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TEACHING IN JAPAN

Evie Blunier

(Plus a plea from Elder Bro. Maibach)

"Good morning, boys and girls! How are you today?" "I'm fine, thank you," chime 28 little voices.

"Dear God, we thank You for all the boys and girls who came to kindergarten this morning. Please come to kindergarten, too, and be with us. Help us to be good boys and girls and to learn many things, especially many things about You. Help our teachers to be good teachers. Please take care of the boys and girls who are not here. In Jesus' name. Amen."

And so begins our day in the Shioda American kindergarten. After roll call, calendar, weather, and exercises, we all settle down for a Bible story. Today I was especially touched as I watched Miss Weiss and the children close their eyes "real tight" and become "blind." The room became quiet as all of us imagined what it would be like to be blind Bartimaeus. What a relief to open our eyes at Miss Weiss' signal, and what a joy to see again!

Then we sang and sang, as we do every morning, song after song about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. "Oh, be careful little eyes what you see; Oh, be careful little eyes what you see; For the Father up above is looking down in love; So be careful little eyes what you see."

I am humbled and quite amazed how the Lord led me here to Japan and how He has blessed me each step of the way. I will try to share with you how God directed me.

Although I knew of the work in Japan since college days and corresponded with both Sisters Kathie Huber and Libby Meyer when they were teaching here, I did not think of it being for my-

self. I first prayed about it in June of 1976, but the following January I felt a conviction when I learned through the Silver Lining that there was a need for teachers. This time when I prayed about it, it was different, and I felt a heavy burden. After several weeks of prayer, I finally was able to give up my will to God's and was willing to go. It still thrills me to remember how I felt God's Spirit fill me; it seemed that I felt God's hand touch me as that burden rolled away. However, after applying in March, I learned that it had just been decided that Sisters Sally Beutel and Jane Weiss would go. I had learned a very meaningful lesson about submission, and I was mostly relieved and a little disappointed.

During the following year when I thought of Japan, I felt it was not a closed chapter in my life. In the summer of 1978 when the elders contacted me, I felt I should pray about it again. This time I felt willing and prayed for God to direct me if it was His will. I had an interview with Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Willis Ehnle in August and learned more about the kindergarten work. In the weeks following, it was hard for me to think of leaving home for two years, and I cried a lot! But I felt encouraged as I read in God's Word and talked to my elder, family and friends about my experience. The words in II Cor. 8:10-14 gave me courage to step out in faith. In October, I said that I would go the following summer.

During the months between making my decision and actually leaving America in August, I had lots of time to make preparation,

both physically and emotionally. It was good, too, to have time to correspond with the teachers in Japan, and I learned a lot from them. I also studied Japanese. All of this really helped my adjustment period go smoothly.

Now that I've been in Japan for five months, it strengthens me to look back over the way God worked in my life. It's difficult to put everything on paper, and I must say that there are countless more times than I have said when God answered so many little prayers of mine, both at home and here. His promises are true and His grace is sufficient for every need. I enjoy life in Japan very much, especially teaching kindergarten. Although I miss my family and friends, I have peace in doing God's will and much joy in serving Him here.

It is really wonderful how I have felt the support of you dear brothers and sisters in America. I am so grateful. We all need each other's prayers. If you have a desire to come and teach in Japan, please pray about it and talk to your elder before contacting the Missionary Committee. Each person is different, and the Lord leads in different ways, but I hope and pray my experience can be an encouragement to others. Bro. Willis Ehnle, Sis. Kathy Klotzle or I would be happy to correspond with you and try to answer any questions.

(Following is a plea from Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, chairman of The Apostolic Christian Missionary Committee.)

Beloved, all,

Again we have confidence that the Lord will touch the heart of one of you dear sisters (with an

elementary background and a teacher's certificate) to fill our need for assistance in our program at Shioda, Yamanashi, Japan. After prayerful meditation at the throne of grace, if you feel moved, please share your interest with your loved ones and your elder and investigate the matter. We have found it advantageous for a sister to make a commitment for two years. God willing, and to avail herself of some Japanese language courses so that her stay in Japan will allow her to communicate more freely with the brethren and community. However, as the teaching is in English, it is not necessary to master the language before going to Japan. In fact, it's almost out of the question.

We are looking for an available teacher to start in the fall of 1981, and it would be timely for her to arrive in August to make preparation for the fall term. Further, we are prayerfully considering the possibility of opening another

nursery and kindergarten school in Tokyo in conjunction with our church there, following somewhat the pattern of the country church. If teachers are available and interested, it would encourage us to go forward. There is a question whether or not we would be ready in the fall of '81, but we would like to investigate the matter and find out if there are sisters who are willing to serve. This would also follow a two-year rotation plan.

In general, we furnish living quarters, out-of-pocket expenses, and a small salary to help with incidentals. But we want to stress that it is a labor of love and the reward will be in heaven.

If you are interested, you have our encouragement to contact some of the sisters who have been over there for their first-hand comments. After first contacting your home elder, feel free to contact Bro. Willis Ehnle or myself.

Most gratefully,
your needy servant,
Ben Maibach

THE EMERGENCY DOOR

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Japan)

As we left Seattle and followed the Canadian coastline on the circle route to Tokyo, we could walk about in the cabin of the roomy Thai International Jumbo Jet with a capacity of 365 persons. I enjoyed walking to a window where there was an open spot, leaning over and peering down at the coastline far below. Then I began to think that this window was located in the emergency door in the tail section of the plane and that the instructions read, "Rotate Handle to Full Open Position. Push Door Outward." Being in the tail section, the door was curved and I stood partly on the lower section of the door which was a little scary.

Would it be possible for someone not mentally responsible to rotate that handle and open the door? A Thai steward assured me that this would not be possible. I discussed the matter with a fellow passenger and he thought that the door would blow open if unlatched because of the difference in air pressure inside and outside the plane at such a high altitude. Along the Canadian Coast we were flying at 23,000

feet, according to our flight captain, but it's normal to fly at 35,000 feet once you head out over the ocean. I'm still not sure about the safety of that emergency door although the engineers at Boeing probably know what they are doing.

Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke of a door which is safe when He said, "I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9. The emergency door on the plane is to be used to get out to safety in case of an emergency. The Lord Jesus Christ is an Emergency Door to get in to a place of safety and rest when there is an emergency. The former emergency occurs when there is a critical problem with engines or when the plane otherwise malfunctions, e.g., birds getting sucked into the engines or being struck by lightning. The latter emergency occurs when a soul realizes that outside of Christ there is no place of safety, that the world is full of deception, lust, greed, sin and filth. Christ is the Emergency Door

by which we can escape from sin and its eternal sorrow. Just a slight turn of the handle opens it wide, that is, just a confession that you desire to repent, trust in Christ and escape from the curse of sin. Christ, the reliable Emergency Door, stands ready to be used at all times by those who desire to be in right standing with God.

I notice that Christ said a person who enters in by the Door "shall go in and out," indicating perhaps what is taught in Luke 14:23, ". . . Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel (Amplified Version reads urge and constrain) them to come in, that my house may be filled."

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME Doug Kellenberger

Young children can be very good examples to us. It is no wonder our Lord Jesus Christ used them as an illustration in His teachings. When they are scolded or mistreated by someone, it is within minutes that they have forgotten the incident and are again playing with love and friendliness. On the other hand, some of us adults carry our grudges for a long time. It is an interesting note but a sad and serious commentary against Christians that some of the issues they grudge about are not found in the Scripture, but the warning against the grudging and unforgiveness is! (James 5:9; Eph. 4:32; Luke 6:37) It is a good experience to be a parent, to have the opportunity to learn from

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some of the examples of our children.

The Children's Home affords us many enjoyable moments. Last night we laughed with each other. This morning Ronda expressed a feeling of closeness because of that experience. Yesterday we dug potatoes, and Bertha learned that the more she helped, the quicker the job got done. She wanted to play with her friend. The usage of rewards and consequences is a very effective teaching method.

Other little jobs are getting done in preparation for the winter. Canna's were dug, flower beds turned under and firewood gathered. Each child helps to do his part. It is best to concentrate on getting one job done a day rather than worrying about the entire list that hasn't been done.

We are so happy to have Sis. Judy Luginbuhl with us as an assistant houseparent in the Wieland home. She comes from the Rockville congregation and brings with her a lot of talent and specific experience in special education. Her training in this area has already benefited the children and will relieve the frustration of the houseparents who are seeking to provide for the special needs of their children.

We appreciate her addition to our staff and are thrilled that the Lord has developed the events leading up to her being hired. We first met Judy this summer while camping in New Hampshire.

Our thanks go to everyone who support and pray for us. It has all worked for the saving of souls, guidance of young lives, and the building of us up in the Lord.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

It has been said that observation is an old and accredited school in which all may enroll. The only tuition is our eyes and our ears. Our Home is rich in what we may learn through being alert. Often a deeper insight comes from the fresh and uninhibited understanding our residents have. Recently when one of them was rocking and singing about the "everlasting arms of Jesus," it was said in a little different manner. She was singing about the "everlastic" arms. And aren't they? So much so as to cover all mankind. Thank

you, dear one, for the extra dimension of thought.

With cooler weather approaching, our weekly picnics in the woods will necessarily need to terminate. We have so much enjoyed all the summer outings.

The leaves are colorful now. It is an annual gift from the Master Painter, creating within us humble gratitude and inspiration.

Our Bro. Dean Stoller has had the original cast removed from his foot and is walking tall and straight with his new walking cast. How good to know that his surgery was successful!

Bustling activity is the order of the day with our annual Benefit Day approaching. We will soon again have abundant reason to thank many of you who are bringing in items for the sale and are offering your help.

Lord, help me to live from day to day

In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I need to pray,
My prayers shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for You
Must needs be done for others.

And when my work for others is done,

And my new work in heaven's begun,

May I forget the crown I've won
While thinking still of others.

Elizabeth Shields

With Thanksgiving Day approaching, may we say with Rev. 7:12. "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever . . ." for all His goodness to mankind.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Carelyn Kaufman
Kathy Woodruff

Our autumn, being somewhat different than autumn is in most parts of the country, still shows a change in the seasons. The crisp unseasonably cool evenings have made us realize just how swiftly the winter is approaching.

Each year, Thanksgiving Day is set aside to thank the Lord for all our blessings throughout the year. As children of God, we know how important it is to thank God many

times each and every day for the many rewards, admonishments and even tragedies the Lord has us encounter. We know it is only a spiritual strengthening for us to realize that in everything there is a meaning and blessing from Him.

We have many things to be thankful for in our "little church in the desert." In the last few months, we've had quite a few additions to our assembly of believers: Bro. John (Dr.) Huette and wife, Sis. Rose, with their children, Calvin and Lisa, from the Phoenix congregation, Sis. Ann Walder from Cissna Park and Bro. Harvey Kaisner from Altadena. We welcome them with open arms of love.

Martin Thenhaus has returned home after a stay in the hospital for back treatments. We're very glad to see him improving everyday.

It is again the time of year when some of our brethren are returning from their summer vacations "back east." We welcome home Sis. Martha Blessman and Bro. Jay Bertsch.

It's always a joy to have our neighboring church Phoenix visit us from time to time as they did the weekend of Oct. 12. A post-wedding reception was held for our newlyweds in Christ, Bro. Brad and Sis. Sandra Bauer. We welcome Sis. Sandy to our little flock.

We always appreciate our ministers who unselfishly give themselves in the Lord's service. Visiting us this month were Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Bro. Bill Dotterer, both of Phoenix. We thank the Lord for their labors of love.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

According to history, the custom of setting aside a day to offer thanks to a deity goes back to antiquity, and it has been traced to many parts of the world. Our Bible verifies this.

Apparently, man has always realized that especially for his food supply he is dependent upon nature and whims of its great forces. Men in early days or times, particularly, knew of famines and starvation. Thus, it isn't surprising they were grateful, very grateful when things went well or at least passably. This had to be in the

minds of early pilgrims and their governor, Wm. A Bradford of Plymouth Colony, in the fall of 1621 when he issued his proclamation declaring a day of prayerful thanksgiving for their harvest.

America's celebration of Thanksgiving stems from that event when the colonists feasted on wild turkey and other foods, a practice which became a custom throughout New England and eventually our national observance.

But credit for our national observance goes to a lady, Mrs. Sarah J. B. Hale, editor of The Ladies Magazine of New Hampshire who aggressively promoted the idea. By 1859, some 30 states were officially celebrating Thanksgiving as a holiday. In 1863, President Lincoln issued the first national proclamation fixing the last of November "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent 'Father.'" Today we celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of every November. Our greatest prayer of Thanksgiving should include thanks for our bountiful food supply, and also the resolve that we learn how to select foods wisely and to use them better.

In a troubled world where liberty is denied to so many, we should thank our great God for granting us the privilege of living in a country where freedom for all is a cherished right. The Liberty Bell is a stirring reminder of the priceless freedom that is ours in these United States of America.

Bro. Paul Lanz and his wife, Sis. Bertha, will observe their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary Oct. 18. It will be at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Sis. and Bro. Edward Luginbuhl. They (Paul's) have very recently moved into the new congregational building known as Long View Village.

Sis. Leah Schneider and Bro. Fred Zahner exchanged wedding vows in the presence of the church with Bro. Corbin Bahler performing this holy rite. We wish them both God's blessing. A visit to Switzerland in the near future is contemplated.

Born: a daughter, Theresa Marie, to Sis. Heidie and Bro. Thomas Luginbuhl. They have one other little girl, Rebecca. The grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotle of California and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Vi Luginbuhl, Ellington,

CT.

It is Autumn time; foliage is ablaze in New England. Visitors travelling to New England are being treated to a spectacle of awe inspiring splendor. While it lasts, we stand and gaze and marvel. We can only say, "How great is God Almighty who does things so well!"

Just a word in remembrance of our beloved Bro. and Elder Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton whom we knew and loved. We listened to many of his entreating messages from our pulpit and from his at Bluffton. We are reminded of the hymn "Who Are They Before God's Throne":

They are branches of that true vine,
Who to us brought help and grace,
And they without fear did venture
Anquish, danger, death to face.
Now from sorrow and from grief,
God has granted them relief.

It were they in priestly garments,
Who appeared before their God,
Ready day and night for service,
Many sacrifices brought.
Now in sacred place they stand,
Happy in the Holy Land.
Hymn 249, Zion's Harp

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Harry Sutter

Bro. Glenn Price, from Sarasota, paid us a visit recently, and we all enjoyed the messages that he preached. He gave us many good teachings.

It is heartwarming when we can hear God's true Word spoken, and we all should do as the hymn says, watch and pray that we are not overtaken by the enemy of our soul.

JESUS vs CULTS

Jesus said in Matt. 7:16 that by their fruits you shall know them. We might add, we shall know them by their fears. Souls that belong to cults have leaders that keep their followers in line by fear, and we sometimes hear souls say, "We would have left sooner, but we were afraid."

The Word of God is just the opposite. As we read in John 8:32, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. In II Timothy 1:7, we read that God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a

sound mind.

We are looking forward to meeting our many winter visitors. All are welcome.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA Elda Martin

Another winter season is upon us, and we thank the Lord for all the loved ones who take time out to worship and fellowship with our congregation. Because of the many blessings shared with an additional church service farther south at Port Charlotte, services will again be held at the same place this winter. This location is halfway between Ft. Meyer and Sarasota. The first services will be held Sunday, Nov. 30 at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. They will continue every Sunday afternoon through Easter. Anyone needing further information can contact our ministering Bro. Doug Sabo.

With the Lord's guidance, Bro. Mike Saladie has announced his engagement to Sis. Jeanette Treub, Rockville, CT. We wish them God's richest blessings.

One of our new converts, Grace Streitmatter, has gone away to college. Her address is Jennee Murphee Hall, Room 303 FSU Box 3986, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Our visiting ministers who so willingly shared God's Word with us were Bro. Elwin Bahler, Remington, IN, Bro. Harry Sutter, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach.

HAWAII, HONOLULU Michael and Janet Campbell

The month of September has passed, and we again had no visitors, although we have received several cards and letters for which we are very thankful. We also appreciated the tapes of the various sermons that have been sent to us. They have been a wonderful blessing. We want to thank Bro. Paul Schladenhauffen and Bro. Charles Gerber for their wonderful work in preparing these tapes for our listening enjoyment.

Please write to us, as it helps us in these lonely times when we receive letters and cards from those of like-mind and faith. Our address is 3324-D Orlando Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818. Our telephone number is 808-422-1041. If you are visiting the Islands, please telephone us or pay us a visit.

ILLINOIS

BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL
Dixie Knapp - Jean O'Shea

Again we are privileged to welcome another wonderful family to our congregation here in Bloomington. Bro. Dick and Sis. Jan Gudeman and their daughters, Suzanne, Julie, and Myra have moved from Chicago and are assembling with us. Surely it must be difficult to leave behind old friends and familiar surroundings, but we pray that these dear ones will soon feel at home here in Bloomington.

We appreciated the fine efforts of the Mortonairens as they sang at our monthly hymn sing Sept. 28. We thank them for sharing a blessed evening of song and fellowship with us.

We also want to thank Bro. Glen Funk from Wichita for being with us Wednesday evening, Oct. 8. May the Lord continue to bless and guide His servants.

Our congregation was deeply moved and saddened by the death of two-year-old Mary Ann Kuenzi, daughter of Nick and Mary Kuenzi, who was killed in a tragic farm accident on Oct. 7. The sudden death of a child is always so shocking and heart wrenching, yet the Lord's grace is abundant at a time such as this.

It seems that we are able to draw deeply from the wells of our faith and keep from asking "why?" We are given the strength to accept it as part of God's divine plan and not question. Yet our hearts feel such a loss when we remember the life of such a dear little child. We can only pray that God's unfailing love and comfort will fill the loss and void in each heart, especially in those of the dear parents and family. Children surviving are Marie, Marilyn, Martha, and Mark.

Written as a human might imagine heaven, the following poem by L. J. Flynn may provide some comfort:

There's a corner up in heaven
Where the little babies play
And our Blessed Father watches
All throughout the live-long day.
They're a happy lot, these babies.
Sure the reason's very plain,
For they've missed the world's
contagion,
Stayed unscathed, without its
pain.

'Tis an angel band they call them,
And you both should happy be.
You're the parents of an angel,
'Cause your baby's there you see,
Yes, and smiling down upon you
With an innocence sublime;
Waiting, watching for the parents
It will meet again in time.

You should never be rebellious,
Rather thank a loving God
For your loving guardian angel,
As along life's way you plod.
With a faith that never falters,
Clasping each other's hand,
Pledge yourselves to meet your
baby
In that better happy land.

We were all truly uplifted and enlightened after hearing the Word spoken to us by Bro. John Lehman of Bern, KS, on Oct. 19. We enjoyed a special weekend with Bro. John and his family and several other families from the Bern and Sabetha churches. We always appreciate the fellowship of our visitors.

Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, and Dan Koch, Tremont, spent Wednesday evening with us on Oct. 15. We appreciated Bro. Edwin's exhortation and felt inspired anew to live more faithfully according to the Holy Word.

WATCH THE TREND

Walter Isenhour

Watch the trend of things, dear
fellow,
And be careful how you go,
Lest you find yourself entangled
By the threads and webs of woe;
For there are always evil forces
That would pull you in the tide,
Where the water's deep and
dangerous
And the ocean's rough and wide.

Watch the trend that grips the
masses
In the habits that they form,
And with grit and grace and
patience
Go against the tide and storm,
Ere you find yourself among them
With the ropes about your neck,
And you're going far from harbor
By your folly and neglect.

Watch the trend that's wrecking
people
In their homes across the earth;
Letting pride o'ertake their hearts
and minds

Leaving out the things of worth;
Never praying, never reading
God's eternal Word that holds,
Letting sin and evil forces
Take possession of their souls.

Watch the trend in many churches
Toward the worldly and the
wrong,
Even in their forms of worship
With no grace in prayer and song;
Then resolve down in your spirit
That you'll keep your soul aflame
By the power of real salvation
That the masses cannot claim.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Evelyn Endress

I have a Saviour,
He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Saviour,
tho' earth-friends be few.
And now he is watching
in tenderness o'er me,
And, oh, that my Saviour
were your Saviour, too.
For you I am praying . . .
I'm praying for you.

Hymns of Zion 31

We rejoice that the prayers of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser have been answered as their daughter, Barb, has felt the love of God and has found the grace to repent. Also, her cousin, Mark Kieser, son of Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha, has recognized his lost condition and desires to live for the Lord.

Bryce Guingrich, infant son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sandy, was hospitalized with a virus for a few days.

ILLINOIS

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Charlen Banwart

"Hark! and earnestly be heeding
What the Spirit thee doth teach;
How the Word, its truth revealing
All the churches doth beseech.
Hark! for God to Him is speaking
Who for knowledge pure is
seeking.
He discerns each hidden thing
And to light our thoughts doth
bring."

The Seven Churches (Zion's Harp #30) was the theme of College Weekend which was held in Urbana on Sept. 27 and 28. Those who came for the afternoon program were divided into discussion groups with each group discussing one letter. In the evening, ministering brethren spoke on the letters to

the seven churches and provided us with a historical background of each church. We heard that the church at Ephesus started out as a good church with good works, but later lost its first love. The Church at Smyrna knew what it meant to suffer, as persecution was running rampant during that time. Nevertheless, they stood together. Pergamos was the cultural and political center of Asia Minor. Following the conversion of King Constantine, a state church was initiated there, and the practice of using a wedding ring was started. Thyatira was known as the church of compromise, because the wicked prophetess, Jezebel, was allowed to lead some of the people to idoltry. Conditions in the Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodecian Churches are all existing now.

If we are really complete in Christ, the return of the Lord will not come as a thief in the night, because God's Spirit will be revealing these things to us. Our late Bro. Samuel Froelich lived during the time of the Philadelphian Church when, through the blood of the martyrs, our present day church was formed. Some of the Laodecians were trying to devise a religion that would get them to heaven without self-denial. They were counseled to "Buy of me gold tried in the fire." (Rev. 3:18) We were reminded that we could do this by counseling with our elders, ministers, and older brethren in the church. Laodecia was a wealthy, inland city in Turkey. Eye salve was made there and they were counseled to "anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." (Rev. 3:18)

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the following ministering brethren who were with us for the weekend: Bros. Roy Wieland (Bay City); Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton); Lenard Meyer (Chicago); Edwin Bahler (Remington); Ken Hoerr and Jim Hoerr (Peoria); Art Baurer (Princeville); Carl Wyss (Washington); Bob Pflederer (Morton); Bill Hodel (Roanoke); Leroy Hartman (Peoria); and Dave Wiegand and Virgil Metzger (Urbana). Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger, Dale Eisenman, Joe Braker, Gene Bertschi, Don Sauder and Ed Hohulin also took the time to be with us. "He that hath an ear, let him hear

what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Rev. 2:7)

Ed. note: The October Champaign-Urbana news was three weeks late because of slow mail delivery. The following is from that news.

Fall brings the start of another school year for students from kindergarten through college. Our annual New Student Welcome was held Aug. 24 for college students and their parents. Student officers for the present school year are Bro. Frank Sauder (Roanoke), president, Bro. Russ Fischer (Roanoke), vice-president, and Sis. Marilyn Walder (Cissna), secretary. The annual fall picnic was held Sept. 17 at Illini Grove. College Weekend will be held, Lord willing, in Champaign-Urbana on Sept. 27 and 28.

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20) Bro. Merle and Sis. Mary (Davis) Weyenth have been gathering with us since they have established a home in Charleston. Merle is from the Eureka area and Mary Gail's parents are from Fairbury, although she had been living and working in Peoria. We are thankful to have them with us.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Jenny Sauder have returned to their home in Urbana after spending two months living and working in Chicago. Jenny finished her training there and then received her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. She has accepted a position at Carle Hospital. Their absence was especially felt in our Sunday School where both serve as teachers.

Kelli Boaz, daughter of Jim and Darlene (Steffen) Boaz, has moved to Bloomington where she is enrolled at Illinois Wesleyan University. We wish her the best in her chosen career.

Sis. Kathryn Schneider of Forest has been staying at the home of her daughter and family, Sis. Mary and Bro. Virgil Metzger. Her husband, Bro. Oscar, is a patient at Americana Health Care Center in Urbana where he is receiving therapy following a recent stroke. May God continue to grant patience to them.

Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Le-

man have welcomed the arrival of a new granddaughter. De-anne Navel was born to Doreen and Lee Navel of Kansas, IL, on Sept. 9.

Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke), Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forest) and Bro. Kenny Weerts (Cissna) ministered to us at recent Sunday and Wednesday evening services. May they, along with all of our ministers, continue to preach God's Word through His inspiration to brethren and friends near and far, and may we be appreciative of their efforts.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

"Then rejoice ye in His glory
Who from death to life arose!
Who a white and glorious garment
And rich gifts on you bestows!
Hallelujah!
(235 "Song of Praise," Hymns of Zion, Verse 3.)

Thanksgiving for the Christian should be an attitude, not only a day of feasting and family fun.

We want to concentrate on the blessings of the Lord. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8. We have five who are joining us in Chicago, for at least a period of time. Sis. Bethany Stoller and Sis. JoAnn Hemmer are both R.N.'s from Peoria, here to complete their bachelor degrees from the U. of I. Bro. Brad Geier from Morton is beginning his studies at Northwestern University in chemical engineering. We gladly welcome Sally Gramm (Gridley) and Dave Mangold (Roanoke) who are also beginning new ventures in our area. May the Lord grant us special fellowship with each one that they may feel at home in Chicago.

Since "the eyes of the Lord are in every place. . . "Proverbs 15:3, we know that we may bid a fond farewell to Frank, Marlene, and Marie Milazzo and Bro. Terry Vibbert, Athens, AL, leaving them in the Lord's care. The Milazzos, who are dearly beloved by us all, recently moved. We shall miss them, but we believe the Lord has good things awaiting them in Morton.

Bro. Terry, a recent visitor to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in our area, has returned to California, continuing his appointed time in the Navy. We pray the Lord will be with Bro. Terry "whithersoever" he goes — and thank Him for giving us a time of fellowship, however short, with him.

Bro. Earl Feller is once more in our midst after recent hospitalization. We are so thankful that the Lord has guided each step of his way, that Bro. Earl has again been granted a measure of good health. The Lord has blessed us mightily.

In a recent time of singing, we turned to "I'll Be Somewhere Listening." I paused to think a bit. I have, in just the past week, told my students how disappointed I was in their listening habits, that points I'd made between two and ten times still were not applied to their assignments. With my daughter I also have wondered how she can "not hear" so often. But this song focused my thoughts inward, so that I pondered what God must think of my listening. Do I, like my students and my daughter, listen only when I want to, or when I happen to be in the mood? Does God weary of my not completing assignments according to His will? When Jesus calls, do I answer? Or do I need also to work on my spiritual listening skills?

I often disappoint myself. My husband and daughter sometimes disappoint me. Other relatives and friends, and my students can disappoint and hurt me, most often unintentionally. That's why I need to look to the Cross. Never has my Savior let me down. Not even when I was unconverted did He forget me. What a Savior!

In a sermon we were reminded of the woman caught in adultery, the fact that she was not defiant or proud, did not defend her position, or appeal to circumstances, all led to Christ's tender actions toward her. He offered her forgiveness and perfect love. We must remember as we look at others around us (as we are prone to do), that not one of us was without sin. Christ did not condemn them or the world, but rather their sin. We, whose sin is covered by Him and His shed blood, not by any goodness of our own, must also be for-

giving and loving. Perhaps souls will walk into our churches, eat our meals, devour our fellowship, and take advantage of us and our goods. But is not each soul still worth more than the whole world? Oh, Lord, we are far from Thy example. Give us more grace and humbleness of spirit.

At this time of Thanksgiving, with the harvest over and the fruits of the labor gathered in, sometimes our thoughts turn to another harvest.

"Almost persuaded," harvest is past!

"Almost persuaded," doom comes at last!

"Almost" cannot prevail;

"Almost" is but to fail!

Sad, sad, that bitter wail,

"Almost," but lost!

"Almost Persuaded," #212 Hymns of Zion, verse 3.

We pray for each one that in heaven Thanksgiving may be something extra, that unlike this verse, all may be ready and be gathered home.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Mary Anderson - Melba Funk

"It is not darkness you are going to, for God is light. It is not lonely, for Christ is with you. It is not an unknown country, for Christ is there." Charles Kingsley. May these words be of comfort to the many who have recently lost loved ones in our community.

On Sept. 23, Sis. Alline Otto, 87, passed away at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. She is survived by seven daughters: Mrs. Robert (Marie) Kuperschmid, Mrs. Benton (Lorene) Purgett, Mrs. Charles (Gladys) Kuntz, Mrs. Marvin (Lila) Leigh, Mrs. Don (Sis. Velma) Hoerr, and Edith and Sis. Bernice Otto. Also on Sept. 23, Arthur Young, 81, died at Hoopston Nursing Home. His survivors include Bro. Jeff and two sisters, Lavina and Laura.

On Sept. 26, Bro. Joe Waldbeser, 76, passed away at his home. He is survived by his widow, Sis. Lillian (Huette) and two sons, Bros. John and Fred. On Sept. 27, Fred Enz, 91, passed away at Hoopston Hospital. He is survived by his widow, Kathryn (Heinold), and two daughters, Evelyn Seymour and Phyllis Enz. On Sept. 30, Anna

Obergfel Merkle, 69, passed away at her home. Her husband, Benjamin, and son, Ronald, survive. Then, on Oct. 3, Bro. Jeff Young lost another member of his family in the passing of his sister, Laura Young, 68. Besides Bro. Jeff, a sister, Lavina, survives.

We also extend condolences to Sis. Helen Kuebler in the passing of her sister, Sis. Sarah Anliker, formerly of Cissna Park, to Bo. Ben Yergler whose brother, Aquilla of Watseka, passed away on Oct. 3, and to Bro. Carl Moser whose brother, Edward, passed away.

We are pleased to have Sis. Marilyn Winger among us again after having had foot surgery. Sis. Lillian Feller (William) is a medical patient in Champaign.

Bro. Aryln and Sis. LaNae Rudin are the happy parents of Erica Jean, their first child, born on Sept. 30. The grandparents are Al and Dorothy Rudin of Hoopston and Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera Laukhauf of Haviland, OH.

We thank the ministers who visited us in recent weeks and brought us many inspiring and timely messages from His Word. The visitors included Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury, and Bros. Kenneth Dietz, Bradford, Robert Walder, Congerville, Walter Steffen, Milford, and Robert Beebe, South Bend.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Mardell Ott - Pat Rinkenberger

We rejoice with our two new sisters in faith, Beth Knapp (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy of Taylor) and Debbie Ott (Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn). It is such a blessing to witness their radiance as they experience their first love. Bro. Kenny Knapp (Taylor) visited us for this occasion.

Our Sis. Pennina Miller wishes to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness during her illness and convalescence.

Don and Carol Wales have found the grace to seek out their salvation through repentance. We pray they may be led in the right path.

Bro. Ed Steffen, Jr., Bro. Kenny Miller, and Dianne Schrock were all hospital patients. Bro. Kenny especially needs our prayers which intercede to the Great Physician.

On Oct. 16, our Sis. Mary Sides passed away after being hospital-

ized for a short time. We extend deepest sympathy to her family. May we all be able to say in the midst of sorrow, pain, and grief, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job. 1:21.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. . ." (Psalm 92) In the giving of heartfelt thanks unto the Lord, it necessarily follows that we acknowledge the Lord as giver. This is very difficult for a proud heart. Let us always come to the Lord with praise and thanksgiving for surely He is worthy. Our pilgrim fathers set aside a time of year at harvest to especially bring our thanks and it is good, but we as brethren must remember how vital it is to our daily walk.

Teri Kilgus (daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette, Elgin) and Jay Leman (son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra, Roanoke) were united in marriage on Aug. 9. The young couple is residing in Normal, IL. May the Lord bless them as they walk together.

We wish to remember our dear Sis. Nina Huber in the loss of her sister-in-law, Agnes Huber (the widow of Joseph), and extend our sympathy to her.

Our deeply felt sympathy is also extended to our beloved Bro. David and Sis. Millie Jepson in the sudden passing of Millie's mother, Florence Davis. The sting of death is so painful and keenly felt by loved ones who are left behind, so we pray now that the Lord will grant, to this family, His comforting Spirit.

Gordon Rager, a quadraplegic who had been a patient at Passavant Hospital for nearly three years, has been moved to a long term care facility in McHenry, IL. His new address is: 803 Royal Rd., McHenry, IL 60050. Gordon struggles often with infections, depression and many other complications. It is our prayer that he can draw nigh to that inexhaustible strength of the Heavenly Father and be comforted.

May the Lord go with Bro. Joe and Sis. Anna Schmidgall who have left us for a time to spend the winter months with their son, Bro. David, and his family. Joe

fractured his hip a couple of months ago and is unable to walk. Joe required more care than Anna could manage. Surely the Lord smiles down upon all of the tender loving care that Anna has given Joe over the past years.

Our friends and brethren seventy years old and older were guests at a dinner prepared at the church on Oct. 16. It was a privilege to serve them and to have fellowship with them.

Sis. Nina Moser is residing in a local long term care facility since Oct. 1. It became necessary for her to receive more nursing care since her recent fall. Her address is: Olivette Nursing Home, 355 Raymond St., Elgin, IL.

Sis. Marie Muster, 81, passed away Oct. 12 in the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Peoria. She was born Sept. 24, 1898, in Elgin to John and Elizabeth Muster and lived in Elgin most of her life.

Edward Eurich, 76, passed away Oct. 14 leaving his widow, Sis. Rose Greiner Eurich. We would like to extend deepest sympathy to Sis. Rose in her hour of bereavement.

The Lord called Bro. Charles Huber, 88, home on Oct. 16 after spending the past eight months in Fairbury Apostolic Christian Rest Home. Charles was born Feb. 20, 1892, to Fred and Mina Merz Huber. Surviving is a brother, John Huber, Sr., of DeRidder, LA. We thank the Lord for Charles' life here. He often exemplified Christian love.

We are so thankful to God for two more souls who were able to bring testimonies of faith before the congregation Oct. 18, that they were lost in sin, that they came seeking the Lord in repentance, and that in due time found their peace with their God. Our new Bro. and Sis. in faith is Mike Leman and Dawn Mengler. Now as we walk together with these new babes in Christ, may all of us continue to grow in the Lord until that time when the Lord calls us home. Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury), Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop), Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron), and Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke) were ministering brethren who assembled with us for this occasion.

Sis. Sarah Schmidgall, Richard Anliker, and Louis Reber have been hospital patients. Let us ever

be mindful of these dear ones when we come to the Lord in prayer.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA Melba Mangold

We have almost perfect weather for fall. The farmers were able to harvest without adverse weather conditions, for which they were thankful. The trees seem to be especially beautiful in this area, surely one of God's marvelous handiworks.

We have five new little babies to tell about this month. Bro. John and Sis. Beverly Hartter became the parents of a second little girl, Heidi Jo, born Aug. 19. Her little sister is Lisa. The grandparents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Dorothy Hartter and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Edith Stock of Cissna Park. Bro. Paul and Sis. Chris Schmidgal are the happy parents of their first child, Angela Rae, who was born Sept. 19. Her grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgal and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Rocke. On Sept. 26, Bro. Ken and Sis. Sandy Fehr welcomed their third child, Emily Joann. She has a little sister, Mindy, and a brother, Jacob. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Fehr and Ida Pfaffman of Peoria. Bro. Jim and Sis. Jane Stoller are also the parents of their first child, Lowell James, born Sept. 30. His grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber and Bro. Walter and Sis. Mina Anliker. Also Randy and Connie Grusy have another little girl, Michelle Ann, born Oct. 1. Her little sister is Jennifer. The grandparents are Bro. Alf and Sis. Martha Grusy and Jim and Joann Hewitt.

Bro. Dave Leman is in the hospital, having had the misfortune of falling down a flight of stairs and breaking his pelvis. He is doing as well as can be expected at this time. Bro. Ed Feller of the Home and Bro. George Martin have also spent some time in the hospital, but are home again.

Sis. Mary Sides of the Home Apartments passed away Oct. 15 after a short illness. Her funeral and burial services were held at Congerville, her home congregation. Sis. Mary was a faithful quilter at the Home; she will be missed there, too.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Carol Bazzell - Joann Zehr

Bro. Randy and Sis. Joy White are the happy parents of their first child, Kelli Jo, born Oct. 6. Her grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vi Bachtold and Mr. and Mrs. Ben White.

Another little bundle from heaven, Maye Katherine, was born Oct. 13. Her happy parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Donna Kaisner and her grandparents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge Kaisner and Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary Schwin of Roanoke.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Sandy Stoller have been blessed with a new son, Jeffrey Allen, born Oct. 15. Anxiously waiting to get acquainted are his brothers and sisters, Brian, Kevin, Darcy, and Kimberly. Sis. Ernestine Stoller and Sis. Sally Schieler are the grandparents.

We extend our love and sympathy to Sis. Sally Schieler and her family. Alton, 69, passed away Sept. 17 after a short illness. Also surviving are two sons, Bro. Harvey and Duane, Fairbury, and daughters, Sis. Marlene Kupferschmid, Forrest, and Sis. Sandy Stoller and Sis. Donna, Fairbury.

Bro. Walter Steffen, 83, passed away Oct. 1. Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Martha who so patiently cared for him. Also surviving are one brother, Bro. Ben, and four sisters, Sisters Anna, Mary, Tillie, and Kathryn, all of Fairbury. Bro. John Bahler, Rockville, CT, conducted the services.

There is truly comfort in knowing that our loved ones have fallen asleep in Jesus.

We will certainly miss Sis. Miriam Feldman in our congregation as she has gone to make her new home at Cumberland Manor, Lowell, MI, and will be near her son, Bro. Lyman. We are sure Sis. Miriam would enjoy receiving mail from her many friends and relatives. Her new address is: Cumberland Manor, Inc., Senior Citizens Retirement Home, P.O. Box 210, Lowell, MI 49331.

We are happy to hear that Carl Rapp is home again after heart surgery. Also hospitalized this month were Sis. Mary Traub, Paul Kilgus, Bro. Kenneth Fehr, Joshua Soper, Sis. Ruth Walter, and Sis. Clara Zehr. Sis. Betty Steffen has had surgery and is hospitalized in

Chicago. We pray that God's healing hand will grant each one good health again.

We were privileged to have Bro. Earl Kilgus, Remington, IN, spend a Sunday with us.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

THANKSGIVING

Thanks Lord for:
Harvest time of golden grain,
All the blessings on us rained,
New souls that give their life to Thee,
Kindly words of love from another,
Songs of gladness sung with our brother,
Grace to keep us close to Thee,
Invitations of Love to whoever will come,
Victories, Lord, that we may have won,
Inward joy and love for Thee,
Numerous blessings while here we are living,
Gifts of Love that Thou may be giving.

Anon.

As Thanksgiving time approaches, let us be thinking of all the blessings for which we can thank God.

Two new souls have been added to God's fold. Krista Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura) and David Schmidgall (Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean) gave their testimonies and were baptized Oct. 4 and 5. Sharing in this work were Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard and Art Bahler, Fairbury, and Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, IN.

We can be thankful for the blessed privileges of hearing God's precious Word. Visiting ministers bringing us the Word of Life were Bro. Walt Anliker and Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka, and Bro. Paul Gasser, Akron, OH, and Bro. Dave Wiegand, Champaign.

Our hospital patients: Sis. Eldora Walter (Bro. Eli), Sis. Anita Sohn (Bro. Emil) and Sis. Marge Kuntz (Bro. Leland). Sis. Bernice Cox (Wayne) fell and broke her arm. Our Bro. Oscar Schneider has returned from the Americana Health Care Center and is now at home with his wife and son. Let us remember to pray for those that need our prayers.

Several babies have been born into our congregation. Bro. Mark and Sis. Sherri Schlatter are the happy parents of Erika Lynn, born Oct. 6. Her grandparents are Sis. Juliet and the late Richard Schlatter from Junction, OH, and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean Ifft from Forrest.

Michelle Dawn has joined the family of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Jan Bachtold. She was born Oct. 9. Heather, Ryan, and Derek welcome her home. Her grandparents are Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold, Forrest, and Bro. Merrill and Sis. Martha Laukhuf, Latty, OH.

Little Jaime Ryan was born Oct. 11 to Stan and Luanne Stoller. He has one brother, Jadrien. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller, Forrest, are his grandparents. May God add His blessings to these family circles.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Verna Hartter

YOUR BLESSING

If only you could know the good
That you could do today
By being kind to every soul
You meet along the way.

I'm certain you would shed your light

Down someone's darkened mile,
'Til every frown on every face
Was quickened to a smile.

Then you would find your days to run

Like smoothly flowing rhymes,
And everything that you had tried
Was blessed ten thousand times.

Wm. H. Langmaid

Our church project is progressing very nicely, and we can feel the anxiety of the congregation as we look forward to assembling again in the house of God. May God bless the hands of all who have put forth many hours of labor in making the addition to our Church possible.

Bro. Ron and Sis. Barb Wiegand are parents of twins, Christina Jean and Craig Walter, born on Sept. 23. Julie, Erik, and Jeff welcomed them home. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Unzicker of Tremont, and Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla Wiegand.

Curt is the new little son of Bro. Rick and Sis. Sue Wiegand. He was born on Oct. 14, and his grand-

parents are Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline Roth, Congerville, and Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla Wiegand.

We are happy to learn of the engagement of Sis. Deonne Steffen (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene) to Bro. Anthony Monfre. They are planning a Jan. 4 wedding.

Our Sis. Clem Joos has submitted to foot surgery, and we are happy to see that she is recovering nicely.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner. . . For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2 Cor. 7: 9-10.

In the eyes of the world, it may seem strange that we would rejoice to see a soul become sorrowful and full of remorse. People of the world seek to delight themselves in having what they consider a "good time." Entertainments and worldly distractions give them laughs, thrills, excitement and a frolicking attitude which enable them to avoid inner heaviness and forget about the serious issues of life. Their spiritual vacuum is covered up with frivolities. They fail to "come to themselves" as the prodigal son who recognized his lost condition.

The apostle James wrote: "Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up." James 4:9-10. We share the joy that is in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents. For we know it is the grace of God that led him to repentance, and this Godly sorrow helps him to die to sin so he can live unto righteousness. When this is accomplished, the ensuing peace of God gives him a special joy that the world has never known.

We heard much about this repentance and conversion on two occasions this month when we were privileged to witness the symbolic death, burial and resurrection of seven dear souls who were immersed in the waters of baptism. Our new members of God's family are: Sis. Susan

Schlipf, Sis. Lana Schifferer, Bro. Gary Zimmerman, Sis. Sarah Yoder, Sis. Terri Gramm, Sis. Judy Gramm and Sis. Brenda Stoller. Elder Bro. Joe Braker of Morton and Elder Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont assisted in these happy events.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Karl Westfall of Francesville, Bro. Wayne Anliker of Forrest, and Bro. Glen Funk of Wichita.

Kathleen Gilmore, daughter of Don and Sis. Alice, was married to Daniel Kinkade on Sept. 20.

Sis. Ida Witzig wishes to thank all who remembered her with cards, gifts, visits, and prayers since she is ill, and on her birthday.

Bro. Joseph and Sis. Ida Rinckenberger wish to thank all their friends and relatives for the gifts, flowers, food, kind visits and the prayers that were offered while Bro. Joe was in the hospital and since he has returned home.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Jo Ann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

Bro. Mike and Sis. Sue Zimmerman were blessed with their second daughter, Amanda Lyn, born Oct. 2. "Big" sister Megan welcomed her home. The happy grandparents are Russell and Sis. Vinie Zimmerman, Morton, and Bro. Earl and Sis. Kathryn Steffen, Elgin.

On Sunday, Oct. 5, the engagement of Bro. Mark Stephens, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Shirley Stephens, and Sis. Esther Herman, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman, was made known. We wish them the Lord's grace and blessings as they establish their home and lives together.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, many gathered at our Apostolic Christian Restmor, Inc., to wash windows. It was truly a time for sweet fellowship as we worked alongside our dear brothers and sisters-in-faith and beloved friends of the Truth. This act of love and deed of kindness was appreciated by everyone concerned.

Our loved one, Sis. Mary Aleene Wiedman, has been called home and relieved of her pain and suffering. Her funeral was on Oct. 13. May the Lord richly bless and comfort her husband, Bro. Chris, her family and friends.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Mary Ann (Bro. Gene) Witzig upon the passing of her father, Carl Zeltwanger of Bremen, IN. May the Lord comfort and bless this family.

Bro. Hans and Sis. Kathy Schuon were blessed by the birth of Darci Jo on Oct. 17. "Big" brother Jason helped to welcome his sister home. The grandparents are Bro. Karl and Sis. Elsa Schuon and Roger and Dorothy Fahlberg, all of Morton.

Those who have recently spent time in the hospital have been: Clara Waldbeser, Mrs. Jackie (Jerry) Hauter, Bros. Anton Rother, Al Wiedman and John Oberlander. May God be with them and all who are sick or shut-in. Our prayers are with them.

The weekend of Oct. 18 and 19 found us with a bus-load of visiting brothers and sisters from Sabetha and Bern, KS. We enjoyed a delicious "Church Potluck" dinner. There was an abundance of fellowship throughout the whole weekend. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of our working committee for a job well done. We especially want to thank Bro. Roger Aberle, Sabetha, KS, and Bro. Ken Hoerr, Peoria, for ministering God's Word to us on Sunday. May God bless them for their labors of love.

Bro. Glen Funk, Wichita, KS, recently spent a Sunday with us. May the Lord bless him for his labor of love.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner
"Mommie, what does eternity mean?"

What can I do or say
Now to explain to a finite mind
The length of endless day?
Picture my darling, a mound of sand

A mile long, high, and wide;
Each year a bird takes a grain of dust

From out of the mountain side.
Millions of years will pass away ere
The birds work is all done;
Even with all these millions of years

Eternity's just begun.
Eternity has no hours, no days;
Time, then, will cease to be;
We'll be at home in our Father's house,

Loved everlastingly.

Eleanor Burrell

Our hearts were saddened as we laid to rest our dear little Holly Hoerr on Sept. 30. Her parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Connie Hoerr, and she has two sisters, Darcy and Marla. Her grandparents are Dave and Sis. Harriet Hoerr and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold of Princeville. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family, and may God comfort them with the memories and love Holly brought into their home and hearts.

Sis. Marie Muster passed away at our Apostolic Christian Home. Her funeral was held in Elgin.

The Lord again has led dear souls together. We were happy to hear the announcements of the coming marriage of Sis. Debbie Feucht (Bro. Walter and the late Sis. Iola) to Bro. Tim Funk (Bro. Jim and Sis. LuAnn of Tuscon, AZ) and Bro. Bill Kuntz to Sis. Joan Huetter (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Helen of Fairbury).

The wedding of Sis. Sandy Hunzicker (Bro. Willis and Sis. Gloria) to Bro. Brad Bauer (Bro. Donald and Sis. Gloria) was on Sept. 21. We will miss our Sis. Sandy and wish them many blessings as they make their new home in Tuscon, AZ.

On Aug. 23, Dori Haefli and Mike Paule were united in marriage at the home of her parents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Gladys Haefli. Sept. 27 was the wedding date of Martha Meister (Bro. Ed and Sis. Eleanor and the late Bro. Elmer).

We wish these couples much happiness and God's blessings in their new lives together.

This month we were blessed with visiting ministers. They were Bros. Floyd Schmidgall of Morris, MN, Merle Bucher of LaCrosse, IN, and Noah Herman of Tuscon, AZ. We wish to thank them for the inspiring messages they brought to us.

Among the hospital patients this month were Sis. Martha Hemmer, Sis. Madge O'Moran, Sis. Mae Asal, Carolyn Kuch, Bro. Ray Wiegang, Bro. Walter Bittner, Bro. Jess Leman, and Bro. Walter Hess. May God restore their health according to His will.

Bob and Michelle Coburn and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann would like to extend their many thanks to all who

shared their prayers, and sent cards and gifts to them during Michelle's stay in the hospital. May God truly bless each and everyone for showing their love.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

Nehemiah told his people that the joy of the Lord should be their strength. This joy radiates in the faces of our recent converts.

Visiting ministers who told us of the joy in serving Jesus Christ have been Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka and Bro. Bill Hodel of Roanoke.

Our sympathy is given to the family of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold. Their granddaughter, Holly Jo Hoerr, passed away Sept. 27 in Peoria. Holly's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Connie Hoerr.

Renee Baurer, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Carol Baurer; Dennis Wagenbach, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty Wagenbach; and Connie Bender, wife of Michael Bender, have been hospital patients. They are home again and are recovering from their illnesses.

Also on the road to recovery is Sis. Mabel Schafer. She expresses her thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, and visits from thoughtful friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are grateful that God spared Bro. Al Hartzler from serious injury on Oct. 2. He was driving a tractor with a loaded wagon which was struck by a semitrailer. His tractor was split in two. Bro. Al was in the hospital a few days.

Bro. Jordan and Sis. Kathy Feucht welcome a baby boy. His name is Andrew David, and he was born on Oct. 13. Andrew's sister, Kari, is happy with this new addition to her family. The grandparents are Bro. Reuben and Sis. Nettie Feucht of Princeville and Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen of Goodfield.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel

We're thankful for all blessings small,
For beauty, faith, love and all—
The things we take for granted here—
For light and sunshine everywhere.

We're thankful for this life of ours,
For eyes to see the trees and flowers,
For ears to hear the harmony
And heart to feel humanity.

We're thankful for the skies of blue,
For mornings fresh with sparkling dew,
For Home and friends and family
And birds that sing so happily.

We're thankful for the golden sun
And little children full of fun,
For strength to work and all the things
Each lovely day to us He brings.

Gertrude Holman

With deep gratitude in our hearts, we must say "Thank you, God" at this Thanksgiving season.

We are thankful for our two young brothers who have given testimony of their faith and were baptized. They are Bro. Todd Moser (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barbara) and Bro. Tim Martin (Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen). We thank Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin for assisting Bro. Don and ministering to us. We are grateful that God's long arm reached to Hawaii and grace was given to Bro. Tim. May God's blessings be with these two dear souls.

John and Peg Sauder are the happy parents of John Robert, their first son. He will be called "J. R." The grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Esther Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johann. "J. R." was named for both grandfathers.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Judy Sauder are happy to welcome their little daughter, Kathryn Ann. She will be called "Katie." Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathryn Hodel and Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder are the grandparents. We are thankful for these "little" blessings.

Sis. Minnie Schafer and Sis. Clara Leman are thankful to be back home after being hospitalized.

We thank Bro. John Schmidgal and Elder Bro. David Bertsch for their loving messages of God's promises.

The ending of an era with the passing of Bro. John Mangold, 91, is significant to us, the living. To reflect on the generation of men who shaped and molded and executed God's work gives us a his-

torical perspective to a life of faith. To retain the essence of each life in our memories keeps our life abundant with keenness to the joys of life. We will remember Bro. John's quiet efficiency in working with the brotherhood to glorify God. We are appreciative of his living example of faith through the years.

Bro. John is survived by one daughter, Sis. Kathryn (Ray) Hodel, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Lydia Rassi - Dorothy Wagenbach

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thanksgiving Day has come again
With its golden harvest time.
Our season's handiwork is blest;
We enjoy these gifts of Thine.
And in the comfort of our homes
Happy family circles dine.
Oh, God! we give Thee thanks.

We live in a land of plenty
And from childhood have been
blest.

May freedom of worship we
cherish

Continue without molest.

Jesus, the dearest of blessings,
Brought hope of eternal rest.
Oh, God! we give Thee thanks.

Remember those in poverty
Whose blessings are so few.
May we with them our bounty
share,

And think of those in sorrow, too.
For parents who did sacrifice,
And loved ones dear and true,
Oh, God! we give Thee thanks.

Bro. Henry Kipfer

We received many blessings from our visiting ministers this month. Visiting us were Bros. Don Wagenbach (Washington), Ron Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal), John Steiner (Oakville), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), and Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park).

A precious baby girl was born Sept. 26 to Roge and Joann Beutel. They have named her Ann Marie. Her grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder (Roanoke) and Bro. David and Sis. Eunice Beutel.

On Oct. 6, Timothy Alan, was born to Bro. Maurice and Sis. Marge Schaefer. He was welcomed home by two sisters, Janet and

Cindy, and one brother, Kevin. His grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huette (Morton) and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda Schaefer.

Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all who remembered them with cards and gifts of love on their 50th anniversary.

June Zuercher and family thank all for the cards, flowers, visits, food and prayers while she was confined at home. It was truly a help and blessing. They felt the warmth and love of all.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Valerie Kipfer

But old Adam's sinful members
Must be buried in the flood,
And a new man rise, remember,
Pure and holy in His stead.
The first dies in true repentance,
This one lives by faith's
acceptance.

Sinful service, sinful lust

Are to me forever lost,
If I with the Lord am buried,
Must in me His life be carried,
And to God's glorification
Prove myself a new creation.

Zion's Harp, Hymn No. 162

We rejoiced with two dear souls as they were added to the family of God. We joyfully welcome Sis. Linda (Steffen) Fehr and Bro. Stan Schick into the full fellowship of the Lord. With us on that day were ministering Bro. Walter Steffen, Milford, and Elder Bros. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, Dave Kieser, Princeville, and Roy Sauder, Peoria.

On Oct. 19, we held our second family hymn singing of the season. It is always strengthening to gather together and sing hymns to our Lord and Saviour.

By God's love and guidance, Bro. Mark Hoerr of the Peoria congregation and Sis. Carolyn Dotterer have announced their engagement. They are planning a December wedding.

Hospitalized this past month were Sis. Lucille Herman, Sis. Connie Woodcock, Bro. Gordon Gerber, and Bro. Chris Koehl. We are glad that they all were able to make a speedy recovery.

Earth's trials and temptations
Make true love manifest.
To gain for us salvation

And heaven's joy and rest.

Zion's Harp

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Gayla Baumgartner

Tami Fiechter

Thus united and in concord
Let us walk the path of life;
Hand in hand, O may love bind us
For each other's welfare strive.

Zion's Harp 237

Steve Geisel and Donna Myers were united in marriage on Sept. 20. Steve is a son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy. Bro. Gene Reinhard (son of Bro. Alpie and Sis. Lucille) and Sis. Darlene Isch (daughter of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lucille) became one in the Lord on Sept. 21. Bro. Tim Fiechter (son of Bro. John and Sis. Shirley) and Sis. Vicki Isch (daughter of Bro. Alan and Sis. Carole) began their heavenly walk of life together on Oct. 5. May the sunshine of God's love fill these couples' lives.

"Ring the bells of heaven! There is joy today. . ." (202, Tabernacle Hymns) How thankful we are that souls are still heeding God's call and turning their lives to Him! We pray that God will grant each one His loving grace.

Adam Thomas is the name given to the first child of Brent and Penny Moser. Bro. Tom and Sis. Jan Moser are Adam's happy grandparents. Ashley Jean is the bundle of joy given to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Jan Drayer. Bro. Gene and Sis. Melinda Gilgen welcome their first child, Natasha Marie, into their home. Darren Ray is the name given to the fifth son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Drayer. Bro. Mike and Sis. Carmen Bertsch are the happy parents of their new son, Ryan Michael. Bro. Jeff and Sis. Linda McAfee welcome their second son, Jeffrey Adam, into their hearts and home. Bro. John and Sis. Irene Neuenschwander are his pleased grandparents. May the Lord ever guide these parents in rearing their children.

Many of the loved ones in our congregation have spent time in the hospital this past month: Sis. Phyllis Bucher (Bro. Nile); Sis. Robin Schwartz (Bro. Ernie); Sis. Gladys Fiechter (Bro. Walter); Calvin Rauch; Sis. Marie Moser; Sis. Fran Bertsch (Bro. Harvey); Matthew Yergler (son of Bro. Kim and Sis. Sue); Sis. Pat Gerber

(Bro. Leon); Jeff Bertsch (son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Fran); Sis. Elizabeth Graber (Bro. Jacob); Sis. Rose Gerber (Bro. Eli); Lisa Mann (daughter of Bro. Tom and Sis. Barb Pfister); Bro. Sam Kaehr; Bro. Art Kipfer (Sis. Goldie); Tobias Steffen (Sis. Hilda); Bro. Eugene Maller (Sis. Delores); Bro. Cliff Heyerly (Sis. Helen); and Sis. Clara Gerber (Bro. Wilmer). We hope each one can feel His loving nearness at all times.

On Oct. 12 Bro. Bob Meyer was ordained a deacon. We pray that his love for our faith and our Almighty God will ever increase. May God's grace be with Bro. Bob and his family as he begins his added responsibilities.

We would like to sincerely thank the visiting ministers that have been in our midst this past month: Elder Bro. John Bahler (Rockville, CT); Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke); Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit); Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott); Elder Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park); Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty); and Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit).

(The following was submitted by ministering Bro. Carl Kipfer.)

The inevitable time arrived when we said our last farewell to Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman.

Bro. Sam directed hundreds of souls to a full life in Christ Jesus, always ready to help. By his counsel he encouraged many to carry their cross which soon would be exchanged for a crown.

He is sorely missed by everyone. Bro. Sam's wife, Sis. Minnie, went to her rest last February. A son, Bro. Dale, lost his life in World War II.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter: Bro. Ervin, Bro. Walter, Bill, and Sis. Violet Ringger.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

Hymns of Zion, 218

INDIANA, BREMEN (See South Bend)

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Jacki Huber - Wendy Gutwein

It was brought out in a sermon recently that if we want to find fault with someone we usually can,

as all of us have shortcomings. But how much better it is if we look for something to love, something to value, something to appreciate in every brother and sister, every person we meet. The person we criticize just may have a virtue that we lack. How much better it would be to look for that virtue rather than being critical.

We were happy to hear of the arrival of three more precious little babies. Brad and Nancy Wuethrich are the parents of a little boy, Cameron Keith, who is welcomed home by two brothers, Travis and Patrick, and one sister, Melissa. Bro. Steve and Sis. Linda Gutwein rejoice at the birth of their third child, Molly Kristen. Kevin and Sara are also happy to have a new little sister. A little girl, Tara Dawn, is the welcome addition to Bro. Dave and Sis. Candy Huber's home.

Our prayers have been with Sis. Sharon Huber (Bro. Chris), Bro. Wayne Huber and Bro. Ben Anliker as they have been hospital patients this past month. That God will be with them and grant them lasting health and peace is our prayer.

Life is fleeting! We in the Francesville congregation have been reminded of this over and over this past year by the departure of friends and brethren into eternity. Two more souls from Francesville have passed from this life in the past month. Our dear Sis. Sara Anliker was laid to rest after living a full life in the Lord. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her dear husband, Bro. Ben, and their children, Sisters Mildred Clauss (Bro. Bob), Emma Jean Stieglitz (Bro. Oliver), Eleanor Bogart (Bro. James) and Bros. Charles and Earl Anliker.

Funeral services were also held for Melvin Gudeman. We extend loving sympathy to his family and friends.

We are told that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents! There is joy in heaven now, as some precious souls in our congregation are seeking their salvation! There is also joy in the true church of God over repentant souls. We only pray that many more will turn before it is too late.

SHALL YOU? SHALL I?
Someone will enter the pearly gate,

Taste of the glories that there await.

Someone will travel the streets of gold—

Beautiful visions will there behold—

Feast on the pleasures so long foretold. Shall you, shall I?

Someone will knock when the door is shut,

Hear a voice saying, "I know you not."

Someone will call and shall not be heard,

Vainly will call when the door is barred.

Someone will fail of the saint's reward:

Shall you, Shall I?

Shall you, Shall I?

Gospel Hymns 309

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Bobbi Erb

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth . . ." St. Luke 15:7.

We rejoice for our two converts, Sherri Cress and Kim Wuethrich. We look forward, with them, to their baptisms.

Visiting ministers have been our Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty), Elder Bro. Ed Frank (La-Crosse), Bro. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton), Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL), and Bro. Morris Frank (Leo). We are a blessed people to have brothers that are willing to be used as servants of God who speak His Word. Let us always remember them in our prayers.

INDIANA, LA CROSSE Pearl Nuest - Lu Ann Feller

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:1, 29.

We were reminded by visiting Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago, that only two reached the promised land, so we can not trust ourselves but need God's help at all times.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Levy had a reception for their son, Bro. Roger, and Sis. Sue. We wish to extend a hearty welcome to Sis. Sue.

There is a fountain filled with
blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that
flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.
Tabernacle 297

We are happy to make known
that Ruth Ann, daughter of Bro.
Elvin and Sis. Janet Nuest, has
turned to the Lord in repentance.

Sis. Martha Peters had the mis-
fortune of breaking her wrist.

INDIANA, LEO
Mrs. Phil Schlatter
Mrs. Al Frautschi

"Thank you, God," freely
Rolls from my lips every day.
Yes, "Thank You"
For your Spirit within and
The Bible truths which help me
Think, talk, and act rightly;
For benefits of a godly heritage—
Churches, hospitals, and schools;
For love of husband, children,
parents,
Brothers and sisters;
For kind neighbors and thoughtful
friends;
For a healthy body, an alert mind,
and
Nourishing food to keep them so;
For clothing, work, play, and
A comfortable home, where my
heart can rest.

But mere words are trite; thanks-
giving is
A life lived unselfishly for others
and for You.
So, to words I will add:
Kind words and deeds of love for
those I contact daily,
Warm clothes for the shivering
and needy,
Bread for the starving,
Shelter for the homeless,
Light for the blind,
Freedom for the captives,
Peace for the confused,
Love for hearts full of hate, and
Hope for a better day for man-
kind . . .
Because of Jesus Christ!
Ella May Miller

We were richly blessed by the
ministry of Bro. Rod Huber and
the visit of his family from Val-
paraiso.

A baby boy, Jason William, was
born to Bro. John and Sis. Linda
Klopfenstein, Sept. 26. Also wel-
coming him were two sisters, a

brother, and grandparents, Bro.
Curtis and Sis. Jeanette Tonner,
and Bro. William and Sis. Nancy
Klopfenstein. Someone suggested
that childhood is the most beauti-
ful of life's seasons.

Sympathy is extended to Bro.
Oliver and Sis. Emmajean Stieg-
litz in the passing of her mother,
Sis. Sarah Anliker. What a com-
fort is that blessed promise of
heaven!

Newly elected Sunday School
teachers are Bros. Lynn Stieglitz
and Lester Stoller and Sisters Mar-
lise and Susan Stieglitz.

As we are living in these trying
and difficult times, we have ex-
perienced a blessing and were privi-
leged to hear the timely exhorta-
tions and warnings from God's
Word as shared by our elder broth-
ers and recorded on the tapes we
have heard the last several Wed-
nesday evenings.

If you can't see the bright side,
then polish up the dull side and
move from Grumble Street to
Thanksgiving Street.

How much do you pray and
praise? Are there blisters on your
knees!

May you count many blessings
from His hand this Thanksgiving!

INDIANA, MILFORD
Sandy Beer - Connie Beer

Laugh a little, sing a little,
As you go your way!
Work a little, play a little;
Do this every day!

Give a little, take a little,
Never mind a frown.
Make your smile a welcome thing
All around the town!

Laugh a little, love a little;
Skies are always blue!
Every cloud has silver linings,
But it's up to you!
—Author Unknown

Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton)
and Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka)
fed our little flock from the Word
of God this past week.

Sis. Luella Beer was transferred
from the hospital to the new nurs-
ing home in Milford called Lake-
land Loving Care Center. May our
thoughts and prayers be with her
as she has been recently widowed
and is recovering from fractured
hips.

Several of our loved ones met

with misfortune, recently. Mike
Haab, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Mar-
tha, was hospitalized after a farm
accident with a broken leg. He is
recuperating on crutches. Chris
Wolferman, son of Bro. Bob and
Sis. Joyce, also injured his foot and
is in a cast. Tim Troup, son of Bill
and Sis. Anne, was slowed down
for a few days with a sprained
ankle.

Requiring surgery was Bro. An-
drew Kammerer. We pray that
God will be his refuge and
strength.

Sis. Hulda Graff (Bro. Oscar)
has been unable to assemble with
us this past month. Also Sis. Alice
Beer (Bro. Henry) has been ill and
homebound.

Wednesday evenings are being
spent listening to the conference
tapes. May God bless the love and
concern that is felt for the flock.

Little Trischa Speicher is happy
about her new baby sister. Traci
Leigh was born Oct. 8. The parents
are Bro. Tom and Sis. Tammy. The
grandparents are Bro. Lewis and
Sis. Mim and Mr. and Mrs. George
Sheets. Bro. Theo and Sis. Naomi
Beer are the girls' great-grandpar-
ents.

A Prayer For Thanksgiving
We thank thee for our daily bread,
For faith by which the soul is fed;
For burdens given us to bear,
For hope that lifts the heart's
despair.

We thank thee, Lord, for eyes to
see
The truth that makes, and keeps
men free;
For faults—and the strength to
mend them,
For dreams—and courage to de-
fend them.

We have so much to thank thee
for;
Dear Lord, we beg but one boon
more:
Peace in the hearts of all men
living,
Peace in the whole world this
Thanksgiving.
—Joseph Auslander

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
INDIANA, LAFAYETTE

Verene Von Tobel - Lois Wilbur
Purdue services are always a
blessing to us. Our recent services
were hosted by Bro. Bob Beebe,

South Bend, and Bro. Todd Feller, LaCrosse. We were again thankful for being able to meet together around God's Word.

At this time of year, we are reminded of the brilliant beauty of God's handiwork. It is encouraging to know that the God who made the seasons and their magnificent beauty is in control of our lives, also.

Bro. Tom Troxel, LaCrosse, currently a veterinarian student here at Purdue, is interning in Wisconsin at this time. The Purdue group was thankful to have him as a president last year, and we wish him God's best in his future career.

College Weekend was held the 27th and 28th of September at Urbana-Champaign (University of Illinois). It seems to be a time where our cups are filled to overflowing in joy of the Word of God. We also want to include special thanks to those who travel to visit us around God's Word at services.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

We are thankful for visiting minister Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL). He gave us many meaningful messages from God's Word.

We are happy to announce the arrival of Amanda Jo to Bro. Dan and Sis. Deb Stoller. This was their first child. The grandparents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Ede Stoller and Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea Frank.

"When the load is hard to bear, and we faint and fall beneath it in alarm; who in tenderness will lift us, and the heavy burden share, and support us with an everlasting arm? Yes there's one! Only one! Blessed Jesus. (Tabernacle Hymns, "He's the One")

Bro. Bob Clauss was hospitalized, and Sis. Anna Waibel underwent surgery this month. They are both home again and doing well. Sis. Marge Pitman wishes to express a thank you to the many who sent cards and supported her while she was ill.

Perhaps there are hidden blessings to be found in being laid aside with illness. "A Christian man of intense business activity became sick. He who never would intermit his labors was compelled to come to a dead halt. His restless limbs were

stretched motionless on the bed. Speaking to a friend of the contrast from sickness to when he was driving his immense business, he said, 'Now I am growing in the knowledge of myself and things which intimately concern me.' " Mrs. Chas. E. Cowman. There may be many of us who are running our souls thin by our nonstop actions without finding a quiet hour for feeding and waiting upon the Lord.

"Blessed, then, is sickness or sorrow or any experience that compels us to stop, that takes work out of our hands for a little season, that empties our hearts of their thousand cares and turns them toward God to be taught of Him. But why should we wait for sickness or sorrow to compel into our lives the necessary quiet hours? Would it not be far better for us to train ourselves to go apart each day for awhile from the noisy, chilling world to look into God's face and into our own hearts, to learn the things we need so much to learn and to draw secret strength and life from the fountain of life in God? Waiting thus upon God, we shall daily renew our wasted strength and be able to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint and to mount up with wings as eagles in bold spiritual flights." (J. R. Miller, Silent Times)

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Gayle Bucher

... But by love serve one another. (Gal. 5:13)

Lord, help me to live from day to day

In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for OTHERS.
Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for you,
Must needs be done for OTHERS.
Let "Self" be crucified and slain,
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for OTHERS.

And when my work on earth is done,

And my new work in Heaven's begun,

May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of OTHERS.
Others, Lord, yes others
Let this my motto be.

Help me to live for others,

That I may live like Thee.

—Charles D. Meigs

The construction of our new church has begun. Our congregation has voted on carpeting selections and exterior brick and roofing materials. We are looking forward to having our own sanctuary again and are extremely thankful for all the help offered by our brethren and friends.

Each month we have been blessed with visiting ministers and their families.

We humbly thank Bros. Larry Wenninger, Art Gudeman, Lenard Meyer, and Glen Funk for refreshing us with their timely messages.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Mary Huber - Claudia Thomas

We are truly rejoicing this month with all that the Lord has done for everyone. We are very happy to say another heart has been opened up to the Lord. Keith Heinold has started to repent and live his life for God. We all must continue to pray for him at this time.

Along with this good news, we also had some sorrowful times. Our beloved Bro. John Heinold was taken home to rest in the arms of Jesus. We will always remember his love for God and how he always expressed it when he would call out his favorite hymn "The Love of God." We share the sorrow of his wife and family and will miss him very much.

This month we were blest with ministering brothers from various churches. They were Ed Alt (Cissna Park), Herman Kellenberger (Elgin), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Ed Frank (LaCrosse), and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott). We truly appreciated the Word being spoken to us.

Once again there will soon be a holiday that all of the people across the land will probably celebrate, and that is Thanksgiving. And as we gather around the table filled with all the extra trimmings, we can't help but be thankful for what we have been given.

But there is more to the word "Thanksgiving" than just thanks; we must also give. When the pilgrims came across and started the tradition, they gave a lot up so we could have freedom. In return for this, God has blessed our

country. Let us keep up the true tradition of giving our all, and be thankful for it. After all, isn't that what Jesus did? We have a freedom, also, that we can show to our children. That is true Thanksgiving.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT
Laurel and Kris Widmer
Suzanne Lehman

LOVE'S ARGUMENT

I took Love to task;
"Behold", I said,
"How many a weary one
Hath only straw to lie upon?"
"There will I lay my head,"
Said Love, "'tis straw I ask."

I took Love to task;
"Behold," I said,
How many thorns there be
To rend and pierce with treachery
Our lives?" Love bent Him down
And took the thorns and made of
them
A crown!

I took Love to task;
"Behold," I said
"Yon gibbet with its burden dread.
Hate reigns!" Love answered me,
"I found a thorn like that
On Calvary."

I said to Love,
"Thy law is much too hard;
I cannot follow Thee."
Love stretched forth mighty arms
And said, "Come, child,
I'll carry thee!"

Father Andrew, S.D.C.
20th Century England

"Peace, peace, wonderful peace;
coming down from the Father
above. Sweep over my spirit forever,
I pray, in fathomless billows
of love." Gospel Hymns, 746.

It was announced on Sept. 28
that Becky Schwab (Bro. Vernon
and Sis. Arlene) has found peace.
We rejoice with her and wish her
much grace as she travels the narrow
path, hand in hand with Jesus.

Sis. Anna Furrer was hospitalized
for surgery this month and is
where she makes her residence. We
pray that God will be with her in
her time of trial.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Judy Gehring - Kim Salek
We were privileged to have our
Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger
and Ed Lanz with us the evening

of Sept. 27 for the testimony of
our dear friend Lucinda Scheitlin.
On Sunday, we had the privilege
of meeting our dear sister Lucinda.
May our little flock be increased
more and more in the coming
days and years.

The responsibility of proclaiming
the Word of God was laid upon
our Bro. Paul Eisenmann. He just
recently was our Bible Class teacher.
We wish him much strength and
grace from God our Father in his
new duties. May he feel the prayers
of those he loves.

We have concluded listening to
the tapes of the conference which
was held at Eureka in August.
Isn't it wonderful to hear the
exhortations of our loved ones who
care for our souls?

Our monthly singing was held
last Sunday evening with a goodly
number in attendance.

Sis. Leola Heiniger and Sis. Bertha
Eisenmann have been hospitalized
for awhile. They are both home
and have returned to the house of
God. Isn't it wonderful to meet
those we love in the house of
God?

IOWA, ELGIN Eleanor Butikofer

It's always such a pleasure to
pass along good news. At this time,
I want to make known an item of
good news from here. It is evident
that Eugene Moore, son of Bro.
Werner and Sis. Elizabeth, has
decided to spend eternity in eternal
bliss and so is turning to God in
repentance. We do heartily rejoice
with him.

We are grateful for the many
visitors who stopped to worship
with us this past season. We
appreciated each one for what they
shared with us. Bro. Steve Scheitlin
of Elgin, IL, who is attending
school at Plattville, WI, worships
with us from time to time, and we
are appreciating his fellowship
very much.

I have held many things in my
hands, and I have lost them all;
but whatever I have placed in
God's hands, that I still possess.

Luther

May you have:
Enough happiness to keep you
sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you
human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,

Enough failure to keep you
humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you
comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make
each day better than yesterday.
Author Unknown

October brings us a multitude of
lovely scenes. Among them are the
lovely colored leaves, ranging all
the way from gold to scarlet, beautiful
blue skies, and gorgeous sunsets.

We know for a fact that one is
recompensed by putting up a bird
bath. A few minutes ago we were
seeing a group of Bohemian wax-
wings and robins who were feasting
on the cedar seeds in our lawn
come down to drink water at our
bird watering stand. 'Twas
exciting. The world will never
starve for want of wonders. Beauty
is God's handwriting. There is a
little plant called reverence in
the corner of my soul's garden,
which I love to have watered once
a week, in the church.

IOWA, IOWA CITY Sharolyn Metzger

As we behold the autumn beauty,
let us remember it is God's handiwork.
May our thanksgiving be to Him
for all that He hath provided.

We are thankful to have three
new college students move to our
area. They are Debbie Knobloch,
daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen
of Bradford, IL; Dale Fehr, son
of Eldon and Adel of West Bend,
IA; and Nancy Teubel, daughter
of Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma of
Pulaski, IA.

Ministering Bro. LeRoy Hartman
of Peoria, IL; Bro. Albert Aberle
of Tremont, IL; Bro. Joseph Stoller
of Princeville, IL; and Bro. Arnold
Gerst of Chicago, IL, have shared
God's most precious Word with us.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Gerst
are happy parents of a new baby
girl, Sharon Marie. Her brother,
Timmy, will welcome her home.
The grandparents are Bro. Paul
and Sis. Elva Gerst of Oakville, IA,
and Bro. Fahey and Sis. Marie
Gress of West Bend, IA.

This past month our annual bus-

iness meeting was held. Beginning January, 1981, Thursday evening gatherings will be changed to Wednesday evenings. The time will stay the same, 7:30. The third Wednesday of each month, there will be services at the church. The other gatherings will be in the homes. One new correspondent is Bro. Brad Eland of 805 Union, Iowa City, IA 52240.

We bid farewell to Ron and Betty (Rassi) Lindwall. They are moving to Reno, NV.

The season to reap that which was sown is here. It brings to mind the Lord's harvest day. Will we be invited to the feast?

IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

If you hear a kind word spoken of some worthy soul you know, It may fill his heart with sunshine If you only tell him so. If a deed, however humble, Helps you on your way to go, Seek the one whose hand has helped you, Seek him out and tell him so! If your heart is touched and tender Toward a sinner, lost and low, It might help him to do better If you'd only tell him so! Oh, my sisters, oh, my brothers, As o'er life's rough path you go, If God's love has saved and kept you, Do not fail to tell men so!

Author Unknown

A blessed weekend was ours when on Sept. 20 six dear souls brought their testimonies before the church in sincere humility and were baptized the following day. They are Jim and Lois (Wagenbach) Metzger, Bill and Charlotte (Wagenbach) Metzger, Eleanor (Metzger) Popkes, and Linda (Metzger) Moser. We very thankfully welcome them into the brotherhood. Ministers with us for this occasion were Elder Bro. Dan Koch and Bros. Simon Wagenbach, Vernon Wettstein, John Steiner, Roger Aberle, Art Nohl, and Uriel Gehring. We appreciate the efforts of all.

Other recent visiting ministers were Bros. Clifford Grimm, Noah Miller and Lloyd Kraft. May God bless them for bringing us the Word in truth and purity.

A reception was held for Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri Knobloch who were recently married in Lamont, KS, and will be at home in Gridley, KS. A reception was also held for

Ben and Patrice Metzger who were united in marriage recently in Peoria where they will make their home.

We were happy to have the single members from the Iowa churches with us the weekend of Oct. 12. We hope it was a blessing to them as well as to us.

It has been our privilege to spend our Thursday evening worship hour listening to the conference tapes. How thankful we are for the elders who so patiently lead us on the narrow path of life.

Bro. Herman Stickling, Bro. Jake Metzger, Bro. Ade Moser and Lynn Knobloch, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Joyce Metzger, have been hospitalized in recent weeks. May God comfort and add His healing touch.

IOWA, OAKVILLE Jerilyn Wagenbach

Once again God has blessed a couple with one of heaven's treasures, a little child. On Sept. 19, Jay and Terry Hutcheson became the first-time parents of Jason Paul. His grandparents are Dave and Sis. Kathy Wyss (Oakville), and Maurice Hutcheson (Morning Sun, IA).

Ministering Bro. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin, IL), was in Oakville recently to share God's Word with us.

On Oct. 4, Ann Schrock (Bro. Bob and Sis. Edith) became the bride of Greg Johnson (Wapello, IA). We wish them God's blessings in their new life together and trust that they will desire to seek His guidance.

Take Time to Be Kind
Kindness is a virtue
given by the Lord;
It pays dividends in happiness,
and joy is its reward.
For, if you practice kindness
in all you say and do,
The Lord will wrap His kindness
around your heart and you.
And wrapped within His kindness
you are sheltered and secure;
And under His direction
your way is safe and sure.

Helen Steiner Rice

IOWA, PULASKI Ginny Wuthrich Mary Wiegand

The signs of fall are in the air, everywhere. The Lord has truly

blessed us with another bountiful harvest and beautiful weather in which to gather it in.

Bro. Charles Sauder visited us, recently. He asked how many times have we been looking forward to something only to be let down when it came to pass. So many times this happens. How thankful we can be, though, that the one thing all of us are looking forward to is promised to be far beyond our fondest expectations and comprehension.

Bro. Walt Herman was also with us and gave us much to ponder. We must always have our lamps filled with oil, trimmed and burning brightly. It is just as important to have our vessels full, too.

Only one life will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last. These few words meant so much to Sis. Minnie Getz. Her life is now past, as she passed away on Oct. 10. As long as her health permitted it, she was busy helping others. Most of her life was spent here, except for a few years in Morton. Wherever she was, she was a very loving person, willing to do what she could for those around her. All those who loved and knew her surely miss her, but we are thankful she could go to rest. Bros. Ed Lanz and Gerald Sutter came to offer words of comfort.

IOWA, WEST BEND Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

Our recent visiting ministers were Bro. Marshall Heinold, Washington, and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont. We are grateful to them for availing themselves in our behalf.

Frank Dogotch had surgery recently in Minneapolis. We trust the Lord will provide him with the needed strength again.

Jerry Traub and Jane Shimon have recently announced their engagement. Their parents are Fred, Jr., and Joann Traub and Mr. and Mrs. Shimon. We wish them God's blessings.

The home of John and Cindy Bruellman has been blessed with a new son, Michael Eugene. His grandparents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Bruellman and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harms.

"The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore

years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow . . ." Ps. 90:10. So it was for our retired Elder Bro. Paul Banwart on Sept. 20. He with all his children were able to observe his 90th birthday. He was born the second child of Joseph and Mary Banwart on Sept. 20, 1890. His father had come from Elgin, IA, as a small boy by three covered wagons with horses and oxen. They homesteaded and farmed land east of West Bend.

Bro. Paul was educated in country schools. In 1908 at the age of 18, he felt the need to repent. Then on Dec. 8, 1912, he was married to Sis. Elizabeth Benninger. Most of their married life was spent on the farm east of West Bend. Bro. Paul had Belgian horses which were used to do the farming. They had hogs and raised chickens for eggs and meat besides having a large garden. He remembers selling hogs for 2¼¢ a pound and corn for 25¢ a bushel.

Bro. Paul was a Sunday School teacher and song leader for many years. He learned a little about notes from his Sunday School teacher, Emil Bruellman, and George Freiden showed him how to find the pitch on his tuning fork. He was given the duty of minister in 1936, and in 1949, the added duty of elder.

All through these years his dear wife Elizabeth faithfully stood by him. Together they reared 13 children who are as follows: Sis. Clara Anliker (Bro. Sam) of Lamont, Bro. Elmer of Morton, Bro. Edwin of Oakville, Sis. Leona Wulf (Bro. Bill), Sis. Alice Metzger (Bro. Eli), and Sis. Esty Metzger (Bro. Freddie), all of Lester, and Art, Mariam, Arnie, Sis. Dela, Paul, Jr., Benjy and Bob from West Bend.

On Jan. 13, 1960, Sis. Elizabeth passed away after having suffered a heart attack seven months earlier. This was probably the most difficult experience in Bro. Paul's life.

In 1970, he retired from the ministry at 80 years of age. We trust the Lord will continue to go with Bro. Paul for such time as He affords.

Through God's direction, on Oct. 10, 1920, Sis. Emma Traub and Bro. George Sauder were united in holy matrimony. This was sixty years ago, and by God's grace this

weekend they were able to sit down and sup with their eight living children and most of their families. They had ten children: Ellis, Fredricksburg, VA; Sis. Bertha (the late Louie Kieser), Edelstein, IL; Virgil, Hancock, MN; Mildred (Joe) Siepka, Chicago, IL; Sis. Mary Ann (Herman) Baer, Princeville; Donald, deceased; Dorothy (Richard) Zaugg, West Bend, IA; Richard, deceased; George, Jr., St. Paul, MN; and Sis. Joyce (Lloyd) Nohl, McAllen, TX. They also have 27 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

They were both converted at a young age. Sis. Emma has lived in this area all of her life, but George was born in Illinois, then moved to Minnesota before settling here with his parents. They farmed for 30 years when they moved to town and started an ice route which they had for several years. This consisted of first putting up the ice in winter in large blocks and storing it in large ice houses. It was packed with saw dust until it was delivered to 126 different customers. By chance, he then began in the carpenter business and continued until his retirement.

They have had many happy and sad experiences in their lifetime, but God has been good to them. They feel their two most joyous experiences were their wedding day and now, many years later, their 60th anniversary day.

HARVEST DAYS

The harvest days are here again
To bless the works of God,
And gather in the products of
The good earth's kindly sod.

The harvest days are happy days
To bring our offering,
Of grateful hearts unto our God
Who gives us everything.

Laura Emily Mau

Thoughts for Thanksgiving: I
Chronicles 16:31-34.

JAPAN, SHIODA Evie Blunier

It seems that we only say thank
you
Each time that Thanksgiving
draws near;
Is it fair to say "give me" so of-
often

And thank you just one time a
year?

Author Unknown

How our hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving as we enjoyed a special weekend of fellowship in the Lord. A group of us gathered on Friday, Oct. 10, at a Japanese Inn on the hillside for a two-day fellowship meeting. Led by our ministering Brothers Willis Ehnlé, Akito Inoue, and Yoshio Yamazaki, we read various Scriptures and discussed two aspects of being a witness for Christ: 1) by the way we live (Matt. 12:30-37) and 2) by sharing God's Word with others (Acts 1:8).

As we walked together through the beautifully colored woods at the foot of Mt. Fuji, stepping over lava rock and shuffling through fallen leaves, the young giving an arm to the older and the children running on ahead, a spirit of peace and unity filled us.

The following Sunday, Oct. 12, we partook of the Lord's Supper together in our Holy Communion service. Following the service, when we soberly commemorated our Lord's death, each sister and brother greeted each other amidst tears and smiles with his heart warmed by the love of God.

We thank Bro. Akito Inoue who came and assisted Bro. Willis on that day. Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki also shared the Word with us that Sunday for both regular services. Bro. Akito and Bro. Yoshio also served our Shioda church during the month of August while Bro. Willis was in the States. Their willingness and enthusiasm in teaching God's Word is an inspiration to all, and we sincerely thank them for their labors. May God give the increase to what has been planted and watered.

"Earthquake! Earthquake!" A different tone in their teachers' voices made the children scream as they ran away from the building. It was only a drill, but it made me think. Recently, in Japan, we have had a series of tremors, maybe seven or eight in total. Some came in the middle of the night, some in early morning, and one came while we were eating lunch at church. They come without warning and with little time to seek safety. There are predictions of a big earthquake, and many precautions are

being taken. At our kindergarten, we are having drills, purchasing special padded hoods to cover the children's heads, and planning emergency procedures to protect our children, such as having a certain amount of rice and water always on hand. The greatest fear in the case of an earthquake is the danger of fire, so we must always be ready to turn off the pilot lights and gas stoves.

Doesn't it parallel our preparations for the coming of Christ? It may be at morning, noon, or night. There will be no warning and no time to prepare. But if we have made preparation, having ourselves covered with the blood of Christ, with our spiritual food and the water of life always close at hand, and are always ready to turn off the fiery darts of Satan, then we have hope of being saved from the devastation of this earth.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

"I will not leave you comfortless . . ." John 14:18

It is so wonderful that Jesus always remembers us and accepts all our prayers. Our churches here in Japan are still small, but we surely feel not alone because we have so many brothers and sisters in faith in America, always.

We had church cleaning on Sept. 23, Japanese national holiday, and quite a few our Tokyo brethren came and served the Lord. We very much feel that we really thanked God and received His blessings through our labors for the work of God.

We had our English Autumn Fellowship Meeting near Mt. Fuji on Oct. 10. The theme was "Being a witness for Christ." It was real blessed time, and we felt we should be much more good witness and give much more good examples toward our dear ones and friends through what we heard from the ministering brother's messages. After that we had singing and hiking.

We are going to have some brothers and sisters from America coming next few weeks and we pray for the Lord blessings to us and our fellowship here in Tokyo.

KANSAS, BERN

Esther Moser - Stella Moser

When I quit this mortal shore,

And mosey 'round the world no more,
Don't weep, don't sigh, don't sob—
I may have struck a better job.
Don't go and buy a large bouquet
For which you'll find it hard to pay;
Don't mope around and feel all blue;
I may be better off than you.
Don't tell the folks I was a saint
Or any old thing that I "ain't."
If you have "jam" like that to spread,
Please hand it out before I'm dead.
If you have roses, bless my soul,
Just pin one in my buttonhole
While I'm alive and well today.
Don't wait until I'm gone away.
(Unknown)

This poem was handed to me by my next door neighbor, Sis. Lena Wenger, who at this writing is in critical condition in the hospital.

We welcome Sis. Cynthia (Meyer) Strahm into our assembly and fellowship. Cynthia was married to Bro. Rodney Strahm on Oct. 5 in Sabetha. May the Lord add His blessing as they start their future life together. They are at home, R.R. 3, Sabetha.

Our guest ministers the past month were Bros. Noah Gerber (West Bend) and Ben Wysong (Sabetha). We extend our thanks and our appreciation to them.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Teresa Bahr

Two children of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Juanita Sinn were married recently. Steve married Lesa Fetterly (Devon, KS), and they are making their home in Fredricktown, MO. Sondra married Joe Chapman (Ft. Scott), and they are residing in Lawrence, KS. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless their lives together.

Ministering Bro. John Lehman and his family spent the weekend of Sept. 28 with us.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

A bundle of joy brightened the home of Kevin and Lanette Basil. A baby boy, Amos Scott, was born Oct. 7. The happy grandparents are Bro. Ephirim and Sis. Dorothy Young. Sis. Lydia Young is the great-grandmother.

Jesus said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,

and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." Matt. 15:8. Would you find it hard today to quote the following verse and mean it within your heart? "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105. Those who are born-again believers should delight in the Word of God and should seek to obey its every precept and example. There is real peace, joy and blessing in living by the Word of God. "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Ps. 40:8.

A loving thanks goes to visiting ministers Bro. Bill Emch, Lamont, and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Ramona Meyer

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness: but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." I John 3:9.

We have been truly blessed this fall here on campus! Three dear souls have now surrendered themselves to the Lord. They are Bruce Wullschleger (Bro. Arthur and Sis. Augusta, Wichita), Steve Schrader (Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy, Lamont), and James Wernli (Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty, Lamont). May God lead, guide, and direct each one of them as they begin their new way of life.

Ministering the Word unto us have been Elder Bros. Lester Hartter and Ben and Sam Huber, Sabetha. May these ministering brethren, and all those who travel the many miles to hear God's precious Word, be richly blessed for all their efforts.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr

At first I prayed for light: could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly would I walk to everlasting day!

And next I prayed for strength:
that I might tread the road
With firm, unfaltering feet, and
win the heavens' serene abode.

And then I asked for faith: could I but trust my God,
I'd live enfolded in His peace,

though foes were all abroad.

But now I pray for love: deep love
to God and men,
A living love that will not fail,
however dark His plan.

And light and strength and faith
are opening everywhere;
God only waited for me, till I
prayed the larger prayer.
Edna D. Cheney

The above poem makes me recall many times when I've questioned if God really hears my prayers and the miraculous way that petitions were eventually answered, not only at His own time, but also in His own perfect way.

Our Bible Classes traveled to Gridley this month for a Youth Fellowship gathering of the Kansas and Lamar, MO, churches. We deeply appreciated the time, effort, and love shown to us by the Gridley Bible Class and just want to say, "Thank You for a lovely weekend."

Our hospital patients this month were Todd Nelson, son of Bro. Ronald and Sis. Shirley Nelson, Sis. Florence Guthrie, and Sis. Elizabeth Otti. Todd, who had his wisdom teeth cut out, and Sis. Florence, who underwent tests, are both up and going again, we are happy to say. But our dear Sis. Elizabeth, who has suffered so much pain from her knee surgeries, underwent yet more surgery and seemed to be doing fine when a blood clot claimed her life, and she fell asleep in the arms of the Lord. We were all shocked and saddened by her sudden passing, and though her presence will be deeply missed amongst us, we are happy that she will suffer no more pain and is with the Lord whom she served for so long. Elder Bro. Ronald Nelson and ministering Bros. Raymond Roth and Ronald Allenbach officiated at services held here. May God be a comfort to Sis. Elizabeth's family in their sorrow and to all of us in our loss.

KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

This union of our hearts
Shall stand through grace in
Jesus;
We walk the path of life,
While cheer and trust increases.
Where God in truth abides,

Where two join hand and heart,
We find a threefold cord,
Not lightly rent apart.

Zion's Harp, No. 79

Sept. 28 was the wedding day of Sis. Jeri Luthi (Bro. Lloyd and Joan) and Bro. Tom Knoblock (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene) of Lester, IA. We are happy to welcome Bro. Tom into our fellowship. They will make their home on a farm near Madison, and both have employment in Emporia.

Bro. Wayne Anliker, Forrest, was a visiting minister bringing us the gospel message on a recent Sunday evening.

We are happy to report that three dear souls have answered the Lord's calling and have turned their backs to the world and all its lewd deceptions. They are John and Stephen Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy) and James Wernli (Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty).

Our hospital patients have been Freida Young, suffering from pneumonia, and Emma Enz, cataract surgery. Both are home recovering nicely.

KANSAS, SABBETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, and Bro. Gene Marti, Lamar.

A double reception was held here for Steve and Kaye Meyer and Jim and Diane Kaeb. Steve and Kaye were married in West Bend on Sept. 6. Their parents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer, Sabetha, and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis Banwart, West Bend. Jim and Diane were married in Fairbury on Aug. 23. Their parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Ione Broquard and Mary and Elmer Kaeb of Fairbury. We wish both couples God's blessings as they begin their new lives here in the Sabetha community.

Sis. Cynthia Meyer and Bro. Rod Strahm, Bern, were united in marriage by their uncle, Bro. Gene Marti, on Oct. 5. They are living near Sabetha. The parents are Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer, Sabetha, and Sis. Mamie and Bro. Alpha Strahm, Jr., Bern.

Bro Phil Metzger wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, letters and every act of kindness during his recent surgery.

Hospitalized this past month

were Sis. Lydia Wenger, Sis. Susie Brunner and Sis. Verna Strahm (surgery). Also hospitalized were Sis. Lena, Sis. Matilda and Bro. Noah Steiner at Hannibal, MO, following an accident in eastern Missouri.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

Because it is so beautiful outside, I would like to take the privilege of being a little personal in my expressions. I hope you will bear with me.

Fall is my favorite season, and Indian Summer has set in. Oh, it makes one feel so good. Even after a dry summer, we still have to rejoice when there is so much beauty. When we are rejoicing, how can we help but be thankful, also?

There is a church here in Wichita that advertises itself as being "the church with the rejoicing heart." You know, I kind'a like that idea, because I know that God is pleased with a church that knows how to rejoice. A rejoicing church must be filled with people who know how to rejoice. The Apostle Paul tells us we ought also to rejoice in tribulation. That is a pretty hard thing unless we have the love of Christ in our hearts and we can be even as He that "... for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross . . . , " "... and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Heb. 12:2 and Phil. 2:8)

Maria Hirschman (Hansi) author of *The Girl Who Loved the Swastika*, told of her life as a young Nazi, the hard trials in a Russian concentration camp, her escape back to Germany and her final flight to this country. She told of her extreme depression and depravity while trying to adjust to all this and finally of tossing on her bed one night and asking God, "Why?" The Lord told her to "REJOICE! AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE." She asked the Lord how she was to do this with all her problems. The reply came that she was first to show thankfulness in the small things and when she had conquered that to start with the hard things. She started to make a list of all the small things like soap, warm water, a bath, etc., all the things she had been deprived of through the

trying years. After the first step, she started on the next, the really hard things. Did you ever ask your family around the Thanksgiving table what they are thankful for and someone actually had to stop to think?

Wichita news this month that would be of particular interest is scarce as often happens in a small church, but today we are rejoicing. Today, WE are a REJOICING CHURCH! We are looking forward to hearing the confession of faith by Jonathon Long, husband of Ruth Bowers Long. We also are rejoicing with a new contender of the faith, Kathy Chavez. Kathy comes to this church of her own freewill, not having the benefit of the Apostolic teachings from early youth. These two come as strangers to this place of worship. (Read I Kings 8:41, 42).

One final closing thought. Have you ever wondered what is so wonderful, so special in heaven that the angels would rejoice over one lost sinner coming to the knowledge of the gospel of salvation and repenting? What great things must be in store for all the redeemed! Now with the following Scripture I would like to state that this year of 1980 has still been a good year, hasn't it? And don't we have much to rejoice about? Let us all join hands.

"But let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let those who love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield." Ps. 5:11, 12.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Bragiel - Linda Ramseyer

November — the time remembered for Thanksgiving; a motivation in the continuing of our labors. "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

Bro. Tom and Sis Connie Schlatter have a new son, Rudy Thomas, who already has two sisters waiting for him. His grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter.

Bro Daryle Wieland was hospitalized for surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Nella Varga

We are so happy that Darlene Kujawa has found peace in her heart and wishes to be baptized. Along with Darlene, we greatly rejoice that her husband, William Kujawa, has found the grace to repent. We wish God's blessings on both of them.

Let me serve you, Lord, today
With all my heart, and as I pray,
Send blessings down from heaven
above

And keep me sheltered in Thy
love;

Make of my soul a citadel
Where joy and peace and goodness
dwell

And gratitude and love abide . . .
Be thou my Counselor and Guide!

Katherine Nelson Davis

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

Carol Virkler

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Eph. 5:20

Thanksgiving Day Prayer
Today, dear Lord, we gather here
In fellowship and love,
Mindful of the wondrous gifts
That come from Thee above.

For this feast, we thank Thee,
Lord;

For health that here abounds;
For the love that warms our
hearts;

For children's happy sounds.

For shelter of our cozy homes;
For freedom of this land;
For right to live the life we choose;
For nature's bounty, grand.

These blessings You've bestowed
on us
Outshine all want and strife.
We thank Thee, Lord, for this day;
We thank Thee, Lord, for life.

Sandra M. Haight

We were grateful for the many precious teachings brought to us by our visiting ministers. With us on Sept. 21 was Bro. Wayne Fehr of West Bend, IA, and on Oct. 5,

Bro. Leroy Messner of Winthrop ministered to us. May the Lord richly bless them for coming to visit and sharing the Word of God with us.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Jan Schock - Pam Sutter

A boy went to the zoo with his father and became so interested in the monkeys that he refused to look at the beautiful birds, the graceful deer, or the powerful buffalo. When he returned home, he could talk only of the monkeys. Is it possible that we go through life looking at so many trinkets and toys that we never notice God or His many blessings? As we think of Thanksgiving Day, may we review what God means to us.

We thank Bros. Wayne Fehr and Elmer Schmidt for their visits this month.

Bro. Paul, Jr. and Sis. Pam Fehr welcome their second daughter, Echo Lee. Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna and little Shadow are among the happy family.

Kathy Joos, daughter of Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Edith, and Nolan Kloehn were married this month, and we extend best wishes and God's blessings to them in their life together.

Bro. Harold Gramm was hospitalized, and we're thankful that he is home again.

Let our lives be our Thanksgiving
To our Father up above.
Let us worship Him with kindness;
Let us praise Him with our love!

Let us honor Him with virtue;
Let good deeds become our prayer.
Let our lives be our Thanksgiving
For the bounty that we share!

Edward Cunningham

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Messner - Mary Lou Schmidt

Ps. 50:14: Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High. And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

This is the time of year when our country sets apart a special day to remember our blessings and be thankful to God because the United States has been a God-fearing country. How long will we have this freedom to worship as we please? How long will God look

down upon us with favor before He says it is enough?

Heb. 13:15: By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

We can truly say we have been spiritually blessed by hearing the tapes from the fall conference. May God richly bless our dear elder brothers for their words of wisdom, love, and spiritual guidance. May they never tire in their God-given duties. May we also accept what is said and pray for grace to do better.

Sis. Florence Messner (Walter) had ear surgery this past month. Bro. Tim Schmidt had surgery on his nose. Little Ryan Messner (Bro. Stan and Sis. Jeannine) was hospitalized for a few days. Sis. Darlene Schmidt (Darrel) underwent surgery, too. We are thankful that all are getting along favorably.

Sis. Darlene Schmidt wishes to convey a special thank-you to all those who so kindly remembered her with cards, gifts, visits, and prayers because of her surgery.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Vera Luthi - Elaine Braker

All things bright and beautiful;
All creatures great and small;
All things wise and wonderful;
The Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell, how great is God Almighty who hath made all things well.

Hymns of Zion

We can see God's mighty power in the brilliant colors of this autumn season. And how thankful we were for the blessings of a much needed rain.

We're glad to report that those who have been hospitalized this month are able to assemble with us again. Hazel Kikler, Bro. Art Banwart, Sis. Marilyn Luthi and Phil Braker all spent some time in the hospital.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Loida Hodel - Stephanie Gerber

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end." Ps. 119:33.

We are thankful that His Word is not limited to the wise only, but is also revealed to babes. As long

as our ministering brothers have a "degree" in humility, they will not need a Master's degree to stand up and proclaim God's Word as He would direct it.

Hospital patients this month were Theresa Cottrell (Tom), medical, and John Henry Hoerr (three-year-old son of Bro. Don and Sis. Elaine), tonsillectomy. Both are home again and doing fine.

This season is really a beautiful time of year as the poet relates below. The traditional weiner roasts around a fire in the crisp, clear air with a gorgeous full moon in the sky are precious memories to the old and a special enjoyment to the young.

AUTUMN

When autumn flings her banners wide

upon October's air,

All nature seems to thank its God for making life so fair.

The hills are robed in amethyst, the trees are dressed in fire;

The very air seems thrilling with a passionless desire.

One somehow feels that God on high

must love this season best;

He holds it as a mother holds her baby close to her breast.

The pressure of His hand is on all nature like a prayer—

When autumn flings her banners wide

upon October air.

M. Sangster

Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, IL, was our only visiting minister this month. We enjoy hearing God's Word explained in many different ways. It still basically is "The old, old story." We express our thanks to all of our ministers.

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee.

O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Hymn of Zion No. 105

We're so happy to witness another dear one, Kay Miles, turn her back on sin and Satan. With God's grace and strength, she can embrace the promises of joy and happiness in this life, and then a home in heaven. We need to intercede to God for one another, and all of us need the prayers of those we love.

Our sincere hope is that many others will "come" while He is knocking at their heart's door.

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA Ed Aeschleman

Ministering Bro. Lee Bahler and several others from Rockville visited the Union City church on Sunday, Oct. 5. We are grateful for all of our visitors and especially for visiting ministers who relieve and encourage us when we are alone on the pulpit and bring us the true and powerful Word of Life.

Brethren and friends from Rockville, Rittman, Bluffton, Peoria, and Eureka helped with cleaning, draperies, carpeting, landscaping and wall papering in our new Philadelphia church during October. The building is nearing completion, and we hope to occupy it in November. God has blessed us with a church building far better than we had ever hoped for or feel that we deserve. The love and kindness inspired of God in the hearts of the brethren and friends throughout this land and Japan brought about this miracle. We invite the brethren everywhere to make use of this new facility and support us in worship services whenever they travel through the East.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice G. Virkler

Two couples in our congregation have celebrated special wedding anniversaries during the past month. Bro. Bernard and Sis. Evera Martin celebrated their 25th and were honored at an open house on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14. They have a daughter, Mrs. Dean (Joyce) Greenwood, and a son, Timothy. They also have a grandson and a granddaughter.

Bro. Chester and Sis. Catharine O'Brien were honored at an open house on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 19. On Oct. 21, they reached the 65th milestone of their married life. Chet, son of Gerald and Ida O'Brien, and Kate, daughter of Aaron and Barbara Farney, were married on Oct. 21, 1915, in Beaver Falls. They have one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Winifred) Christianson of Beaver Falls. Bro. Chet served many years as our

church treasurer. They both enjoy good health and assemble with us regularly.

Elder Bro. Andy Virkler of Bay City ministered to us on Oct. 28. In the evening, we held a short service at the Extended Care of Lewis County General Hospital. Sis. Sarah Virkler, Sis. Minnie Virkler, Bro. Jesse Karcher and Andrew Virkler, residents of the facility, enjoyed assembling with us. Many other residents also attended. We want to thank Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine for their visit, and give a special thanks to Bro. Andy for his ministry of the Word to us.

Sis. Barb Virkler was a medical patient a few days, and Bro. Amos Virkler remains a medical patient at this writing.

On Sept. 14, funeral services were held for Sis. Lucy Woolschlagger by Bro. Norbert Steiner and Bro. Robert Beyer. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Bro. Arthur, and her two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Liwaine Woolschlagger and family, and Elwin Woolschlagger. Bro. Art is unable to assemble with us, and our thoughts are with him.

Two new babies have been welcomed into the homes of loved ones. Their first child, a daughter, Jacqueline Mary, was born on Oct. 7 to Bill and Beth Widrick. She is also welcomed by grandparents Gilbert and Betty Widrick and Roger and Mary Griffen. Dean and Joyce Greenwood and little Scott welcomed a daughter and sister on Oct. 18. She has been named Tonya May. Her grandparents are Bro. Bernard and Sis. Elvera Martin, and Everett and Lola Greenwood.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG Rachel Snyder

A nice evening was spent at the Greenbriar Nursing Home when a group was gathered to sing a few songs for Sis. Minnie Rauhe and some resident guests. Her birthday was the third of October.

A blessed Sunday was spent when we assembled with the Croghan congregation to hear the message given by Bro. Andrew Virkler.

We are happy to hear that Maude Pelton has found that peace that passeth all understanding. It was announced to the church on Sunday, Oct. 12.

We want to extend our sincere sympathy to the famoily of Bro. Perry Virkler who passed away Oct. 13. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, eight children, and a brother and sister. Bro. Robert Beyer and Leland Hirschev conducted the services.

OHIO, AKRON Carolyn Miller

The fall season has come again and it is such a beautiful time of year. When we view the many colors of foliage, it makes us marvel at the creations of our Lord. This brings to my mind the song, "Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the world Thy hands have made." Indeed we must say, "How Great Thou Art."

Louise French has had surgery and wishes to thank all for their prayers, cards, and concerns. Ann Francis has also been hospitalized this month.

Bro. Richard Messner has recently moved to the Apostolic Christian Home in Rittman. Bro. Charles Novotny is also residing in a home, and has been unable to assemble with us for quite some time.

OHIO, JUNCTION Lester Manz

Bro. Eugene Fetter from Toledo, Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron, Bro. Henry Dotterer fom Rittman, and Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty brought God's Word to us this month. Among the good teachings they brought was a story of a young boy who asked his grandfather how old Jesus was when He was baptized. The child found comfort when his grandfather told him Jesus' age at baptism. The child was concerned because his father had never been baptized. But, his dad was still younger than Jesus had been at baptism, so perhaps there was hope! How thankful we are for all of our loved ones whose condition is similar to this boy's father, that while there is life, there is still hope.

OHIO, LATTY

Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruif of the womb is his reward. Psalm 127:3.

First-time parents are Tom and Bonnie Evans with the birth of Elizabeth Louise. The grandpar-

ents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. David Evans.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Eileen Whitman welcome little Trisha Renae into their home. Also welcoming her are Bruce, Brian, Jason, Tammy, Jeremy, Trina, and grandparents Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Rager and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Whitman.

On Oct. 4, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman) was with us for this solemn occasion. May we ever think of the Lord's suffering and all that He has done for us. May we strive each day to do His holy will so that we may be found worthy to partake of the holy supper with Him in that new kingdom.

On Oct. 12, Bro. Ed Frank (La-Crosse, IN) ministered to us. Let us always remember our ministering brothers in prayer so the Word may always be spoken in truth and sincerity by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Thus united and in concord
Let us walk the path of life;
Hand in hand, O may love bind us,
For each others welfare strive.
Zions Harp

On Sept. 28, we witnessed the uniting of Bro. Dennis Gordon and Sis. Connie Schlatter in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Bro. Dick and Sis. Viola Schlatter and Mr and Mrs. Ray Gordon. May God ever bless their lives together and may He always be the unseen guest in their home. With us for this special occasion were Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN) and Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville, IN). May God richly bless them for their efforts.

Bro. Dan Sinn was hospitalized, but we are thankful that he has been able to assemble with us again. Mike Stoller was also hospitalized, but has been moved to Van Wert Manor Nursing Home. Let us remember the shut-ins and pray that they will always look to God for their comfort and strength.

OHIO, MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

God's handiwork in painting the leaves at this season can surely leave no doubt in anyones mind that our Creator is a wonderful

God. Recently, we looked across our driveway and saw perched on the roof of a neighbor's house several large pheasants. Below, under a large tree cuddled together, were about twenty baby pheasants. How beautiful is God's creation. As the older birds watched their young, so does our Heavenly Father care for all His creatures. We can be so thankful He does care and provide for all our needs as He has done this past year.

As the fall leaves are falling, one by one, so it is in life. One by one, our loved ones are chosen by the Master to come home. Sis. Aldine Fuhrer was called from her labors to be with her Lord on Sept. 30. Sis. Aldine served in the vineyard over 50 years. At the age of 87, she could lay aside all her earthly cares. Surviving are three sisters, Martha, with whom she made she home and who so lovingly cared for her for so many years, Nellie Groh and Naomi Cordrey.

Bro. Robert Sauder spent some time at Mayo Clinic and is home again. Sis. Wilma Sauder has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Doris Pierce had a bad fall and broke several ribs. Her mother, Hazel Beer, is hospitalized with a broken hip. John Fuhrer is also hospitalized at this time, and we pray for God's healing touch on each of them, if it can be His will.

Randy Sauder and Dee Frantz chose Sept. 21 as their wedding day. We wish them much happiness. Randy's parents are Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder.

We thank Bro. Don Manz (Junction) for recently spending a weekend with us and sharing the precious Word of Life with us. We invite him and his dear family to return again soon.

As Thanksgiving approaches, the following hymn comes to mind:

Jesus has a table spread
Where the saints of God are fed.
He invites His chosen people—
"Come and Dine."
With His manna He doth feed,
And supplies our every need.
O 'tis sweet to sup with Jesus
all the time.

Soon the Lamb will take His bride
To be ever at His side.
All the host of heaven will as-

sembled be.
O 'twill be a glorious sight—
All the saints in spotless white—
And with Jesus they will feast
eternally.

C. and C. Widmeyer

OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler - Janette Blough

"Remeber now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Eccl. 12:1. We are so happy to report that another young soul has turned to our Creator in repentance. He is Ralph Marty, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou Marty. We wish him much grace.

Three little babies, a boy and two girls, have been born to three of our families, John Eugene Calame III came to live with Bro. John and Sis. Jodi Calame. First-time grandparents are John and Sis. Margaret Calame. Bro. Walt and Sis. Linda Beery welcome little Laurie Rose to their home. Laurie's grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Eleanor Pamer of Akron. Her great-grandparents are Bro. Reuben and Sis. Velma Hartzler and Bro. Paul and Sis. Rose Pamer of Akron. Joleen Marie was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Bachman. Joleen has three sisters, Sis. Linda, Pam, and Jury, and two brothers, Bro. Larry and Greg.

Those hospitalized this month were Sis. Lillian Maibach, Jack Maibach, and Frank Weber. May our Lord again grant these loved ones good health and strength.

Oct. 12 was the wedding day of Bro. Jeff Hartzler and Sis. Beverly Emch. We wish them many blessings and much happiness together. Bro. Jeff is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Joan Hartzler, and Sis. Bev is the daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ken Indermuhle of Sardis, Bro. Virgil Metzger of Urbana, and Bro. Paul Gasser of Akron. We thank our brothers for visiting and ministering to us. We always appreciate visiting ministers and are so thankful when they preach and proclaim the Word of God to us. We also want to thank all of our home ministers for all the toiling they do for our

Master so faithfully every day of the week by ministering to us.

OHIO, SARDIS Joyce Indermuhle

I was visiting with an elderly gentleman the other day, and he told me a very beautiful old tale. We were talking about the beautiful fall scenery and he asked me if I knew why the leaves turned colors in the fall. I didn't want to give him the scientific reason as I sensed I was in for a bit of old time philosophy, so I just shook my head no. He started out in his slow easy way just like this, "Well, here's the reason I give for it. All summer long the trees are beautiful and green and people enjoy their beauty so much. Then along comes three months when they are going to be bare and drab. Just before these three months start, the leaves work together and put on the grandest, most beautiful show of color they can so we folks won't forget their beauty over winter." He ended his story by saying, "Call it an old Indian legend, or whatever you want, but it suits me just fine."

How wonderful it is that we have memories of the wonders of nature to carry us through the stormy days. It is also a blessing to have memories of days when all went well to carry us through the days when trials try to drag us down. We have a great comfort in knowing, though, that God will never forsake us no matter how hard the going gets.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember to give thanks not only for what we have, but for that which we don't have to have, too. It is so easy to get carried along in the world burdened down with so many material possessions. What pure joy can come from a simple life! How much richer we can be in love, joy, and peace if we don't have to worry about wealth.

OHIO, TOLEDO Josephine Rehklau

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion on Saturday, Oct. 11.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus in the night of His betrayal,
When His covenant He did endow,

When His blood, in love and grace
eternal,
For transgression and for sin did
flow,
Established for His church a token,
That His covenant might ne'er be
broken,
This His holy Sacrament and feast,
For His own, from sin and death
released.

Zion's Harp

The great love that Jesus had
for His church makes this a feast
of love.

"And as they did eat, Jesus
took bread, and blessed, and brake
it, and gave to them, and said,
Take, eat: this is my body.

"And he took the cup and when
he had given thanks, he gave it
to them: and they all drank of it.

"And he said unto them, This
is my blood of the new testament
which is shed for many." St. Mark
14:22-24.

The bread is symbolic of His
body which He offered in death
upon the cross. The cup with wine
is symbolic of His blood which He
shed upon Calvary's mountain.
Partaking of this holy sacrament
binds us anew to our Lord.

Our communion service was
conducted by Elder Bros. Ben Mai-
bach (Detroit) and Andrew Virk-
ler (Bay City). We thank our el-
ders for their service of love.

Bros. Andrew Virkler and his
wife, Sis. Maxine, were with us
for Sunday services.

OREGON, SILVERTON

Andy and Mary Jane Winkler

We thank you loving teachers too
For all your love and care;
You teach us of the heavenly
home—

How we may enter there.

Hymns of Zion

This hymn makes me think and
appreciate what our Sunday School
teachers, ministers and elders do
for us. It seems we cannot fully
realize some things until we ex-
perience them ourselves. It was
time in our church to elect a new
Sunday School teacher as Bro. Art
Metz's turn had expired. I, (Bro.
Andy Winkler) was chosen. We
want to thank Bro. Art for his la-
bor of love and concern as Sunday
School teacher. As I begin this
great responsibility, I realize the
need for your prayers. With this
thought in mind, I would like to
say a special thanks and prayer for

all our teachers in our faith. Our
churches could never stand if it
were not for brethren who are will-
ing, with God's help, to teach and
proclaim the wonderful Gospel
message of Salvation.

We want to thank Bro. Carl
Kinsinger for coming again to be
spent for us. We wish him God's
blessings and protection in his
walk of life.

PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA
(See New Jersey, Union City)

TEXAS, ZAPATA
Margery Koehl

Our September visitors were
Bro. Paul and Sis. Sharon Isgheri-
an and their son, Teddy, of De-
troit, MI. Also, Klaus Peter Heikl
and Vaelse Lassing of Germany,
who were visiting Paul Oeschle,
visited us.

This is a joyous time for us as
our winter Texans are returning.
We welcome each and everyone
with open arms.

SILVER THREADS

THE BUILDER

A builder builded a temple.
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said, as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay;
Great is thy skill, O Builder;
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A Teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing ef-
forts,

None helped her with her plan,
For the temple the Teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumpled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

(The Treasure Chest, Sub-
mitted by Charlen Banwart)

WRONG TO USE "I"?

I am the good shepherd,
I am the door—
I am Alpha and Omega
Forevermore!
"I Am" hath sent me—
Moses was told to reply.
Revelation is full of I, I, I,
Written by John, and God on high.

Its not the pronoun that's wrong
to use—
It's the thought that follows that
can abuse,
Cause confusion, concern, and
strife—
But not
I am the way, the truth, the life!

Louise Ella Akel

PRAYER

We have a blessed privilege
To go to God in prayer,
To bring to Him our trials and
needs,
And find a solace there.

God loves to hear the prayer
Of a humble soul
Who loves the Father and the Son,
And Heaven is his goal.

He knows of all our needs
Before we, of Him, ask.
It pleases God when called upon,
When starting a new task.

How often do we call on God
To bring our load of care?
Oh, the blessing there is
To feel an answered prayer.

A prayer with humble thanks
And inner wants begun.
Pleases our God in Heaven—
When ended, "Thy will be done."

Robert K. Hohulin

NONE BUT CHRIST
CAN SATISFY

O Christ in Thee my soul hath
found,
And found in Thee alone,
The peace, the joy I sought so long,
The bliss till now unknown.

I sighed for rest and happiness,
I yearned for them, not Thee;
But while I passed my Saviour by,
His love laid hold on me.

I tried the broken cisterns, Lord,
But ah! the waters failed!

E'en as I stooped to drink they
fled,
And mock'd me as I wailed.

The pleasures lost I sadly mourn'd,
But never wept for Thee,
Till grace my sightless eyes
received,
Thy loveliness to see.

Chorus:

Now none but Christ can satisfy,
None other name for me,
There's love, and life, and lasting
joy,

Lord Jesus, found in Thee.

Gospel Hymns, No. 196

Sermon . . .

(Continued from page 28)

Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Luke 11:2. First of all, before our prayers are going to do us any good, we have to recognize God as a Supreme Power, as Someone able to help.

When you need help, you go to someone who can help you in your particular need. If you needed a plumber, you probably wouldn't go to a carpenter to get help; you'd go to a plumber. If you need spiritual help, where do you go? You go to the only place where you can derive any help and that is to God, God Himself!

You go to God with a humble attitude and say, "God." You acknowledge Him as God, and you say "Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread." Luke 11:2, 3. Isn't it wonderful, beloved, that you and I can rely upon our God for our daily bread? Everything we need in our life will be given to us, if we only ask.

"And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." Luke 11:4. Forgive us our sins? Do we have sin in our hearts? Did we come in a burdened condition at the time when we recognized there was a need for help?

Last Sunday as I opened the Scripture in the morning, it opened to the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 11. I am going to take the liberty to turn back there, because that particular chapter really "struck me" when I read those few verses. I thought about how this

Bible is in the home of each one of us today. Probably every person sitting here has a Bible in his home. This Bible is going to do one of two things for each one of us as we read these few verses together. It is either going to condemn us to hell, or it is going to give us a wonderful promise of eternal life.

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse." Deut. 11:26. That's what this Bible actually does to every single soul, beloved. This Bible sets before you a blessing or a curse. "A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known." Deut. 11:27, 28.

So, beloved, the choice becomes your choice and my choice as to what this Bible will do for you or for me.

We read in the first reading today about Samson. Samson was brought before the Philistines because they were continually looking for something with which to entertain themselves. They wanted sport. They wanted something to stir up their emotions, something that they could get really excited about. They gathered in a huge arena and had Samson brought before them because Samson had been a powerful man. They were going to make a lot of sport about it. Samson was brought in and people gathered around. For what? To worship God? Oh, no, dearly beloved. They came to make sport.

It reminds me of the old Roman practices. The people brought Christians into the arena and tied them at the stakes. They poured oil over them and set them on fire to light up the arena. Just for sport.

They threw Christian people into the arena and then sent in wild animals to tear them to pieces. For what? To make sport. To have excitement. This was their life. This is what they were looking for.

In Deuteronomy we read that if we seek after other gods, this Book will then become a curse unto you and me. But if we appreciate it, if we love it, if we obey it, it will be a blessing. If we come to

our Lord and our God and ask, He will give us help.

"And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;" Luke 11:5. Have any of you a real, true friend of whom you could ask almost anything that you would want? Probably you have a close friend to whom you could go in your need and feel free to ask of him whatsoever you would.

When you ask, what does he do? Because he appreciates you, because he loves you, because you have a mutual love for each other, he will give you what lies in his power to do.

The Lord used this as a comparison. He said that if you asked your friend for a favor in the middle of the night he would tell you, "Trouble me not" because it was not convenient at that time. He would say, "No," and ". . . yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." Luke 11:8. The Lord tells us not to hesitate to ask God for help.

It is not only the unconverted person who should ask, seek, and knock; it applies to every one of us today. The Lord says here: "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:9. Which one of you, dearly beloved, has a need? If you have a heavy heart, a heavy feeling in your heart, what do you do? What should you do? Go to the Lord and Saviour and ask for His help and guidance.

Remember that it says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:9. For whom will He do this? "For every one that asketh . . ." Luke 11:10.

Not one of you, dearly beloved, not one of us sitting here today can say on Judgment Day, "But it wasn't for me. I never had the proper credentials. I never had the proper training. I never had the proper knowledge." No. Not one of us is going to be able to stand before the judgment seat of God and say, "God, I tried; I sought Thee, but Thou didn't hear me," because it would be contrary to the Word of God.

The Word is absolutely true and, if we don't believe it, it will become a curse. Unless we apply it to our individual lives, it will become a curse. But, if we take this Word, if we cherish this Word, if we love this Word, if we apply it to our individual lives, it will become a blessing. You will already in this life receive a hundredfold, and then much more in the life to come—eternal life.

It is wonderful to live on this earth knowing that God is with you and that when you finally close your eyes in death, God will take you home.

My wife cut a little item out of the paper and laid it on my desk one day. It was a story about Holman Hunt. Maybe many of you have heard of him. Holman Hunt was a famous artist and he painted the picture, "Light in the Night." Again, maybe many of you have seen this picture. It is a picture of Jesus Christ standing outside the door on a dark night with a light in His right hand; with His left hand, He is knocking on a heavy, paneled door.

When a famous artist has painted a picture, critics and fellow artists gather around when it is unveiled. The artist's friends and acquaintances look for the first time at his new picture.

As the veil was taken off this particular picture, one of the critics said to the artist, "Why, Mr. Hunt, you haven't completed your picture. There is no knob on that door." Mr. Hunt said to him, "No, my picture is complete. That is a picture of a human heart. The Lord and Saviour is knocking at the door. There is no knob on the outside because it has to be opened from the inside. You see, the Saviour will not open the door; you must open it and invite Him to come in."

We read today from the Word: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:9. You see, each one of you holds the key within your hand. This Book is the key to heaven. Each one of us has access to it. Each one can take the key and open the door; or each one can keep the key, shove it in his pocket, and leave it there all of his life. Finally, when the Lord and

Savior comes, it will be too late if anyone has failed to unlock the door. Wouldn't it be sad on Judgment Day, dearly beloved, to have held this key, the key to heaven, and be too late?

As we go into the spring season, summer is coming and there are lots of plans for vacations. People spend weeks and months planning a vacation. They save and scrimp and try to get a little money together so that they can take a couple of weeks off and just enjoy themselves, away from all the cares and concerns of daily life.

Yet, the greatest vacation of all is right before us. We all have the power in our hands from the Word of God to take an eternal vacation, so to speak. We would no longer have to come back and go to work, no longer have to be concerned about the cares of this world if we just take this Word; if we just ask. It is a free gift. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8 and 9.

Not one of us has to do anything except simply ask and accept this gift. We wouldn't have one week or two weeks' vacation; we would have eternal life with our Lord and Saviour and sit with Him in the heavenly places. Oh, that each one would take advantage of the opportunity while this day is at hand. Every single one of us can have peace in his heart.

That heavy paneled door on which the Saviour knocks, dearly beloved, reminds me of some extravagant homes in which I have worked. Many times there are heavy paneled doors on these houses. When you knock, you can hardly hear a sound because the door is so solid.

I think, sometimes, that our hearts can become that way. If our hearts become like stones, even though the Saviour is out there knocking, knocking on that door, we can hardly hear because we don't want to hear.

Yet, if we listen carefully, you and I today will hear the Saviour knocking. You and I can hear the Saviour knocking at our doors, asking and pleading, "Dear child, won't you let Me come in? Won't you let Me come in and be with you?" Yes, today, this very day,

Jesus Christ is offering this beautiful gift to you and me. It is up to us. Shall we let this Word of God become to us a blessing? Or shall it eventually condemn us to eternal damnation. It is your choice and it is my choice.

We sang in a song, "Two ways, O man, two ways." There are only two ways. There is no in between. We have that choice. We have the opportunity to make whichever choice we like.

"And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered." Luke 11:14. Later in this chapter, we can read that after a devil has been cast out, he goes here and there trying to find a place to rest. Finding none, he will come back again. After we cast Satan out of our hearts by the grace of God, we must fill our hearts with the love and Spirit of God.

If we do not fill our hearts anew, Satan will return and, finding our hearts garnished and clean, he will enter them again. "... the last state of that man is worse than the first." Luke 11:26.

I don't know that I can give you the exact interpretation of this Scripture. But in my heart, I believe, beloved, that once we are cleansed from the wickedness of sin, that we must then walk with our Lord and our Saviour, and He will walk with us. He will keep us, and He will fill our hearts with His joy and His love as long as we walk with Him. But, if we turn from Him and walk the other way, then our hearts will become void and Satan can again enter therein.

Once we have tasted the goodness and love of God, our Lord and our Saviour, may we fill our hearts with the joy and the love that God has to offer. May we at all times turn to His wonderful Word and be filled with His Spirit.

Just remember, beloved, to ask, seek, and knock, and the Lord will give. You and I have a choice of what we will do with our lives here on this earth. We do not have a choice when finally we close our eyes in death. Then, "... in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." Eccl. 11:3. Today, if this should be the last day of our lives, how do we stand with our Lord and Saviour?

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Text: Judges 16:21-31 and Luke 11:1-36

Luke said in the twenty-eighth verse of the chapter which we have just read, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. In the first chapter of the book of Revelation, we read: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Revelation 1:3.

There are three steps which we need to follow, if we expect to derive the full benefit from God's Word. First, we need to come, to read the Word. Beloved, many of us have read something without really paying much attention to what we were reading. Speaking for myself, I did that in my school days. The Word tells us that we must read. We must read carefully. This is an absolute necessity.

We must hear the Word. That is also necessary. When we listen, do we really listen? Do we come to church on Sunday morning with the thought, "I am going to receive a blessing regardless of whom the speaker may be?" We stand before you, beloved, weak and trembling, and realize that we have nothing of ourselves. Yet, we have the assurance of God that, if we come with our hearts properly prepared, we will receive a blessing.

Therefore: number one, we must read; number two, we must open our ears and hear. We must close out the things of the world on Sunday morning when we read the Holy Scripture, and when we hear the words that are spoken. Through hearing, knowledge is planted within our hearts.

The third step must come before we can derive the full benefit. It is as we read here: "Blessed" are "they that . . . keep those things which are written . . ." It is so important, beloved, that we don't just do one or two, but do all three of these things.

We read, we hear, and we keep

the Word by the grace of God. We realize that by ourselves we are unable to do it, but by the grace of God this can be accomplished. It's a beautiful Word and it's enjoyable to read, but it is so much more enjoyable when it governs our lives and we can really feel its benefits.

Last night I spoke with a young man (he is approaching thirty but to those of us who are older, that seems pretty young). This young man told me that he had searched the world to a great degree, but that something was always missing in his life. There was never quite the fulfillment that he needed. He had been a "church-going" man from his youth and, yet, something was lacking.

This continued until he took the Word and read it. He said that as he read the Word of God, it seemed to do something to him and he started truly searching. As he searched, he listened. Then he applied that Word.

Last night as I spoke with him, a smile came over his face. His countenance was beautiful to behold as he said, "The peace of God is now in my heart." How grateful and how thankful he is that he found the Word, and that he put it into effect. Today, dearly beloved, as we read this Word of God together, let us keep in mind that we really need to put it into action.

Returning to the gospel according to St. Luke: "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1. Does it happen with you, beloved, as it does with me, that sometimes you hardly know what to pray? Especially in my unconverted life, I really didn't feel that I knew how to pray.

I remember so well that when I went to see Bro. Joe Getz, who

was the elder when I came under conviction, he asked me, "Do you pray?" I had to shamefully admit that I did not pray very much; I even felt that I did not know how to pray.

As I read the Word here, I remembered what he told me. "Oh," he said, "it's not that hard to pray." He reminded me of the place in the book of St. Luke where the publican wanted to pray and he could hardly pray at all. He just hung his head and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke 18:13. The Word tells us that God heard his prayer. That's a simple prayer, isn't it, beloved? When you and I don't know what to pray, we can just think of what the Lord desires. He wants us to come to Him as His children.

When little children come to father or mother, they don't have fancy words as a rule. They don't use long dissertations to tell mom or dad what they want. They very simply say what they want. If they want a drink of water, they ask for a drink of water. If they want a piece of candy, they ask for a piece of candy. If they need help, they just say, "Help!"

I often remember a time when one of our converts gave her testimony; she was asked if she had found the benefits of praying. She said, "Oh, yes—when I was lost and felt a conviction in my heart that I needed to pray to my God." The elder who was talking with her at that particular time asked her, "What did you pray?" I remember her answer for her answer was ever so simple. She said, "I said, 'Help!'"

Beloved, when you and I need help, why do we make it so complicated? Why do we feel that we need to use a lot of fancy words? All we really need is to say, "God, help me."

Here we find that the Lord told His disciples, "When ye pray, Our
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