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### WHAT IS COVETOUSNESS?

(Are we guilty of this dreadful sin?)

Ministering Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington, IN

In I Cor. 6, we find covetousness listed along with fornication, adultery, and drunkenness, with only a comma between. Men who are guilty of these practices shall not inherit the kingdom of God. In Col. 3:5, we read that covetousness is idolatry, and in I John 5:21, that children of God should keep themselves from idols.

The dictionary defines covetousness as an unrestrained desire for something that another person has. In the seven woes of the 5th chapter of Isaiah, verse 8, we read, "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, until there be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth." The Scripture warns against emulations in Gal. 5:20. Webster defines emulations as the desire to equal or surpass, or rivalry. "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." (Gal. 5:26) "The love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (I Tim. 6:10)

In the "Sermon on the Mount," Matt. 6:24, Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon is defined as riches regarded as an object of worship and the greedy pursuit thereof. In Philip-pins 4:5, we read, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." The dictionary lists moderation as the avoidance of extremes; not being excessive. As a believer in Christ who wishes to have a part in the first resurrection and who expects to leave this earth, perhaps without a moment's notice, should our life-style be one of oc-

tentatious display? "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (I John 2:15) The rich young ruler who came to Jesus asking what he could do to inherit eternal life went away sorrowful. Though he was of sterling character, he had a covetous heart, and the Scripture does not relate that he ever "sold out," distributed to the poor, and followed Jesus.

The antonym for covetousness is generosity. In Ezek. 16:49, we read the pridefulness of bread, and abundance of idleness (leisure time) was the beginning of the downfall of the proud city of Sodom; and the prophet also said that Sodom did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. In I Tim. 6:17, we are charged that if God blesses the labors of our hands, and if our herds and flocks are multiplied, and if our silver and gold is multiplied (Deut. 8:13), we are not to be highminded nor trust in these riches. They are temporary at best (Ps. 62:10). We ARE to trust in the living God for it is He that giveth man the power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18,19). We

ARE to do good and distribute and share with the needy. Psalm 41 lists certain promises to those who remember the poor.

In tithing and charitable giving, we find the only true tax shelter for the believer (we can deduct up to 50% of our income). In I Tim. 6:19, Paul says we will be laying up in store for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, and will lay hold on eternal life. And finally, Jesus Himself tells us in the "Sermon on the Mount," "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:19-21).

If we are truly interested in treasures in heaven, it will not concern us who has the finest car, the largest tractor, the biggest farm, or the most opulent home. We will hardly notice because we will be about our Father's business.

### THE SEPARATOR

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle

Some of our brethren from Oregon own a piece of property on the coast which they have named "The Restless Surf." The property includes a three-story house. Emphasis is placed on the giant cedar trees in the area, the ceaseless pounding of the waves against the nearby coast, and the whales which spout offshore, all wonder-

ful things of God's creation for us to enjoy. However, I was intrigued by an old cream separator which stands in the corner of one room of the house. It is clearly marked, DeLaval No. 15. It has a rather large handle on which is written "48 revolutions per minute."

My mind went back many years. As a small boy I stretched myself

tall to turn the handle of a similar separator to its apex, or highest position, and then on around to separate the cream from the skim milk on my parents' dairy farm in Illinois. My dad had poured the whole milk into a large bowl at the top of the separator; the cream came out one spout while the skim milk came out another. We sold the cream but in those days, for some strange reason, we fed the skim milk to our pigs instead of saving it for human consumption.

"And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matt. 25:32. Christ speaks of separating the sheep from the goats. The sheep hear the words, "... inherit the kingdom," while the goats hear the words, "... Depart... into everlasting fire." That separation is final, and for the goats it is an eternal tragedy. It isn't necessary.

In Matt. 24:40, we read, "Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other left." This is an explanation of what will happen at the coming of the Son of man, the Lord Jesus Christ. If both of the people in the field were ready to meet the Lord, there would be no separation. They would both be taken to be forever with the Lord.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit "The Restless Surf," please take note of the DeLaval separator, and may it remind you of the great Separator, the Lord Jesus Christ. He calls us now to serve Him together that we might be spared that final separation with all its heart-rending, eternal consequences. He wants us to be cream, not skim milk; sheep, not goats; to be taken, not left. That's why He died for us.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Apostolic Christian Church services will be held in Denver, Colorado, the third Sunday of each month throughout the winter months until June, when weekly services will resume.

Brethren and friends from near and far who attended services during this past summer are indeed grateful for God's rich blessings and presence through His Word and Spirit, whether many or few

were assembled. "Great is thy faithfulness."

Many thanks go to each brother, sister and friend who made the effort to attend and support the endeavor. A special thanks goes to each ministering brother who gave of himself in ministering to this gathering.

The services will continue to be held at the Victory Grange Hall, 2009 Tower Rd., Aurora, CO. Tower Road is on the east edge of metropolitan Denver, running north and south, three to four miles east of the intersection of I-70 and I-225. The site is one mile south of I-70 on the west side of the road. Morning services begin at 10:30 (Denver time). There is a recess for lunch, and afternoon services begin at 12:30.

Brethren and friends planning to visit in the area who would like more information, as well as ministering brethren who would like to help serve, may contact Bro. Nathan Steffen, R.R. #3, Box 207, Elgin, IL 60120, phone 312-741-6006.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Doug Kellenberger

We have just experienced a very wonderful few days as so many brethren and friends came to be with us for our fourth Annual Sale and Auction. For many days before the actual sale, volunteers came to help get everything ready. As has been the case all summer, the response was overwhelming. This outpouring of Christian love is not only beneficial to our entire program, but it's also very humbling and encouraging to all of us here at your Children's Home. We all realize that this work is a team effort and could not be as successful as it is without the cooperation of volunteers, board members, staff, and all of you who contribute in so many ways. Above all, we realize that without God at the head, this would all amount to nothing.

Our sale day was a very blessed day with a great number of people coming to visit, work, and take home hundreds of beautiful hand-crafted items that many of you spent so much time and love in making. We want to thank each one of you who supported us materially, with your presence, and

especially, with your prayers. We need your prayers every day as we labor to provide for our children.

We recently welcomed a new member to our Kellenberger family. He is Jeff and is ten years old. Jeff comes to us from Fort Wayne and is in the fourth grade. Jeff is a very likeable young man and is adjusting well to his new family.

One afternoon we pulled into the lane after a two day leave and experienced a rewarding feeling. In the garden were two volunteers participating in, and overseeing, the children's weeding. On the outside of one of the homes were some sisters cleaning windows, and on the inside were others. An elder who was visiting us at the time was in pleasant conversation with a substitute houseparent. At the same time, three women were in our kitchen busy with baking and cooking. Needless to say, the place was buzzing. The atmosphere was enthusiasm at its best. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm, and we are greatly encouraged by our volunteers. People can inspire other people. Can we see why the Lord wants us to assemble ourselves together in order to have the same enthusiastically encouraging effect on each other that those volunteers had on us? It was never intended that we should assemble with the desire to see how much we could get, but rather how much we could give: "to provoke others unto love and good works." (Heb. 10:24,25)

We certainly affect each other. As a group of believers, we need to associate with each other more

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and share together. The Children's Home is definitely a place to work for those interested in serving the Lord; but it is not the only place. There are thousands of possibilities. Won't you let the Lord rule your life, starting today? If He wants you to join in a venture for this world's needy people, please do. He will take care of you, and He will bless you beyond measure.

#### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

When I have time, so many things  
I'll do  
To make life happier and much  
more fair  
For those whose lives are crowded  
now with care.  
I'll help to lift them from their low  
despair,  
When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I  
love so well  
Shall know no more these weary  
toiling days.  
I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths  
always  
And cheer her heart with words of  
sweetest praise,  
When I have time.

When you have time? The friend  
you hold so dear  
May be beyond the reach of your  
intent,  
May never know that you so  
kindly meant  
To fill her life with love and sweet  
content,  
When you had time.

Now is the time! Oh, friend, no  
longer wait  
To scatter loving smiles and words  
of cheer  
To those around whose lives are  
now so dear,  
They may not meet you in the  
coming year.  
Now is the time!

Author Unknown

Wouldn't it be an interesting and worthwhile challenge if we would each day try to find some way to do some little unexpected kindness for someone? Wouldn't it make life richer for us? Take, for example, the motorist who was thinking along these lines one day while driving on the tollway. When he came to a collection point, he gave

the man in charge twice the required thirty cents with the comment, "Tell the man in the car behind me that this one is on me." It wasn't long until the car behind passed the benevolent driver with a honk and a friendly wave. Two men felt lifted in spirit that day by a simple, thoughtful act.

We are happy to report that our Dean Stoller has returned from the hospital after having foot surgery and is recovering satisfactorily.

The cast has now been removed from Alice Tuffentsamer's broken leg, and she is looking forward to being more ambulatory.

THE TIME IS GROWING SHORT until Nov. 14, when we plan to have our annual Benefit Day. As mentioned before, the hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is a definite need for items. Knitted and handmade articles, quilts, pillowcases, children's clothing (new) and toys are a few of the items which would be welcome. There are many other ideas you may employ, however. The cooperation we have received in previous years is so very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to help at that time may phone the Home at Morton by Nov. 1. Our number is 309-266-9781. The items you wish to contribute for the sale may be brought anytime, but it is to good advantage if they are brought in by Nov. 8, with the suggested prices marked on them. If early delivery is not possible, we will still accept your items up to the day of the sale. Baked goods should be brought in on the morning of the sale.

Until next time, let us remember: When God puts a tear in the eye, it is only because He wants to place a rainbow in the heart.

#### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Julie Hoerr

"There are friendships that we cherish in our daily walk of life." Hymns of Zion, 91. Truly, we do cherish the memories of our weekend with the California and Tucson Bible Classes and young members. We thank California for their loving kindness and pray that God will richly bless them.

Sunday, Sept. 14, a wedding reception was held in our congrega-

tional room after church to welcome Bro. Clarence and Sis. Linda Messner Yackley.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Jeff Rokey and Sis. Emma Menold. Bro. Jeff is able to assemble with us again. We are grateful for God's healing touch. Sis. Della Martin injured her ankle and was on crutches for awhile.

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

Carolyn Kaufman  
Kathy Woodruff

These past few months have been full of many rich blessings for our small congregation. One of our dear friends, Chris Kumer, found peace with the Lord and was baptized. Truly, it is a joyous occasion when a sheep is found, humbling us all as we remember our own gift of salvation bestowed on us by the Lord.

Sis. Mary Lee, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Luann Funk, and Bro. Kirk, son of Sis. Mathilda Nussbaum of Peoria, were united in holy matrimony on Aug. 17. We wish them God's richest blessings as they start their new life together. Bro. Brad, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria Bauer of Tucson, announced his engagement to Sis. Sandy Hunzicker of Peoria. Her parents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Gloria Hunzicker, also of Peoria. A Sept. 21 wedding is planned, Lord willing.

Visiting ministers this month included Bro. Clarence Yackley and Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach from Phoenix.

Our young group traveled to Maywood and Altadena, CA, this Labor Day weekend for fellowship with the California and Phoenix young groups. Through these fellowship weekends, we have had many young souls turn to the Lord. If only one soul is redeemed, we know that our efforts are not in vain.

The following weekend, the Sunday School held its annual picnic; due to rain, it was held in the fellowship hall.

#### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Harry Sutter

Soon the fall and winter guests will be arriving, and we local members will be glad to see and greet them.

We are sorry that our reporter, Sis. Caroline Hejja and her hus-

band, Bro. John, have relocated in the Remington, IN, area for employment. We hope it is temporary.

We have enjoyed our summer guests. Summer and Christmas holidays are the times that children are included in vacations.

Sometimes we feel lonely, but we have comforting words in the Bible, such as, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (St. John 14:18). "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (St. Matthew 28:20). "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7). "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8:35).

After asking all of these questions which take in all dreaded things that could happen to a child of God, God gives us the answer in these next words which are so comforting to a believer. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Elda Martin

Even the angels in heaven rejoice over one soul who repents. How much more we rejoice with three dear souls who have made known that there is peace in their hearts and are awaiting baptism. They are Rodney Martin, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine; Rick Sellers, son of Bro. Don Sellers; and Helen Laparo. We are looking forward to welcoming them into our fold.

Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach spent a short time with us, and we thank God for the moving of the Spirit which he shared with us during his stay.

We welcome Bro. Tom Cholak and his father, Lazar, who moved to our congregation from Ft. Lauderdale. We know they loved their congregation there and trust they can feel that same love here.

God's healing power has been with Sis. Marie Martin, as she had to have some skin grafting done. We trust she can soon assemble with us.

Our elder brethren have discussed the desire and need of having worship services in Atlanta, GA. Anyone who has family, friends or brethren in this area please

contact Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, IN, for information.

In the recent past, we have visited with our brothers, sisters and friends in Atlanta, and they truly welcome anyone in the area to fellowship and worship with them, especially any ministering brethren. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. 10:24-25. Let us remember these loved ones as two or three assemble.

A thought to sleep on: If you are troubled and cannot sleep, don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd!

#### HAWAII, HONOLULU Michael and Janet Campbell

Where there is faith,  
There is love;  
Where there is love,  
There is peace;  
Where there is peace,  
There is God;  
Where there is God,  
There is no need.

The month of August has been a very lonely month. For the first time, we have had no visitors from the mainland to share the fellowship and love that we enjoy so much. However, we know that with God on our side, there is no need that He will not supply. With this faith, we look forward to next month hoping for some visitors, realizing that He will give us what is best.

Please write to us as we also enjoy your cards and letters. Our address is 3324-D Orlando Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818. Our telephone number is (808) 422-1041. Perhaps some of you beloved elders or brothers and sisters who are going to the Orient may want to come here as a stopping-off point. It would be a pleasure to have you visit us.

#### ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL Dixie Knapp - Jean O'Shea

"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes" (Mt. 11:21). Many times I have

read this verse and impatiently questioned why Jesus didn't go to Tyre and Sidon instead of going to Chorazin and Bethsaida. If Tyre and Sidon would have repented had Jesus performed His mighty works in those cities, why wasn't Jesus there to meet their needs? I have finally received an answer to my questioning.

The answer comes through understanding Jesus' mission here on the earth. God's sovereign purpose was for Christ to be sent first to the house of Israel: "But he answered and said, 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel'" (Mt. 15:24).

Jesus instructed His twelve disciples with the same goal: "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, 'Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'" (Mt. 10:5,6).

Tyre and Sidon, prominent Phoenician cities, were located on the coast of the Mediterranean. At the time of Christ their inhabitants were mostly of Greek origin. Chorazin and Bethsaida were two cities very close to the larger city of Capernaum. Capernaum was the home of Jesus and it was of the house of Israel. Therefore it was God's sovereign purpose for Jesus to reach the people of Chorazin and Bethsaida. The people of Tyre and Sidon were not of Israel.

Now, even though Jesus was to reach the lost sheep of Israel, any individual could have the opportunity to receive salvation through Him. As John 1:11,12 records: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

This is exemplified through the woman of Canaan who asked a miracle of Jesus while He was on the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. The woman seemed to understand that His mission was to Israel. She said, "The dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table" (Mt. 15:27) as she pleaded with Him to heal her daughter. Jesus replied, "O woman, great is thy faith," and her daughter was healed.

Converting such cities as Tyre

and Sidon became the purpose of the New Testament church. When Christ's holy mission was accomplished, Jesus assembled with His apostles. He instructed them that the message of the Messianic kingdom of heaven, to which the house of Israel was originally heir, was to be taught "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The message of salvation was for everyone.

Sunday School is in progress again for this school year. Because of our rapidly growing younger classes, we have built two more rooms to be used as classrooms. The space was taken from the assembly area of the Sunday School.

Karen Brummitt, wife of Dave Brummitt, is doing well after surgery. And, of course, David, Daren and Dennis are very glad to have her home again. Their home got lonesome without Mom there.

Bro. Kevin's and my daughter, Alesa Knapp, has already forgotten that she even had eye surgery. She feels great, and we're thankful for that.

Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) was with us Friday, Aug. 22. On Sept. 7, Bro. Jim Funk (Tucson, AZ) and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL) gathered together with us. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Sis. Judy (Chicago, IL) were here on Sept. 14. We are very glad for their visits and their teachings. Our thanks are also extended to our Elder Bro. Dan Koch and Sis. Carol for the guidance they have brought to our flock as they joined us again this month for services.

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

#### Evelyn Endress

We spent a blessed evening together on Sept. 6 and listened to four souls testify how God had worked in their hearts. Baptized the following day by Elder Bros. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) and Dave Kieser were Bro. Robert and Sis. Becky Joos, and Bro. Mark and Sis. Cathy Ehnle. Ministering Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville) was also with us for the weekend.

Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto) visited us recently and shared the Word of God with us.

Harold Tanner is progressing well after undergoing knee surgery. We hope Sis. Lucille Endress

will soon be feeling better. She is having problems with her back.

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

#### Kathy Schlatter

Do we let our emotions rule, rather than the Spirit? As we listened to the auctioneers at the Children's Home sale (surely a Spirit-led venture), I thought about people (including me) and how we decide what to buy. It's for a good cause, it's too expensive, I don't need it, this is perfect, I want it, it would make a great gift, it's a bargain, are some of the thoughts that rule our buying.

Then I was led to think of our lives where Satan sometimes seems to be an auctioneer, holding up one temptation after another, bombarding us with suggestions of where to begin and where to go from that sin.

Our Lord, on the other hand, presents every one of us with a choice. He could make the very stones cry out, but He wants our voluntary response, choosing salvation, with the peace, contentment, and eternal reward associated with it. 'Tis free for the asking and is full of treasures beyond earthly measure. But in the marketplace do we turn our ear to the auction or to the quiet suggestions of the Spirit?

The benchmark, a term which refers to a marker used in construction to ensure the accuracy and stability of the building, was used as a point of comparison in our beloved elders' conference with the brethren. As we are privileged to have Christ as our benchmark for ourselves and for the church, we are also appreciative of our shepherds who continually seek His Guidance to make sure that all that they espouse is according to His Spirit and Word. As we began listening to the conference tapes, we enjoyed the visit of and a few comments from Bro. Bob Pfleiderer, Morton, IL.

We are sorry to say good-bye to John and Esther Millim, dear friends who are moving back to Morton, Esther's hometown. We pray that the Lord will grant them the peace of heart and mind which they seek. Bro. Steve Lau and Sis. Pauline Schrenk have recently been hospitalized. Both seem to be making extremely good progress. We thank the Lord for taking such

special care of them. To our Sis. Christina Fuhrmann and her son, Edward, we express our deepest sympathy for the death of his wife, Maria. We cannot always understand, but we can always pray. May the Lord teach where we do not comprehend, heal where we cry out with pain, and give grace and strength where we struggle to carry on.

Twenty some years ago at the elders' conference it was asked: Can the Church withstand prosperity? Each of us needs to examine his own standing, and his abilities to give. I do wonder, however, if in the U.S. the reason so many think they do not need God, that religion is okay for those who have to have a crutch but think themselves strong, is that we as a nation are so affluent. Let us pray that not one would be too comfortable.

I'd like to take the liberty to close with a quote from a thank-you letter recently received from a beloved brother and sister: "... Wishing you God's grace and guidance each day anew. Even though our jobs and places of living are quite different, our goals are the same and we certainly need our God to reach our goal."

### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

#### Mary Anderson - Melba Funk

In the past month, we have had a couple of serious accidents. We are so thankful to the Lord that two very young children were spared from more serious injury.

On Aug. 21, Andrea Maul, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Joanne Maul, fell into a combine. She had to have emergency brain surgery. Fortunately, her injuries were not too severe, and she is back in school, progressing very nicely.

On Aug. 30, Nathan Walder, son of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sharon Walder, climbed a windmill, and the blades cut the top of his head in two places. He also was very fortunate that the cuts were not deeper. He is now back in school and doing very well.

We had a happy occasion. On Aug. 24, Sis. Shirley Knapp and Bro. Roy Wyss were united in holy matrimony. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new life together.

Our congregation has lately

been seeking the Lord's direction as to some help in the ministry. We feel the Lord graciously blessed us, as on Sept. 7 the congregation unanimously gave their full support and prayers to Bro. Kenneth Eisenmann to fill this position. Our hearts go out to Bro. Kenneth and his wife, Sis. Sharon, as they undertake to fulfill the Lord's will. Sis. Sharon is the daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Anna Sauder.

We were richly blessed this month with visiting ministers, Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield), Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS), Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), and Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington). We thank them for visiting us and for bringing such wonderful words of encouragement.

Fred Enz has been admitted to the Hoopeston Memorial Hospital for tests. Also, Sis. Alline Otto is in the Carle Memorial Hospital, scheduled for surgery next week. Bro. Lucien Kuntz fell from a ladder and dislocated his shoulder and badly twisted his ankle. He has been missing for several Sundays as he could not walk on his injured foot. He is gradually improving, and we hope he will soon be able to again assemble with us.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Mardell Ott - Pat Rinkenberger

We were privileged to have with us, this month, visiting Bros. Joe Waibel (Bay City), Rudy Graft (Akron), Roy Warnli (Lamont), Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Sam Schlatter (Junction), and Don Gudeman (LaCrosse). We thank them all for their visits and pray the Lord will continue to bless them.

#### "If" For New Parents

If you will listen with sincere attention,  
Yet not allow your voice to go unheard,  
And overlook some faults not worth the mention,  
And always trust your youngster at his word;  
If you will point to tasks without begrudging  
The help your child may need to see him through;  
If you will be consistent in your judging,  
Give credit and reward when it is due;

If you take pride in things he does for others,  
And in the things he does for his own sake;  
If you will help him see all men as brothers,  
And teach him kindness in life's give-and-take;  
If you will make your home a place of pleasure,  
Where each enjoys the others' company,  
So that hours together there will be a treasure  
Your child may cherish in fond memory;  
If you will live just as your heart professes  
And, by example, teach that which is good,  
Your child will grow in strength and love and wisdom  
And you'll know all the joys of parenthood.

Barbara Kunz Loots

Don and Carol Whales were blessed with a baby girl, Amity Nicole, who was welcomed home by her sisters, Jennifer and Holly. Chris and Phyllis Miller were blessed with twin girls, Melinda Rena and Melissa Sue, and were welcomed home by their brother, Chris. The grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty Miller. Michael and Yvonne Kamp were blessed with a baby boy, Christopher Michael, and he was welcomed home by his sister, Julie. His grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen.

As Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 3, there's a time to be born and a time to die. Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Richard and Sis. Katy Hasty in the passing away of Glenn Hasty, Bro. Richard's brother.

Warren Miller and Catherine Bartmess were united in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bartmess. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their new life together.

Our prayers go out to Bro. Kenneth Miller who is hospitalized at this time. We are so thankful to have Sis. Pennina Miller, Bro. Ben Knapp, Sis. Elizabeth Zobrist, and Rick Dietrich (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sheri) home again from the hospital.

We rejoice with Bro. John Denler who has recently given his testimony and was baptized in Taylor.

We welcome him as he plans to worship with us.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Ruth Ann Getz

Days of suffering beneficial  
For the Master's brethren here,  
As these bodily afflictions,  
Chasten those who God do fear.  
As the gold by fire is brightened,  
Also faith through trials drear,  
While our Saviour thus enlightens  
In this way draws us near.

Sowing and Harvesting,  
Zion's Harp

If days of suffering can draw loved ones near the Master, increase their faith and cause them to be enlightened, then surely those days of suffering can be beneficial. We pray that it may be so for those loved ones of our congregation who must endure such affliction. Harvey Schurter, Ed Lohbauer, and Gail Kellenberger have had recent afflictions requiring hospitalization, as have Bro. Donald Schambach and Sisters Ida and Nina Moser.

In contrast, two of our families have experienced great blessing with little children being added to their families. Bro. Timothy and Sis. Marcia Kellenberger rejoice over their first-born child, Andrea Nichole, born Sept. 2. The grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dorothy Ginzel (Eureka), and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger. The Lord has seen fit to entrust the care of little Bethany Kay to Bro. Sam and Sis. Betty Bachtold. Bethany was born July 29 and came to be a part of their family on Sept. 5. Micah and Daniel complete their family.

We know that the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents. Truly, it is cause for us to rejoice with the angels. Mike Leman has testified to having found his peace with God and awaits the opportunity to bring his testimony before the brethren.

The engagement of Bro. Timothy Schwab (Wolcott) and Sis. Rachel Schambach has been announced. Timothy is the son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene, and Rachel is the daughter of the late Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth. It encourages our hearts when young people can testify that they have sought the Lord's guidance in making this far-reaching decision.

Surely, with such attitudes, the Lord can add His blessings.

We were pleasantly surprised when ministering Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka) assembled with us on Aug. 31. He brought the living Word to us with much clarity. We humbly thank him for that.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

#### Melba Mangold

We have received a real blessing by being able to have the Brotherhood Conference held in our church. If every member could have been here to hear of the concern and feel the love of the elder brothers, it would surely have been helpful to all. We thank all of the brothers who served us from the pulpit during the week of the conference.

Sunday, Aug. 24, Bro. Rudy and Sis. Betty Graf of Akron, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier of Rittman spent the day with us. After services, we had a church potluck supper. We appreciated the sharing of the Word by the brothers.

Sincere love and sympathy go to Sis. Viola (Bro. Vernon) Leman in the loss of her father, Bro. Ezra Beer of Milford, and to Bro. Richard and Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid in the passing away of their father and brother, Bro. Bill Kupferschmid of Forrest.

Bro. John and Sis. Connie Lehman of Bern, KS, along with others, spent the Labor Day weekend with us. We received many teachings from Bro. John's ministry on Sunday. He reminded us that, as believers, we should not only be as a tree that bears fruit but as a shade tree from which others can seek comfort.

We have two dear ones who have needed to be in the hospital for surgery, Bro. Ed Feller of the Home and Maurice Crawford. We pray for God's healing power for them.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Karen Hangartner are the happy parents of their first child, Grant Michael, born Sept. 11. The Roy Hangartners of Eureka and the Harold Schiebers are the grandparents.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

#### Carol Bazzell - Joann Zehr

Malinda Lorch (Bro. Ben and Sis. Marguerite) and Scott Hillman (Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hillman)

were married Aug. 2. We wish them much happiness in their married life as they make their home near Flanagan.

On Aug. 23, Diane Broquard (Bro. Don and Sis. Ione) and Jim Kaeb (Elmer and Mary Lou) were united in marriage. We will miss Diane among us, as they make their home in Sabetha, KS, and we wish them many blessings.

We were thankful to have four more dear souls added to our fold on Aug. 25. They were Ben and Carol Kafer, and Randy and Joy White. Carol's parents are Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon Kelson, and Ben is the son of the Duane Kafers. Joy's parents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Viola Bachtold, and Randy is the son of the Ben Whites.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Silas Clauss in the death of his wife, Sis. Lena, on Aug. 25. Also surviving are two sons, Perry and Glenn. Sis. Lena, 81, will surely be missed by all in our congregation.

Our best wishes go to Debra Traub (John and Sis. Bonnie) and Claus Brenndorfer (Mr. and Mrs. Erhard Brenndorfer) as they were married on Aug. 30. They will be living in the St. Louis area.

As the summer has passed by so quickly and our schools have again opened, we think of our 14 spring 1980 graduates who have completed their high school studies. Those who have entered various fields of employment are Sis. Jill Bachtold (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Viola); Bethany Bahler (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jeanette); Grace Bolliger (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn); Rob Broquard (Kenneth and Ruth); Sis. Marcia Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn); Jeff Fehr (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Linda); Todd Kilgus (Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene); and Kathy Walter (Bro. Richard and Sis. Colleen). Diane Broquard Kaeb (Bro. Don and Sis. Ione Broquard) was recently married. Sis. Marsha Moser (Bro. Lloyd and Myrna) has gone into nurses training. Those who have entered various colleges this fall are Laurie Bazzell (Don and Sis. Carol); Nancy Moser (Keith and Nita); Sis. Diane Walter (Bro. Jim and Sis. Juanita); and Sis. LaRae Zehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores). We wish all of them God's blessings and guidance in their undertakings.

Sunday, Sept. 7, was a very impressive day for our congregation as Bro. Arthur Bahler was ordained an elder. We wish Bro. Art God's grace and help in this undertaking, and may each brother and sister in our fold be a support to him. Our thanks go to Elder Bros. Leroy Huber and Perry Zimmerman who assisted our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard in this work.

Many of our dear ones who have been in the hospital are little Carolyn Kieser (Carl and Becky), Hazel Wagler, Barbara Meiss, Sis. Donna Schieler, Sis. Kay Steffen, John Slagel (Ron and Sis. June), Bro. Henry Maurer, Bro. Ezra Miller, and Alton Schieler. We are always thankful when each one is able to return home.

Ministering brothers who visited us were William Gerst, Alto, MI; Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott, KS; Earl Banwart and Wayne Fehr, West Bend, IA; Doug Sabo, Sarasota, FL; Sam Anliker, Lamont, KS; Paul Gasser, Akron, OH; Jim Byrd, Roanoke; Glenn Dill, Tremont; Elder Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka; Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; and Marshall Heinold, Washington. We give special thanks to our brothers for serving us.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

#### Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

"We are going down the valley one by one." Gospel Hymns, No. 789. As we leave this earth one by one, how good it is if we can be ready to meet our Lord and Savior. Bro. Bill Kupferschmid has passed from this life after a long illness. His funeral was held Aug. 29 with Bro. Robert Pfloderer, Morton, officiating. Surviving are: his wife, Sis. Nettie; three daughters, Sis. Marilyn, Forrest, Sis. Velda Hish, Bloomington, and Sis. Betty Ifft, Odell; and five sons, Bro. Orville and Bro. Lyle Dean, Bro. Alfred of Forrest, Bro. William, Normal, and Bro. Richard, El Paso.

Also called from this life was Fred Schlipf. Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman held his funeral service on Sept. 10 at the Forrest church.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Bill Emch, Lamont, KS, Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, KS, and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit. May we ever have a hunger and thirst for God's Word and be ready to re-

ceive His instruction.

Little bundles from heaven have brought joy into two family circles. Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Bachtold were blessed with a son, Ted Alfred, on Aug. 30. Marsha and Melody are his sisters. Sis. Dorothy Bachtold, Forrest, and Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia Wenger are the grandparents.

Tami Sue was welcomed into the home of Bro. Gary and Sis. Jane Brown. Brad, Lori and Joel are her brothers and sister. The grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Eleanor Honegger, Forrest.

Saturday, Sept. 6, was the wedding day of Debbie Koehl (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Juanita Koehl) and Jeff Gasser (the late Bro. and Sis. Robert Gasser, Rittman, OH). Bro. Perry Zimmerman united them in marriage at the Fairbury fellowship hall. They will be making their home in Smithsville, OH.

Bro. Alton Schieler of Fairbury passed away. He is Sis. Marlene Kupferschmidt's father. We need to trust, in times of sorrow, that God knows best.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

#### Verna Hartter

Recently, while attending a class reunion, we were asked to tell about our family, occupation, or happenings since our "school days." It was a joy to meet and visit with our classmates. Before retiring that evening, the thought came to me of what it will be like to stand before our God and give an account of our lives on that great day.

Last evening was another beautiful evening when we were privileged to hear the testimonies of two dear souls who told of what the Lord had worked in their hearts through true repentance. Being baptized that same evening, our two new brothers are Bro. Chuck Hinrichsen (Sis. Brenda), and Bro. Scott Hohulin (Bro. and Sis. Sam and Sandy). We thank God for this wonderful work.

It is always a good feeling to have visiting ministers come from far and near and minister to us. We thank Bro. Lavoyd Moore, Athens, AL, Bro. Ed Knecht, Silverton, OR, Bro. Donald Manz, Junction, OH, Bro. Virgil Metzger, Urbana, IL, Bro. Byron Stoller, Gridley, IL, and Bro. Marshall Heinold, Washington, IL.

Lester and Helen Bauman are parents of a new little girl. Miranda Sue was born on Aug. 28 and joins Rick, Tim, Missey and Min-dy. Her grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mildred Bauman.

Jill Rinkenberger (Bro. Jay and Sis. Peg) recently submitted to an appendectomy. We are happy to see that she is up and about and feeling fine again. Beth Hartter (Bro. Rich and Sis. Verna) slipped on the steps at church and is wearing a cast on her left arm.

Sometimes we feel very fortunate when we feel that we were at the right place at the right time. We were recently reminded in a sermon that in order to do this, all we have to do is **do God's Will!**

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

#### Carol Klopfenstein

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thess. 4:14.

What a blessed hope and assurance we have in our hearts for those whom the death angel calls from time into eternity when we have previously witnessed the precious fruits of righteousness that were manifested in their lives. We know they are now "asleep in Jesus" if they have realized their lost condition and through repentance and faith in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb have put on the righteousness of Christ. Although we are sometimes stunned and dismayed by the abrupt suddenness with which a life can be terminated, we can do as the apostle said and comfort one another with these blessed words: these souls did not pass into eternity unprepared. Jesus has now taken them home to a better place, for here we have no continuing city.

Bro. Ivan L. "Shorty" Adams, 29, was killed Sept. 3 when the plane he was flying crashed in Chicago. Our deep sympathy is extended to his parents, William and Altie Adams of Chenoa; his brothers, Alan Corpett, Aderian and Everett; and his sister, Nell Wenson. Bro. Shorty was a bright and shining light in our midst during the few years that we learned to know him, and although his life was short, he did not live in vain.

We believe he was ready to meet his Maker.

Sis. Elizabeth Funk, 88, passed away Aug. 19 in the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home where she was staying. Our sympathy is extended to her 16 nieces and nephews. Many times such older ones remind us of our need for patience as we realize that God's timetable and ours are not the same. No matter how many years we spend on this earth, whether it be 29 or 88, life is only as a vapor and as the grass of the field that flourishes and is soon cut down and fades away. And so we need to exhort one another daily to redeem the time and walk in wisdom and grace while we still have life and breath.

Lana Schifferer, Susan Schlipf and Gary Zimmerman have repented for their sins and feel the peace of God in their hearts. Lord willing, they will give their testimonies of faith and be baptized the weekend of Oct. 5.

A reception for Bro. Amos and Sis. Frances Funk who were married Aug. 13 in Morris was held in the fellowship hall, Sept. 6. They wish to thank all of their friends, neighbors and relatives for the gifts and cards that were given to them.

Connie Gramm, daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane Gramm, was married Aug. 14 to Robert Campbell of Harrisville, PA.

Debra Romerberger, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucille Romersberger, was married to Gerards Grieco of Chicago on Sept. 13.

Bro. Joe Rinkenberger and Bro. Carlton Klopfenstein have been hospital patients.

We were blessed by the visits of Bro. Ken Indermuhle of Sardis, OH; Bro. Douglas Sabo of Sarasota, FL; and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria who ministered to us from the precious Word of Life.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Jo Ann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

On Aug. 23, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of five dear souls, Steve Jones, George Kaiser, Brenda Kaufman, Mark Stephens and Marten Zimmerman. They all testified that they needed Christ to come and live in their hearts. Sunday, Aug. 24, we witnessed their baptisms and wel-



comed them as our new sister and brothers in Christ. We wish them God's grace as they walk the pathway of faith.

We are always thankful when we have guest ministers who come to share God's Word with us. Those who have recently paid us a visit have been: Bros. Mark Bahr, Detroit, MI, Edwin Hohulin, Goodfield, Noah Herman, Tucson, AZ, Delbert Iindermuhle, Sardis, OH, Lavoyd Moore, Athens, AL, Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, AZ, Carl Wyss, Washington, and Robert Grimm, Goodfield. May God bless them for their kindness and love brought to us.

Saturday evening, Sept. 6, we gathered in God's house to hear the testimonies of Bill and Gail (Taufers) Mayo and Ted Taufers. We witnessed their baptisms on Sunday, Sept. 7, and welcomed them as our sister and brothers in Christ. We wish them God's grace as they walk the narrow pathway of life.

Sis. Elizabeth Muselman has gone to be forever with the Lord. We are thankful her suffering of pain is now over. Her funeral was on Sept. 18. May the Lord bless her sister, Sis. Lydia, her relatives and friends.

Those who have recently spent time in the hospital have been Sis. Ruth Domnick, Sis. Mary Wiedeman, Lisa Staker (daughter of Bro. Ted and Sis. Mary), Bro. Dean Stoller and Bro. Sam Dietrich. May God be with them and all those who are sick or shut-in.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Kay Rumbold were blessed with a new baby son, Benjamin Jay, who was born on Sept. 17. The happy grandparents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Beulah Funk and Bro. Walt and Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker, Eureka. Benjamin's brothers and sisters are Alan, Sherry, Mike, Eddie, Jennifer and Doug.

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

**Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner**

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

Zion's Harp, No. 209

On Aug. 23 and 24, we were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of three dear souls. They were Bill Kuntz, Joan Meister (Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda), and John Brewer (Kathy Fehr Brewer). We are so thankful that the Lord is still calling many souls to repentance.

On Sept. 14, we witnessed the wedding vows of Sis. Jeanne Haefli (Bro. Robert and Sis. Ilene) to Bro. Tim Esterling (Bro. Don and Sis. Josie) of Morris, MN. We will miss our dear Sis. Jeanne and wish them many blessings in their new life together.

This past month, we have been blessed with two dear little souls. Bro. Dave and Sis. Connie Hoerr along with their children, Darcy and Holly, welcome home Marla Kay. The grandparents are Dave and Sis. Harriet Hoerr and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold.

Phillip Andrew Sceggel was welcomed home by his brother, David. His parents are Bro. Mark and Sis. Judy. His grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Sceggel.

Among our visiting ministers this month were Bros. John Klotzle from Altadena, CA, Noah Herman from Tucson, AZ, Willis Ehnlé from Shioda, Japan, Jim Funk from Tucson, Floyd Schmidgall and Harold Gramm from Morris, MN, and Uriel Gehring from Burlington, IA. We wish to express our thankfulness for their labors of love which they shared with us.

Aug. 23 was the funeral of Bro. Dan Stahl. We extend our sympathy to his family.

The funeral of Joe Thomas, Sr., was on Sept. 4. He is survived by three children, Loretta, Evelyn, and Bro. Joe Thomas, Jr. His brothers and sisters are Bro. Ivan, Bro. Harlan, the late Bro. Harold, Sis. Rose Steiner, Sis. Ella Wagler, Sis. Clara Steiner, and the late Sis. Mary Hohulin. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Hospital patients this month include Sis. June Buttrick, Sis. Madge O'Moran, Sis. Gertrude Kiefer, Sis. Martha Hemmer, and Bro. John Waibel. Our prayers are with each one that God will comfort them during their illnesses.

Sis. Martha Wagenbach wants to express thanks to all who remembered her with prayers, cards, letters, and many tokens of love

while she had knee surgery.

Sis. Lois Hammon wants to thank each and everyone for remembering her with cards, gifts, flowers, and prayers while in the hospital and at home.

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Arlene and Arlys Martin**

God provides for us in every circumstance as we trust Him. Visiting ministers who shared with us their thoughts on trust and faithfulness have been Bros. Virgil Metzger of Champaign; Aaron Steffen of Alto, MI; Willis Ehnlé of Shioda, Japan; James Rinkenberger of Bluffton, IN; Donald Manz of Junction, OH; Clifford Grimm of West Bend, IA; Gene Lehman of Wolcott, IN; and Edwin Bahler of Remington, IN.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Marie Eberle have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann, to John Helms Ganey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ganey of Rutledge, AL. Carol and John plan to be married on Nov. 2.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl, and Sisters Katherine, Leah, and Martha Stahl. Their brother, Bro. Dan Stahl of Peoria, passed away on Aug. 21.

Bro. Edward (Eddie) Woertz passed away on Sept. 1. He was born on Mar. 17, 1895. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Lucy, and his daughters, Violet Woertz and Delores Frisby. Bro. Eddie was our church custodian for more than 30 years. We all loved him and appreciated his kindness.

Sis. Mary Leuthold, wife of Bro. Silas, fell recently at the Eureka Home where she resides. She injured her face and legs. Sis. Louise Baurer, wife of Bro. John, injured her hand when she fell at the Peoria Home where she lives. We solicit your prayers on behalf of these dear sisters.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel**

#### OCTOBER

The fields are heaped with harvest  
As October comes our way,  
With the woods and fields aflame  
In a colorful display.

Each tree and bush and hill  
Is splashed with gold and red,

And the sun descends quite early,  
Glad to go to bed.

The purple mist of twilight  
Drifting over all,  
Is a silent benediction  
God sent us to recall.

His many wondrous blessings  
Through each season of the year,  
Are sent to bring us happiness  
And the knowledge He is near.

LaVerne Larson

Marriage vows were exchanged  
by John Knepp (Bro. Ralph and  
Sis. Ruth) and Jackie Sengpiel  
(Mr. and Mrs. Logan Sengpiel).  
We wish them God's love in their  
future life together.

A little daughter, Carrie Sue,  
was born to Mark and Connie  
Rocke. She has three brothers,  
Jedd, Luke and Adam. Her grand-  
parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Hel-  
en Fehr and Bro. Harry and Sis.  
Lydia Rocke. May God bless them  
all.

A Nov. 22 wedding is being  
planned by Eldon Hohulin (Bro.  
Bob and Sis. Marie Hohulin) and  
Susan Cherveney (Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert Cherveney). May they find  
happiness and joy in sharing their  
lives together.

Our Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner,  
David Bertsch, and Robert Beyer  
and Bros. Dale Wulf, Uriel Geh-  
ring, and Raymond Roth were our  
visiting ministers this month.

Bro. Ed Hohulin plans to be here  
this Saturday evening when our  
loved ones, Todd Moser (Bro. Lyle  
and Sis. Barbara) and Tim Martin  
(Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen), will be  
given the opportunity to express  
what God has done for them. We  
are thankful that God has revealed  
His love in their hearts.

Sis. Clara Leman and Sis. Annie  
Leman are hospitalized at this  
time. Sis. Clara has a broken hip.  
May God be with them. Bro. Jim  
Byrd had more surgery at the  
Burn Center in Springfield. Our  
prayers are with him.

Ethel Dorwin is able to assem-  
ble with us again. Sis. Rachel  
Schroeder was hospitalized and is  
home again. We are glad that God  
sustains their faith.

Special note: A benefit sale for  
the Roanoke Apostolic Christian  
Home will be Nov. 8.

## KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

By Sally Mangold

"Is this all going on tape? Well,  
just don't mention my name."  
With that comment, and a bit of  
a chuckle, Bro. John Mangold con-  
sented to be interviewed as part  
of a series of interviews of the old-  
er brothers and sisters. He is Roa-  
noke's oldest brother in faith.

Bro. John was taken up in the  
old country church. From the 4th  
of July to Dec. 31, he and 100 other  
brothers and sisters were baptized  
in a trough in the churchyard with  
water pumped from the well be-  
side the church. There were testi-  
monies and baptisms every week-  
end (and sometimes during the  
week) during that six month  
period.

Bro. John's father came to this  
country at the age of 17 (around  
1876). At that time, brothers were  
coming to the U.S. to avoid the  
required combat military service  
in the old country. He came from  
the Alsace Lorraine area, a French  
territory, which had only recently  
been taken over by the Germans.  
Bro. John remembers his father  
telling him how during the take-  
over, he went to school one day  
and had a French teacher. The  
next day he walked into the school  
house and found that he had a  
German teacher.

Bro. John was born in 1889 to  
Bro. Michael and Sis. Lydia (Hart-  
man) Mangold. He had three  
brothers, Joe, Ezra, and David.  
Bro. John remembers most of his  
single years at home, helping on  
the farm. After the traditionally  
late dinner hour, he remembered  
gathering with the family to read  
Scriptures. They all took turns  
reading, and usually it was in Ger-  
man. German was taught in the  
school as well as in church.

In 1914, Bro. John married Sis.  
Anna Schumacher. They had two  
children, Kathyrn (Hodel) and  
Curtis. Three other children died  
in infancy. Curtis was killed in a  
construction accident in Arizona  
in 1959. Family life, he recalled,  
was centered more around the  
home in those days. He thought  
that it was because of the time it  
took to travel anywhere. He re-  
members some good times on the  
old country roads in his Model T.  
He smiled as he remembered out  
loud how he used to get stuck  
with it in knee-deep mud on some

of the old back roads.

Bro. John was in charge of the  
Brotherhood Aid of the church for  
about 40 years. This involved  
storm, fire and flood coverage. He  
recalled a visit to Oakville, IA, to  
check flood damage caused by the  
Mississippi River. The water was  
so high that he stood on the levy  
and saw a house in a lake of water  
with a horse on the porch.

His wife passed away in May,  
1976. He remained in his home and  
cared for the house and garden. He  
drove his car until he moved to the  
Roanoke Apostolic Home in July,  
1979. John's favorite pleasures  
and blessings of life were derived  
from visiting folks, traveling and  
farming. He's not able to do these  
things anymore. When we asked  
him if he ever wishes he were back  
on the farm, he replied, "No, no,  
there's a time for everything."

"To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under  
heaven." Ecc. 3:1.

## ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Lydia Rassi - Dorothy Wagenbach

God created heaven and earth,  
and until we can see heaven, we  
want to enjoy the creation of  
earth. As we view this harvest  
time again, our hearts are filled  
with much thankfulness. God has  
again provided for us and for all  
people.

He also provides for us a wealth  
of spiritual food. How blessed and  
privileged we are to attend our  
church on Sundays and Wednes-  
day evenings and be filled with  
His teachings, His great love and  
concern for us. Added blessings  
this past month were Bro. William  
Gerst, Bro. John Steiner, Bro. Wil-  
lis Enhle, Bro. Noah Gerber, Bro.  
Roger Aberle and Bro. Noah Her-  
man. We thank each dear brother  
for sharing God's Word with us.

Three precious little girls have  
been added to our Christian fam-  
ily. Amber Renee came to live with  
her parents, Todd and Beth Stu-  
ber, Aug. 24. She has a sister,  
Heather, and a brother, Troy, to  
love her. The grandparents are  
Bro. Glenn and Sis. Dorothy Stu-  
ber and Esther and Bob Emich.  
Bro. Randall and Sis. Marjorie  
Schmidgall met their daughter,  
Jolynn Kay, Sept. 3. The grand-  
parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis.  
Marlene Kaiser and George and  
Grace Schmidgal. Baby girl Lisa

Marie arrived Sept. 14 to Bro. Dan and Sis. Julie Koch. Her grandparents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol Koch and Sis. Madelyn Tobler.

Our prayers and concerns are with each of our dear ones. May God touch them with His healing power. Sis. Betty (Les) Schweigert had surgery on her left hand. Bro. John Moser is in the hospital for tests. Sis. June (Curt) Zuercher had the misfortune of falling and breaking her ankle. She is wearing a cast. Sis. Lydia Brunner fell and broke her wrist and has her arm in a cast. Sis. Lydia wishes to thank all the dear ones for their thoughtfulness. She wishes to especially thank them for the food, cards, prayers and love for her.

**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**  
**Valerie Kipfer**

**On Fellowship**

The care of the fellowship has the purpose to keep alive the life of faith and unity among the members. For this reason, Paul wrote to the Philippians, "If there be, therefore, any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of life, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." (Phil. 2:1-2)

Christ said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:1-2)

By the redemption, we have become branches of the same vine, or the children of God, brothers and sisters. The congregation is Christ's body, we the members. The same Father makes of us one large family. If one member suffers, all suffer. Has one a burden, all help to bear it. This intimate fellowship becomes especially manifest in mutual intercession. The first congregation of Christ's disciples is exemplary, for they were of one heart and soul.

—taken from Apostolic Christian Church History, Vol. 1, p. 217.

We are again thankful for the visiting ministers who have delivered God's Word to us recently.

Our thanks go to Bros. Jim Rinkenger, Bluffton, Bob Pflederer, Morton, and Glenn Dill, Tremont.

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**

**Tami Fiechter**

**Gayla Baumgartner**

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat, I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet; By faith, for my cleansing, I see Thy blood flow—Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hymns of Zion

On Sept. 14, nine dear souls were added to the family of God: Bro. Troy Reimschisel (Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine), Sis. Sherry Frauhiger (Bro. Doyle and Sis. Jane), Bro. Chris Pfister (Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose), Bro. Steve Gerber (Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois), Sis. Lynn Gerber (Bro. Lester and Sis. Rosemary), Bro. Roger and Sis. Carol Lane, and Bro. Bill and Sis. Debbie Meyer. Sis. Evelyn Meyer rejoices with her children, Sis. Carol and Bro. Bill. We joyfully welcome them into the family of God.

Recently, Bro. Ervin and Sis. Sylvia Gerber observed their 50th wedding anniversary. May the Lord's blessing continue to be with them.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh." (Eph. 5:31) On Aug. 24, Sis. Beth Steffen (Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty) and Bro. Kevin Aschliman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Ida) became one in the Lord.

Sis. Lori Gerber (Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise) and Bro. Mark Steffen (Bro. Sherman and Sis. Lucille) were united in marriage on Aug. 31.

By God's love and guidance, Sis. Lisa Shively (Bro. Charles and Sis. Sally) and Bro. Kelly Aschliman vowed their lives to one another on Sept. 7. We wish these couples the Lord's guidance as hand in hand they walk this path of life.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Carol Comp-ton were blessed with a son. Shannon gladly welcomes her little brother, Phillip Ryan.

Bro. Alan and Sis. Terri Bertsch welcome into their family a fourth child, Anthony Lee. Rose, Adam and Andrew welcomed him home.

Dick and Patty Troxel have

taken five-year-old Winter Tyler into their home. They and their daughter, Terri, are happy to have him in their family.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Kay Steffen are the parents of a daughter, Janelle Kay. Bro. Ted and Sis. Jane Habegger are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Kay.

Hospital patients this month were Linda Schaefer (Bill), Sis. Charlene Lantz (Bro. Junior), Bro. Ted Kipfer (Sis. Theresa), Rex Neuenschwander (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred), Bro. Clifford Heyerly (Sis. Helen), and Sis. Margaret Gerber (Bro. Frederick). Our prayers are with these loved ones.

We were blessed this month by visiting ministers Bro. Ben Manz (Junction), Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford) and Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman. We wish to sincerely thank these brothers for their labors of love.

**INDIANA, BREMEN**

**(See South Bend)**

**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE**

**Wendy Gutwein - Jacki Huber**

"Now therefore hear unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

For whoso findeth me findeth life and shall obtain favour of the Lord."

Prov. 8:32,35.

What a blessed Sunday we had on Aug. 24 when Brad Barnes gave his testimony of love for and faith in our Lord and became our new brother in Christ. It is so precious to hear of the fervent love the new converts have for their Saviour. It should remind all of us that we still should have our first love for our Saviour.

We had the privilege of hosting some couples from Goodfield the last weekend in August. We surely enjoyed their Christian fellowship and thank them for making the trip.

We have two precious new additions to our congregation, and both are little boys. Austin David Metzger was born to Bro. Dave and Sis. Arlene and has one sister, Alivia. The grandparents are Bro. Sid and Sis. Fern Leman, and Mrs. Harvey Gutwein and Mr. Robert Metzger.

Luke Gregory Gutwein has three older brothers, Chad, Travis and Brock, awaiting his arrival home.

His parents are Eric and Sis. Donna Gutwein. His grandparents are Harvey Gutwein and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minkert.

### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

**Bobbi Erb**

It was a blessed day as we gathered in the Lord's name to witness the marriage of Sis. Sue Mayer (Bro. John and Sis. Edith) and Bro. Roger Levy (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Caroyln). We wish them God's blessings as they serve Him together.

We have welcomed a number of new faces into our congregation in recent weeks, Bob and Joan Graff, who live in Salem, IN, and Bro. Brad and Sis. Lauri Compton, who live in Russiaville, IN. They will be worshipping with us when they can.

We again thank these visiting ministers: Bro. John (Jack) Bollier (Leo), Bro. Francis Rother (Morton), and Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) for sharing their time and efforts in ministering to us.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the annual Sunday School Picnic was held. Many families gathered together for a nice evening of fellowship.

We were sorry to hear of the tragic death of Don Beckley. We will certainly miss him in our congregation and wish to express our deepest sympathy to his family.

### INDIANA, LA CROSSE

**Pearl Nuest - Lu Ann Feller**

How precious is the Book divine,  
By inspiration given!

Bright as a lamp its doctrines  
shine, To guide our souls to  
heaven.

It shows to man his wand'ring  
ways, And where his feet  
have trod;

And brings to view the matchless  
grace of a forgiving God.

Hymns of Zion, No. 12

How blest we are that we can  
gather together Sundays and dur-  
ing the mid-week to have the Word  
expounded to us through inspira-  
tion of our ministering brothers.  
We were happy to have Bro. Gene  
Lehman, Wolcott, with us Aug.  
24. Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner,  
Croghan, NY, and Robert Beyer,  
Naumbury, NY, were here Tues-  
day evening, Aug. 28.

In the cottage there is joy,  
Hate and envy ne'er annoy,

Roses blossom 'neath our feet,  
All the earth's a garden sweet,  
Making life a bliss complete,  
When there's love at home.  
Hymns of Zion, No. 64

May the Lord bless Bro. Bert  
and Sis. Marie Bucher as they cele-  
brated their 67th anniversary.

Sunday School, public school  
and college have convened again.  
May God watch over each one who  
attends.

We extend our sympathy to the  
family of Bro. John Heinold of  
Valparaiso. Bro. John spent many  
years in the LaCrosse church, and  
he will be missed by many who  
knew and loved him.

### INDIANA, LEO

**Mrs. Phil Schlatter  
Mrs. Al Frautschi**

This is the day which the Lord  
hath made; we will rejoice and be  
glad in it. Ps. 118:24.

Take therefore no thought for  
the morrow; for the morrow shall  
take thought for the things of it-  
self. Matt. 6:34.

Not yesterday's load we are called  
on to bear,

Nor the morrow's uncertain and  
shadowy care;

Why should we look forward or  
back with dismay?

Our needs as our mercies are but  
for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is  
His day;

He hath numbered its hours,  
though they haste or delay.

His grace is sufficient; we walk  
not alone;

As the day, so the strength that  
He giveth His own.

—Annie Johnson Flint

The following visiting ministers  
gave messages inspiring the listen-  
ers to a closer walk with Him:  
Bros. Jesse Beer, Milford, IN, Wal-  
lace Ramsier, Mansfield, OH, Ed-  
win Ringger, Gridley, IL, and Roy  
Wieland, Bay City, MI.

Holy Communion Services were  
held Sept. 13. It's good to remem-  
ber that faith and love shown not  
only at the Lord's table on Sun-  
day, but, also at the breakfast  
table on Monday morning.

Carla Bradtmueller was recent-  
ly baptized and welcomed into fel-  
lowship. God expects us, after  
we've been saved by grace, to put

our hands to the plow and work  
for the glory of God.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy  
Norr will be missed as they left  
for their winter place in Sarasota,  
FL, after spending the summer at  
home.

No ray of sunshine is ever lost,  
but the green which it wakens into  
existence needs time to sprout,  
and it is not always granted the  
sower to see the harvest. All work  
that is worth anything is done in  
faith.

Albert Schweitzer

### INDIANA, MILFORD Sandy Beer - Connie Beer

#### AWAY

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead. He is just away.  
With a cheery smile, and a wave  
of the hand,  
He has wandered into an unknown  
land.

And left us dreaming how very  
fair  
It needs must be since he lingers  
there.  
And you—O you, who the wildest  
yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad  
return—

Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of thre as the love of  
here;

Think of him still as the same,  
I say;  
He is not dead—he is just away!  
—James Whitcomb Riley

We were saddened by the death  
of our dear Bro. Ezra Beer, 84, but  
yet we have so many memories of  
the way he lived his life. Funeral  
services were held Aug. 29. Sur-  
viving are his wife, Sis. Luella;  
four sons, Brs. Howard, Maurice,  
Carlton and Jesse, all of Milford;  
three daughters, Sis. Viola Leman  
(Bro. Vernon) of Eureka, Sis.  
Kathryn Emch (Bro. Harold) of  
Girard, and Sis. Eunice Fiechter  
(Bro. Gerald) of Bluffton; 29  
grandchildren; 51 great grand-  
children; three brothers, Bro.  
Theo, Bro. Henry, and Peter; and  
two sisters, Sis. Hulda Graff (Bro.  
Oscar) and Sis. Salome Kipfer  
(Bluffton). Bro. Ezra was a man  
whom we all should strive to be

more like. He treasured his faith more than anything in this world and always had a good attitude towards life. He surely was one who was well known and loved by all. He was many things to many people: a husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend. We can truly say that he filled each one in a special way. "Grandpa Beer" will be missed by all, and we trust that the Lord will lighten the loss with many loving and precious memories of the years past. Our thoughts and prayers are with his dear wife, Sis. Luella, who this past month required more surgery and is still in the hospital.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Elmer Rassi, 72, whose funeral was Sept. 1. Those remaining are: one daughter; three grandchildren; two brothers; eight sisters, Sis. Lillian Levy and Sis. Ida Graff of Leo, Sis. Esther Schrock (Bro. Joe) and Sis. Irene Schrock (Bro. Curtis) of Roanoke, Sis. Helen Baumgartner (Bro. Arthur), and Sis. Betty Beer (Bro. Maurice), all of Milford.

The wedding engagement of Bro. Ronn Beer and Sis. Shari Kaehr was announced Aug. 10. Ronn's parents are Bro. Carlton and Sis. MaryAnn and Shari's are Bro. Chad and Sis. Dorothy (Bluffton). We wish them God's richest blessings.

Visitors who ministered to us this past month were Bros. Harold Emch (Girard) and Ben Manz (Junction). We surely benefited from their instruction and encouragement. We were privileged to witness the testimony and baptism of Sis. Karen Lehman (South Bend) here on Aug. 30. Bro. Wendell Gudeman preceded over the evening.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Ken Beer (Sis. Lynne) who was hospitalized for a week. He is now recovering at home. The Don and Sis. Ginny Hoover family also have our love and prayers. Don's father, Bob, was hospitalized for a time and now resides at the new nursing home here at Milford.

It sobers us when we realize we are responsible for each thought and action and that someday we will have to give an account of how we've spent our time here

on earth. A favorite Bible verse comes to mind:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

#### PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANA, LAFAYETTE

Verene Von Tobel

As the summer comes to a close, another year at Purdue begins. This summer we were thankful for Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, and Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington, who shared the Word with us. Bro. Edwin quoted some encouraging words which related to our ship of faith:

"A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." —Shedd

This thought lingers on as we face a new school year. We are also thankful for the blessings received at our first two services through Bro. Phil Stettner, Bluffton, and Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington. On Aug. 28, our annual getacquainted supper for new students, parents and officers was held before services. This year's officers were introduced, and about 16 new friends and brethren were welcomed to the Lafayette area. Our services are always encouraging to us, and we appreciate the efforts of visitors who have come to fellowship around the Word with us.

Here is our fellowship hour schedule for 1980-81:

Oct. 23, Champaign; Nov. 6, Cissna Park; Nov. 20, Wolcott; Dec. 4, Congerville; Dec. 11, Francesville; Jan. 15, Wolcott; Jan. 29, Indianapolis; Feb. 12, Remington; Feb. 26, LaCrosse; Mar. 5, Valparaiso; Mar. 19, Leo; Apr. 2, Milford; Apr. 16, Francesville; Apr. 30, Bluffton. Our services are held in Temple Israel, (East of Hilton Inn), 620 Cumberland Avenue, West Lafayette, IN. Time: 7:30 (Prevailing time on campus).

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

All efforts to destroy are vain—  
God's Holy Word will still remain;

So hammer on, ye hostile hands,  
Your hammer breaks . . . God's  
anvil stands.

Author Unknown

Remington was blessed with two visiting ministers, Bro. Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Andrew Virkler (Bay City, MI), as they journeyed homeward from the conference. We also received the Word of God from Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL) this month.

#### YEARNING FOR HOME

Come, come, sweet rest, which  
leads to God  
And brings us to our blessed  
Savior.

In that blest place,  
Where face to face,  
The ransomed host sings to God's  
praise and favor.

Zion's Harp, No. 147

We said farewell this month to two dear sisters whom we believe were yearning for their rest. Sis. Elsie Kilgus, 82, died on Aug. 21. She resided at Parkview Haven and had been in failing health for ten years. We extend our sympathy to those she left behind: her husband, Bro. Sam, and five daughters, Sis. Emily, Sis. Alta and Sis. Mary of Lafayette, and Sis. Ester Bahler and Sis. Edna Leman of Remington.

Sis. Eunice Knochel, 92, passed away on Aug. 30. She also resided at Parkview Haven. She was the mother of twelve children. Those surviving are Raymond, Vern, Allen, Luella, Maurice, Arthur, Dorothy, Marjorie, and Richard. Preceding her in death are her husband, Bro. Gustav, a daughter, Sis. Lucile, and a son, Glen.

God gave Sis. Eunice good health up until her last days. She also was gifted with a memory and was able to call many in the congregation by name. A brother visited her in the hospital during her last weeks, and during their short conversation, she whispered to him, "If only I can stay true 'til the end." This gives us encouragement to see the faith of a dear soul as she faced the shadows of death and also can serve as a warning to us that we must continually strive to stay true and not fall asleep during our watching.

### Some Time We'll Understand

Not now, but in the coming years  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our  
tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll  
understand.

These words were sung as we said farewell to a dear friend whom we all loved. Don Beckley was killed on Aug. 23 in an automobile accident. He was 22 years old and lived in Indianapolis. Our hearts go out to his parents, Elmer and Nancy of Remington, his brother, Jeff of Lafayette, and Bob and Susan at home. His grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Emma Beckley of Remington.

We are so thankful to have another young couple worship with us. Bro. John and Sis. Caroline and Christina Hejja have moved to Remington from the Ft. Lauderdale church.

Our hospital patient this month was Sis. Marg Pitman who had surgery. We want to remember Bro. Odell and Sis. Marg in our prayers.

### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND Gayle Bucher

"My Lord, an offering do I bring; My heart I give to Thee. I gladly give this heart of mine, Which Thou dost ask of me." The Covenant of Grace, Hymns of Zion. Our faith is renewed when we witness the testimony of a new child of God. On Aug. 30, Sis. Karen Lehman testified of her love and faith in Christ and experienced the fulfilling joy of baptism. We humbly thank the Milford congregation for their love and for the use of their sanctuary and baptismal. A beautiful evening of love and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

As Sis. Karen has made a new beginning in Christ, our congregation in South Bend is making a new beginning in establishing a temple of worship. Elder Bros. Loren Stoller and Wendell Gudeman joined us for our groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 30. As the weeks and months ahead transpire, we humbly ask for your prayerful support. We are so thankful for the love and concern of all our brethren and friends. "Concerning this house which thou art building, if

thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute mine judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them, then will I perform my word with thee, which I spoke unto David, thy father;" I Ki. 6:12.

On Sept. 13, our ministering Bro. Robert Beebe and his dear wife, Sis. Sue, joyfully welcomed their precious baby girl, DeAnn Marie. Michael, Matthew, Mark, and David are very anxious to pamper and love their new baby sister.

We sincerely thank Bros. David Bertsch and Walt Steffen for sharing God's Word with us this month. Our spiritual cup overflows as we share this common bond of love that we are so fortunate to have in our precious faith.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Mary Huber - Claudia Thomas

This month, we were blessed with two visiting ministers. We had Bro. Don Gudeman from La-Crosse and Bro. Elmer Hartter from Milford. We can truly say our cups are overflowing.

We also had the privilege of attending a singing on a Wednesday with the Sextet from Francesville. They helped us lift our voices to the Lord. May we always sing with joy to our Lord, day and night.

Very soon it will be election time in our country, and we must be very serious and vote for the person of our choice. Let us unite in prayer before this event so that we will be of one mind and one spirit. Let's pray for the present leaders and for our future leaders so that they may realize that our country was founded on God and that unless we repent we will continue to go astray. God has blessed America. Let us never forget who the real Forefather of our nation is, and let's do everything in His name.

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT Laurel and Kris Widmer Suzanne Lehman

"The Word will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." Psalm 29: 11. The Lord once again has richly blessed the lives of our converts, Denny and Connie Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Viola) and Mark Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene), with His wonderful peace.

We are thankful to see them growing in the Spirit and wish them many blessings.

God has led two lives to be united as one. The engagement of Bro. Tim Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene), Wolcott and Sis. Rachel Schambach (Sis. Elizabeth and the late Bro. John), Elgin, was announced on Sept. 7. We pray that God will bless them with the unity that comes when God is the head of the house and the unseen guest at every table.

Aug. 31, we were blest with ministering Bro. Bob Walder from the Congerville, IL, assembly, along with many other brethren from the area.

Bro. Sam Furrer wishes to express his sincere thanks for the many visitors and prayers offered in his behalf while in the hospital and since returning home.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

Judy Gehring - Kim Salek

Bro. Dan Stoller from the Rockville, CT, congregation spent a Wednesday evening with us and left us some very timely thoughts. He brought out the thought that in our faith today there is much that we must take without seeing, not like when Jesus was walking on this earth and people could see the miracles He did. We must also, in a sense, believe without seeing as our elders explain the conclusions from our conference. Perhaps there are things which we do not totally understand, but we should accept, in faith, the fact that these brothers are the Lord's anointed and are set before us to teach us these things and preserve the faith.

Bro. Corbin Bahler from the Rockville congregation spent a Sunday evening with us as he was returning from our annual conference. Again our cups were filled, and we had much for which to praise and thank our God.

Elder Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont) and Ed Lanz (Oakville) and ministering Bro. Al Aberle (Tremont) were with us on Aug. 31. We wish to thank all of these ministering and elder brothers and their wives for being spent on our behalf. God will surely bless them for their continued and untiring efforts. That Sunday, we also held some special elections in which extra duties were laid upon our ministering Bro. Harve Hein-

iger. We pray for Bro. Harve, and his wife, God's special nearness as he carries out his new duties, knowing that God can guide and direct all of us when we give ourselves to His will.

Sunday School teachers were elected, also. The new teachers are Bro. LaVerne Salek and Sis. Edith (Bro. Lloyd) Massner. Bros. Bill Obermann, Dennis Massner and Lloyd Massner will carry out the duties of song leader, and Sis. Charity (Bro. Ken) Scheitlin will serve on our women's committee. We wish these brothers and sisters much grace and guidance in carrying out their new duties. God's Word tells us that each member is an important part of the whole body, even though all may not be Sunday School teachers or hold other church offices. All of us have an equally important job, just being a member of this whole body of believers. All of us need each other to keep the body functioning properly. I have heard that if we would lose our big toe we would have trouble walking properly. Such a seemingly small part of our body governs a very important job. We, too, must be diligent to perform our "job," whatever it may be, in order to keep our church body functioning properly.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Ella (Bro. Paul) Wagler in the loss of her brother, recently. May the entire family feel His presence in their hour of need.

Sis. Bertha (Bro. Jesse) Eisenmann has been having some trouble with phlebitis and has not been able to assemble regularly with us. We pray for God's nearness to her and that He may comfort her so that she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

One of our visiting ministering brothers left a very comforting thought in a prayer sometime back. He prayed for those in special trials and temptations that they would be comforted by the thought that, if not before, finally God will wipe away all tears. So many times we get discouraged, and it seems as if there's no bright day coming. But what hope—God himself will wipe away all our tears someday when our journey here is ended. His hand alone can make an end to our sorrows.

### IOWA, ELGIN Eleanor Butikofer

After a hot, busy and happy summer, it's nice to behold the ripening ears of corn bursting through the husks, the gorgeous autumn sunsets, and the fall flowers flanking our roadsides.

I can't recall having ever seen more golden rods than we have alongside our lane. Those pretty yellow butterflies flitting here and there in profusion next to them make a very pretty picture.

Some of our summer birds, such as the swallow and robins, have already left for their winter quarters, but now some winter residents are beginning to edge up to where we feed them. The fact is, we see chickadees flying in to eat a few seeds we place in one of our feeders. I noted a cardinal and a woodpecker not too far away, too.

Sis. Marie Schneider's health has improved considerably since our last report. She has been able to attend church the last two Sundays. We are thankful to the Lord for blessing her treatment (medication).

We are looking forward to hearing, by way of tapes, the proceedings of the recent church conference. Our Wednesday evening church services will be devoted somewhat to listening to the tapes until all have been played.

Dan Lehman recently submitted to surgery at the University Hospital at Iowa City and is now feeling much better. He and his sister, Adeline, are moving to Elgin from their country home. He will, however, continue to care for his bees, a work which he has done for a considerable length of time with success.

Bro. David Weigand was our visiting minister, recently. We want to thank him most heartily and are hoping he will come again.

If any one would tell you the shortest, surest way to happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank God and praise Him for everything that happens to you. For it is written that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing.

The Eugene Moore's have a new baby girl. We extend congratulations to them. This is their third child. Jessica is the name of the

baby. Heather and Wesley are the names of the sister and brother.

We were very happy to have David Wiegand with us recently. He expounded the Word to us with interest and love. We hope he will again visit us.

Glory be to God in heaven,  
Praise to Christ our Saviour great;  
By the power of Thy spirit a new  
man Thou didst create.  
Angels see in joyous rapture  
God's own Word in deed fulfilled;  
And amid our glad embraces  
Is this child of God revealed.

Zion's Harp, No. 34

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Bonita Frank

We were reminded the past weekend, as we shared Holy Communion, of our dear Savior's giving of His life for us and the shedding of His precious blood. We greeted one another afterwards with renewed love and appreciation for each other as we remembered how much He had done for us. Personally, I also think each of us benefited from the "housecleaning" we did of ourselves and hope its effects will be lasting.

Sis. Deanne Bruellman and Bro. Roger Wuethrich were married Sunday, Sept. 14, and we wish them the Lord's blessings.

We will dearly miss Sis. Barb Virkler as she left University Hospitals to return home. We know the Lord will be with her, and we wish her the best.

Our visiting ministers this month have included Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner, Croghan, NY; Robert Beyer, Naumberg, NY; Paul Butikofer, Elgin, IA; Ed Lanz, Oakville, IA; and Leo Moser, Lester, IA; and ministering Bros. John Steiner and John Schmidgall, Oakville. We certainly appreciate the efforts these brethren put forth.

### IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

The summer months have flown by quickly, and we are enjoying the mellow autumn weather. The end of summer was marked on Labor Day weekend with a large group of single members from Fairbury, Forest, Eureka, and Tremont who were here to worship with us. Sunday School has again resumed after a summer break

with Bro. Don Metzger as superintendent.

We are thankful for Bro. Paul Gasser, Akron, who was with us for a mid-week service, sharing God's Word.

Recent graduates from various schools are Sis. Theresa Meyer, Sis. Jeanette Feucht, Sis. Donna Teubel and Dean Feucht. All are employed in this area, for which we are thankful.

On Sept. 12, a baby boy was born to Bro. Wesley and Sis. Esther Moser. Alex Wayne is their first child and also the first grandchild of Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Gus and Sis. Martha Feucht.

We welcome Sis. Christine Schmidgall who has moved here from Minneapolis to attend nursing school.

Our prayers are with Bro. Ade Moser who is again hospitalized. May God be ever near his side.

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Jerilyn Wagenbach

"Thy word, O Lord, forever is the mirror where we see our faults and duties as they are, our likeness unto Thee."

Zion's Harp, No. 142

Ministering Bros. Corbin Bahler and Danny Stoller, Rockeville, CT, were present recently to share God's Word with us. We trust that the Lord will always provide our ministers with an extra measure of grace, as they truly do have a greater burden.

This past month, our loved ones, Bro. George and Sis. Hazel Kuntz and Bro. John and Sis. Viola Perdelwitz, met with an unfortunate car accident as they were traveling through Minnesota. They wish to thank everyone who remembered them with cards, prayers, and visits during their recovery. We are thankful that the Lord spared them and are reminded of the necessity for each of us to be ready for the time we are taken from this life.

We wonder sometimes if we bring as much joy to our Heavenly Father as little children do to us. Four couples have been blessed with the birth of a precious baby. On Aug. 12, Kayla Marie was born to Bro. Kent and Sis. Denise Grimm. Her sisters, Kory and Kelli, welcome her, as do the grandparents, Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm, and Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Heitmeier, Mediapolis, IA.

Bro. Brian and Sis. Cindy Wiegand are the happy first-time parents of Natalie Marie, born Aug. 26. The grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lois Wiegand, and Lewis and Sis. Carol Albrecht, Francesville, IN.

Joe and Sis. Carol Bonneson and little Joey are pleased with the addition of Chris Ann to their family. Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada Massner, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bonneson, Ft. Dodge, IA, are the grandparents of this little girl who was born on Sept. 10.

On Sept. 11, Kara Jo Kuntz became the second child of Bro. Keith and Sis. Beverly Grimm. Erika is quite happy with her new baby sister. Sis. Ruth Kuntz and Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm are the grandparents.

#### IOWA, PULASKI Ginny Wuthrich Mary Wiegand

Another month has past, and again we have been blessed with visiting ministers. Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington, Bro. Jerry Kuntz of Oakville, Bro. Bert Butikofer of Elgin, and Elder Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor allowed themselves to be used as an instrument in God's hands by bringing us many teachings. We thank each one and pray that God will ever stand by their sides and bless them.

On August 28, we held our annual meeting. Bro. Eddie Lanz came to be with us, for which we were thankful. Bros. Roger Musselman and Richard Teubel, and Sisters Nancy Musselman and Wilma Teubel were elected as Sunday School teachers. Sis. Mary Wiegand was elected to help with the Silver Lining, and Bro. Harold Knapp will help on the trustee committee. May we all work together to do God's will in unison.

The Sunday School has been on vacation for the past couple of months. All were eager for classes to start on September 7 as we were able to use our new Sunday School rooms for the first time. We have added on, thus making five rooms. We are all thankful for this as we had to use the coat room and furnace room for classes in the past. May we remember our Heavenly Father for blessing us so richly.

On Sept. 14, many from our

congregation traveled to the West Bend church to witness the marriage of Bro. Roger Wuthrich to Sis. DeAnn Bruellman. We wish them many blessings and welcome Sis. DeAnn to our congregation.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

We were pleased to have the following ministers visit us this past month: Bro. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin, IL), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata), Bro. Paul Fehr (Morris), Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar), Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski), and Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington). We appreciate having brothers who still are willing to feed us with the pure, true Word of God.

Sept. 6 was the wedding day of Kaye Banwart (Sis. Phyllis and Bro. Alvin) and Steve Meyer (Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli) of Sabetha, KS. May God bless them as they establish a home together.

Sept. 14, Sis. DeAnn Bruellman (Sis. Adele and Bro. Harley) and Bro. Roger Wuthrich (Sis. Karoline and Bro. Russell) of Pulaski were united in the bond of holy matrimony. May God continue to walk with them, and may they ever lean on Him for guidance.

On Aug. 31, Dean Allen and Irene Banwart became parents of a son whom they named Allen Dean. We know they and the grandparents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Banwart, and Sis. Emma Meyer of Lester, will enjoy this precious bundle from heaven.

We have three couples who have announced their engagements—Karen Grimm (Bro. Clifford and Sis. Rosene) to Ken Schirm of Des Moines, Randy Grimm (Arlo and Marilyn) to Janet Kirsch of Bode, and Dennis Banwart (Art and Madeline) to Casey Doarendos. We wish them God's blessings as they make their plans.

This is the time of year when we find our young people making changes. Students have gone back to school, including our graduates who are attending higher schools of learning. Among them are Jeff Banwart at Waverly, Marla Bruellman at LeMars, Dale Fehr at Iowa City, Jon Lee Schmidt at Ft. Dodge, Todd Knobloch at Ames, and Keith Grimm and Leslie Fehr at Emmetsburg. Joleen Schmidt has found employment in Sabetha,



KS.

Bro. George Bruellman was hospitalized for knee surgery this month. Other hospital patients were Luke Wirtz, Agnes Anliker, and Ben Skoglund.

In memory of Ellen Schmidt who died on Oct. 10, 1979, the following was submitted by her mother, Sis. Betty, her sisters and brothers:

Memories are like the fragrance  
When the rose itself is gone;  
Memories live on in words and  
thoughts,

Treasures that linger on and on;  
We've never lost the one we loved,  
For even though she's gone above,  
Pleasant memories of all the  
happiness we knew

Will always remain in our hearts,  
fond and true.

Author Unknown

### JAPAN, SHIODA

Kathy Klotzle

This morning began extremely warm with a partly cloudy sky. Soon the earth was bathed with rain and sunshine at the same time. As the day progressed, the weather was quickly changeable—windy, rainy, cloudy, sunny, sometimes a combination of all four. At times there would be a calm, and then again the storm. The direction of the wind and rain would change suddenly without notice.

I'm experiencing my first typhoon, and it's like seeing life in a day. Such a combination of different experiences, storms and calms. Shelter is important, an umbrella or a roof, not knowing how or when the weather will change. As in life, we must stay close to the Lord, our shelter in the time of storm. Today the end of this changeable storm is not in sight, although I'm told that once it's over, a glorious beauty awaits.

We are thankful that the Lord has fulfilled His promise of preserving our going out and our coming in; Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and their family and Bro. and Sis. Uchida have returned to us safely from America. It often takes absence to make us fully realize and appreciate all that someone does. May the Lord bless the Ehnle's for their service and many labors of love.

Before leaving America, I was encouraged and touched by the

promised prayers of many brethren on my behalf. We can feel the strength and are thankful for them. It humbled me, though, as I ashamedly realized that in the past I hadn't encouraged many of my brethren in the same way. We all need the prayers of those we love, whether we're going to another country for two years or staying in America to live our daily lives. The trials of daily life in a familiar setting may be greater than those in a foreign land, especially when we're supported so much in prayer. May we strive to pray for our brethren always, in all walks of life.

The Lord has blessed me in bringing me here to teach precious souls in our kindergarten. Today in the rush of trying to get too much done in too little time, I had to stop and watch as dear little Maki-chan drew an expression from her heart. She was free to draw anything she chose on a birthday card, and as I watched there appeared a manger and a star, with its light shining through a window onto Baby Jesus. What joy that these teachings are alive in her heart!

### JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

As I wrote in the last issue, we had an unusually cool summer, and now September is very warm. Even though my Sunday School children are not coming in good numbers, we hope they will start coming again when vacations and holidays are over as their parents often take them on Sunday for visiting relatives or just pleasure.

Quite a few of us climbed Mt. Fuji this summer. It was enjoyable but takes lots of time. Our faith is often the same as climbing a mountain. We have to have patience, unchangeable zeal. Often we want to give up when we see how far the top is, but if we just keep on trying a little at a time we will finally reach our goal.

Several of us enjoyed a short visit with Charles Albritton of Elgin, IL. He is a pilot for a cargo line and had a stop at a local armed forces base here in Tokyo. His wife is Sis. Marsha (Koehl) Albritton, and they and their two children attend our Elgin church. We appreciated his telephone call as we do anyone who is traveling through.

Soon our Lord Jesus Christ will

come back again after preparing mansions for us, and we must be prepared at any time.

### KANSAS, BERN

Esther Moser - Stella Moser

Our wee joy-bundle this month is Sally Elizabeth Grimm, born Aug. 21 to Gordon and Sherry. Four-year-old Michael is pleased with his baby sister. Bro. Harvey and Sis. Marie are Sally's grandparents.

After a short recess, Sunday School is again in session. Bro. Darrel Stoller is a new teacher, teaching with Bros. Stephen Harter, (Superintendent), Dean Strahm, and John Baumgartner, and Sisters Helen Meyer, Peggy Baumgartner, and Claudia Strahm (new). May the Lord grant all Sunday School teachers much grace and patience as they plant the good seed into tender young hearts.

Bro. Alvin Strahm was re-elected to the board of trustees for the Apostolic Christian Home. He serves along with Bro. Roy Rokey.

The weekend of Aug. 30-31, Bern was host to quite a group of young brothers and sisters from various churches. It was a most enjoyable time of fellowship and blessing.

Our guest ministers recently have been Bros. Roger Aberle (Sabetha), Wayne Miller (Fort Scott) and Al Langhofer (Wichita). May the Lord bless them for their labors.

We welcome James and Diane (Broquard) Kaeb into our fellowship. They were recently married at Fairbury by Diane's grandfather, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont). They are at home in Sabetha where Jim has employment.

Sisters Emma and Lydia Hanni are new residents at the Home. May they find contentment here in their sunset years. After calling the same place home for 80 years, it is not simple to move to a new location. I Tim. 6:6 reads, "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Teresa Bahr

God called our 80 year old Bro. Fred Gottfried Sinn home on Aug. 28. Funeral services and burial were held in Ft. Scott on Aug. 30 with Bro. Wayne Miller and Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart officiating. Bro. Fred was married to Sis.

Elsie S. Eberle who preceded him in death on Apr. 30, 1979. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends, which include four sons and one daughter: Lester, Bro. Wayne (of Ft. Scott), James, Dean, and Mrs. Eileen Wirths of Wichita.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

**Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr**

What are your feelings? Do you feel like a Christian? The Bible talks about feelings in Rom. 14:17: "For the kingdom of God is . . . peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit gives peace and joy to believers in Christ. You have peace and joy because, after conversion, you now belong to the Lord.

But don't let "feelings" alone trick you into convincing yourself that you have lost your Christian hope. No one is happy all the time. When the good feelings are gone, you can have the quiet assurance that you still belong to the Lord: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38, 39.

God's promise is this: "My sheep know my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:27, 28.

Our sincere thanks go to visiting minister Bro. Wayne Anliker, Forrest, IL. A message of love and concern was expressed as Bro. Wayne lent himself to travel here and speak with the Youth Fellowship group which was hosted at Gridley.

#### KANSAS—MISSOURI

**KANSAS CITY**

**Paula Bahr**

We are very happy and thankful that the Lord has restored health to our dear Bro. Joe Farney. He was critically ill following surgery in early August.

We give special thanks to each of the ministering brothers who held services with us here this summer.

Sis. Libby Meyer, Sabetha, and Kent Miller, Ft. Scott, have moved

to our area, Libby to teach school and Kent to attend college. We are glad they are here with us and extend them a warm welcome.

We have a new baby at our church. Caroline Geran, her husband and four sons welcome Joel Terry into their home. The proud grandparents are Ed and Louise (Meyer) Wreath, also of our congregation.

Thinking of his small daughter at home, a father bought a hand mirror with a picture of Jesus on the back. When he returned he gave the mirror to her. She looked into the mirror and then at Jesus, then back into the mirror, then at Jesus, then the mirror, then Jesus. She looked up and said, "Daddy, me can't see Jesus when me looks at myself."

#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Ramona Meyer**

" . . . where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt 18:20.

This fall, we are fortunate to have eleven students in our group. Truly, what a blessing this is to have ones of like-mind and faith near as we continue our education away from our respective homes. New with us is Bruce Wullschleger, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Augusta, Wichita. We certainly are thankful for his presence and pray God will lead, guide, and direct him as he begins this new step in life.

The annual fall picnic was held Aug. 28. May God bless each one for his efforts in helping our group begin the new school year. Wednesday evening service was held Sept. 10 with Sabetha in charge. Ministering the Word to us were Bros. Sam Huber and Carl Hartman.

Church services are held every other Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M. on campus. Everyone is welcome!

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

**Janice Bahr**

Grandparents Day! How appropriate. If it weren't for our grandparents, who instilled the knowledge of God into our parents as they were growing up, where would our generation be? I'm so thankful for my wonderful Christian parents and for the fact that

through their teachings I know and love the Lord. Therefore, to my grandparents, who've been a very special part of my life, I want to say, "Thank you, Grandpa and Grandma. God bless you for all you are to me, and for loving your children and grandchildren so much that you gave them your best—the Lord Jesus Christ."

We enjoyed two blessed occasions this month when ministering Bro. Glen Funk, Wichita, shared the Word with us and when our appointed time came to share services with the aged at the Kiowa Manor. How cherished are the moments we spend in the Lord's work with those of like mind.

Sis. Emma Diel has returned to the Kiowa Manor to reside again, and I'm sure they are happy to have her back. She's a happy shining light to all she meets, and that's infectious. We visit her to cheer her and come away cheered.

#### KANSAS, LAMONT

**Mary Isch**

"He answered nothing." (Mark 15:3)

"There is no spectacle in all the Bible so sublime as the silent Saviour answering not a word to the men who were maligning Him, and whom He could have laid prostrate at His feet by one look of divine power, or one word of fiery rebuke. But He let them say and do their worst, and He stood in the power of stillness—God's holy silent Lamb. There is stillness that lets God work for us and holds our peace; the stillness that ceases our contriving and our self-vindication, and its exponents of wisdom and forethought, and lets God provide and answer the cruel blow, in His unfailing, faithful love.

How often we lose God's interposition by taking up our own cause, and striking for our defense. God gives to us this silent power, this conquered spirit! And after the heat and strife of earth are over, men will remember us as we remember the morning dew, the gentle light and sunshine, the heavenly breeze, the Lamb of Calvary, and the gentle, holy heavenly Dove."

A. B. Simpson

The day when Jesus stood alone  
And felt the hearts of men like

stone,  
 And knew He came but to atone—  
 That day "He held His peace."  
 They witnessed falsely to His  
 word,  
 They bound Him with a cruel cord,  
 And mockingly proclaimed Him  
 Lord;  
 "But Jesus held His peace."

They spat upon Him in the face.  
 They dragged Him on from place  
 to place,  
 They heaped upon Him all disgrace,  
 "But Jesus held His peace."

My friend, have you for far much  
 less,  
 With rage, which you called right-  
 eousness,  
 Resented slights with great dis-  
 tress?  
 Your Saviour "held His peace."

Author Unknown

We enjoyed having Bro. Max  
 Reimschisel, Wichita, visit and  
 minister to us this month. May the  
 Lord bless him.

We wish to welcome Bro. Kevin  
 Kilgus into our congregation. Bro.  
 Kevin is from Elgin, IL. He is mak-  
 ing his home with Bro. Max and  
 Sis. Cathy Burnham.

### KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

Brent and Lisa Meyer are the  
 parents of a son, born Aug. 25. He  
 has been named Jerad Joseph and  
 is welcomed home by his brother,  
 Jeremy. The grandparents are  
 Clem and Marge Edelman, and  
 Bro. Velmer and Sis. Vila Meyer.

We had a blessed weekend when  
 the Princeville choir and others  
 came for the weekend. They arriv-  
 ed in two buses. A singing was  
 held Saturday evening at the Fel-  
 lowship Hall. Accompanying them  
 were Bro. Art Baurer and his wife.  
 Bro. Art and Bro. Al Langhofer,  
 Wichita, shared in bringing us the  
 Word on Sunday. After a potluck  
 Sunday afternoon, they again  
 boarded their buses for the home-  
 ward journey. We thank the Lord  
 for seeing them safely to their  
 homes.

Hospitalized this month were  
 Sis. Fanny Bahr, Bro. Nathan  
 Grimm and Bro. Phil Metzger.

### KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

Many of this generation are  
 seeking the answers to their prob-

lems among their own contempo-  
 raries who profess to have the an-  
 swers. Perhaps oft times the an-  
 swers could be found easily by look-  
 ing in the right places: among the  
 "hoary heads." In Proverbs 20:29,  
 we read that the glory of the young  
 men is their strength, and the  
 beauty of the old men is the gray  
 head. I take this to mean those who  
 have withstood the difficulties of  
 life and now are in a position to un-  
 derstand it. As the young men need  
 the wisdom of the aged, so do the  
 elderly need the strength of the  
 youth. God has a plan and purpose  
 in the whole pattern of life.

King David expressed his fears  
 in the 71st Psalm in regard to  
 growing old. He envisioned his en-  
 emies waiting for him to die and  
 figured there was no one who cared  
 or would try to deliver him. Then  
 God gave David a new thought. In  
 verse 16 he said, "I will go in the  
 strength of the Lord God; I will  
 make mention of thy righteous-  
 ness, even of thine only. O, God  
 forsake me not, until I have shown  
 thy strength unto this generation  
 and thy power to everyone that is  
 to come." No doubt many of our  
 aged have the same thought, that  
 life is really against them and they  
 might as well give up and die.  
 Then God gives them a new  
 thought. They should rise up in  
 spirit and go forth in the name of  
 the Lord.

In our association with Sis. Ly-  
 dia Bahr, who is now residing in  
 the Stafford Care Home in Wichita,  
 we have to think that certainly she  
 has experienced these feelings, also,  
 but has found a way through her  
 Christian faith to finish her course  
 by witnessing to the goodness of  
 the Lord. Sis. Lydia does not have  
 an easy life. She is almost blind,  
 only able to see vague forms. She  
 is confined mostly to a wheelchair  
 and to her bed. She realizes at  
 times that those who care for her  
 have unpleasant tasks to perform,  
 but she has found a way to express  
 her gratefulness to them and make  
 their tasks easier. She has the gift  
 of a grateful heart. The two lines  
 of poetry she recites almost daily  
 are a tribute to those who care for  
 her. She credits Florence Nightin-  
 gale for these two lines of poetry.  
 "Beautiful hands are they that  
 do, Deeds that are kind, loving and  
 true. Sis. Ann Greiner, her daugh-  
 ter, says she heard these lines even

in her youth. How many of us  
 could resist such a loving attitude?

Sis. Lydia was born in 1891  
 which seems a long time ago. She  
 was married to Bro. Sam Bahr who  
 has been deceased for a number  
 of years. They reared a big family  
 during the depression years, and  
 times were not easy for Sis. Lydia.  
 Her daughter, Sis. Emma Miller,  
 said she regarded the comforts of  
 her family above her own. She had  
 less than eight years of formal edu-  
 cation, but God blessed her with  
 the love to read, and thus her edu-  
 cation actually never ceased. She  
 learned much poetry in school and  
 not only still recites it fluently but  
 also has written some herself. Hen-  
 ry Wadsworth Longfellow is a fa-  
 vorite of hers. She kept her mind  
 sharp by working cross word puz-  
 zles which to many of us will al-  
 ways remain just a puzzle. Her  
 life was rich because she sought  
 knowledge and with it got under-  
 standing. Her life was successful  
 and rewarding because she was  
 able to surmount the difficulties of  
 life and probably could resolve  
 many of them for us today. In her  
 old age, she reflects the attitude of  
 David to show forth the strength  
 of the Lord to this generation  
 and God's power to everyone that  
 is to come.

Sis. Lydia expresses little con-  
 cern about death. She oft times  
 quotes the following closing verse  
 in the famous poem, "Thanatopsis"  
 by William Cullen Bryant.

So live that when thy summons  
 comes to join  
 The enumerable caravan, which  
 moves  
 To that mysterious realm, where  
 each shall take  
 His chamber in the silent halls of  
 death,  
 Thou go not like the quarry-slave  
 at night,  
 Scourged to his dungeon, but, sus-  
 tained and soothed  
 By an unflinching trust, approach  
 thy grave,  
 Like one who wraps the drapery of  
 his couch  
 About him, and lies down to  
 pleasant dreams.

As we see the elderly gradually  
 fade away from our midst, so also  
 we rejoice in the birth of the new.  
 A son, Spencer Lane Holland, was  
 added to the family of Ron and Car-  
 la Holland. They have a two-year-

old son, Kyle, also. These two young grandsons add much sparkle to the lives of Bro. Charlie and Sis. Gail Grimm from our congregation. They all reside at Rose Hill, KS.

Visitors for the month included ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley and his wife, Linda (Phoenix, AZ), Bro. Aldo Yackley, his wife, Sis. Joyce and their two young daughters (Phoenix), and Elder Brother Samuel Anliker and his wife, Sis. Clara (Lamont, KS). Earl Sanders and Sis. Emma (Phoenix) and Bro. Merle and Sis. Doty Weyeneth from the Champaign, IL, assembly also visited us.

It is always a concern when a son or daughter routs himself out of the comforts of home to pursue a job or higher education, but it is always easier when they declare to go forth in the name of the Lord. Bruce Wullschleger is the twelfth child of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Gussie Wullschleger to make the break, and Mom confesses it gets harder each time. But his parents are rejoicing in that Bruce expressed his desire to place his life and future in the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will be attending school at Manhattan, KS, where he will have the support of young brothers in the faith with whom he also will make his home. He will have the support and prayers of those of us who have always known him as "Boot" who fondly entrenched himself in our hearts.

### MICHIGAN, ALTO Penny Erismann

There are friendships that we cherish  
In our daily walk of life;  
Friends with whom we meet and labor  
In our earthly toil and strife,  
Friends among the aged and youthful,  
Friends that live from us apart,  
Friends of higher rank and station  
Find a place within my heart.

Bro. Henry Beer

Brethren and friends from the congregations of Remington, Junction and Milford attended our annual hog roast. We give our thanks to Bro. Ken Schneider, Remington, and Bro. Ben Manz, Junction, for their services.

### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Bragiel - Linda Ramseyer

Our congregation rejoiced together on the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7 as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of three dear souls. Added to our congregation were Sis. Kim Andrzejewski (Norm and Sis. Linda), Sis. Kathy Waibel (Bro. Paul and Sis. Esther), and Sis. Maureen Weiss (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marian Knochel). We were glad to have Elder Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty, Bro. Art Gudeman from LaCrosse, and Bro. Floyd Wieland from Detroit with us for the weekend to minister God's Word to us.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on Aug. 23, and a wonderful day was enjoyed by all. A singing followed in the evening to praise our Lord after a blessed day spent with the Sunday School students.

Our hospital patient this past month was Bro. George Waibel. We are glad to hear that he has returned home and is able to worship with us once again.

Many hearts have been saddened and left lonely at the loss of a young wife and mother in our Bay City congregation. Sis. Gloria Schafer, 32, passed away after having leukemia for the past couple of years. Gloria started a life with Christ some months ago. Gratefully, two weeks before her death, she was able to be baptized, though yet in her hospital bed. Not only will she be missed by her husband, Bob, two sons, Troy and Todd, her mother, Sis. Doris Knochel, many brothers and sisters, but all who enjoyed one more soul, one more light, that God let shine down from His glory in heaven. We hope in some way, as the following expresses, her husband and sons also can say, "Yes, it was worth the price."

### THE LETTER

D. Haase

The letter lay, fragile and stained, on top of the pile. It was hard going through my mother's things. Missing her was still so new.

"Dear One," it began, "It hurts so terribly, doesn't it? Accept the pain if you can. Say 'Yes, because I have loved and now lost, I must cry for awhile. I must hold this ache of loneliness within myself and say, this is the price I pay for

having loved. I will accept this price and pay it in gratitude for the love I was blessed to know, for I would not have wanted to be without the love. I will pay this price, God, and I thank You for the wonderful years we shared.' I think He must have cried on the day that His Son hung dead on the cross, don't you think so? Don't you think that because He, too, is familiar with tears, dear friend, He is especially close to you right now?"

I folded the letter and slipped it back into the envelope, grateful for this healing message from the past.

"Thank you for the wonderful years, Mom," I whispered. "Of all the women in the world, I'm so lucky you were the one God gave me. Yes, it was worth the price."

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Nella Varga

We would like to welcome Sis. Charlotte Barton home after spending a considerable amount of time in the Illinois area. We are happy that she is back.

So often we go on our daily walk of life thinking and concerning ourselves with our earthly endeavors. We become self-centered and forget about those around us. Easily, we can forget that there is someone who is constantly watching us in all our speech and actions. That's why we are beautifully reminded in Colossians 4:5, 6: "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Therefore, we have to take the time out to pray for grace, learn how to talk and walk in the Spirit, so that we can be a light to those who are still without.

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Virkler

We received many spiritual teachings from our visiting ministers. Those among us this month were Bro. Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA), Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop), Bro. Clarence Yackley (Phoenix), and Bros. Alpha Moser and Art Nohl (Morris). We thank these brothers for their visits and for lending themselves as God's servants.

Our Sunday School was resumed

in September after a month of vacation. Bro. Jim Tilbury has been elected to serve as Sunday School Superintendent.

We miss Sis. Christine Schmidgall as she is attending nursing school in Sioux Falls, S.D. May the Lord be ever near her as she furthers her education.

Sis. Laura Miller spent some time in the hospital, recently. God has granted her a return to good health.

A farewell hymn was sung for Sis. Martha Blessman. She will be leaving for her home in Tucson. We pray for God's protection and blessings upon her until we meet again.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS Jan Schock - Pam Sutter

Once I asked a parachutist, "How did you feel when you jumped from an airplane with a parachute on your back for the first time?"

He answered, "There was only one thought: 'It works, it works!'"

What does it mean to go through life with Jesus? I can answer from experience, "It works, it works!"

. . . in all these things we win an overwhelming victory through Him Who has proved His love for us.

Rom. 8:37

Lord, what a joy that we may tell other people that it works.

#### EACH NEW DAY (Corrie ten Boom)

Emily Jean is the new daughter of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Sharon Koehl.

We thank our visiting ministers, Bros. Earl Kilgus and Edwin Bahler, Remington, IN.

Our prayers were with Sis. Denise Gramm (Bro. Greg) as she had surgery, recently. Little Justin is glad to have "Mommie" home again.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Messner - Mary Lou Schmidt  
"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any sick among you? And the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5.

We have many hospital notes this month. Our Elder Bro. Harold Messner was hospitalized and also underwent tests in Rochester. Sis. Rosie Howk (Roy) and Sis.

Candy Pederson (Gerald) underwent surgery. All are on the road to good recovery.

Bro. Harold Messner and Sis. Rosie Howk wish to convey their thanks to all those who remembered them.

A day, a week, or a month is a long time to lay in a hospital. But it surely would seem a lot longer if God would not be with us or if we didn't have any family or rela-

tives to pray for us and remember us while we were there. Bro. Raymond and Sis. Bernadine Messner wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, phone calls and visits while they were in the hospital.

Amber Marie is the name chosen for Dennis and Sue Schmidt's precious baby daughter. Amber's grandparents are Bro. Darrel and Sis. Darlene Schmidt.

## A WALKING STICK

Bro. Gerald Messner, Winthrop

Isn't it wonderful how God always reminds His children of their high and heavenly calling? It seems, if we look around us and pay attention to that still small voice, that we can have a sermon preached to us wherever we may be.

Several years ago, Bro. Ken Messner and I took our families on a camping trip to southern Minnesota. The area where we were was truly beautiful. We camped at Whitewater State Park, and being hikers, sought out a trail to do just that.

As I reminisce about the hike through the woods and over the hills, I am amazed how it parallels a Christian's walk of life.

Bro. Ken and I took the four children to the beginning of the trail. The first thing we did was pick up walking sticks. The stick represented taking the Bible and using prayer as an ever-present help to overcome the hurdles we would face along the pathway.

The path was narrow, and we had to walk single file most of the way. Occasionally, due to the rain the day before, the path became slippery, and we had to lean quite hard on our walking sticks. (But isn't that really the way it is? Don't we sometimes have to rely heavily on God's Word and pray - er?)

We came across some crevices in the rock, and the children wanted to crawl into them or put their hands into them. Bro. Ken and I warned them of possible danger, such as a rattlesnake. (Don't we have to be warned and admonished occasionally of impending danger which Satan puts before us?)

There were several places where the trees had been cleaned along

the side of the trail. We were high enough to look over the valley below. How beautiful! Everything was lush and green from the rain, and the sunshine glistened off of the trees. Breathtaking! (God does that for us. Sometimes we feel down and alone, and He shows us a glimpse or gives us a foretaste of what He has in store for us if we remain faithful.)

We continued our journey and came to a point where we had to go down several feet. It was steep and slippery. My daughter said, "Dad, I can't make it." I said, "Sure you can. Take my hand and I'll help you." Again I had to lean heavily on my walking stick, but we made it without falling. (I can't count the times a dear brother or sister in faith reached out their hand to help me over a rough spot through prayer, an encouraging word, love, a smile, or a touch. I thank my God for each one of them, because alone I cannot make it.)

At the end of the trail, we walked out into the sunlight, into a beautiful green field with a small stream running through it. It was warm, we were tired but glad we made it.

Then, and only then, we laid down our walking sticks.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

Vera Luthi - Elaine Braker

Many visiting brethren assembled with us on Sept. 14 as we gathered to dedicate our new house of worship to God and His service. It was a blessed day, and our cups were overflowing when we departed that evening. We thank Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman, Paul Butikofer, Sam Anliker, and Raymond Banwart, and ministering Bros.

Henry Dotterer, Ed Alt, Alphia Strahm, Earl Banwart, Charles Sinn, and Wayne Miller for coming and for serving us. May the messages we heard linger long in our hearts and bring forth fruit, abundantly.

Bro. Perry reminded us during the dedication service that joy would be mingled with sorrow in our church, but little did we realize how quickly that would come to pass. That very night, in the early morning hours of a new day, our dear Bro. Fred Braker was called home suddenly to be with the Lord. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Cecile; their children, Wayne, Edd, Jay, Mrs. Marilyn Rose, and Mrs. Pam Greene; and the ten grandchildren. He also leaves five brothers and three sisters: Bro. Lester, Bro. Ben, Bro. Raymond, Oscar, and Bro. Leonard, and Sisters Edna Somerhalder, Berniece Frieden and Alice Marti. May God's love and peace fill the void in the hearts of this family.

#### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

**Loida Hodel - Stephanie Gerber**

"Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty, if only we have eyes to see them."

J. Ruskin

Many attended the annual fall conference from our area. May the entire elder body of our precious faith have the full support of their congregations, and may we show our appreciation by being obedient to the conclusions reached after many hours of deliberation. "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." Acts 6:3.

On Spet. 23, we were privileged to spend a memorable evening when John Denler, nephew of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Phylis Knapp, shared his experience as to his conversion and gave a testimony that was inspiring and encouraging to all. On Sunday, John became our brother in faith. We sincerely welcome him into the body of believers and feel he will, with God's grace and help, be a true example of a Christian to all with whom he comes in contact.

Visiting ministers and their families this month were: Bros. Tim

Zimmerman and Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, KS, Bill Emsch, Lamont, KS, Frederick Knapp and Vernon Wettstein, Congerville, IL, and Leland Plattner, Zapata, TX. We thank all of them for coming and appreciate their services in His name.

Bro. Wm. Cottrell was a hospital (medical) patient. We are glad that he is home again and is improving.

The fall meeting to elect new Sunday School teachers was held Sept. 3. Bros. Erec Knochel and Steve Kiefaber replaced Bros. Marvin Wiegand and Mike Stratton. Sisters Nancy Knapp, Charlene Sutter and Sally Haerr replaced Sis. Eleanor Yackley. Emma D. Hoerr and Trudie Yackley. Each fall, classes change as well as some teachers, and we are grateful for all who take part in this work of love. We realize that it is no small duty. May the children appreciate this and show their respect, consideration and obedience.

A smile is a universal language. This was experienced on Sunday, Sept. 7, when we had the pleasure of meeting Sis. Clara Yackley's relatives, Otto and Ruth Berchtold, daughter Ruth and their friend Annelisa Lusher from Switzerland. Even though many of us could not converse with these dear ones, we could certainly appreciate their presence by the friendly smile and hearty handshake—which makes the language barrier a small thing.

Time cannot touch two hearts that truly love. On Sept. 12, Brenda Huber (Vernon and Judy) and Dave Winget were united in marriage at our Fellowship Hall by Elder Bro. Roy Grimm. May God bless this young couple as they begin their married life.

Bro. Edward and Sis. Trudie Yackley are happy, first-time parents of a baby girl, Nicole Jean, born Sept. 18. Her grandparents are Bro. Mike and Sis. LuAnn Knapp and Sis. Clara and the late Perry Yackley. May God grant His love and wisdom to "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

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

We were greatly pleased to en-

joy a visit at Union City from Bro. Roy Wieland of Bay City, MI. We are always thankful for the Word of God brought to us from our faithful ministers. With the help of the Lord, may their efforts be fruitful.

We were richly blessed in Philadelphia when four brothers and two friends from Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois came during the last week of August to finish the masonry work on our new church building. We know that God will reward them, where we could not, for the many long hours of skilled labor freely given.

#### NEW YORK, CROGHAN

**Alice G. Virkler**

We assembled with the Naumburg congregation on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 7, when Bro. Noah Herman and his wife from Tucson, AZ, were with us. We want to thank them for their visit and for Bro. Noah's ministering to us.

At this writing, our hospital patient is Pernal Virkler (Bro. Howard) who is in traction for a back problem. Bro. Ted Virkler, Sr., was a medical patient for a few days at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Sis. Pam Hirzig has been undergoing a series of treatments in Syracuse as an out-patient and has not been able to assemble with us much this summer. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

We are glad to write that Sis. Barb Virkler was able to return home from Iowa City where she had been a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital since June 23. She underwent major surgery on Aug. 22. We are happy and thankful to say that it seems a measure of health was restored to her and that our many prayers have been answered. Sis. Barb and her family would like to express their appreciation to all who remembered her with cards, gifts, and visits while hospitalized and especially for the many prayers offered in her behalf during the past three months.

#### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

**Rachel Snyder**

It was uplifting to hear the messages given by Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson. He was with us on the Sunday of Sept. 7. We enjoyed our annual church picnic at Wet

Stone Gulf right after afternoon services.

Our sympathy goes out to Gertrude Herzig in the passing away of her brother. His home was in Rockville, CT.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Num. 6:24-26.

### OHIO, AKRON

Carolyn Miller

Our visiting ministrs on Aug. 31 were Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman and Bro. Earl Gerber from Forrest, IL, and Bro. Noah Herman frn Tucson, AZ.

Sis. Anna VonGunten was hospitalized this past month, and we are happy to report that she is doing better and is again assembling with us. Sis. Bonnie Bako has again required surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A second son, Benjamin Paul, was born to Bro. Gregg and Sis. Sarah Heneco on July 22. All of us, as parents, are thankful that we can turn to the Lord for His guidance in bringing up our children.

### OHIO, GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

Girard had a red letter day, recently. Harold and I were in Milford following my Dad's funeral, ( Bro. Ezra Beer), so Bro. Gary Maibach planned to be here for morning services. By the time it was time for church to start, Bro. Pete Baltic from Mansfield and Bro. Mark Bahr from Detroit were there, too. Quite a group of their relatives were with them. Some brought lunch supplies, so with the cooperation of all, lunch was prepared and enjoyed by about 60 people. Needless to say, afternoon services were also enjoyed. Our folk will long remember the day. I'm sorry that we missed it.

We enjoyed having Bro. John Klotzle with us the Sunday after the conference. For John, it was a homecoming since he spent his childhood in the Girard area. His father, the late Joseph Klotzle, served this congregation for a number of years before moving to California.

Our special thanks go to Bro.

Paul Gasser for serving one Sunday in our absence.

### OHIO, JUNCTION

Lester Manz

Summer is over, and the children are already back in school. For many, vacations are also over. We have appreciated those whose travels and vacations have included worshipping with us in Junction. Among our visitors this past month were ministering Bros. Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis, Walter Hermann from Princeville, and Kenneth Dietz from Bradford.

"A CHILD'S FAITH"—A brother recently told how he remembered his mother hanging up the phone when he was still a child. Then, she would tell the children the sad news that someone had died. He told how one of the children would usually ask if the dead person was a member (meaning a member of the Apostolic Christian Church). How relieved the children would be on those occasions when their mother said yes. These little ones were reared knowing that Christ had died for their sins. Thy had been taught that if one wanted to reach heaven, repentance, conversion, and baptism were necessary steps. Having given one's life to Christ, they knew that He would help them to heaven if they were faithful in doing their part. Finally, they knew that these were the principals of faith of their parents, and they had faith to believe that if the departed soul had done his part, a home awaited him in heaven.

### OHIO, LATTY

Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn

On Aug. 17, the engagement of Sis. Connie Schlatter (Bro. Dick and Sis. Viola) and Bro. Dennis Gordon was made known. We pray that God will guide them in their planning.

Our loved ones in the hospital recently were Mike Stoller, Sis. Laura Stoller, Sis. Pam Stoller (Todd), Neil Stoller (Bro. Craig and Sis. Ruth), and Sis. Marge Gerber (Bro. Jim). Let us continue to remember our shut-ins in prayer so that they can soon assemble with us, if it is His will.

We certainly want to thank our visiting ministers who assembled with us this month. They were Bros. Ken and Delbert Indermuhle

(Sardis), Bro. Earl Banwart (West Bend), Bro. Don Manz, and Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction). May each of our beloved ministering brethren continue to feel our prayer support each time they stand to speak.

Joseph David is the newborn son of Dave and Deb Mielke. Glad for a playmate is his brother, Adam. Unintentionally omitted at time of birth was Shelby Jean, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn. Welcoming Shelby into the family are her brothers and sisters, Todd, Robert, Kathy, Tim, Cindy and Sandy, and her grandparents, Bro. Pierre and Sis. Catherine Neihauer (Francesville) and Bro. George and Sis. Clara Sinn.

Our community and congregation was saddened at the death of Jerry Schlatter who lost his life in an accident in West Virginia. He was the son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Viola (Huber) Schlatter. Also surviving him are his wife, Ausman, a daughter, Jenny, and two sisters, Sis. Connie and Sis. Shirley. We pray that God will guide and strengthen these loved ones in their loss.

We also want to extend our sympathy to Sis. Vicki Laukhuf (Bro. Bruce) and Dave Mielke (Deb) in the passing away of their sister, Gloria.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

Come drink from the Well of Salvation

The water will heal all your woes, Never ending, so filled with goodness

And love, the deeper it goes.

A. S. Roland

Our dear friends Aundrea Wilson and Debbie Campbell have surrendered their lives to the Lord and have found peace with their Maker and Creator. We wish them much grace as they walk day by day with their wonderful Lord.

Aug. 17, Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis) favored us with a visit and proclaimed God's Holy Word to us. We thank him for the kind words and advice and invite both him and Sis. Martha to visit us again.

Loving sympathy is extended to Sis. Marilyn (Bro. Rex) Beer in the recent loss of her father.

Bro. Jesse Beer is now residing

in Rittman at the Apostolic Rest Home. We will all miss Bro. Jesse but wish him much happiness in his declining years.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary Domka are the parents of a new son named Matthew Lee. The new grandparents are Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder and Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth (Sabo) Domka.

Aug. 30 was the wedding day chosen by Cindy Roberts and Dale Fry. Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley Roberts are Cindy's parents. We wish them much happiness as they walk the path of life together.

Sis. Aldine Fuhrer is very ill at this writing and is in the intensive care unit of Peoples Hospital here in Mansfield after having undergone emergency surgery at the age of 87. One of the nurses at the hospital remarked about what a wonderful inspiration she has been. The nurse said many people say they are Christians and boast of their great faith, but when they are put to the test as this dear sister is and you can observe how relaxed she is, you can tell she has the real thing. The nurse was told Sis. Aldine found her Lord many years ago, and she remarked about how wonderful it is to keep that faith for so many years.

My peace I give in times of deepest grief,  
Imparting calm and trust and My relief.  
My peace I give when prayer seems lost, unheard;  
Know that My promises are ever in My Word.  
My peace I give when thou art left alone;  
The nightingale at night has sweetest tone.  
My peace I give in time of utter loss;  
The way of glory leads right to the cross.  
My peace I give when enemies will blame;  
Thy fellowship is sweet through cruel shame.  
My peace I give in agony and sweat,  
For Mine own brow with bloody drops was wet.  
My peace I give when nearest friend betrays—  
Peace that is merged in love, and for them prays.  
My peace I give when there's but death for thee;

The gateway is the cross to get to Me.

(Author Unknown)

### OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler - Janette Blough

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." Rom. 10:15. We want to thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Norbert Steiner and Bro. Robert Beyer of New York, for the good tidings they brought to us." So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusteth in Him, and I am helped." Ps. 28:7. We pray the healing power will be felt by Sis. Lillian Maibach as she is recovering from surgery. "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord." Ps. 27:14.

Many friends and relatives of Jeff Gasser traveled to Forrest, IL, for his marriage to Debra Koehl on Sept. 6. Their parents are Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Janita Koehl, and the late Bro. Robert and Sis. Elda Gasser. We want to welcome Deb to the Rittman church, and we hope she will feel at home here. May the Lord bless them as they walk this life together.

A new granddaughter has come into the lives of Bro. Nelson and Sis. Aldine Ramsier, as Michelle Leigh was born to Fred and Sheila Ramsier. Sis. Mildred Reusser has a new granddaughter with the arrival of Staci Dawn, born to David and Donna Reusser. We pray the Lord will bless these families with their precious bundles.

Autumn brings treasures of heart and of hand,  
God-given gifts for the service of man.  
Beautiful color enriches the scene.  
Red leaves and gold now jewel the green.  
Skies are much bluer—There's a nip in the air.  
Geese travel south where winters are fair.  
Signs of the harvest appear in the field.  
Crops overflow—a bountiful yield!  
Food for the table, beauty to share,

Autumn's in splendor . . . God's everywhere!

—Aron Christopher

### OHIO, TOLEDO Josephine Rehkla

Now It Is Done  
Now it is accomplished! My soul  
He hath healed;  
A portion in heaven to me He hath sealed.  
O, may He direct me through joy  
and through ill;  
I'll never forsake Him, but follow  
Him still.

Zion's Harp

On Saturday, Aug. 13, two precious souls, Sis. Alice Harmon and Bro. Matthew Fetter, gave their testimonies of having experienced the need for repentance, confession of sins, and making restitution for those sins. After fulfilling those needs, they testified that they received peace from God—a peace that passes all understanding. On Sunday, a large number of visitors were with us to witness the baptisms and the laying on of hands by Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Joseph Ramsier. Alice and Matthew are now heirs of His eternal kingdom.

Our Sunday School enjoyed having as their guests the children from the Apostolic Christian Childrens Home (Leo) and the Leo Sunday School.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Arthur Frautschi. He passed from this life on Aug. 19. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a son, John; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Dutcher and Carol, two brothers, Albert and Carl, and one sister, Elsie (Ralph) Troxel. Our elder, Bro. Ben Maibach, was with us for the services.

We enjoy having in our midst Sis. Margaret Bradford from Phoenix. She is visiting her son, Bill, his wife, Gail, and their two children, Jane and Bill.

### OREGON, PORTLAND Connie Steffen

Bro. Willis Ehnle (Tokyo, Japan), his wife and family were with us for a short but very blessed visit. Bro. Willis ministered the Word to us. He mentioned how conviction (of our sins) comes to various people in many ways, but in the end, if we allow the Holy Spir-



it to work in our hearts and lives, we experience the same peace with God. He exhorted our dear friends to heed the Spirit's call, and if they don't feel convicted of their sins, they should even pray for conviction.

I know a brother who knew that he should repent, but he couldn't feel convicted of his sins, not enough to repent. He talked with his minister about this, and the minister encouraged him to write to his family and express his desires to them. The brother did, and before he had written many lines, the tears were flowing down his cheeks and he was asking their forgiveness. The Godly wisdom of that dear ministering brother was instrumental in bringing that soul to the place where he could feel his real and deep need of salvation. God works in many wonderful ways to bring souls to Himself. We should always remember that it is not His will that ANY should perish, but all should come to repentance. (2 Pet. 3:9)

Haste then! Shame and care, O  
leave it!

Seek ye grace? 'tis yours; receive  
it!

Seek ye life? Pray Him who lives!  
He, the sinner, justifieth;  
Grace to no one He denieth;  
Everlasting gain He gives.

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Bro. Robert Miller's vision, which was somewhat impaired, is improving, gradually, and we feel it is surely an answer to many prayers offered for him.

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

(See New Jersey, Union City)

### TEXAS, ZAPATA Margery Koehl

We had a pleasant surprise on Sunday, Aug. 31. As we were about to assemble, Bro. Ben and Sis. Glenna Moser of Rockville, CT, arrived to worship with us. When your congregation numbers about twelve, if all are present, visitors are very welcome.

We were very saddened to hear of the accidental death of Glen Stauffers of Milford, Nebraska, who spent their winters in Zapata and assembled with us, faithfully. They will be missed very much. According to the information we re-

ceived, the accident happened during the week of Sept. 1.

### TEACH TENDER AND YOUNG (Reprinted from the March, 1964, issue)

Elder Bro. William Stettner  
Elgin, Illinois

I Jn. 3:1: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: Therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

I Jn. 3:8: "He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

I Jn. 3:9: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

"... he cannot sin" means he will not sin because that would be an evil deed in the sight of God. The seed which was planted in him has taught him to stay away from sin. We have examples in the Old and New Testaments of those whom sinful people tried to force to commit sin.

Let us refer to Joseph who in his early years was brought into Egypt and served in the house of Potiphar.

Joseph was a goodly person. And it came to pass that his master's wife cast her eyes upon him, and tried to lead him into sin. But he refused, and said, "How can I do such a great wickedness and sin against God? No, that would be a great sin: I cannot do that."

Here, we can see that the good seed which was planted into his young and tender heart from his God-fearing father was still with him, even though he was far away from his home and father's house. So, the real meaning of "cannot sin" means will not sin.

Now, we have another striking, good example from Daniel. Dan. 6:4: "Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion or fault; forasmuch as he was faithful in all, neither was there any error or fault in him."

Then those wicked men said, we shall find occasion against Daniel, except it be concerning the law

of his God. We know the story, how these wicked men went to King Darius and trapped him, by subtlety, to sign a royal decree which stated that whosoever "shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions..."

So the king signed the decree, not totally knowing what he was doing. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Dan. 6:10.

Here again, we can see that the good seed which was planted in him in his early youth remained in him, and he could say, "No, I cannot stop praying to my God. No, I can't stop praying to my God. I will not stop praying to my God"

Again, we have another wonderful example from three young men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were taken from the land of Judah and brought in to the great wicked city of Babylon where the king and the people lived in terrible sins and worshipped idols.

"Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon." Dan. 3:1.

He commanded all the people, when they heard the sound of music, to fall down and worship this great image, and whoever would not worship the image would in the same hour be cast into the midst of the burning, fiery furnace.

Now, these three young men, who also were brought up and taught in their early youth to fear God and worship Him alone and no false god, retained the seed which was planted into their young hearts. They said that they could not worship the idol, would not commit such a sin against their God. "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and . . . out of thine hand . . . But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image . . ." Dan. 3:17, 18.

So, it's well if all parents teach

their children to fear and love God while their hearts are tender and young. When children grow up, for a time we may not see the good fruits which we wish to see. Often the good seed takes new root, comes to life again, and becomes fruitful.

May God bless all the good seed which is sown in the homes and in Sunday School, in the hearts of our children. May they give the increase to their salvation, and may it all be to the glory of God.

The Three and Three  
Tim A. Hohulin

Three bear record in the heaven  
which is up above:  
The Father, Word and Holy Ghost  
And these three are one.

Three bear witness in the earth:  
The Water, Spirit, Blood.  
And as Apostle John did write,  
"These three are one."

The record is a hope that when  
Our life on earth is done,  
God will grant eternal life;  
This life is in His son.

The Spirit beareth witness  
with our spirit: That is peace.  
The Blood cleanseth us from sin  
And gives us sweet release.

Drink of this Water and you'll  
never thirst again;  
Being born of the living Water  
quenches thirst for sin.

When this life is over and our  
earthly race is done,  
The Three and Three will tell us  
which direction we have run.

## SILVER THREADS

OH, IF THEY ONLY KNEW  
Some people think I think I'm  
good.  
Oh, if they only understood!  
Could they but draw aside the  
screen  
Of shielding clay that stands be-  
tween,  
And see the penitent within  
That craves so oft release from  
sin;

If some kind angel could reveal  
The sense of guilt and shame I  
feel

Because my heart will ope to  
things  
Whose very entrance blights and  
stings;  
Oh, if they only, only knew  
The grace it takes to just ring  
true!

If they could understand my  
need,  
And hear what I confess and  
plead,  
And know how fully I depend  
Upon my precious Lord and  
Friend;  
I wonder, would they call such  
dress  
The mantle of self-righteous-  
ness?

—Edith L. Mapes

## GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR HIS CHILDREN

### He will guide us into all truth

"The spirit of truth. . . will guide  
you into all truth. . . and shew you  
things to come." John 16:13

### He will guide us with His eye

"I will instruct thee and teach  
thee in the way which thou shalt  
go; I will guide thee with mine  
eye." Psalm 32:8

### He will guide the meek

"The meek will he guide in judg-  
ment; and the meek will he teach  
his way." Psalm 25:9

### He will guide our feet

"To give light to them that sit  
in darkness and . . . to guide our  
feet into the way of peace."  
Luke 1:79

### He will guide us with His counsel

"Thou shalt guide me with thy  
counsel, and afterward receive me  
to glory." Psalm 73:24

### He will guide us beside water

". . . he that hath mercy on  
them shall lead them, even by the  
springs of water shall he guide  
guide them." Isaiah 49:10  
"He leadeth me beside the still  
waters." Psalms 23:2

### He will guide us continually

"The Lord shall guide thee con-  
tinually." Isaiah 58:11

### He will guide us for His name's sake.

"Therefore for thy name's sake  
lead me, and guide me."  
Psalm 31:3

## The Sermon . . .

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same "metal" as He, the same Spirit of God which we received at the time of our conversion, will be drawn by Jesus from the confusions, turmoils, and troubles of this life as a magnet would draw the steel pieces from the chaff, hay, or straw.

The questions then arise, "Are we living in communion with our Saviour, our God, from day to day? Have we retained a cleansed conscience with the assurance of sins forgiven since the day that we sought Him?" We may ask ourselves the questions, "Has my love grown or has it decreased? Do I love the brethren as much as I used to, or do I love them more?"

David said in the nineteenth Psalm, "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." And the apostle Paul said, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." II Cor. 13:5. We do that individually, dear ones. We are not told to examine one another but to examine ourselves. But how blessed is the day of grace that allows us, if we have failed in any way, to apply our hearts more earnestly. For, "Can we our imperfections see without a humble sigh; should we neglect God's precious word and lightly pass it by?"

Who among us can boast that he has achieved or attained all that he wishes to attain? How precious is each new allotted day of grace to yet do something for His name's sake. Not that you or I would want only to heap up good works in great abundance, for we cannot be saved by good works, dear ones. But the Scripture says that we are saved unto good works. After we have found this saving grace, have been accepted by Jesus, and have felt His pardoning grace, then indeed we are saved unto good works. However, we should not remember every deed that we do, but rather forget them and leave them in God's hands; then He may put some reward on it if it is His will.

Some time ago, I read an article that greatly impressed me. It was just a dream that a man had, but it taught an obvious lesson. In the dream, a man thought that if he would do many good works it would be just like constructing a ladder to heaven. Each good deed that he

would do would place one new rung upon the ladder, or on some days several good deeds would build two or three new rungs. Finally, after years of good works, the ladder reached to the floor of heaven. As he approached, expecting to enter, a voice said, "Unless you enter in at the straight gate you are as a thief or a robber." He said to himself, "Well, I haven't entered in at the straight gate." At that, the ladder crashed back to earth because he had remembered his works, but he had not learned to know Him whom you and I have learned to know. Knowing the Lord is eternal life.

Dear ones, there may be some among us who would say, "If I live a good life and do many good deeds, my chances of being saved ought to be pretty good." But that is a great fallacy. God sent forth a wonderful Offering from the heavenly realm to this world. Unless we know and love Him (the Offering), we cannot be saved, for Christ Jesus is the gate.

Good works are commendable (they will keep you out of the clutches of the law), but good works cannot save you, dear ones. When we ourselves thought over our good works at the time of our conversion and also thought over our evil works, the evil greatly overbalanced the good and we were moved to fall at the feet of Jesus. We have read beautiful words about Him today and confess our need to pray the simple prayer of the penitent publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke 18:13. The prayer was not long or high sounding, but when it was offered in sincerity, the ears of God were attentive. Today God's ears are still open to the prayers of the righteous and He looks upon those who pray to Him; but His face is against those who do evil.

Jesus told His disciples many things when they were together, and we read today, "these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Wither goest thou?" John 16:4, 5. Jesus in more than one instance said that some things which

He had taught His disciples were not clear at that time, but would be remembered and understood later.

This happened concerning His death. He had told the disciples plainly that He must go to Jerusalem and that He would become the Great Passover. This was hard for them to believe and grasp, but after it came to pass they remembered His words.

Other things will come to pass and we or those to come will know that the Lord's words have been fulfilled. We can read in another chapter of something which is more timely today than ever. Jesus said, "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left." Mt. 24:40, 41. Where shall they be taken? According to our weak understanding (I believe most of our brethren will agree), that will be the harvest time of the saints, and the unbelieving will be left behind. Then they will remember that Jesus said that some would be taken and others left. The awful reality of this will dawn upon the world on the morn after the first resurrection. That will be the saddest day of all the ages when loved ones are taken and others are left behind. We must search our own hearts. Will we be taken, or will we be left?

What a wonderful opportunity it is as we gather in the house of God to be reminded of our faults and shortcomings. Then our hearts may be so softened through prayer, singing, and the meditation that if we have erred or grieved someone, the Spirit might move us to bring forth the necessary reconciling measure. We read that God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That means a great deal. I wonder if we always apply it. He has told and even commanded that we should be reconciled with each other whether the dispute is between husband and wife, children and parents, or even friends and neighbors. It might even be that we have grieved a neighbor who is not of our particular faith. Should we let that go unchanged or say, "Why does it make any difference? He isn't of our faith, so I can do as I wish or think." Not so! He might be the

very one whom you might win to the faith by your willingness to make reconciliation. There are many obligations facing you and me, dear ones.

Are we to pray only for ourselves? No, that would be selfish. We sing in a song that not only for ourselves we are pleading, but for many others, beginning with our unconverted children. The thought frightens us that unconverted children might be left behind and our grandchildren with them. Sometimes we hear brethren say, "Well, the times indeed are evil, but that doesn't concern me: I feel secure and safe." I can't feel that way, brethren. Think of the many loved ones in the family circle. Yes, we have the assurance that we belong to the Lord and that He is ours, but how can we make such a light statement when it involves so many loved ones who are not saved?

If there ever was a time when this country should fall upon its knees, it is now, dear ones, because of the impending threat that this nation could become engulfed in the most dreadful of all wars. We should not say carelessly that we are not afraid. I am afraid because of the many dear ones who may suffer under such a conflict and in the aftermath of war. In Korea there were 200,000 war orphans, children who wandered hither and thither. Records state that many saved their lives through the cold winter by lying down and cuddling up to a cow or horse, drawing heat from the animals' bodies for survival. Can you imagine your dear grandchildren going through anything like that? It would make our hearts bleed, wouldn't it? Most fathers' and mothers' hearts are touched when children suffer, and so we should all be concerned, dear ones, prayerfully concerned.

Christians in this country, especially, ought to pray on bended knees that God would postpone or change the enemy's intentions (if we dare to call them enemies, for we are to pray also for our enemies). Then there might be an extension of the day of grace so that you and I can become more fully prepared. We want to look upon Jesus at His coming with joy and confidence and be numbered with those dear ones worthy to be saved.

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## SERMON BY BRO. HENRY BEER OF MILFORD, IN

As we approached the assembly, dear ones, the thought came to me that although the weather without is very unpleasant, we can find warmth and comfort when we gather in the house of prayer, and worship with those whom we know and love. We forget about the outside weather, do we not, when we enjoy the fellowship of those who are His children. With such we wish to spend the ages of eternity, looking together to Him who is the Author and the Finisher of our salvation.

Wonderful promises are found in this one Book of all books. How much is contained between the covers! It contains the mind and the will, the thought and the plan of God for the universe. In it we can find comfort as it directs us to its central figure, our hero, but in this Book we have Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He came forth from the "Ivory Palaces" twenty centuries ago to save those who followed Him, and to give the opportunity of salvation to those who had died in the preceding centuries.

How gracious, how wonderful, how merciful is such a Saviour who remembers the dead as well as the living. For we read that after His death on Calvary's cross, though His body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea, His Spirit "descended first into the lower parts of the earth" (Eph. 4:9) where He carried the message of salvation. How wonderful it must have been when He brought the message for which kings and prophets had sighed.

Nearly twenty centuries have elapsed, dear ones, in which countless millions of people have been born and have died. Alas, we fear that many of them have not learned to know Him who first loved them. But we believe that in each generation there have been those who have loved the Lord Jesus so that some fruit and some grain has been brought forth.

Whenever grain has grown into a fruitful harvest, the next thought is to gather it in. Do we not, brethren, feel that we are approaching that great harvest time when Jesus will come "in the clouds with great power and glory?" Mk. 13:26. We also read that "the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." I Thes. 4:16, 17. That will be a momentous moment and it seems (do you feel thus?) that that is the next thing on God's calendar.

Important days are often written in red letters on the calendar, and we fix our eyes on this or that date as a coming event. Though we do not know the day nor the hour of our Lord's return, let us not be deceived and think that we can just go on thoughtlessly living for ourselves and accumulating possessions. Jesus also said, "Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Are we not aware that we are approaching eventful times? We are conscious of this because the powers of the earth are pitted against each other, "Nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

We know that nations have often been pitted against each other in dreadful warfare which has engulfed millions in death. The aftermath of such conflicts has caused old and young to suffer, leaving countless thousands of orphaned children.

On the other hand, we might interpret "kingdoms" as conflicting principles of government. Much of the world today is behind the "iron curtain" where the reading of God's Word is greatly suppressed. It has come to us from reliable sources, brethren, that no Sunday school or Bible instruction is given or permitted to be given to children under the age of eighteen. They say that if they can teach the chil-

dren through age eighteen, their formative years, then the young people will always follow their teachings, that evil system which is God-defying Communism. The Communist leaders contend that they can drive out Christian religion from the roots, just as you would injure the root system of a tree. They believe that Christianity would actually wither. It is something to think about.

This all works into the plan of the coming antichrist. For we read, "that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first..." II Thes. 2:3. The Lord will not come until there is a great falling away, and since half of the world is already denying the existence of God and permission to preach the Word is forbidden, we may well sit up and think. Not only individuals are falling away, having a form of righteousness but denying the power of the saving grace of Jesus, but whole nations are forbidden to worship as we are doing this evening. The trend is a great falling away, nation wide.

I often think, dear ones, of one of our precious hymns which says, "Jesus as a magnet raises our faint spirit to the sky." We all know what a magnet is, do we not? It is metal which has a strong attraction or pull in it. The author used that comparison and it is a beautiful thought. If you or I were to scatter ashes, wood shavings, straw, or hay upon a table and mix in with it certain kinds of metals including steel, and would then run a magnet over it, the magnet would pull out only those things which were of like substance, would it not? The hay, straw, and the false metallic substances would remain there, although they might look very much like a real piece of steel; only that which has the same composition as the magnet would be drawn out.

This will happen when Jesus comes. Only those who have the

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