angry, hateful, unkind) that we so often let slip to each other every day. **It can't be done.**

As the Scriptures say in James 3:8, "But the tongue can no more man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." How very careful we ought then to be that the words we allow to pass our lips may be ever pleasing to our Lord; for, if they are pleasing to Him, we won't have to worry about trying to take them back, as they will be gentle and good to all we meet.

KANSAS, LAMONT
Mary Isch

Lord, Hold My Hand

While going through this life,
Lord, hold my hand in thine
That Thy nearness to my soul
May cause my light to shine.
Lord, hold my hand in thine,
And in my heart instill
Desire for Thy likeness,
My covenant to fulfill.
When I am heavy laden,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine.
For where is greater comfort
For this poor heart of mine.
Lord, hold my hand in Thine
When things do go my way,
For then it is so easy
To go from Thine astray.
Until I see life's ev'ning,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine;
Then lead when night is o'er
To that promised rest of mine.
Bro. Henry Kipfer

Bro. Ståve Gutwein, Francesville, spent a recent evening with us expounding God's Word. We thank him for such rich teachings and hope he and his family will visit us again.

Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorene Anliker and their family hosted a picnic supper at their home Sept. 16. The supper was to show their appreciation to all those who gave of their time or helped in any way to rebuild their dairy barn which burned last spring. They also want to thank all those who remembered them when Glen injured his hand in June.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

We have enjoyed many blessings from God's Word and appreciate the visiting ministers who spent some time with us. Bros. Clarence Dietrich, Silverton, Leland Plattner, Zapata, and Steve Gutwein from Francesville brought us many words of warning and also of encouragement.

A new bundle from heaven has recently brightened the home of Frank and Julie Krogman. A son, Joshua Levi, was born August 30. The grandparents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Arleta Wenger.

Hospital patients recently have been Sis. Marie Kellenberger and Wayne Wenger (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Arleta). We are thankful when each one returns to assemble with us again.

On September 2, Martha Marti, 93, passed away at our church nursing home. She is survived by two sons, Merle and Harry, both of Bern; a daughter, Sis. Luetta Braker of Lamar; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Morton, Phoenix, and Mrs. Corenia Traub, West Bend, IA; and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Sabetha, September 4, by Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Sam Huber.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

Last evening, as my husband and I were out walking, I noticed particularly the beauty of the street lights as they punctuated the darkness and lit our way along the neighborhood. Between the lights, we walked in the shadows, but we always rested in the security of those lights to bring us to the next intersection. It reminded me of the story of the Old Lamplighter. The story goes that you could always tell where the lamplighter had been by the lamps that were lit.

Our visitors for the month in-

cluded Bro. Brian Bahr from the Gridley, KS, congregation. He has completed his course of study at Kansas University and will be employed in Hutchinson, KS, for the next several months, just sixty miles from Wichita. Bro. Charlie Grimm is host to an acquaintance from Haiti. His visitor is to remain here several months while he observes family living and agriculture and learns the English language. Bro. Charlie asked the congregation to assist him by helping his friend to learn to read and write our language. Bro. Kevin Kilgus from Elgin, IL, received placement here with an industrial construction firm, and his letter reports he will be arriving here next week. It is with joy that we receive these young people to worship with us.

Visiting ministers for the month included our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker who brought the tapes of the brother meeting with him to share with us. Bro. Wayne Miller and Sis. Pearl of Ft. Scott shared a Sunday with us. Also, Bro. Ron Allenbach and Sis. Lois from the Kiowa congregation spent Sunday, September 23, here. Their son, Randy, is a student at Wichita University and we are always happy to have him with us.

When our friend, Okan Essien from Nigeria, was first here with us, he was stricken with serum hepatitis. He was very ill. He was loaned tapes, from several brothers, of church choir music that had filtered down from our various churches. The other evening he returned those tapes with the comment that it was the most beautiful church music he had ever heard. He requested some records or tapes that he could send to his people in Nigeria. If there is any church group who has made a record and would like to donate a tape or record of their choir music, please send it to: Mr. Okon Essien, 2109 University, Wichita, KS 67202.

September is Sunday School fellowship for Kansas. Wichita will be hosting all Kansas Sunday School Bible classes on the last Sunday of the month. Surely these young people will be remembered in prayer so that God's name can be glorified in this work.

We miss seeing several of our elderly among us who come when their health permits. Sis. Lydia Bahr has been staying with her

daughter, Sis. Dorothy Brown, in Kiowa, KS, and remains in poor health. We also miss Sis. Dora who has been staying with her son, Bro. Clarence Young of Emporia, KS.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Bragiel

Sis. Irma Bragiel and Sis. Ella Wackerle were both hospitalized. As they are home now and doing well, we pray God will continue to bless their health and give them added strength.

What a glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus. . . In all the earth there is no higher standing. . . (Zions Harp, No. 16) Three converts have truly felt what a joy and glorious state it is to be brought into the fold as a lamb of Jesus. We heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms on Sept. 8 and 9 of our new sisters: Sue Wieland (Bro. Don and Sis. LuAnn), Yvonne Arnold (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marion Knochel), and Bonnie Schlatter (Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty). Just take a few moments to ponder the words. . . in all the earth there is no higher standing. . . What more in life could we ask for? As born-again Christians, are we really living up to that high standing? And friends, on judgement day, don't you want to be able to say, "I'm a lamb of Jesus!"?

On Sept. 9, our Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Andrew Virkler served our congregation with Holy Communion. Feeling so unworthy, we learned that evening that it is when we feel so unworthy that we then are worthy. May we always remember and be thankful that Christ shed His blood for our redemption!

It is strengthening and a blessed privilege to have visiting ministers share services with us. Recently visiting have been Elder Bro. Edwin Ringer (Gridley), Bro. Elmer Witzieg (Gridley), Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), and Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit).

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

"For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised."

Psalms 96:4

Through dark and difficult days, as well as through sunnier days gone by, our dear Sis. Katineni Fasco testified that the Lord is great. Sis. Fasco spent the last

several years in a nursing home, and her health has been failing for some time. Though for many years her time on earth was long and hard, she still remained faithful to her Lord. May God comfort her family as they remember her living example of faith.

SAVED BY GRACE

Some day the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall sing;
But O, the joy when I shall wake
Within the palace of the King!

And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—Saved by grace;
And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—Saved by grace;

Some day my earthly house will
fall,
I cannot tell how soon 'twill be,
But this I know—my All in All
Has now a place in heaven for me.

Some day, when the golden sun
Beneath the rosy-tinted west,
My blessed Lord will say, "Well
done!"
And I shall enter into rest.

Some day: till then I'll watch and
wait,
My lamp all trimmed and burning
bright,
That when my Saviour opes the
gate,
My soul to Him may take its flight.
—Fanny J. Crosby

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Virkler

As we feel the coolness of the
nights and are beginning to see a
touch of God's handiwork, we real-
ize that Fall is upon us.

AUTUMN

Today upon a tree I saw
Some green leaves tinged with
gold,
And on the ground the summer
grass
Has withered and grown old;
From far away across the fields
I heard a lark's clear call,
And in the cool north wind that
blows
There comes a hint of Fall.
The wild geese on their annual trek
In haste go flying high,
And Indian Summer spreads her
veil

Of gray across the sky.
And we feel our spirits lifting
As cathedral organs chime,
And from our heart we thank our
God
For blessed Autumn time.
Hattie Pope

Our Sunday School has resumed
in September after a month of
"vacation." Bro. Perry Virkler has
been elected to serve as Sunday
School Superintendent.

Many spiritual blessings were re-
ceived through the ministry of
visiting Bro. Harold Gramm from
Morris on Sept. 2. We are thankful
and appreciate the efforts of those
who visit us.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS Pam Sutter - Lili Koehl

"Lord, I wonder if I didn't have
so much, would I still pray to You
and keep in touch?" (Chris Chris-
tian) These are words for all of us
to consider in this beautiful har-
vest time.

We thank our visiting ministers,
Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington,
IA), Bro. Carl Hartman (Sabetha,
KS), and Bro. Ken Lawson (Minn-
apolis).

We look forward to seeing three
new faces in our assembly. Ben Lee
is the first son for Bro. Beirne and
Sis. Joyce Messner. His grandpar-
ents are Bro. Phil and Lydia Mog-
ler (Lester, IA) and Bro. Frank
and Gladys. Ginny Lee was born to
first-time parents, Bro. Dave and
Sis. Nancy Wulf. The happy grand-
parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis.
Vi, and Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen
Zimmerman (Gridley, IL). Coby
Steven is the first child for Bro.
Steve and Sis. Cathy Backman.
Her grandparents are also Bro.
Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Delores Messerli - Mary Thiem

This is a day of blessing and
rejoicing;
On gospel pastures Thou Thy flock
art leading.
From fountains clear and living
waters flowing,
Good fruits are growing.
Zion's Harp, No. 193, verse 6

We leave church with new zeal to
go home and try a little harder to
live a little better in order to be
more trustworthy and reliable, and
not a shame and reproach to our-

selves.

Elder Bro. Harold Messner uni-
ted Brian Dapper and Roberta Reh-
bein in marriage. Brian's parents
are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle.
Grandfather John Dapper of the
Eureka Home was here to witness
the event. He asked to be remem-
bered to all the Silver Lining read-
ers, and gave encouragement for
the good deeds that are done by all
who help make the Silver Lining
possible.

Sis. Denise Schmidt (Darrell),
Cheryl Messner (Leroy), and
Kathy Messerli (Cornelius) have
left home to attend schools of high-
er learning. We welcome them
home on occasional weekends.

MISSOURI, LAMAR Sandra Marti - Vera Luthi

One Sunday afternoon, a group
of us went to visit our dear Sis.
Marie Stewart to wish her God's
blessings, as she was celebrating
her 83rd birthday. We all felt like
we received a blessing. Sis. Marie
hasn't been well lately, but she
could still give us good words of
advice. She said we should always
remember that no matter how
heavy our cross may seem at times,
Christ went through much more
for us. We suffer for our good,
but He suffered for all the world.
Sis. Marie is in the hospital at this
time. Our thoughts and prayers
are with her.

We enjoyed all of our company
on Sept. 2. Bro. John Leman, Bern,
KS, willingly brought forth God's
Word. We were reminded to listen
attentively when God speaks to us
through His servants. How must
God feel when He speaks to us and
our minds are on other matters?
Not only are we missing the bles-
sings; we are surely hurting God.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR Loida Hodel - Stephanie Gerber Autumn is Here!

The woods and hillsides are like
a beautiful tapestry, the air is
fresh and clear and the sky is never
more blue! We are really a blessed
people. May we prove our love and
appreciation to God by showing
love and kindness to those around
us, especially to those who have
extra crosses and cannot enjoy this
great universe as we are privileged
to do.

Because of God's love for us, we
can and do enjoy special blessings

as on the weekend of Aug. 26-27 when Greg Haab (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy) gave his testimony and was baptized by Elder Bro. Roy Grimm. Greg's uncles, Bros. Kenny Dietz, Bradford, IL, Walt Steffen, Milford, IN, and Roy Sinn, Latty, OH, were guest ministers. We wish Greg the necessary grace and strength as he begins his new life in Christ. "A race cannot be won, unless it is begun."

Other visiting ministers this month were: Bros. Carl Feucht, Lester, IA, Sam Huber, Sabetha, KS, Bill Gerst, Alto, MI, Arnie Gerst, Chicago, IL, and Steve Gutwein, Francesville, IN. We thank all of them for including Taylor in their travels. One of the brothers reminded us to "Keep our appointment unto God, so we aren't found lacking when He comes." Its because of a wonderful heritage that we are able to meet and greet brethren from far and near. May we never neglect this privilege.

Hospital patients this month were Emma Gerst (wife of Bro. Adolph), Sis. Lena Hoerr, and Shon Hoerr (Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally). Irene Riney (Mrs. Gene) is a surgical patient at this time. May God restore her to good health again as He has Emma, Sis. Lena, and Shon.

Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sandi, to Dale Craven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Craven Dallas, TX. Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter's son, Tim, is engaged to Penny Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Martin of LaGrange, MO. May God guide and bless both of these couples as they plan their lives together.

Our annual fall business meeting was held August 29. Three new Sunday School teachers were chosen for a two-year term. They are: Bro. Norman Haerr (Bible Class), Bro. Rod Heimer (5th/6th grade), and Sis. Trudie Yackley (Pre-school). This is no small duty, so may we support our ministers and teachers, old and new, as they accept this responsibility.

"The shortest way is not always right, nor the smoothest the safest. Therefore, be not surprised if the Lord chooses the farthest and roughest; but be sure of this—He will choose the best."

(Apples of Gold)

**NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY
PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA
Ed Aeschleman**

On September 2 we held our Sunday School picnic immediately after church in Philadelphia. It was a beautiful day with the adults and children enjoying a cook-out type picnic dinner and good fellowship. We are very grateful to God for the blessing of many children in our small congregation, and it is our hope to rear them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Matthew Aeschleman, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy, enrolled for his senior year at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. Bob Hitz, son of Bro. Len and Sis. Audrey (Detroit) returned to Baltimore for his second year at Peabody School of Music. Baltimore is nearby, and we look forward to some visits from Bob. May God watch over our children and help them all in due time to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Richard Diggleman, son of Bro. John and Sis. Mary, is presently assigned in South Korea with his work. Richard was able to visit his parents over Labor Day weekend. We were all thankful for the joyful reunion.

Ministering Bros. Ernest Lugenbuhl and Albert Schneider of Rockville visited Union City church on September 9. We thank God for the Holy Word sincerely offered through His willing and welcomed servants.

**NEW YORK, CROGHAN
Alice Virkler**

Now thank we all our God
With heart, and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Zion's Harp
Hymn No. 236, vs. 1

As the fall season of the year is with us, our hearts truly go out to God in Thanksgiving for the many wonderful gifts of love He has again bestowed upon us this year. After a period of dry weather, we received bountiful rains to help our gardens and crops. May we always remember to give thanks,

honor, and praise to the One who watches over us and cares for us, not only in this Thanksgiving season, but throughout the entire year.

We are thankful that God's Word is proclaimed in truth and purity. A special thanks goes to our visiting ministers. Bro. Charles Marti of Lamar, MO, was with us when we assembled with the Naumburg congregation on August 26. On September 16, Bro. Al Schneider of Rockville ministered to us. Words of warning and encouragement were spoken through these brothers.

It is refreshing to be able to assemble with God's family each Sunday and hear His Word. May we all take advantage of this precious opportunity.

**NEY YORK, NAUMBURG
Rachel Snyder**

How green the lawns and fields look again since receiving the much needed rain. Even the corn that had gotten almost to the point of being lost has grown rapidly in the last few weeks. Many blessings have again been ours.

Jammie Lynn is the new little daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Linda Beyers. They also have a son, Adam.

We spent a blessed Sunday assembling with the Croghan church and hearing the message given by Bro. Charles Marty from Lamar, MO.

Some members visited here this past week. They were Bro. William Bucher and his wife from Roanoke, and Bro. Ray Gerber and his wife from Bluffton. During their visits, they were able to spend some time with our elderly sister, Sis. Barbra Bachman, who is 101 years old. She lives with her daughter, Alice Lehman.

Bro. Perry Virkler spent a few days in the hospital, but we are glad that he is out again and able to assemble with us.

**OHIO, AKRON
Lynell Palitto**

Sis. Mary Shick wishes to thank everyone for the lovely cards sent to her on her 88th birthday.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1. We are thankful to have Jean Wiseman attend church with us after having had surgery. Sis. Elizabeth Barna has

returned from California to spend some time living with Harold and Sis. Esther Fritz. How glad we are to have her worship with us again.

Unable to come to church for a few weeks is Sis. Elizabeth Heib. Our prayer is that she'll regain health and strength.

David Rapp, from the Morton congregation, who is seeking the Lord in repentance, has assembled recently with us. We heartily welcome him and hope he feels at home with us while spending time in our area.

OHIO, GIRARD Kathryn Emch

October is here, and we are reminded that many of us are in the autumn of our years. Are we reaping the spiritual abundance in our lives as we reap the physical abundance of our summer labors? May God grant us an abundant harvest.

We had the pleasure of the company of a group of Sunday School young people and their teachers from Akron and Rittman for a Sunday of worship and fellowship. Bro. Eugene Pamer ministered to us for the day. We all enjoyed having young people in our presence.

We extend our special thanks to Bro. Wallace Ramsier and Bro. Pete Baltic, both from Mansfield, and Bro. Paul Gasser, Akron, for serving in our pulpit in the absence of Bro. Harold (and myself).

OHIO, JUNCTION Lester Manz

This month it was our privilege to be served by Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner, Croghan, NY, and Robert Beyer, Naumburg, NY, and by Bros. Fredrich Knapp, Congerville, IL, and Gene Lehman, Wolcott, IN.

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:15.

According to His Word, we rejoice with Bro. David and Sis. Kathy Manz, Jenny, Mark, Julie, and Jill as they work together to care for newborn Jodi Lynn. The grandparents are Sis. Juliet Schlatter and Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz.

We sorrow with Bro. Adam Manz, whose wife, Sis. Katie, was called home to be forever with the Lord. Also surviving are two children, Jacob Manz and Mrs. Jerry

(Pauline) Carnahan, one sister, Sis. Elizabeth Spangler, and one brother, Bro. Dan Steffen, Bluffton.

OHIO, LATTY Susie Sinn

Todd Michael is the newborn son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Debbie Weninger. Welcoming Todd into the family are his sister, Jennifer, and grandparents, Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine Weninger.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda Grant are the parents of a son, Brandon Michael. Heidi, Bryan, and Holly are glad for another playmate. The grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores Grant.

The new arrival in the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Barb Stoller is Corbin John. Little Corbin has a sister, Sara, and a brother, Ben, and his grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Florence Stoller, and Bro. Ed and Sis. Leah Frank (La-Crosse).

May God grant these parents wisdom from on High to raise these precious little souls to know the Truth.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Hilda Weninger, Sis. Lori Stoller (Bro. Dwight), and Sis. Josephine Weninger (Bro. Don). We are thankful they can assemble with us again.

On Wednesday evening, Aug. 21, we were privileged to have Bro. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan) bring us the true Word of Life. Others sharing the evening with us were Bros. Marvin Stieglitz and Maurice Frank (Leo), and Bros. Don and Ben Manz and Sam and Bill Schlatter (Junction).

Also visiting us this month were Bro. Floyd Weiland (Detroit), Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman), Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest), Bro. Willis Weigand (Goodfield), Bro. Harold Zeltwanger (Bremen), and Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton). We certainly want to thank each of these brothers and pray that God will add His rich blessing upon them.

OHIO, MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

Nor silver nor gold hath obtained my redemption,
Nor riches of earth could have saved my poor soul;
The blood of the cross is my only foundation,

The death of my Saviour now maketh me whole—

I am redeemed, but not with silver;
I am bought, but not with gold;
Bought with a price, the blood of Jesus

Precious price of love untold.

J. M. Gray

September 16 was a very joyous day for our new brother, Mike Batten. Mike told us of his need for a Saviour. After seeking, many months, his peace came gradually, and he found the pearl of greatest price and could be baptized. We rejoice with him. He is the husband of Carolyn Domka Batten.

Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier were here for the occasion and also expounded God's wonderful living Word to us.

Labor Day weekend, Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) favored us with a visit and also shared the Word of Truth with us.

We rejoice with Bro. Pete and Sis. Karen Baltic as they have become the parents of a new baby boy named Troy. Sisters Traci and Tami also are pleased to have a baby brother.

We regret to report the following loved ones have been ill and hospitalized: Sis. Katie Sauder (Aaron), Sis. Amelia Matthes (who at present is in the Woodlawn Nursing Home), Sis. Kathrine Bocka (who has had hip surgery and, at this writing, is still in Mansfield General Hospital), and Sis. Alice Graszl (who is in Mansfield General Hospital awaiting major back surgery). Susan Weiss and Tim Weiss were both hospitalized but have been released. Little Lisa Enderle fell at school and injured her neck.

Sis. Martha Mayer and Walter Witchie were involved in separate auto accidents; however, we are thankful they both escaped serious injuries.

Jeanene Zimmers and Mark Masters were recently united in marriage. We wish them much happiness as they walk life's pathway together. Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Sabo Zimmers are Jeanene's parents.

On July 17, Sis. Elizabeth Dotterer and Sis. Ella Widmer celebrated their 95th birthday. Sis. Elizabeth and Sis. Ella are probably two of the oldest twins in the country. They were born July 17, 1884, in Sardis, Monroe County, OH. Orphaned at an early age,

they were brought to Mansfield and were raised by their aunts, Sis. Barbara and Sis. Carrie Lehman.

Sis. Lizzie, as we know her, married Bro. Ben Dotterer. They made their home in Mansfield and in later years lived on a small farm north of Mansfield, where Bro. Ben and Sis. Lizzie operated a sorghum mill. They grew their own sorghum, from which the juice was pressed. Sis. Lizzie almost always would share a cookie or some other goodie when visitors came to see them. They both loved the Lord and have served Him many years. Bro. Ben went to be with the Lord on March 11, 1966. One could always feel a warm Christian welcome when he entered their home.

Sis. Ella married Bro. Fred Widmer and lived in Rittman after their marriage. They had no children but loved young people and were always ready to lend a helping hand.

The twins now live in the Rittman Apostolic Rest Home. Bro. Fred also resides there. What a wonderful privilege the Lord has given them by allowing them to spend their sunset hours together. At the age of 95, they can still serve the Lord.

OHIO, RITTMAN Janette Blough

Our congregation was saddened by the death of our dear Bro. Robert Beery. He will be missed by all of us, especially his wife, Sis. Martha, and his children, Sis. Elverna Zollinger, Sis. Carole Steiner, Sis. Noreen Miller, Bro. Gaylord Beery, Sis. Roberta Stoller, and Wayne Beery. May our Lord grant comfort to all of his loved ones.

Those from our congregation who were hospitalized were Nancy Gasser and Sue Patterson. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Sue Rufener were blessed by the arrival of their second daughter, Sarah Jane.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Mardell Dotterer also welcome a second daughter, Jennifer Ann, into their home.

Boyd and Bard Acker are the parents of a new little boy, Shawn. Shawn has two brothers and two sisters to welcome him into their home.

OHIO, TOLEDO Josephine Rehlau

We enjoyed having, as our visiting minister on Sept. 2, Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit). He reminded us of the words found in James 4:13-15: Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow? For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanishes away. For that we ought to say, If the Lord will we shall live, and do this or that.

May God's blessings be with him, his wife, Sis. Bev, and their children.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was on the beautiful day of Sunday, Sept. 16. We enjoyed having as our guests the Detroit Sunday School and members of their congregation, especially their minister, Bro. Hartzell Kaisner. God gave him wisdom to speak words so beneficial for our spiritual life. He said that we should put on the whole armour of God as we go forth in life. We will then be blessed with three gifts, our treasure in heaven, our peace of heart, and the love of Christ our Redeemer.

It is now our prayer that Sis. Mary Harmon will have improved vision following a recent cataract operation. She is now recuperating in the home of her son, Bro. Howard.

OHIO, SARDIS Joyce Indermuhle

Once again the Lord has answered our prayers. Our friend and loved one, Allen Indermuhle, is home from a three-week stay at the hospital, due to a car accident. He is improving every day. Allen and his family wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, and flowers that were given. Only the love of God can cause people to share of themselves.

"And Christ ordained twelve, that they should be with him and that he might send them forth." (St. Mark 3:14) Our congregation sought God's will in prayer and decided that another minister was needed. Bro. Bill Brake has been

chosen by God to fill the "spot." We wish Bro. Bill and his wife, Sis. Miriam, the grace they will need to follow God's will. It is our duty to support them in prayers, words, and deeds.

We have been richly blessed with visitors again this summer.

Our special thanks to those ministering brothers who served us. Bro. Dale Eisenman from Chicago completed our last week of Bible School. He spoke to us on church traditions. It caused us all to realize what a rich and blessed heritage we have. Bro. Ernest Graf, Akron, OH, recently came and ministered to us when we were without a minister. May God bless these brothers and their families for their time and effort.

OREGON SILVERTON Mary Jane Winkler

We were privileged to have three ministers among our visitors this month. They were Elder Bro. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan) and Bros. Glenn Hackenjos (Altadena, CA) and Robert Miller (Portland). We would like to thank these dear brothers for lending themselves in God's service on our behalf. We certainly received many rich blessings and teaching.

Sis. Barb Metzger was chosen to be a Sunday School teacher, as Sis. Dorothy Dietrich's term has expired. We wish to thank Sis. Dorothy for lending herself to teach our dear children and pray that Sis. Barb will be blessed as she seeks to teach these dear ones.

There are those from this area and those from the East who are attending college here in Oregon. We were reminded of the dangers of college as far as our spiritual life is concerned. May these dear ones always look to the Lord who can give strength to overcome in all things, and may they let their light so shine that those around them may know that they truly have Christ in their lives.

PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA

(See New Jersey, Union City)

Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.

The reason talk is so cheap is that the supply is greater than the demand.

SILVER THREADS

FAITH SUSPENDS A BRIDGE

Don't cross your rivers till you come
To where your rivers are,
For faith can make them disappear,
And you will journey far.
For crossing rivers in one's mind
When rivers are not real
Requires no brilliant intellect
Nor calls for special skill.
And crossing rivers in your mind
When rivers are not there,
Makes thoughts play tricks on you,
and you'll

See rivers everywhere.
Don't cross your rivers till you come
To where your rivers are,
But when they're real, don't fear
to cross;

That's what a river's for!
And you will cross each river if
Upon some rocky ridge,
Hope sinks a shaft beside the gorge
And faith suspends a bridge.

—Author unknown

TITHING

I wonder why the Lord did ask
For tithes, from you and me;
When all the treasures of the earth
Are His - eternally?

And why should He depend on us
To fill His house with meat;
When we have so very little,
And His store-house is replete?

But He said to bring our little,
And He would add His much;
Then all the heavenly windows
Would be opened at His touch.

And blessings running over —
Even more than has been told —
Will be ours; but there's no promise
If His portion we withhold.

Are we afraid to prove Him?
Is our faith and love so small
That we tightly grasp our little
When He freely gave His all?
—Roselyn C. Steere

I'll Stand by You

Fierce and wild the storm is raging
Round a helpless bark,
On to doom 'tis swiftly driving,
O'er the waters dark!

Weary, helpless, hopeless seamen
Fainting on the deck,

With what joy they hail their
Saviour,
As he hails the wreck!

On a wild and stormy ocean,
Sinking neath the wave,
Souls that perish heed the message,
Christ has come to save!

Daring death thy soul to rescue,
He in love has come,
Leave the wreck and in Him
trusting,
Thou shalt reach thy home!
Gospel Hymns

Singing all the Time

I feel like singing all the time,
My tears are wiped away;
For Jesus is a friend of mine,
I'll serve Him ev'ry day.

When on the cross my Lord I saw,
Nail'd there by sins of mine;
Fast fell the burning tears;
But now, I'm singing all the time.

When fierce temptations try my
heart,
I sing, Jesus is mine;
And so, through tears at times
may start,
I'm singing all the time.

The wondrous story of the Lamb,
Tell with that voice of thine,
Till others, with the glad new song
Go singing all the time.
Gospel Hymns

Blessed Home-Land

Gliding o're life's fitful waters,
Heavy surges sometimes roll;
And we sigh for yonder haven,
Fort the Homeland of the soul.

Oft we catch a faint reflection
Of its bright and vernal hills;
And, tho' distant, how we hail it!
How each heart with rapture
thrills

To our Father, and our Saviour,
To the Spirit, Three in One,
We shall sing glad songs of
triumph
When our harvest work is done.

'Tis the weary pilgrim's Home-land,
Where each throbbing care shall
cease,
And our longings and our
yearnings,
Like a wave, be hushed to peace.
Gospel Hymns

There is no true holiness without
humility.

God often comforts us, not by
changing our lives but by changing
our attitudes.

These Are Troublesome Days

(This article appeared in The Silver Lining 25 years ago. It was written by Bro. Dave Lantz who taught Sunday School for many years at Leo.)

Our hearts are troubled on every
side with fear from within and
without.

For the very things that surround us have every sign that we are entering or are in the very last days of the dispensation of grace. We also know that according to the Scripture, Satan is aware of this fact, much more than we are. He is not asleep but is going around seeking whom he may devour.

So we find ourselves in somewhat the same state as were Christ's Apostles and disciples when they saw Christ die upon the cross. Some of them saw Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take the body of Jesus from the cross, wrap it in linen, lay it in a sepulchre, and seal it with a great stone. Jesus had, many times, told his Apostles that He must go to Jerusalem and be rejected of the Elders, Chief Priests, and Scribes, be slain, and be raised the third day. Their hopes of Christ as King vanished, for they expected Him to set up an earthly kingdom. But His Kingdom was not on this earth. He came so that we may have life, and have it more abundantly.

The Scribes and Pharisees even had a watch set over the grave so the Disciples could not steal his body from the sepulchre. When the hour came for Christ's resurrection, there was a great earthquake and the Angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled away the stone from the door and sat upon it. The soldiers that kept watch over the grave became as dead men for fear. Here we can see just how little power man has when God acts.

The first of His followers to learn of His resurrection were the women who came to the sepulchre to anoint His body. Then the angels told them that He had risen. His first appearance was to Mary Magdalene when she stood by the sepulchre weeping. When Jesus

spoke to her, she thought He was the gardener. When He called her "Mary," she immediately recognized Him and called Him, "Master." Can we imagine how much joy filled her heart when she found a living Christ?

We also should rejoice over His resurrection for it is only through this that we have a hope of eternal life. Today, yet, this same Jesus is on the right hand of God's throne, interceding for all mankind, calling and inviting each one to come to Him. Each one of us should think of the time when Jesus will return to this earth, not to bring salvation, but to bring judgment. May each one be able to look up and recognize Him and be able to call Him, "Master."

The Sermon. . .

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such a difficult thing for us to make a change in our life and seek the Lord? He is always by our side. Do you realize that? The Lord is always by our side. God is right here with us, continually, throughout our lives.

Nevertheless, if we do not acknowledge His presence, we cannot receive anything that He has to offer us. We have to acknowledge His presence.

As the Gospel story continues, the devils were cast out. They went out of the man and into some swine and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand) and were choked in the sea." Mark 5:13. How serious it is that the two thousand swine were taken over by the demons that were in this man. Can we believe it?

"They that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city." Mark 5:14. When they went to the city and told about the incident, I think that they considered only that Jesus, whom they really didn't know, had taken the herd and drowned it in the sea, and that their living was gone. The hours that they had spent caring for the herd of swine and the investment they had made were gone! Completely! We can understand, somewhat their feelings toward Jesus. Then, ". . . they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts." Mark 5:17.

But before the people from the city begged Jesus to leave, they saw the man who had been pos-

sessed with the devil. How far away from that man would you stand if you knew him? If you knew that he was possessed with evil spirits and nobody could "tame" him, how close would you get to him? We would all stay a very far distance away, wouldn't we? I believe we would.

It says, "They come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil . . . sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid." Mark 5:15. He was sitting beside Jesus.

Loved ones, if He could accomplish this in a person who was completely taken over by the devil, then what should you and I (who have better control of our own minds, let's hope) do? We should say, "Lord, I need You. Yes, I need You very much. Please come into my life and help me to do the things that You want me to do."

These people, not knowing or understanding as you and I did not before our conversion, asked Him to leave, even though He wanted to help them. If they had only given Him the opportunity, He would have helped them immeasurably.

We can attest to that. He has come into our lives, and without Him we would be totally lost. If only they had given Him a chance! That's all He asks—just a chance. One opportunity.

What did Jesus tell the man who had been possessed? He said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark 5:19. What a beautiful experience this man had. He was totally overcome by Satan; and then he was set free—totally free!

We cannot express to you, and you cannot express to anyone else the feeling that this man had in his heart. He was overjoyed and full of thankfulness!

The Gospel continues, "And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers . . ." Mark 5:21, 22. The ruler was a very important person named Jairus, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet and said, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come

and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him." Mark 5:23, 24.

Loved ones, can you picture what we are relating here? I'm not sure as to his religious beliefs, but Jairus was an important man. Probably he was dedicated to being a leader of the synagogue, and not to being concerned about his soul's salvation, about the Lord. But now he needed Him.

There comes a time for us, too, when we suddenly know that there is no other way but to go to the feet of Jesus, to go to the foot of the cross. Dear ones, if you approach the Lord and Saviour in humility and show Him that you really love Him, He will show you love that you cannot imagine, love that you cannot comprehend. Yes, His love continues to flow.

The ruler of the synagogue had a little faith, didn't he? He had to have a little faith; otherwise he wouldn't have fallen at the feet of Jesus. He had heard of Him and of the wonderful things that He had done. People sought Him out. I believe that they sought Him from many miles away.

Jesus went with Jairus to his house. He said to the people there, "Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." Mark 5:39. The people scorned His words, and He asked to be alone except for the father and mother and the three disciples who were with Him. They went to see the daughter.

Loved ones, this took a lot of faith, didn't it? It is as though we brought everything to the Lord, and said, "Lord, I feel like I am dead. I feel like I can't do anything. What can I do? Help me."

We believe, then, that the faith of these people brought the little girl back to life. They had faith in the Lord, in His ability to bring back what was probably their most loved possession. It was through faith that she was brought back.

There is a report of another healing in this chapter. "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered but rather grew worse." Mark 25, 26. The woman had no hope, absolutely

none.

The woman heard of Jesus and of His miraculous abilities. She had a spark of faith. The spark of faith ignited in her heart and she said, as it is related here, "If I may touch his clothes, I shall be (made) whole." Mark 5:28. She had been in much torment and agony. Twelve long years she had lived with this thing, probably not knowing whether she would exist another day through her affliction.

Then she was healed immediately! Can we believe it? As soon as she touched the "hem of His garment" (Mt. 9:20), "the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she . . . was healed." Mark 5:29. Immediately! The Lord knew the moment his garment was touched, and we believe that he knew the person who touched it.

An important point here is that the woman admitted that she was the person who touched the hem of His garment. Jesus turned around and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" Mark 5:30. The poor woman was shaken and afraid of what the Lord would say. Would He give back the affliction? Or would He tell her that He loved her?

"He looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth." Mark 5:32, 33. Loved ones, here is the key: tell the Lord and Saviour all the truth, everything that is in your hearts. We must pour it out. We must bring it to Him openly, holding nothing back. If we hold back anything, there is a little dark spot in the heart. Where does the devil work? He works in dark places. Who is the light? Jesus is that Light that we look to. If we believe that He is the Light, we want to be cleansed. We want every bad thing from our old life to be eradicated. We want to start with a clean slate and live for the Lord in completeness.

We know that through His Word, God guides us if we resist the devil! Loved ones, think of it! We know that the devil is very cunning, and he could get us to do almost anything if we acknowledged that he had that power. But we know and believe that God is all-powerful. He has more power

than the devil. But don't underestimate the devil; he has almost as much power over us as God.

If we believe that things can be changed in our lives, and if we bring our burdens to the Lord, unloading them completely on Him, He will carry them. He will cast the past aside; He will get rid of it for us. "Be not afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36.

Loved ones, if we can only believe! We must believe not only that Jesus hung upon the cross and died, but that He was put upon the cross for you and for me. Picture the spear piercing His side and His blood gushing forth, flowing to cleanse your sins and my sins. As we consider the love that He has for us, what can we do for Him?

We can keep ourselves from falling into the position of unbelief like those who "laughed Him to scorn." Mark 5:40. Maybe all of us at some time in life mocked, yes, ridiculed the Lord. I believe that each one of us can say that we did.

But when we come to Jesus, running toward Him and worshipping Him as the man possessed with demons did, it is the beginning. This is the precious beginning; that we would acknowledge the Lord as the woman acknowledged that she touched His garment. We must come to Him.

God is here. He is always here. He promised in His Word that He would never change. No, never. But we must take the initiative and have faith that if we come to Him, He is going to help us.

His promises are true. He tells us over and over in this book, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. Rest from what? Rest from sin; rest from torment; rest from everything unpleasant in you hearts. Everything that has been troubling you all of your lives, for many years or few, will be taken from you; and He will give you something more valuable than anything you have ever known.

Receiving His peace in your hearts, loved ones, is an experience that we desire for everybody in the whole world. I know that covers a lot of ground, but His blood is sufficient for all. It is sufficient for everyone in the whole world. We are not talking about

hundreds of people. We are not talking about thousands. We are talking about millions, absolutely millions of people, and His blood is sufficient for all. Can you grasp that? It's hard. It really is hard. But we believe it because it says in His Word that His blood is sufficient for all.

When we come to Him, here is the key: we must show Him that we are humble, that we desire and need His help. If we come to Him with this attitude, this wonderful Lord will show you love that you cannot comprehend. We all experience love from our parents, our help-mates, our children, and from those round about us, but, dear ones, it can in no way compare with the love that God Almighty has for you.

If we make a real effort and show God by our walk of life that we want to please Him in everything that we do, then those heavens that He has promised in His Word, the wonderful things that He has in store for us, are ours.

We have already received many beautiful gifts from Him. What more can we desire? We can feel His closeness and we can feel His love; but He says that He has more to give if we only come and follow Him.

Loved ones, I lay it upon your hearts today that if you do not have a part in this wonderful way of life, and if you want to experience a miracle, there is a way that you can do it. If you really want to see a miracle, give your life to the Lord and He will create one within you, as He has done for each one of us who has acknowledged Him as Lord and Saviour. It is a miraculous thing! It is wonderful that He is so full of perfect love. There is no way to describe it to you; you must experience it for yourself.

We have heard this past evening hour, in the testimonies of these two souls, of the love that they have felt from the Lord and Saviour by acknowledging that He is Lord, and then by telling Him that they need His help. "We need You. We want to live a different way of life. Lord, help us."

If we have this attitude, dear ones, we "can't miss" because the Lord is the Lord, and He wants the best for all of us which is to be a part of His kingdom.

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Text: Mark 5

Loved ones, we read of the wonderful power of Jesus, His healing power, throughout this beautiful Word. In the Scripture which we read today, there are many stories telling of the magnificent power that He has in healing not only those who are physically ill, but also those who are spiritually ill.

We know that, as He related to the people here, if we believe truly and completely with all of our hearts, we will follow Him. But, loved ones, when we are not truly convinced in our hearts, we have many doubts as to the real seriousness and the real power of Jesus and His shed blood.

I think you can agree with me that in our younger days many of us did as the people here. They made fun of the Lord and His truths. They laughed Him to scorn. Perhaps we did similar things at one time or another. We not only doubted, but we wanted nothing to do with the Lord. We wanted to be as far away from this Word and as far away from our loving Saviour as we possibly could.

We did not comprehend then that He has only love for you and me. He wants the best for all of us. We, with our mortal minds, can see only a few feet before us, but we think that we can see very far into the future. Oh yes, we make great plans not only for tomorrow or next week, but for next year and so on. We make many plans. Without the willingness of God these things shall not come to pass. We have to be submissive.

The Lord has a timetable into which we all fit somewhere along the line. We are each one in the Lord's timetable.

I once marveled at a dear brother who was teaching a Bible class when he made a very helpful explanation. It was simple, but I think that it would cause everyone

to consider what we put our emphasis on in life. He said, "You know, first of all, that you were born." We all agree to that: we were born into this world. We all know, especially from the Word of God, that we are going to die. We are all going to reach that point of death.

"If this point is the point of your birth and this point is the point of your death," he continued, "would you, for me, put an X where you are in your life span today?" Where are we on this road of life that we are walking, you and I? Where are we, loved ones? Are we near the point on the line where we were born? Do we have many years left? Or are we on the brink, close to death? I think that we should consider this and assess our position. How are we standing, not with the rest of the world, but how are we standing with our Lord and Saviour? How do we stand with God?

How can we become close to God? He tells us many, many times: only believe!

We wonder about the miracles and how they were accomplished. We can read it over and over. If you do not completely believe these things or believe in His healing power, look about you. Look at those who were living in sin and, by the grace of God, changed their way of life.

They turned completely around, loved ones. Those who used to serve Satan have made a complete turn about and are now living for the Lord. What a wonderful way of life it is. I know it is a fact because I have experienced it myself.

We have many teachings here in the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark. Let us consider the man who was a maniac. He was living in the tombs, and no man could "tame" him. They bound him with chains and he

broke them into pieces. Everybody was afraid of him.

We can believe, loved ones, that the spirit from the devil which was in this poor man's soul caused him to cry out. It relates here that he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying and cutting himself with stones. His own physical body was trying to release him from something within, but he couldn't do it by himself; so, when he saw Jesus, ". . . he ran and worshipped him." Mark 5:6.

He "cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?" Mark 5:7. Doesn't it amaze you how these demons, these tools of the devil, these angels of the devil, could recognize Jesus immediately without even doubting? They knew it was the Lord.

When the Lord tries to come into our life, what do we do? We try to "put Him off." This man and this devil knew that this was Jesus, the Son of God. The demon within asked, "What have I to do with thee?"

He acknowledged that He was the Son of the most high God. He said, "I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." Mark 5:7. Our Lord and Saviour spoke to this devil and said, "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." Mark 5:8.

Loved ones, we often wonder and marvel at the power of our Lord and Saviour and of His shed blood. We are told that even things which we think are completely impossible are possible if we have enough faith to believe, such as moving a mountain and casting it into the sea. If we had enough faith, loved ones, it could be accomplished.

If we believe that these things can happen by the love and inspiration of God, why does it seem (Cont. to page 26)