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ACTS 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

FOR THE LAW CAME BY MOSES, BUT GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST

Submitted by Bro. Gene Lehman—Wolcott Congregation

One of the questions which has bewildered and plagued believers in Christ is the argument advanced by those who feel the proper day for worship is Saturday. This sect of people base their belief on Old Testament Law, specifically on the fourth Commandment.

Sabbatarians, by their persuasive arguments, and numerous scripture quotations, can confuse believers in their faith, and bring doubts upon them regarding their salvation. It is for this reason that we shall endeavor to place the matter in its proper perspective, proving by the Holy Writ that the old Law was completed by the finished work on Calvary. The Church, a New Testament body, not having existed in Old Testament times, is not bound by the Law. Penitent sinners are saved by grace through their faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ as a ransom from their guilt.

The Ten Commandments are only a part of the law given by God to Moses. The Books of the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) contain the Law of Moses. This Law came into being 430 years after the promise of a chosen people was given to Abraham by God. This promise was not based on the law. The Law did not exist, it was based on Abraham's faith. (Refer to Galatians 3) The seal of this promise was the outward act of circumcision. Galatians 5:3 clearly states that if a man is circumcised (as a religious rite) he is a debtor

to the whole law.

It is manifest by this that when one insists upon strict adherence to any of the law, he is bound to it all. Involved in the law are sacrifices, rituals, feast days, new moons, Levitical priesthood, clean and unclean foods, numerous remedies for personal experiences which render one unclean, as well as, and in addition to, the observance of the Sabbath. These must be observed unless one becomes free from the law.

The New Testament, the foundation of God's Church, is full of references to the fact that now salvation does not come by observing the law. Hebrews 10:1 reads, "For the Law, having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continue to make the comers thereunto perfect." As a matter of fact, the entire book of Hebrews is an eloquent dissertation showing how the dispensation of grace, initiated of our Lord and Savior, differs from and supplants the old Mosaic Law. The Hebrew Church stood in danger of reverting back to that from which they came out, thus renouncing the full power of Christ and His victory over sin.

The Galatian Church also had this problem, and some of its members foolishly thought they must observe Jewish laws, which could not, and did not, bring them to salvation in the first place. Again refer to Galatians 3, in which the

Apostle expresses his dismay at their looking back.

The Lord Himself did not observe strictly the Jewish sanctity of the Sabbath, and for this bore the reproach of the self-righteous Pharisees. Matthew 12 gives such an example, and quotes the Savior as saying that He was Lord also of the Sabbath Day. Manifestly, this demonstrates the fact that He is superior to all and anything that came before. Mark 2:27 and 28 states that the Sabbath was made for man, and not Man for the Sabbath. Here again the ultimate supremacy of Jesus is unmistakable.

The Apostolic letters upon which the Church is founded speak clearly as to what is right and what is wrong in a Christian walk of life. Very important to the believer is the contrasting of the works of the flesh and the works of the spirit, found in Galatians 5.

Since the Apostles deal decisively with all important matters in their writings to the early Churches, they do not remain silent on any matter essential to salvation. Repentance, confession, restitution of wrongs, conversion, baptism, Holy Spirit, Church order and discipline, communion, Godly habits, marriage and divorce, plus others are vividly portrayed throughout their letters. However, on the matter of worshipping the Risen Lord on the old Jewish Sabbath they are for the most part silent. If this were as crucial as Sabbatarians would have us to believe, this Apostolic silence is mys-

terious indeed.

The writer to the Romans states in Chapter 14, verse 5, "One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Colossians 2:16 and 17, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an Holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath Days, which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is Christ." Galatians 5:18, "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

Acts Chapter 15 tells of an Apostolic council called because certain men came down from Judea and preached to believers that they must conform to the law. The

conclusion of this meeting is found in verses 28 and 29, "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication, from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well."

Romans 7:4, 5 and 6: "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even Him that is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."

Romans 8:3: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

Romans 10:3: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth."

Galatians 2:16: "Knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Galatians 3:11, 12, 13: "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident; for the just shall live by faith, and the law is not of faith. . . Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law. . ."

Galatians 3:24, 25: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."

Ephesians 2:15: "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances."

Titus 3:9: "But avoid foolish questions and genealogies, and contentions and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain."

The priesthood was assigned by the law to Levi; however, the greatest High Priest, Jesus, was born not of the tribe of Levi, but the tribe of Judah. Hebrews 7:12 reads, "For the priesthood being

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With Christian love,
Bro. David Bertsch

BENEFIT DAY

Benefit day will soon be here. The date is November 20; the hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; the place is the Morton Fellowship Hall adjacent to the Home for the Handicapped. Many, many items are needed: knitted and handmade items, quilts, pillowcases, children's clothing (new) and toys are a few suggestions. Your ingenuity will make the contributions interesting. The cooperation which we have received in past years has been appreciated so very much. Anyone wishing to help at that time may phone the Home at Morton by November 7. Our number is 309-266-9781. The items you wish to contribute for the sale may be brought anytime, but it is to good advantage if they are brought in by November 14, with the suggested price marked on it. If early delivery is not possible, we will still accept your items up to the day of the sale. Baked goods should be brought in on the morning of the sale.

changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law." Verse 18, "For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before . . ." Verse 19, "For the law made nothing perfect . . ."

And so it goes, scripture following scripture, proving beyond a shadow of doubt that not the law, but the torch of salvation, lit by the sufferings of Christ on the cross, is the beacon to guide us through the shadowy vale of life on earth. The ultimate prize is eternal rest with Him who died for us, and who rose again, living forever as the final offering for our sins.

Having experienced the great love of God and His unfailing mercy, let all believers continue to

build upon that solid rock. As written in Ephesians 4:14, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie to wait to deceive."

The Lord revealed Himself to John on the Isle of Patmos, and spoke concerning the Church (Rev. 3:11), "Behold, I come quickly: Hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

We have this priceless heritage; having been called from sin to His marvelous light, let us remain in it. Let us, as the woman searching for a lost piece of money, quit sweeping now that we have found it.

lich served several families at various places as private tutor. In addition, he associated with the old Baptists (Mennonites) and preached in their circles in 1831, and kept in contact with his former congregation at Leutwil.

Continental Society in London

Through a preacher in Frankfort on Main, Froehlich learned to know the Continental Society of London which supported ministers and teachers. One of these who had been expelled from the state church, Pastor Bost, was active in Geneva. Through his mediation Froehlich offered himself for a diaspora-preaching place in the Rhineland in 1831.

In February 1832, Froehlich was baptized at the hands of Bost in Geneva and thereupon at private

A CONDENSED OUTLINE OF THE LIFE OF ELDER BRO. S. H. FROEHLICH

(Continued from Sept. Issue)

On June 4, 1831, Froehlich was called before the district magistrate of Brugg, who gave him the following decisions of the Aargau government:

- (a) He is removed from the list of Aargau clergy;
- (b) All church functions, i.e., teaching, baptism, holy communion, are strictly forbidden him;
- (c) All officers of the Canton, Protestant and Catholic, have received strict orders, if he enters their jurisdiction, to have him arrested and reprimanded and sent back to his home (state-church) congregation.

The breach with the state church was thus made final. What shall he do now? Submit or assert himself against the whole power of darkness? His inner conviction no longer permitted him to practise infant baptism, at which, according to the old liturgy, the baptismal candidate is addressed by name and asked five questions. These questions the sponsors answered in the name and in the stead of the child. First question: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways. Answer: Yes, I renounce. Second question: Do you believe in God the Father, etc.? Answer: Yes, I

believe. Third question: Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Answer: Yes, I believe. Fourth question: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost? Answer: Yes, I believe. Fifth question: Will you be baptized in this Christian faith? Answer: Yes, I will.

Froehlich wrote: "This play with holy things I could no longer carry on in my conviction." For this reason it was no longer possible for him to be a clergyman in the state church. He strives after clarity and unceasingly brings his need and desire to God in prayer.

New Beginning

Froehlich returned to his paternal home in Brugg, where he, for a year, quietly prepared himself for the work God had appointed for him. It seemed to him that he was being sifted like wheat and, like Joseph in prison, was waiting for the Lord's deliverance. But he could not remain inactive for one cannot stop a living spring.

An invitation to Wilhelmsdorf, Germany, seemed a sign from heaven for him and he preached there for a congregation that had separated from the state church (1831). However this church was not receptive to his doctrine for it clung to infant baptism and had gone out from the state church only on account of the liturgical baptismal formula.

In this new beginning Froeh-

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meetings, proclaimed the true Gospel here and there. He pointed men to Christ, as the first Christians had done.

On January 9, 1836, Froehlich wrote: "It never entered my mind that I should found a sect here on earth, rather it was and is my purpose to gather children to God. If I could not place my confidence in the Lord my God that He has called me to His Gospel I would indeed repent to have begun something on which the Lord could not place His blessing or with which He could not be pleased. Now, however, I placed myself wholly into His hands that He might lead me according to His good pleasure.

(To be continued)

MEDITATIONS ON THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

(Continued from Sept. Issue)

Countless Jews saw and heard the Word of Life Who appeared in the flesh, but they did not recognize Him or believe Him, and the highest point to which Jesus had brought His own disciples after several years—and no further—was when He could say: "They . . . have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me (John 17:8)." Their further guidance was necessarily taken over by the Holy Ghost. But this is the true, divine wisdom, to which Christ is made unto us of God (I Corinthians 1:30), that makes our hearts pure, chaste, righteous, holy and our walk godly, humble and peaceable.

In comparison to such wisdom from above in the children of God, all the wise of this world are nothing but fools, for they fail the purpose of being in the world and the aim of their life and must die in their sins because they do not believe that it is Christ, by Whose death and resurrection we must become new men of God, since only he who leads a holy life in Christ knows God and attains unto his designation.

May 17, 1840 (Sunday); Morning Meeting; I John 1:1 ff. (with power and joy)

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,

which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

"(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

If we wish to know what "Christ is the (divinely spiritual) life of men" means, we must know and consider what life in general is (as opposed to death), for, by nature already, man has a life but it is not Christ the divine life, but a physical (souful) one which passes away, an activity or laboriousness for the earthly and transient; and his spirit (his new light) is so darkened that he no longer has knowledge of God nor fellowship with Him and he can neither seek nor find God of himself because he cannot see Him, and nothing has value for him except the visible, and his whole wisdom consists in what he would like to eat, drink and put on—for his body. Instead of turning to the Creator of all things, he turns his heart to the creature, makes it his god and becomes an idolater, for the devil uses the visible as a snare by which he draws men away from God and unto damnation.

Fallen man entrusts nothing to God, the Only and Veritable One, not even the temporal, to say nothing of the eternal. His whole life on earth is a continuous chain of trouble and sorrow, how he may procure a life free from care by earthly abundance, but only the fewest obtain this and they have more worry and care by reason of their mammon that they had before. Besides, nothing that perishes is really one's property; in the last shipwreck one must leave it all behind. But he who is rich in God has his riches as his real and eternal property which he takes yonder with him ("omnea mea mecum porto"). and even in a profane epithet he who is proud of his riches is called a fool, as if he were better on that account. Christ however has given us the right directions for leading a life free from care (Matthew 6), namely, in faith to God and in striving after His

kingdom, but who believes what He says is true?

And yet the temporal is the very least that God does for us. Thus those who choose mammon for their god cannot serve nor cling to nor trust the living and true God for they make Him a liar by their unbelief. On the other hand, in faith and in knowing the Father and the Son is life eternal, just as the air, which is also invisible and yet so powerful, is the element of the natural life of man—"Luft" (air) is derived from "Leben" (life) as "Gruft" (grave) comes from "graben" (to dig), etc.—and we must ever inhale it (breathe) so as to live and if God would not give us breath we would all fall down and die; and although men daily see how they live and die by the will of God, they nevertheless do not notice God, how closely He surrounds us everywhere, that we might feel and touch Him with our hands if we were not spiritually dead.

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us." (Acts 17:27)

Just in the same way, God shall become the very life of our spirit so that we breathe in Him and could no longer live without Him.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8)

(To be continued)

God's Presence is Ever Beside You

And so today I walk with God
Because I love Him so . . .
If I have faith and trust in Him,
There's nothing I need know!

Helen Steiner Rice

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
CHILDREN'S HOME
Doug Kellenberger**

The hectic summer is past. Parents can now relax in a much quieter atmosphere, but their responsibility does not end. In light of the biblical fact that it is the parents' responsibility to "train up" and

teach their children, this responsibility should not be neglected just because the children are in the care of professional educators. Visits to classes and teachers are necessary. We are happy to have a good relationship with our teachers and school administrators in Leo. Not only do we, as parents, have to be available to assist our children at home with their school work, but we need to give them the incentive by living an example of someone who is also desiring to learn and grow in personal enrichment. One of Jesus' titles was teacher. He constantly impressed upon those that gave Him that title of the necessity of providing that incentive. When the great Japanese music teacher, Dr. Suzuki, begins his young students on the violin, he first requests their parents to take lessons to show an interest in music for their children to emulate. Parents, in our daily striving, what are we silently showing our children to be of most importance?

II Peter 3:18 commands us what to be learning about, and II Timothy 3:14 and 15 tells why. Our children have a natural desire for reading. We need to feed that with good material. One of the high school textbooks that I recently examined had a much more accelerated emphasis upon the Darwinian theory of evolution than those texts used when I attended school. If our children's intellect is not stimulated with scriptural truth, their natural curiosity will automatically be fed by something else. We need to put forth effort to prevent their minds from being filled with fables and oppositions of so-called science.

Part of our program to properly cultivate the children's minds includes scripture memorization. Each week or two we try to master another verse. That has positively affected some of the children. One day Sis. Leanne asked Jay to pick up some cups strewn across the lawn. His first reply was, "but Gary Lee put them there," but then he stopped and reflected, "I know, 'to him who knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.'" (James 4:17) And he picked up the cups.

Besides our joys we also have disappointments and weary times just like other parents, but, we, as you, are seeking more to trust in the Lord for His provision. He is

the Head and He already knows what to do to solve our problems. Let us praise Him. Thank you for your prayers and support of us.

Our boy, Gary H. (14), is a patient in the hospital. The doctor feels very optimistic that he will be returning home in a few more days.

Another of our boys, Jay I. (14), was injured and his arm will be in a cast for a time. We are all thankful that he was not more seriously hurt. We pray that God's will be done in these, and in all, matters.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said that it is in autumn when nature falls asleep, "... and her dreams must be beautiful, if we are to judge by her countenance..." Indeed, though October's golden beauty has been described in many ways, think what greater beauty has been promised where "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him." (I Cor. 2:9) It is as if our Heavenly Father loans us a foretaste to encourage us on...

It was on Oct. 1, 1971, that our Home for the Handicapped officially opened as a Home for our residents, the first two being Harold Miller and Marlene Moser. Today we stand at a milestone and reminisce about the ten years behind us. Many a tender incident and many a heartwarming experience have been ours. Though the time was not without tears and struggles, our hearts are melted with gratitude; first to our Heavenly Father without whose blessing all labor would be in vain; to those who had the foresight to know there was a need which could be met; and to the many, many dear ones whose hearts and hands have undergirded this work. But we do not stop to look in retrospect very long, for there is work to do. Seventy-nine special people comprise our family. Tenderly we think of the four who have passed away. Now free of their disabilities, they have accomplished their mission in life, that of bringing glory to God. What a privilege to have had a part!

What the future holds is in God's hands. May we have the wisdom to know His will and the skill

to carry it out. To this end, we ask your prayers and your continued support. Together we look to the future with courage, for it is written, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord, thy God, is with thee, whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9) Therefore, we pray that He will lead us gently on.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Julie Hoerr

We thank Bro. Jon Schmidgall of Oakville for sharing God's Word with us on Aug. 26.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Sue Sanders welcomed little Jonathan David on Sept. 3. Jason is happy to have a little brother. Jonathan's grandparents are Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger and Bro. Earl and Sis. Emma Sanders.

Sis. Nancy Knoblock was a surgery patient this month. We are grateful to God for His healing touch, as Sis. Nancy is able to be in our midst again after recuperating with her family in Lester, IA. Sis. Madeline Knochel required a cast due to an ankle injury.

Sis. Gladys Fisher and sons, Don and Rod, wish to express their heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, loving support and cards received during Bro. Alphi's illness.

We are pleased to report Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart have returned home and that Bro. Floyd is able to gather with us. We are truly grateful for God's love and healing powers.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Rose Huette

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7

In the past month we have had two of our loved ones spend time in the hospital. Sis. Dorothy Heckel had eye surgery and is now doing quite well. She is able to assemble with us in church but not yet able to drive. We are thankful she is doing so well. Little Holli Thenhaus, daughter of Ann and Marty Thenhaus, was in the hospital recently for tests and is doing a lot better with medication. We are thankful that with God's help, the doctors were able to find out what was wrong and able to help her.

On Labor Day weekend, the Bible Class, young members and friends, and those who could go of the younger couples, joined the Phoenix young people in Califor-

nia for a beautiful and blessed weekend of fellowship and love. We are thankful they had such a nice time and a very safe journey home. We want to thank the California brethren for all the love shown to those who visited and may they be richly blessed.

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Mary Beth Klotzle

We were blessed on Aug. 26 to have Bro. Akito Inoue share the Word with us. Bro. Akito, Sis. Marie and their children were on their way home to Japan after spending some time in the states. Bro. Akito's mother, Sis. Tamino, was with the family along with two of her other grandchildren. Despite the language barrier, the love she has for Christ and the Church could be felt by all.

Sis. Doris Hecker has been hospitalized while Bro. Bill is able to reside at the home of their son Dick. We trust the Lord will help them to endure their physical infirmities as long as is His will.

Many assembled for the afternoon in Maywood on Aug. 30. Ed Ruehle shared with us his testimony and was then baptized and brought into the family of God. Visiting ministers were Bros. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, and Carl Feucht, Lester, giving us encouragement to continue to strive for our reward.

We are all aware of the need each child of God has for the fellowship with their brothers and sisters in faith, and what great blessings we receive from those time. Yet, we shouldn't neglect the opportunities to be with the friends of the truth and to let our lights shine brightly. To which are lost souls drawn? The near, bright light shining out its welcome to safety, or the far off one which is flickering unsteadily and unsure? "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14 We are thankful for the fellowship we enjoyed with our brothers, sisters and friends over Labor Day weekend. The Phoenix and Tucson Bible classes and young members were here to worship, visit and sing praises to our Lord. Many believers from the congregation in San Diego who assemble with us from time to time were also here. Long-lasting friendships are built as we continue to meet over the years. These friendships will be

cherished throughout the rest of our lives. Thanks go to the many teachers and parents who do so much to make these weekends possible.

As summer draws to a close, we look back on the many visitors God has brought to us. Thank you all for remembering us and sharing your time. May He bless each of you for your love and your thoughtfulness.

COLORADO, DENVER

Marlene Leman

Services continue to be held at the Victory Grange Hall at 2009 Tower Road, Aurora. We will be meeting the first and third Sundays of each month during the winter. We start at 10:30 and 12:30 with lunch served between services.

We are happy to have Bro. Steve Scheitlin of Elgin, IL, going to school in Ft. Collins and assembling with us each Sunday.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Nathan Steffen and Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL), Bro. Arnie Gerst (Chicago), and Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester). We trust that God will bless them for their service of love and add the increase to the seeds sown.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Dorothy Viens

For nineteen years or more, brothers and sisters and friends alike have enjoyed reading Bro. Carlton Lanz's articles for Rockville news. He told me that he began writing with the beginning of the Silver Lining when it was organized to bring news to the service boys. Ever since, Bro. Carlton has been very faithful in writing. He has now expressed a desire to retire from this work. We thank him for his many labors and pray God's blessing on him. Bro. Carlton has an apartment in Longview Village, our church congregating living facility, and is enjoying good health.

We are very thankful that we have several converts to report. Our dear friends Sheila Ballasy (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Aline), Jody (Hunt) Spielman (Bro. Harry and Sis. Joyce) and Vern and Janis Lanz (children of Bro. Richard and Sis. Frieda) have all made good beginnings in laying a foundation in Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that many more will find the needed grace to seek Him out

while He is still extending His loving call.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Betsy Hany are very happy and thankful at the birth of their son, Richard William, Jr., born Sept. 4. Emily and Joy are happy to welcome their new little brother home. Raising children is such an awesome responsibility as well as a great joy. May God grant grace to all who are parents that they may mold and shape the lives of their children and set the proper example by their own walk of life.

On Sept. 13 our dear Bro. Ernest Welti was called from this life to his eternal rest. We are thankful that his suffering in this life is over and he could lay down his armor, taking up the crown of victory. Among the children are two daughters, Sis. Evelyn Pulver, Elgin, IA, and Sis. Marion Andrews; his sons, Ernest Jr. and Clarence from this area. His wife, Sis. Minnie Weutrich preceded him in death.

The following have been hospital patients but are all home recuperating: George Schamback, Bro. Werner Kupferschmid, Sisters Bertha Lanz, Rose Erisman, Rose Gottier, Lydia Luginbuhl, and Isabel Virkler. We are thankful to the Great Physician who is able to heal and restore and can help where the help of man cannot reach.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

Sally Gress

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Ben Maibach for being with us this month.

Christy Sutter, daughter of Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy Sutter, was hospitalized briefly for surgery.

Beth Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Bud and Sis. Billie, was married to Carlos Lezcano. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lezcano of Puerto Rico.

There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then have it your way." C. S. Lewis

FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Doris and Diane Roche

We extend our love and sympathy to our Bro. Phil Weingier in the death of his sister Anna.

We were saddened at the death of Sis. Mary Souder who was one of our winter visitors.

Mrs. Shirley Higdon, sister of

Sue Eisenman, and children, Tina, 8, and Eric, 6, have moved to this area.

We were happy to have Bro. Bob Rieman worshipping with us again. We thank God for His measure of healing.

Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and family were with us for several weeks.

We enjoy the fellowship of all our visitors.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA Brenda Stoller

During the past month, we were pleased to have ministering Bro. Merrill Laukhuf and his wife, Sis. Dolly, of the Latty congregation in our midst. Others from the Latty congregation were also here to share in a blessed day of worship and fellowship.

We are so thankful for the unselfish lending of ministers and other visitors who travel many miles to spend a weekend with us in Atlanta.

The song writer wrote, "I need the prayers of those I love." This seems so fitting as we continue to labor here to the glory of God. Without God's blessings, we all labor in vain.

ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Mary Huber - Jean O'Shea

There's a story about an old missionary stepping off the ship in New York after 40 years of service in Africa. On the same ship was a celebrity who was met by a smiling host of press and friends.

In the midst of the fanfare, the old missionary crept away, carrying his one battered suitcase.

"Lord," he murmured in discouragement, "is it fair that after all these years of service I come home and not one person cares?"

God whispered back to him, "You're not home yet, son."

S.M.S., Daily Guideposts

When we feel that everything we do is in vain, just remember, we're not home yet.

Jay and Terri Leman have given their hearts to the Lord so they can have the assurance of a home in heaven someday. God has also blessed them with a son, Bryant James, to love and share his life with them. May they be given the faith of a little child. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman and Bro. Dick and Sis. Janette Kilgus.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Evelyn Endress

Congratulations to Paul and Cheryl (Wooden) Ehnle who were united in marriage Aug. 22. Paul is the son of Robert and Jean Ehnle. Sept. 12 was the wedding day of Ralph Joos and Jennifer Rouse. Bro. Robert and Sis. Lorene Joos (Peoria) are Ralph's parents. May the Lord bless these two couples as they establish their homes in the Bradford area.

We are glad Bro. Dan Guingrich is able to assemble with us again after undergoing back surgery. However, he will not be able to return to work for a couple of months. Bro. Mark Ehnle is in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis at this time undergoing treatment for control of his leukemia.

We wish to thank Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke) and Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest) for bringing us God's precious Word.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

Sacrifices are certainly made in our behalf by our elder brothers as they devote their time and counsel to our concerns, questions, torments, joys, and griefs. Listening to the conference tapes three Wednesday evenings in September has given the opportunity to all of us to think about the imperative-ness of maintaining our first love, the disciplines Christ encourages in our lives and the importance of numbering our days.

Bro. Mark Getz, Morton, has come to our area to attend the U. of I. School of Medicine, and Marvin Moser, originally from Morris, MN, is now working at Bell Labs. We welcome both to our church and to our fellowship. We "... wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul(s) prospereth."

III John 2

I believe so often our silent witness is shown forth most clearly to those outside our faith as we either lie on hospital beds or minister to those who are ill, perhaps even unto death. And yet, I have so little comprehension of the mountains of grace needed to strengthen those under such strains. May God give His special mantle for this purpose to all who are sick or regularly visit close, dear ones, especially Bro. Jim Gri-
vet, who is still hospitalized, and

his wife, Sis. Martie, his constant companion.

Sermon Notes: We were reminded of the presumptuousness of the Israelite people in Deuteronomy 1, obviously a lesson for us. Moses recalls rebuking them all but Caleb and Joshua for refusing to believe in God's support in gaining the cities of Canaan for their own. At first the people seem to have listened and agreed that they had sinned against the Lord. They then girded themselves for battle. But Moses relayed God's message: "Don't go to battle now. I'm not with you." Guess what? They went anyway (like all of us, they evidently had short memories and tough wills). "And the Amorites came out against you (Israelites), and chased you, as bees do. . . ." Deuteronomy 1:44 Just as they did, should we decide, "Lord, this should be mine, so I'll take it now," and ignore the Lord's timing, we'll have bees swarming around us. We'll have to endure the pain, disappointment, and confusion such disobedience brings. Yet the Lord's blessings, in His good time given, are sweeter than honey.

A minister spoke of his own experience on a roof, using a paint sprayer. He made a mis-step backwards onto the slippery paint and slid down, down, towards destruction. Thankfully he was able to catch the edge and hang on. He likened this to our experiences in life. All of us have made the mis-step of sin. Are we planning to slip and slide down, down our whole life through? If so, there will be no hanging-on place after a certain point, and we'll be doomed to eternal destruction. On the other hand, if we reach out to Christ, He'll save us from sin. No longer will we slosh around in sin, but He will give us a sure footing, that we may spend life after death with Him.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Melba Funk - Joan Waldbeser

"The voice that breathed o'er Eden,

That earliest wedding day,
The primal marriage blessing,
It hath not passed away."

Hymns of Zion #196

We sang and rejoiced with Sis. Pam Walder and Bro. Sam Furrer,

as they exchanged their marriage vows on Sept. 13. We wish them the Lord's blessings as together they start their Christian home. Their parents are Sis. Dorothy and Bro. Les Walder and Sis. Louise Furrer, Fairbury.

Our visiting ministers that day were Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury), Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott), Bro. Dave Wiegand (Champaign), Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville), and Bro. Karl Westfall (Francesville). We appreciate the efforts of our dear brothers when they bring us such wonderful words of wisdom. Also this month, we were privileged to have ministering Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, IA) and Bro. Art Gudeban (LaCrosse, IN) in our midst. We thank them all for their willingness to be spent in the Lord's service.

On Sept. 6 we heard the engagement of Bro. Jim Kaufmann (Sis. Gladys and Bro. Don) to Sis. Nancy Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine). A December wedding is being planned. We wish them God's blessings as they walk the path of life together.

Hospital patients this month have been Sis. Emma Geyer and Sis. Marie Kaufmann, surgery. Aaron Knapp, Jim Bauer, Bro. William Feller, Sis. Lillian Feller, Sis. Sharon Walder, Bro. Carl Moser and Bro. John Wahl have been medical patients. Sis. Sophia Funk has returned home after a short stay in the Hoopston Nursing Home. Sis. Kate Enz also had surgery this month.

We sympathize with Sisters Dorothy Walder and Helen Hoffmann and their families, in the loss of their father, Bro. John Baurer of Princeville.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Shirley Ifft - Mardell Ott

We are thankful for the many visiting ministers we had over the conference weekend and throughout this past month. They are Bros. John Steiner (Oakville), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Noah Gerber (West Bend), Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), Gerald Sutter (Taylor), and Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena).

We rejoice with our new sister in faith, Emily Schlipf (Clarence and Lorene) who has given her testimony of her repentance and

conversion and was baptized Sept. 6.

That evening Bro. Bob Walder was ordained as elder. Elder Bros. Josh Broquard (Fairbury), Dan Koch (Tremont), and Leroy Huber (Eureka) were present for this important work. We wish Bro. Bob much grace and the Holy Spirit's constant guidance as he takes on these new duties.

A special thanks goes out to our Elder Bro. Josh for all the love and kindness he has shown, for the many hours he has spent counseling, and for all the sacrifices he has made in our behalf. He has been our shepherd for the past sixteen years. May the Lord bless him for his labors.

Sept. 5, Bro. Glenn and Sis. Mardell Ott were blessed with a baby boy, Andrew David. He was welcomed home by his brother Adam.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

As Elijah's mantle fell upon Elisha, so the responsibility of the eldership has passed from Bro. Herman Kellenberger to Bro. Nathan Steffen. On Sept. 5 Bro. Herman announced his retirement from the eldership and ministry. Our hearts are filled with deep appreciation and love toward him for his many years of faithful service, and we certainly now wish for him the continued peace of God.

At the same time our prayers rise to the Father for a double portion of His spirit upon Bro. Nathan Steffen that the church may be blessed with truth and light even in a dark and sin-sick world.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger underwent surgery this past month. We are grateful to say he is home again and recovering nicely. He has expressed sincere appreciation for all the tokens of love he received during his hospital stay and convalescence.

Lydia Conrad (who has been keeping house for her brother, Jonathan Steffen) also became ill and required extensive hospitalization. Her illness prevented her from continuing her labors in Bro. Jonathan's behalf and she has consequently gone to stay with her daughter, Lorene Moser, whose address is 367 S. Lake Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456. Her love toward her brother and toward the church did not go unnoticed and we thank her sincerely for this.

Since Bro. Jonathan Steffen was therefore alone in his home, he decided to make his home in Eureka at the Apostolic Christian Home. (610 W. Cruger Street, Eureka, IL 61530) and a farewell singing was held in his behalf Aug. 23. What better way of bidding him farewell than by singing together the praises he so dearly loves. We commend his further keeping to the Lord, for surely He is able to keep us all.

Sis. Elizabeth Anliker has been able to return to her home after many weeks in the hospital. She is still very weak and we wish to remember both her and her beloved sister, Sis. Mabel, who so faithfully cares for her, in our prayers. Surely the Lord will not forsake them now in their need.

Lena Dietrich has been a hospital patient and is home again; however, at age 97 it seems that her physical and mental health is failing and her daughter, Emily, needs much strength in caring for her.

Sis. Minnie Kellenberger is presently hospitalized and is awaiting surgery. We do not always understand why our loved ones must endure sickness and pain—perhaps it is even for our own learning. We wish to support both Sis. Minnie and her family in prayer at this time also.

Several ministering brethren visited our congregation bringing us many blessed teachings. How we need the spiritual food to sustain the spiritual man. We say thank you to each of these brothers: Walt Steffen (Milford), Robert Miller (Portland), William Emch (Lamont), Earl Banwart (West Bend), and Clarence Dietrich (Silverton).

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Melba Mangold

During the week of the Conference in Roanoke, we were fortunate in having a number of ministering brothers visit here in Eureka. Among them were Bros. Ben Hartzler (Rittman), Wm. Brake (Sardis), Joe Aberle (Sabetha), Al Schneider and Dan Stoller (Rockville). On Sunday, Aug. 23, Bros. Homer Reineck (Toledo) and Eugene Pamer (Akron), along with their wives, spent the day with us. Following services, we enjoyed a church potluck and singing with many attending. We appreciated the visits and willingness of all

the brothers to bring us the Word.

Sis. Minnie Bittner was called to her eternal Home on Aug. 24. She was the widow of Bro. Ed, also the last one of her family. She left many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber.

During Labor Day weekend we had a number of visitors. Among them, along with their families, were Bros. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville), Dale Wulf (Lester), and Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville). We thank them for serving us that day.

Dave Zobrist and Lisa Reeser were married on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the home of his parents, Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol. Bro. Walter Anliker performed the ceremony. The bride's parents are Farrell and Connie Salyer of Goodfield. We wish the young couple a happy life together.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Hodel of Roanoke were with us. The Bible Classes of Princeville and Burlington, IA, also spent the day here. The youth were with us in church for morning services and in the afternoon regular Bible class was held. Many good teachings were given to us all and we thank Bro. Bill for being with us.

We are listening to the tapes of the Conference on three Saturday evenings. Hearing the loving concern of the elder brothers certainly gives us much to think about and to try to follow in the way they have outlined. This way is taken from the Scripture, so we know it is right.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell - Joann Zehr

We rejoice to have a new sister in faith. Janet Steidinger confessed her condition of being lost in sin and through repentance and conversion has become a child of God. Her parents are Maurice and Alma Steidinger. We appreciated Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman who assisted in this important work.

On Sept. 13, Bro. Sam Furrer and Sis. Pam Walder were united in marriage. We wish them God's presence in their life together as they make their home in Champaign. Sam is the son of Sis. Louise Furrer and the late Bro. Kenneth Furrer. Pam's parents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Dorothy Walder of Cissna Park.

We truly appreciated the efforts

of Elder Bros. Rudy Graf (Akron, OH), Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH), John Bahler (Rockville, CT), Jesse Beer (Milford, IN), and Bros. Ray Sium (Latty, OH) and Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA). We had a blessed evening with Elder Bro. Akito Inoue, as we enjoyed a potluck supper and appreciated the words of inspiration he shared with us. May the Lord bless all of our dear brothers who labor in His vineyard.

God has not promised us skies always blue. We want to remember those who have suffered afflictions recently. Sis. Louise Moulton will be hospitalized for a few weeks with a bad break in her foot. Sis. Clara Maurer is still in the hospital after undergoing surgery. Sis. Dorothy Steffen has returned home from the Chicago hospital, and we hope she will continue her improvement.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

"A happy life is not built up of tours abroad and pleasant holidays, but of little clumps of violets noticed by the roadside, hidden away almost so that only those can see them who have God's peace and love in their hearts; in one long continuous chain of little joys, little whispers from the spiritual world, little gleams of sunshine on our daily walk."

Edward Wilson

We have several engagements to report. Sis. Beth Leman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Donna) was announced to Bro. Chuck Mogler (Bro. Irvin and Sis. Alma) of West Bend, IA. On the same Sunday, Sis. Karla Kuntz (Bro. Leland and Sis. Marge) was announced to Bro. Curt Stoller (Bro. Edward and Sis. Marie) from Gridley. Also Terry Nussbaum (Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty) announced his engagement to Deborah Livingston. May God's blessings be upon these couples as they plan their lives together.

Our hospital patient was Sis. Ella Honegger, who resides at Fairview Haven Nursing Home. We wish her a speedy recovery and God's nearness always.

Bro. Terry and Sis. Sharon Adams were blessed with a sweet little bundle from Heaven when Amber Janelle was born August 28. She has three happy sisters, Shawna, Jennifer, and Kelli, who helped in welcoming her home. Grandparents are Bro. Perry and

Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman.

We wish to thank Bro. Hartzel Kaisner (Detroit, MI) for lending of himself and sharing with us the Precious Word of Life.

Funeral services were held for our dear departed Sis. Esther Honegger who passed from this life Sept. 4. We rejoice with her in that she is now "safe in the arms of Jesus," but sorrow with the loved ones who will miss her loving presence. Her children are Mary Edinger, Pontiac; Margaret Waibel, Sis. Janice Steffen, and Bro. Lloyd of our congregation; Elaine Matternas, Bethesda, MD; and Robert, Lake Zurich.

Our congregation has had the privilege of listening to the conference tapes. May these timely teachings remain etched in our hearts and minds and may we always be thankful for the faithful brethren who serve as our shepherds. Their many efforts and labors of love are all for the good of our souls' welfare.

We extend congratulations to happy first time parents Charles and DiAnn Leman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Donna). Little Abbi Christine was born on July 15, bringing joy into their home. May God bless their little family.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Verna Hartter

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . ." (St. Luke 12-34) Where are our treasures? . . . in heavenly things, or earthly things? We do so much appreciate the messages of encouragement and warning brought to us this month by Bro. William Emsch, Lamont, Bro. Gene Metzger, Lester, and Bro. Leland Plattner, Zapata.

We ask God to bless the marriage of Gary Musselman (Bro. Norm and Sis. Eileen) and Patty Knuth of Bloomington, who repeated their vows on Sept. 5.

We were very happy to learn of the engagement of Bro. Benj. Tanner (Bro. Ben and Sis. Leona) to Sis. Mary Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma) of Bradford. Also, Gregg Musselman (Bro. Norm and Sis. Eileen) is engaged to Laura Schultz, daughter of George and Darlene Schultz of Galesburg. May God be with them as they plan their weddings and their future lives together.

Sis. Marie Goetzing has submitted to surgery and we are hap-

py to learn that she has now returned home. Also, our Sisters Margaret Newlin and Clara Zobrist and Bro. Kenneth Rokey have returned home after their hospital stays.

Sis. Helen Streit and Bro. Kenneth Rokey wish to thank everyone for the love, kindness, cards, gifts given them and prayers offered in their behalf while they were hospitalized and since returning home.

Oftimes we may find ourselves troubled or discouraged in this pilgrim journey, but what a wonderful peace and comfort we can have by the wonderful God-spoken message . . . "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED." St. John 14.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Come now saith the Lord,
let us reason,
Come now and your purpose
declare;

It is pleasures of sin for a season,
Or pleasures the glorified share?"
Hymns of Zion, p. 145

Bob Witzig has had the grace to acknowledge his lost state as did the prodigal son, and by so doing has realized how fleeting the pleasures of sin are. In contrast, how lasting and unsearchable are the riches of God in Christ Jesus. What wonderful things God has prepared for those who love Him, and who are willing to turn their back on the world so they can instead fix their eyes upon Jesus and the heavenly goal. Sept. 13 was a glorious occasion when Bob was baptized according to his faith and could arise to newness of life. We rejoice with him and all those who especially love him, including his parents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy.

When we set our affection on things above and think about heaven, the cares of this world become so small and trivial in comparison. May God grant us grace to maintain this heavenly perspective, so the good seed He has planted in our hearts can grow and bear fruit, and not be choked by Satan's cunning devices.

The miracle and wonder of a tiny, newly created life has been especially impressed upon the happy parents of a precious baby girl. Bro. Arthur and Sis. Twyla Schlipf

welcome Carissa Jean into their family. She was born Aug. 31 and has one sister, Janelle. Carissa's grandparents are Adam and Lulu Schlipf of Gridley and Bro. Herman and Sis. Oleda Menold of Morton.

Bro. Curtis Stoller, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marie, all of Gridley, was announced to be married to Sis. Clara Kuntz of Forrest.

We were blessed by the visits and ministry of Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker (Lamont, KS), Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin), and Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke).

The family of Bro. Philip Moser wishes to express their thanks for the cards, gifts and memorials that were sent on behalf of their deceased loved one.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Jane Herrmann

As another school year starts, time becomes very busy. It always is rewarding to push the cares of the world aside and spend some time alone with God—to feel that inner peace that only He can give.

"Surrounded by the cares of life
Situations rise, they press against
my soul.

Desperate thoughts have blocked
me in,
Feels like I may lose control.

A voice from somewhere inside
of me,
Brings comfort, fills my heart
with courage,
And lets me know that everything
will be alright.

I hear Him say . . .
Be still my soul and know that He
is God,
Stand quietly—He is the Lord.
God is for me, who can be against
me?
Be still my Soul—He is the
Lord . . ."

Rose and Teri Tuff

We welcome Teri Martin (Detroit), Renee Baurer (Princeville), Susie Ott (Congerville), Sue Frank (Bradford), Becky Hohulin (Goodfield), Judy Gramm and Nancy Schlipf (Gridley) who attend I.S.U. and Mennonite School of Nursing.

I.S.U. is hosting college weekend this semester. We plan to have it Oct. 24 and 25. We have Bible

study every Thursday evening and appreciate all who come and worship with us. Services are held in Schroeder Hall, room 138 at 8:00 p.m.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farney - JoAnn Roecker

Sis. Lavina Kilgus wishes to thank all those who were so kind in remembering her while in the hospital and at home. May God bless all who were so kind.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Bro. Carl Huber upon the passing of his sister, Lena Huber, of California. May God comfort and bless her family and friends.

Sis. Alma Glaser continues to convalesce at Apostolic Christian Restmor, Inc. She wishes to thank all those who were so kind in remembering her while in the hospital and since she is at Restmor. The Lord bless all who were so kind.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Sis. Nettie Pfau. Her family includes three sisters, Sis. Leona Leman, Lucille Hohulin, Sis. Mary Ann Winzeler, and one brother, Bro. Bill Martin from our congregation. May God comfort and bless her family and friends.

Bro. David and Sis. Linda Egle are the parents of Andrew Douglas, born on Sept. 1. Bryan and Kenny welcome home their baby brother. The grandparents are Kenneth and Leah Warren and Gail Egle.

We were blest as we gathered together on Saturday evening, Sept. 5, to hear the testimonies of faith of David Jones, son of Gene and Sis. Sherrill, Sherry Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen, Sally Belsley, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Vilas, and Peggy Hunziker, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Ginny. We witnessed their baptisms on Sunday, Sept. 6. We welcome them as our brother and sisters in faith. We wish them God's blessings as they walk the narrow pathway of life.

We have had the following loved ones who have recently spent time in the hospital: Sophia (Mrs. William) Aupperle, Janet Simpson, Louise Krug, Margaret Rassi, Sis. Doris Bauman, Sis. Clara Grimm, Sis. Elizabeth Gerber, Sis. Nathalia Pfloderer, Bro. George Rein, and Bro. Robert Byrd. May God continue to be with these loved

ones and all who are shut-in or ill at home. May we remember them in our prayers.

We wish to thank Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL), Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal, IL), and Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL), as they have recently ministered God's Holy Word unto us. May God bless them for their labors of love.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner

Now the field is ripe for harvest
Let us then all garner in;
For if we should stand here idle,
Who would bring the sheaves of grain?

Hasten gladly to the labor,
Consecrate to God your heart.
Say this day unto your Saviour,
"Lord, I'll gladly do my part."

Hymns of Zion #46

As the harvest draws nigh, and we take a look at ourselves, are we ready for the day of harvest when our Lord God calls unto us?

We were very happy to hear of three more engagements. They are Sis. Nancy Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine) of Morris, MN to Bro. Jim Kaufmann (Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys) from Cissna Park; Sis. Patti Eisenmann (Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta) to Bro. Chris Kummer (Laszlo and Helena of Peoria), and also Sis. Mary Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma of Bradford) to Bro. Ben Tanner, Jr. (Bro. Ben and Sis. Leona) of Goodfield.

Love of all gifts, is the greatest
Which the spirit does bestow.
Though I had a voice like angels,
Lacking love, I truly know
That I'd be a tinkling cymbal
Or a wretched sounding brass,
For although the sound were present,
Lifeless through this world I'd pass.

Zion's Harp #37

Sept. 6 was the wedding day of Sis. Judy Hemmer (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian) and Bro. Stan Sauder (Bro. Charles and Sis. Marcella) of Mansfield, OH. Sept. 12 was the wedding day of Ralph Joos (Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene) and Jenny Rouse of Bradford. Bro.

Dan Hoerr (Dave and Sis. Harriet) and Sis. Kayla Schmidgall (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vi) of Morris, MN were united in holy matrimony on Sept. 13. We wish these couples much happiness and love as they start their new lives together. May God bless them always.

We were very privileged to have among us this month several visiting ministers. They were Elder Bros. Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY), Robert Beyer (Naumberg, NY), and Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), and Bros. Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Noah Herman (Tucson, AZ), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA), and Ken Knapp (Taylor, MO). We thank them for ministering unto us the Word of God.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Martha Langjohr, Bro. Ernest Roecker, Bro. Ray Streitmatter, Jean Martin, and Sara Streitmatter. May God comfort and restore each one to good health according to His will.

Bro. Ezra Hohulin wishes to thank everyone for remembering him with their prayers, gifts, cards, and flowers while he was in the hospital.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

Sin has to be dealt with in one of two ways, punishment or pardon. Visiting ministers who told us about the pardon of sin through the blood of Jesus have been Bros. Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT), Noah Miller and Don Miller (Minneapolis), Loren Straham (Gridley, KS), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Jerry Kuntz (Oakville, IA), LeRoy Hartmann and James Hoerr (Peoria), James Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN), Ronald Heiniger (Bloomington), Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), and Marvin Leman and Kenneth Dietz (Bradford).

On Aug. 23 Bro. Dave Kieser performed the wedding ceremony of Bro. Dennis Aupperle and Sis. Cindy Knobloch. Their parents are Eli and Greta Aupperle of Fairbury and Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys Knobloch of our congregation.

We welcome Sis. Vera Baer to our congregation. Sis. Vera and Bro. Larry Baer were married Sept. 16 in Lamar, MO. Their parents are Otto and Eleanor Baer of our congregation and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice Frieden of Lamar, MO.

We had a very enjoyable week-end Aug. 29 and 30. The Bluffton, IN, choir sang for us on Saturday evening at our Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the Bluffton choir for an inspiring evening.

Sis. Elizabeth Stoller wishes to thank everyone for the birthday cards she received on her 90th birthday.

Richard and Sis. Anna Stahl have expressed their gratitude for prayers and other kindnesses to their mother, Sis. Elsie "Lizzie" Stahl, during her almost 10 years as an invalid and to them since her passing.

Hospital patients have been Marvin Eberle, Hilda Streitmatter, Sis. Mary Scholl, Bro. Ezra Rumbold, Bro. Jim Elsasser, Bro. Phillip Musselman, Bro. Dick Gerst, and Sis. Adele Martin.

Brent Graham, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette Graham, broke his jaw Aug. 28. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On Sept. 15, Bro. John Baurer passed away in the Peoria Apostolic Christian Home. He was born Mar. 8, 1895, in Peoria, son of Bro. John and Sis. Christine Gauger Baurer. He married Sis. Louise Miller June 8, 1924, in Princeville. She died June 7 this year. We extend our sympathy to his family, John of Peoria; Bro. Art and Bro. Ed of Princeville; Willis of Des Moines, IA; Sis. Evalyn Herrmann of Princeville; Sis. Helen Hoffman and Sis. Dorothy Walder of Cissna Park; 21 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother, Bro. Ben Baurer of Peoria; and six sisters, Sis. Mary Koch of Tremont; Sis. Eva and Sis. Wilhelmina Baurer, Sis. Gertrude Sauder, and Sis. Lillian Koehl of Peoria; and Sis. Louise Martin of Princeville.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel - Carol Rumbold

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28

This was fully realized at the annual Brotherhood Conference held at our home church this year! Each last minute detail, as well as the weeks of thought and preparations it required ahead of time all ran smoothly. When brothers and sisters work together because they love God, it all comes out for good and His Name is glorified!

Bro. Steve and Sis. Jill Aeschleman are the first-time parents of

Jodi Marie. Bro. Joe and Sis. Mar-dell Aeschleman and Jerry and Sis. Jane Schumacher are the grandparents. Another little one will make his home with Bro. Dan and Sis. Cheri Maher. Joshua Daniel's grandpas and grandmas are the Charles Mahers of Peoria, and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Kempf of Roanoke.

We are grateful to all brothers who shared with us through the conference week. However, our visitors were too numerous to mention. Bro. Ray Roth of Kiowa, KS, Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha, and Bros. All Langhofer and Max Reimschisel, both of Wichita, shared the Gospel with us this month. We also were thrilled as we heard the Wichita Choir praise the Lord. Young and old were together singing from their hearts; many messages were conveyed.

Services for Robert Zimmerman of Peoria were held out at the Church on the Prairie. His three sisters, Sis. Julia, Sis. Emma, and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman worship with us. We extend our sympathy to all who knew and loved him.

Sis. Nettie Pfau is at peace. She passed away after a stay in the hospital. Formerly of Roanoke, she was the wife of Bro. Arnold Pfau. She was presently residing at Restmore Nursing Home, Morton. She had one step-granddaughter, Sis. Marlis Sauder (Jack) and one sister, Sis. Katie Hodel, both of Roanoke.

Hospitalized is our Sis. Lucy Fischer. Even though her body is failing, her God will never fail. His Gentle Hands are taking care of her all the while.

Sis. Emma Scherer wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with prayers, visits, and cards while she was hospitalized, and for food brought since she has been home. She is appreciative of all these kindnesses and we are thankful she is improving.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Phyllis Lang - Dorothy Wagenbach
"The Harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:20. The summer is almost ended and God is calling yet, let's not wait till our life is past.

It seems this month one joy has piled upon another, and we truly can say our cup was overflowing when we welcomed seven new souls into the brotherhood. On Aug. 30,

Bro. Roger and Sis. JoAnn (Sauder) Beutel, Bro. Ron and Sis. Kathy (Cooper) Pfladerer, Sis. Heidi Aberle, Bro. Andy Aberle (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda), and Bro. Keith Pfladerer (Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth) were baptized. It was a blessed day for all who were present.

We were thankful to have many ministering brothers with us this past month: Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA), Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson), Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke), Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Bro. Walter Hermann (Princeville), and Joe Braker (Morton).

Sis. Lillian Schmid and Bro. Ken Huette were hospitalized this past month, but we are happy to report Sis. Lillian is able to assemble with us again and pray Bro. Ken will be able to soon.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Marge (Kaiser) Schmidgall were blessed with a precious baby girl, Alissa Beth, born Aug. 28. She has a little sister, JoLynn, to welcome her. Grandparents are Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene Kaiser and George and Grace Schmidgall.

Aug. 29 was a most beautiful day for the wedding of Connie Koch and Marty Kiesewetter. Their parents are Bro. Jess and Sis. Amy Koch and Albert and Zona Kiesewetter. We wish them God's blessings as they walk life's pathway together.

ILLINOIS, URBANA

Charlen Banwart

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY
Money cannot buy real friendship. Friendship must be earned. Money cannot buy the glow of good health. Right living is the secret.

Money cannot buy a clear conscience. Square dealing is the price tag.

Money cannot buy happiness. Happiness is a mental attitude and one may be as happy in a cottage as in a mansion.

Money cannot buy sunsets, singing birds, and the music of the wind in the trees. These are as free as the air we breathe.

Money cannot buy character. Character is what we are when we are alone with ourselves in the dark.

(Words of Life)

Sis. Verna Roth has a new grandson. John Daniel was born July 21 to Barb and Bill Thomas. Two sisters and a brother helped welcome him home.

The engagement of two of our students was made known recently. Sis. Barb Walder (Cissna) will be married in January to Bro. Larry Stevig (Morton).

Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke) and Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville) were with us the Sunday of New Student Welcome, since their daughters, Lynn and Deonne are new students at the U of I. Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont) ministered to us recently as did Bro. Edwin Bahler and Bro. Ken Schneider (both from Remington). We appreciate it when our ministers are willing to travel the miles that separate us so that God's Word could continue to go forth "in season and out of season without fear or favor of men."

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Mary and Joan Schick

With our annual Brother Meeting at nearby Roanoke, we enjoyed the many visiting ministers and brethren that visited our congregation. Among many of our visitors, we heard from ministering Bros. Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN), Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan), Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS), and John Klotzle (Altadena, CA). We do appreciate all who aided in the services.

Newborn babies are such a joy both to the loving parents and to the Heavenly Father. We have had both joy and sorrow in our congregation. We extend our tender sympathy to Larry and Sue (Baer) Winemiller over the loss of a baby daughter which was stillborn. We pray God will comfort their family and fill the void they feel. We wish to congratulate Doug and Elaine (Heinold) Winkler on the birth of their baby girl, Heidi Janeen, on Aug. 21. We hope God will guide them as they raise this precious bundle. Grandparents are Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan Heinold and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Winkler of Peoria.

Bro. Ray Streitmatter was hospitalized to have a pacemaker put in. Bro. Ray is back at the Peoria Home and we wish him well.

Doug Schumacher has moved to Texas for employment. We pray

God will guide and protect him until he is back home again.

We welcome Faith and Melody Klaus back to Washington. They had been back home in Japan over the summer break and have now resumed their studies at Illinois Central College. They wish to express their thanks to all who corresponded with them over this past summer.

As fall approaches and harvest is nearly here, we wish all a safe and bountiful harvest time. The Lord speaks of the spiritual harvest in Rev. 14:15-16. "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped." Let us all prepare for this ultimate harvest time.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Gayla Baumgartner

Tammy Gerber

"For whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1:16. Sis. Peg Gerber and Bro. Darrell Aschliman were united as one in the Lord on Sept. 13. Bro. Lester and Sis. Rosemary are Sis. Peg's parents and Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice are Bro. Darrell's parents.

On Sept. 5, Carol Baumgartner and Jack Wenger were united in marriage. Carol's parents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary.

Rita Gerber and Scott DeHoff vowed their lives to one another on Sept. 19. Rita's parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois.

May God richly bless these couples as they walk the path of life together.

Believing it is the Lord's will, Sis. Juli Isch and Bro. Jon Kaehr have announced their engagement. They are planning a Nov. 15 wedding. Their parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Carolyn Isch and Bro. Roger and Sis. Pat Kaehr.

Also engaged are Sis. Joleen Kipfer (Bro. Carl and Sis. Nova) and Bro. David Sinn of Ft. Scott. We wish them God's blessings and guidance as they make their future plans together.

Mark and Diane Mason welcome a baby boy, Aaron Leonard. Kara

also welcomes her brother. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch are his grandparents.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Debbie Fry were blessed with the arrival of a son, Travis Jon.

A little bundle of joy was sent to the home of Bro. Rick and Sis. Beth Fiechter. "Big" brother Todd welcomes his little sister, Rachel Lynn.

Those who recently spent time in the hospital are: Sis. Amelia Baine, Sis. Mary Moser, Sis. Salome Fiechter, Sis. Marjorie Reimschisel, Sis. Esther Geisel, Sis. Ann Meyer, Bro. Bill Moser, Bro. Jack Schwartz, Lindsey Fiechter (Bro. Dean and Sis. Cyndee), and Jeni Habegger (Bro. Sam and Sis. Darlene). Our thoughts and prayers are always with those who are sick or shut-in.

Visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Bro. Delbert Endermuhle (Sardis), Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton), Bro. Andrew Virkler (Bay City), Bro. Marshall Heinholt (Washington), Bro. Ben Mantz (Junction), and Bro. Ken Endermuhle (Sardis). We thank these brothers for sharing God's precious Word with us.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Wendy Gutwein

What a blessing it was once again to have Elder Bro. Akito Inoue, his wife, and three children spend a little while here in Francesville! We certainly appreciated his ministering to us the Sunday he was in our congregation.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Elmer Witzig and Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley). These brothers were here with the Londonaires group the 5th and 6th of September. We surely enjoyed their ministry and the fellowship of all the other visiting "Londonaires" and their families.

We also had the privilege of having a number of couples from Ranoke the last weekend in August, and a group of young brothers and sisters from Alto, Princeville, Bradford, Wolcott, and Remington Sept. 14. It's really a joy to think we are able to have visitors from so many areas and have the same faith in common. We just pray we can continue to have the unity of our brethren.

Elder Bro. Akito talked about the importance of unity at the Brotherhood Conference and liken-

ed it to the cells of our body. He emphasized the importance of all the cells doing their part, no matter how unimportant their job may seem, to keep the body united and operating smoothly. One of our ministers was referring to these thoughts, then added, "You know what cancer is? It's a cell that is running loose!"

We gathered three times to hear the tapes from the Conference, and I know it was good for me to hear all of the thoughts and exhortations from our Elder Brethren which we believe were inspired of God.

Knowing that God is "our refuge and our strength," we pray that Sis. Barb Huber (Gene) and her family can be comforted by His Almighty Hand in the loss of her father Walter Pesaresi.

"Should Sorrow lay her hand upon thy shoulder,

and walk with thee in silence on life's way,

While Joy, thy bright companion once grown colder,

Becomes to thee more distant day by day?

Shrink not from the companionship of sorrow.

She is the messenger of God to thee;

And thou wilt thank Him in His great tomorrow—

For what thou knowest not now, thou then shalt see;

She is God's angel, clad in weeds of night,

with whom "we walk by faith and not by sight."

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Bobbi Erb - Lynn Klopfenstein

The beautiful days of "Indian Summer", with their invigorating cooler temperatures, always remind me of the beginning of another school year. Our Sunday School children have advanced to their prospective classes and are anxiously looking forward to "what they will learn in their new classes."

We are anticipating and prayerfully considering expansion of our young church. The main areas of concern are the Sunday School rooms, dining and kitchen areas, and baby rooms. We are so thankful that God has richly blessed us with growth.

Employment opportunities have opened the way for converts Todd Erb (Francesville) and Brent Tox-

el (Bluffton) to live and worship with us. We are also happy to have convert Joetta Gutwein (Francesville) with us. She is a junior attending Indiana Central College. Our friend, Sandy Bolliger (Tremont), is completing a nutritional internship program at one of our area hospitals. We welcome each one of them!

Humbly, we thank our many visitors and visiting ministers who worshipped with us throughout the summer months.

INDIANA, La CROSSE Pearl Nuest - Lu Ann Feller

A Christian, now baptized,
To me much grace is given,
Why was this granted me?
That I with Christ am risen!
This is the holy aim;
He who does this neglect
Cannot truthfully claim;
I'm one of God's elect."

O grant me now Thy grace
that I, with true devotion,
May ever by Thee stand,
Though stormy be life's ocean.
And with Thy blessing, Lord,
May I in faith remain,
And to that kingdom come
where peace shall ever reign.
Zion's Harp #43

We all enjoyed a blessed week-end Aug. 29 and 30 as Sandra Nuest and Lynne Bucher brought their testimonies of repentance and conversion. Saturday evening Elder Bros. Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Ministering Bros. Vernon Wettstein and Frederick Knapp (Congerville), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), and Rod Huber (Valparaiso) were present with us. On Sunday they were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Their names are now written in the Book of Life.

While the waters were troubled another soul surrendered to the Lord. We rejoice with Amy Bucher (Sis. Gwen Bucher) and wish her the blessings of God.

INDIANA, LEO Mrs. Phil Schlatter Mrs. Al Frautschi

"A note from a mother to her son's teacher read: 'Please excuse Mark for being late. This morning he was demoted from Chief to Indian. The ceremony took a bit

longer than we anticipated.' The Bible says: 'Train up a child in the way he should go. . . ' (Proverbs 22:6) All parents know exactly what was behind the note Mark handed to his teacher." Do we grownups have the same problem? Do we sometimes want to be leaders when God wants us to be followers? Our attitude should be, "Where He leads me, I will follow." Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom leads in the way which is best for us.

Visiting ministers, Bros. Homer Reineck, Toledo, and Larry Weninger, Latty, blessed the congregation with their messages.

Bro. Aaron Schwartz departed this life at age 90. He is survived by two brothers, Samuel and Jacob, and nieces and nephews. Services were conducted Sept. 16 by Bros. David Bertsch and John Bollier.

The secret of praying is praying in secret! The Christian life develops in the prayer closet. Only a few are called to preach; but, the ministry of prayer belongs to every child of God.

INDIANA, MILFORD Connie Beer - Marcy Haab

The Golden Years of Life
GOD in HIS LOVING and ALL-
WISE WAY
Makes the heart that once was
young and gay
Serene and more gentle and less
restless, too,
Content to remember the joys it
once knew. . .
And all that we sought on "the
pathway of pleasure"
Becomes but a memory to cherish
and treasure—
The fast pace grows slower and
the spirit serene,
And our souls can envision what
our eyes have not seen. . .
And so while "LIFE'S SPRING-
TIME" is sweet to recall,
The "AUTUMN OF LIFE" is
THE BEST TIME of all,
For our wild, youthful yearnings
all gradually cease
And GOD fills our days with
BEAUTY and PEACE!

On Sept. 13, friends and family helped Bro. Elmer and Sis. Flossie Hartter celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. We pray they will have many more years together.

We are always happy to have

visiting ministers here to share God's Word. We thank Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton), Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott), and Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington), for their labors of love in sharing.

May our thoughts and prayers be with Bro. John Martin, Jr., as he has had back surgery this past month and is now home recuperating.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and
gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and
steep,
With waters rolling cold and deep.
The old man crossed in the
twilight dim,
The swollen stream had no fears
for him;
But he turned when safe on the
other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim
near,
"You are wasting your strength
with building here.
Your journey will end with the
ending day,
You never again will pass this
way.
You've crossed the chasm, deep
and wide,
Why build you this bridge at
eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray
head.
"Good friend, in the path I have
come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this
way.
The chasm that was as naught
to me
To that fair-haired youth may a
pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight
dim
Good friend, I am building this
bridge for him."

PURDUE UNIVERSITY WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA Verene Von Tobel

Our semester here is off to a good start. We held our annual welcome supper on Aug. 27 before our first services. It was a blessing to meet new faces and fellowship in like-mindedness.

As we start regular services every other Thursday night, we real-

ize how we have missed them through the summer. This is a schedule of our services this year:

Aug. 27—Francesville
 Sept. 10—Congerville
 Sept. 24—South Bend
 Oct. 8—LaCrosse
 Oct. 22—Champaign
 Nov. 5—Cissna Park
 Nov. 19—Wolcott
 Dec. 3—Remington
 Dec. 17—Francesville
 Jan. 7—Remington
 Jan. 21—Indianapolis
 Feb. 4—Wolcott
 Feb. 18—LaCrosse
 Mar. 4—Valparaiso
 Mar. 18—Bluffton
 April 1—Peoria
 April 15—Leo
 April 29—Milford

TEMPLE ISRAEL

(East of Sheraton Inn)

620 Cumberland Ave. W. Lafayette
 TIME: 7:30

(Prevailing time on campus)

We invite anyone to come; visitors are a real blessing. We also thank the ministers that come so faithfully.—(Matt 25:40) We are excited about the year ahead and pray that God will continue to bless us with His grace and guidance.

See you at Purdue!

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Annette Bahler - Beth Virkler

This past month brought many visiting ministers to our pulpit at Remington as they passed through on their way to and from the conference. They were Bros. Ken and Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Art Nohl (Morris, MN), John Bahler (Rockville, CT), Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI), and Eugene Fetter (Toledo, OH).

Sis. Mary Zickmund submitted to major surgery and a lengthy stay in the hospital this past month. For those of us who have experienced some kind of surgery in our lives, we know of the faith that it takes to trust in our Heavenly Father to guide the hands of the earthly surgeon. May we take the time to encourage and visit our brothers and sisters during their recovery in the hospital.

We welcome three new babies this month. Gretel Leann was born Aug. 18 to Bro. Brad and Sis. Dorene Bahler. Stelle, Caleb and Leah welcome home their baby sister. Beth Dianna was born Aug. 20 to Bob and Kathy (Kil-

gus) Gretencord. Her brothers are Chad and Mark. Clinton David was born Sept. 2 to Bro. Ed and Sis. Annette Bahler. Jenny is happy for her baby brother.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Gayle Bucher

Heart with heart in love united,
 Seek upon God's heart repose.
 Let your love, to flames ignited,
 To the Savior upward flow.
 He the Head and we His members;
 He the light and we the glow;
 He the Master, we His brethren,
 In true fellowship we grow.
 The Fellowship of The Saints
 Zion's Harp

Open House for our new church was held Sept. 6. Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Ed Hohulin shared this special day with us. We humbly thank them and all who have prayerfully supported us during the construction of our new church building. It has been an added blessing to receive so many visitors. We also want to thank Bro. Bob Meyer for ministering God's Word to us this month.

We extend a hearty welcome to Pat Meyer from Bluffton to our congregation. He has begun employment with a C.P.A. firm here in South Bend. We also are very thankful to have Bro. Bob Meister from Peoria join our fellowship. He is studying Pre-Med at Notre Dame. May the Lord bless them as they begin this new phase of their lives. We encourage others to seek employment or take advantage of the many educational opportunities available here. We are looking forward to the growth of our church in the future.

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation to which ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Eph. 4:1-3

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Suzanne Hoerr

Laurel and Kris Widmer

Elder Bro. John Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Arthur Nohl (Morris, MN) spent some time with us on Aug. 23. We appreciate both of them taking time from their traveling schedules to be

with us.

Diane Stoller and Jeff Mailloux were united in marriage Aug. 15. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Viola. We wish them God's blessings in their life together.

Or dear Sis. Anna Furrer was called to her eternal home on Sept. 10. We will miss her presence but are happy that she can be at rest with the Lord. Sis. Anna was 90 years old, the oldest sister in the Wolcott church. She is survived by three brothers: Sam Furrer of Goodland, Herman and Carl Furrer of Wolcott; and one sister, Sis. Lena Strahm of Sabetha, KS. We extend our sympathy and prayers to her family.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Judy Gehring - Kim Salek

Bro. Bill Gerst of the Alto, MI congregation spent a Wednesday evening with us before the annual conference. Bro. Bill read from the book of Job and one thought he had about Job was very comforting to me. He brought out that Job had no idea that God had told Satan that he (Job) was perfect. I've often heard it expressed that Job didn't know why he was suffering so, but I had never thought of it in quite this way. So often, as we go along in our everyday lives we wonder about our walk of life and just how God is viewing us. He is looking down upon us, knowing our special cares and concerns, our failures and shortcomings and yet He is pleased with us when we continue to strive to do His Will and not give up the fight. We may not know just exactly how God is viewing us, but we have the promise that He will guide us if we seek His Will in all that we do.

Our hospital patients this month have been Sis. Judy Gehring (Bro. Uriel), Sis. Leola Heiniger (Bro. Harve), and Sis. Mamie Gerst. They have all returned home and we pray for them God's nearness and strength as they recover.

Bro. Corbin Bahler had services on Sunday evening following the Conference. We thank all of our visiting ministers, as always, for their willingness to be spent on our behalf.

We held our semi-annual meeting to elect two Sunday School teachers and a sister for the women's committee. Bro. Dennis Massner and Sis. Nelda (Bro. John)

Rowell were elected Sunday School teachers and Sis. Edith (Bro. Lloyd) Massner will serve on the women's committee. We pray for much grace for these brethren as they carry out their new duties. We all have a special place in God's perfect plan. Eph. 4:16 ". . . the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." The verses 11-16 of that chapter in Ephesians are so beautiful as they tell of how Christ gave the different gifts unto men, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (v. 12) Verse 13 goes on to say "Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Christ has left none out—we all have our place in His plan and we must all work together in His love and unity to make the increase He desires of us. Let us all strive together for that perfect end.

IOWA, ELGIN Eleanor Butkofer

The turn of the seasons is underway. Crickets are chirping and corn fields are drying. In September, shortening days and cooling nights warn us that we should enjoy our garden flowers before they fade. Our geraniums, petunias, and saleras have never been larger or brighter. They make work in the garden a pleasure. It seems that our garden has yielded an extra amount of vegetables this season. It will do us good to pause and remember how our Creator has so bountifully blessed us; fields, crops and pasture areas alike have been real good.

A parable is told of a king who once demanded from his counselor a sign of the wonderous works of God. The counselor replied, "Here are four acorns; will your majesty please plant them, then stoop and look into this pool of water." The king did as he was told and when he looked into the water he saw four oak trees where he had planted the acorns. "Wonderful," exclaimed the king, "this is indeed the work of God." "How long were you standing by the pool of wat-

er?" asked the counselor. The king looked at his clothes and found they were thread bare. He saw his reflection in the water and realized he had become a very old man. "There is no miracle here," said the king. "Yes," replied the counselor, "it is God's work whether He did it in one second or 80 years."

We also need eyes to see and the desire to look and find in nature the works and glory of God. Let us look around us and give glory to Him. We have observed that practically every day some black capped chickadees and a pair of cardinals appear at our kitchen window to enjoy morsels of sunflower seeds.

It has been very interesting and inspiring to listen to the tapes recorded at the annual church conference which was held at Roanoke, IL a few days ago.

Considerable importance was given to three attributes, namely: obedience to the teachings in the Bible, unity and humility. My Grandpa Schneider used to say how it was well worth our efforts to reach for the heavenly mansion. Then too, I recall of hearing him give as two of his song selections from the Zion's Harp, No. 49 entitled "Evening Hymn,"

Now another day is ended and the sun did disappear;
God's true love to us extended;
Has this day been ever near.
Yea, His goodness, grace and favor have protected us with care;
Joy and peace, life's sweetest savor,
He with child-like hearts does share.
Where the Lord withholds His blessing
There all labor is in vain;
When our trust in Him is anchored,
Then His good will we will gain.

and No. 186 "Humility":

Meekness is the noblest virtue,
Every Christian's honor bright;
It adorns the youthful member
And the aged with its might.
Though it does not stand in favor
with those of a proud behavior,
Yet tis more than precious gold,
More than fame and wealth untold.
Truly meekness greatly blesses,
And obtains the Father's grace.

Who this virtue here possesses,
Knowing her most fitting place,
Will in all his deeds find favor,
And his soul is glorious ever.
Faith, hope, love and gentleness
Do a heart of meekness bless."

Grandpa passed away in 1914. He was a man of few words as I recall, but what he said carried weight, so to speak.

Bro. Lee Plattner from Zapata, TX, was our visiting minister. We appreciated his explanation of the scripture and thank him kindly for his visit.

Lord, thou madest us for thyself, and we can find no rest till we find rest in thee.

IOWA, IOWA CITY Sharolyn Metzger

The beginning of the new school year has brought three new students to our area. They are Sis. Brenda Kiefer, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Delores of Oakville; Gail Metzger, daughter of Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois of Chicago; and Marlise Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Norman and Sis. Joyce of Princeville. We warmly welcome them and those students returning into our gatherings. May His guidance be with them each step of the way as they seek to attain their educational goals.

Once again we are thankful for the blessed Word the Lord provided through the visiting ministers: Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend), Bro. Norbert Steiner, (Croghan, NY), Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumberg, NY), Bro. Carl Feucht (Lester), Bro. Russel Wuthrich (Pulaski), and Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville).

Sis. Barb Virkler passed from our presence on Aug. 22. May her family and those who were close to her be comforted by the hope that one day there will be a reunion in a place where sickness and sorrow is not known.

A little baby girl, Bethany Rose, was lovingly greeted on Aug. 26 by her parents Bro. Bruce and Sis. Bonita Frank. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara Frank of Oakville and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Edythe Stock of Cissna Park.

Greetings from Hungary were sent with those who recently visited there to our churches here in the States. They wished to be remembered in thought and prayer and hope to one day meet us in Heaven.

IOWA, LESTER**Alice Metzger**

When the storms of life assail us, the words of the hymn, "The Lord Will Provide" often come to mind. The words, "We conquer by faith" are as true today as when they were penned. We can never be grateful enough for the hope we find in the Holy Bible.

Labor Day weekend was special as the single groups from several churches were our guests; represented were Elgin, IL; Ft. Scott, Bern, Sabetha, Gridley, and Lamont, KS; and Silverton, OR. It gives us a lift to see so many sincere and devout young people.

A November wedding is planned for Sis. Myra Moser, daughter of Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona, and Bro. Arnie Wulf, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona. It is an inspiration to see how the Lord works in the hearts of loved ones to bring them together.

We are grateful for visiting ministers, Bros. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton) and Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS).

Alvin and Marilyn Metzger welcome a baby boy into their home. Lucas Alvin was born Aug. 20. His paternal grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella Metzger.

Sis. Diane Stickling was hospitalized for a few days but is feeling much better. Monte Gerber, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Erma, was injured while playing. He spent a day in the hospital and suffered a broken arm.

IOWA, OAKVILLE**Jerilyn Wagenbach**

School is again in session, and each day our children go with the major goal of learning the skills they need to help them in this life. In like manner, God's children go to His house of worship to learn the things they need to help them, not only in this life, but in the life to come. Visiting ministers the past month have been Bros. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS), and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO). May God bless each one.

Sis. Edna Wiegand celebrated her 86th birthday recently. She wishes to thank each one who sent her their love with cards and other remembrances. How true it is that the love we share with others returns to us in even greater measure!

We've spent several evenings listening to the tapes of our Brotherhood Conference. We believe that the Spirit moves in our ministers and elders as they discuss the various guidelines and precautions that can be so helpful in protecting ourselves from Satan and the world. In these times of deception, we just can't be too careful. My maternal grandfather once drew this parallel: If you are sitting on a large tree limb, you may be able to go out quite far from the trunk without falling or causing the branch to break, dropping you to the ground and certain danger. But, the limb does tend to sway a little. On the other hand, the closer you come toward the trunk, the less it sways; the larger, steadier, and more stable the branch becomes; and the safer you are. In this same way, we might be able to take on a few liberties in our faith, partake of a few more worldly pleasures, without actually losing our salvation. But how much safer are we, if we cling closer to our Heavenly Father, the "trunk", rather than venturing out on the "limb"! There is also less chance of placing a stumbling block in another's way, whereby we are the indirect cause of another losing his salvation. May the Lord grant us all the meekness, courage, and grace needed to overcome Satan and the world, and to preserve our precious faith until He comes again.

Plans are being made to print the original Oakville Church Cookbook. Anyone wanting copies for themselves, or as gifts, should contact Sisters Vera Lindeen, or Janet and Jane Schaer.

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Mediapolis, IA 52637

IOWA, PULASKI**Ginny Wuthrich - Mary Wiegand**

Many words we have heard today—many thoughts have come our way. Surely as we leave the Lord's house each Sunday we have much to ponder, and we can once again rejoice that we have had the privilege of being there. We are always glad to welcome Bro. Carl Kinsinger back and we know Carl always enjoys coming back to his boyhood home. Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Ed Lanz

were also with us recently. They both exhorted on speaking kindly to one another and to not judge each other. Other visitors here were Bro. Don Gudeman from La-Crosse, IN, and Bro. Joe Gerst from Iowa City. We thank these brothers and their families for coming.

Jamie Townsend, son of Danny and Sis. Lynn, was in the hospital but is home now and feeling a lot better.

Harvest season is upon us. With beautiful weather the corn and beans are ripening quickly in the field. We are truly thankful for the many blessings of the Lord.

SPEAK LOVINGLY

Speak lovingly and kindly,

While here on earth we stay,
Our life is but a shadow
that soon will glide away.

One little word of kindness
on some poor heart may fall,
Like beams from yonder sun
that brightly shines for all.

Speak lovingly and kindly,
O let the task be ours

To scatter by the wayside—
Not thorns, but smiling
flowers.

Though crowned with peace and
plenty our happy homes may be,
Remember those around us

Less favored far than we.
Speak lovingly and kindly;

For our Lord, we know,
To us will show the kindness
that we to others show.

Fanny Crosby

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

May each and everyone of us from the youngest to the oldest take heed and in love and obedience try to follow our dear Elder Brothers Conference exhortations.

Brenda Anliker, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Helen was united in marriage to Donald Hagen at our Fellowship Center by Bro. Noah Gerber. We wish them God's blessings as they start their new life together.

In faith and believing God has led them together, Sis. Beth Leman, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna, Forrest, IL, and Bro. Charles Mogler, son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma of our own congregation have made known their engagement. May God continue to guide them.

Those who have been admitted to the hospital since our last writ-

ing have been Jeff Banwart, son of Benji and Betty, and Sam Mogler. We thank God for His healing power.

RULES FOR DAILY LIVING

Begin the day with God
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His Abode
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God
And read a portion there,
That it may hallow all thy
thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God
What e're thy work may be,
Where e're thou art, at home,
abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God
Thy spirit heavenward raise,
Acknowledge every good bestowed
And offer grateful praise.

Conclude the day with God
Thy sins to Him confess,
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God
Who gives His servants sleep
And when thou tread'st the vale
of death
He will thee guard and keep.
Unknown

JAPAN, SHIODA Vicki Ramseyer

What a friend we have in Jesus.
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.

What comfort these words could bring to the hearts of everyone if they could only believe. Several of us had the pleasure of sharing the good news of salvation with a precious older lady. This neighbor of our little Shioda church seemed alone, poor, and tired. Our prayer is that she too can become a friend of Jesus.

We are thankful to God that all of our summer travelers had the opportunity to visit loved ones in America and return safely to their homes here in Japan. How comforting it is to have everyone back in his place where God (and each of us) wants us to be.

School has started here again! We feel blessed to see all the little

smiling faces and once again pray and sing "Jesus songs" with our kindergarten children.

With Autumn comes harvest time in Japan, as well as across America. Here in Yamanashi-Ken many people are hard at work gathering in the ripe grapes so not one will be lost. It reminds us of the Great Harvest Day coming when "Jesus the harvest master" will gather in His harvest. We must keep praying and looking up so we can be with those gathered in.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

It is very hot these days, however we are very happy that we could have such beautiful sunshine since after a long rainy season.

Sis. Evie and Sis. Kathy visited Tokyo Church last Sunday for her last visit. We had a blessed picnic at one of the parks near Sis. Hiroko Utsuki. We hope and believe that the Lord bless her wonderful deeds while she is here in Japan. All we Japanese brethren and dear friends really appreciate her love and the Lord's work. We also thank her family and the Eureka assembly for remembering her and giving her prayerful support. She mentioned her favorite letters were from her mother. May God provide all her needs as she returns to her home and employment.

We also remember the coming Brotherhood Conference in our prayers, those who speak and those who listen. May the Lord guide and protect our elder and his family as they travel to the U.S. and home again.

KANSAS, BERN Esther & Stella Moser

When you are faced with
grievances
And all of life seems vain,
Remember that the rainbow comes
Only after rain.

In the darkest moments of your
life
You'll find this pattern drawn;
The darkest part of all the night
Wings just before the dawn.
Author Unknown

For many months Reuben and Frieda Bauman looked forward to celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 2, with open

house Sept. 6. However God had other plans for Reuben, as on Sept. 3, after a long illness God called him from this life into eternity. What was to have been a joyous day on Sunday the 6th turned into a day of deep sorrow as our ministers conducted memorial services for Reuben on that date.

Reuben was born near Bern on Dec. 27, 1906, to Will and Emma (Wittmer) Bauman. He married Frieda Lehman and they farmed near Bern until Reuben's health failed. His faithful wife, Frieda, survives, as well as a foster son, Eldon Drewel (Lincoln, NE), and two sisters, Arlene Bauman and Eula Mae Moser (Seneca).

Our lone guest minister was Bro. Clarence Dietrich on a Thursday evening. We extend our appreciation.

Our hospital patients recently were Bro. Andy Locher and Pauline Esslinger (Waymer). Bro. Will and Sis. Minnie Meyer were also hospitalized and now reside at the Home. May they find contentment in their sunset years. Bro. Will's 93rd birthday is in October.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

I recently read an article indicating that since July 1980, the Mexican government has prohibited religious radio broadcasts, but have allowed intermittent 30 second 'Spot' announcements pertaining to Christian religion. In response to one such announcement, some 1,650 hungry radio listeners responded to request a free copy of literature on "Family Harmony."

Dear ones, does it not deeply stir our hearts in thanksgiving for our family fellowship in Christian harmony? As the Thanksgiving Holiday once again approaches, let us be ever fervent in prayer; always remembering to thank our Lord God for His gift and instruction in brotherly love. May we seek to exercise respectful harmonious love one toward another.

Hospitalized was Sis. Lydia Young. We thank the Lord for His healing hand over her.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Mary Wernli

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good

works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25

How thankful we are that God has once again provided the opportunity for us to assemble our hearts and minds together around His precious Word as the fall semester starts here on campus. We surely need to fellowship with those of like-mind and faith in these last and perilous times. Our schedule of services for the 1981-82 school year is as follows:

Sept. 9 Bern
 Sept. 23 Sabetha
 Oct. 7 Bible Study
 Oct. 21 Wichita
 Nov. 4 Gridley
 Nov. 18 Bible Study
 Dec. 2 Lamont
 Dec. 9 Caroling
 Jan. 27 Bern
 Feb. 10 Bible Study
 Feb. 24 Sabetha
 Mar. 10 Wichita
 Mar. 24 Bible Study
 Apr. 7 Gridley
 Apr. 21 Lamont

We invite everyone to worship with us on these Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Danforth Chapel on the Kansas State campus.

New students this term are Tom Ehnle (Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois) from Shioda, Japan; Selena Bailey (Larry and Sis. Linda), Sharon Strahm (Bro. Walter and Sis. Mildred), Jana Meyer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois), and Brad Wenger (Larvon and Erma), all from Sabetha; Mark Esslinger (Waymer and Pauline) from Bern; and James and Bro. John Schrader (Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy) from Lamont. Carol Rokey (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila) from Bern, is attending LPN training at the vocational technical school here in Manhattan. Bro. Edwin Strahm, Bern, is with us this year as his wife, Sis. Ramona, is finishing school. We ask for God's blessings upon these dear souls, that they may ever look to Him, and there find grace to help in time of need.

We held our Fall picnic at Tuttle Creek Reservoir on Aug. 26. Many dear ones from our home churches came and spent a blessed evening of fellowship with us.

Bro. Alpha Strahm, Bern, and Elder Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, ministered the Word of Life to us at our first service. May God rich-

ly reward these servants for their labors.

KANSAS, KIOWA Janice Bahr

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

Our cups were filled to overflowing this past month as this scripture was fulfilled by Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, and ministering Bros. Noah Herman, Tucson, and Joe Aberle, Sabetha, who were each in our midst; Bro. Richard one Lord's Day, and Bro. Joe and Bro. Noah on another. How thankful we are for all of our elder and ministering brethren who give of themselves that we might know the truth. As the Brotherhood Conference was held in Roanoke the latter part of August, we doubly feel this thankfulness, for the shepherds care so much for the flock and are ever warning and directing us in love to try to protect us against the deceitful ways Satan has of tempting us away from the Lord our Savior who gave everything for us. May we all stay faithful till time to go home to God where Satan cannot follow anymore and lead us astray.

We are so thankful our dear Sis. Esther Hodel and friend Kent Kislring are doing better now. Esther underwent surgery at Mayo's and Kent was hospitalized here with very painful kidney stones. We hope and pray they continue to improve and are soon able to be in our midst again.

May the Lord richly bless our dear Sis. Emma Diel who celebrated her 95th birthday in August, and also Bro. John and Sis. Lucy Hoffman who celebrated 68 years of marriage to one another.

The following was written a number of years ago, and when I heard it read at the home of a dear sister in faith, I asked if I might share it with our other loved ones who read the Silver Lining. I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I have.

I know whom I have believed, and I am stepping in the light, for I feel that He is constantly abiding with me, and if I only pray, pray when things go wrong, He, who

grows sweeter every day, will plant my feet on higher ground, and I shall rest safe in the arms of Jesus forever.

Prayer changes things, and Christ, who receiveth sinful men, who leadeth me, will wash me whiter than snow, and by the matchless Grace of Jesus (if I let nothing between my soul and the Saviour) I can help Him to speed the light to others waiting for the Gospel of Truth.

O' I love to talk with Jesus for His wonderful words of Life ever make me aware that my Redeemer will pass me not, but will keep me under His wings, if only I can endure and be still, and trust and obey—thinking in times of trial, I must tell Jesus, and He will help you and me to bury our sorrow with Him on the Old Rugged Cross.

What a friend we have in Jesus—He, who paid it all, Since Jesus came into my heart, I've been longing to ring the bells of Heaven, shouting Glory, Glory, and telling all people to count their many blessings, and come for the feast is spread.

How shall it be, if there's no disappointment in Heaven? O' happy day, when we, God's Children, gather at the river, and in one accord worship at the throne of grace.

O' the Lord is my Shepherd and if Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere. But I must watch and pray, knowing obedience to the Word is the only way, and the reward will be blessed assurance that I too, will be among them before God standing.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, and may God be with you 'till we meet again. Until then, I am praying for you and for all who are almost persuaded—and I am assured by my faith and yours that God will take care of you.

(I used the names of fifty-one songs from the Tabernacles, Zion's Harp and Long Books.)

Mary Ellen Witzig

KANSAS, LAMONT Mary Isch

"And so after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." (Heb. 6:15)

Abraham was long tried, but he was richly rewarded. The Lord tried him by delaying to fulfill His promise; Satan tried him by temp-

tation; men tried him by jealousy, distrust, and opposition; Sarah tried him by her peevishness. But he patiently endured. He did not question God's veracity, nor limit his prayer, nor doubt his faithfulness, nor grieve His love; but he bowed to divine sovereignty, submitted to infinite wisdom, and was silent under delays, awaiting the Lord's time. And so having patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

God's promises cannot fail of their accomplishment. Patient waiters cannot be disappointed. Believing expectations shall be realized.

Beloved, Abraham's conduct condemns a hasty spirit, reproves a murmuring one, commends a patient one, and encourages quiet submission to God's will and way. Remember, Abraham was tried; he patiently waited; he received the promise, and was satisfied. Imitate his example, and you will share the same blessing.

—Selected

Bro. Bernie Emch was hospitalized recently for tests and observation. We are happy to report he is home and doing fine.

Those attending school at Manhattan this year are: Sis. Mary Lynn and Bro. Jame Wernli (Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty); Bro. Kevin Kilgus (Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette), Elgin, IL; and Bro. John, Bro. Stephen and James Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy).

Bro. Al Langhofer was our only visiting minister this month. We appreciate his labor of love very much.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

We were happy to have Bro. Clarence Yackley and his wife, Sis. Linda, of Phoenix in our midst this week. We thank Bro. Clarence for the Words of Life which he proclaimed unto us. May God richly bless him in his work.

We welcome Kevin Grimm and Julie Krogmann as our new brother and sister in faith. They were given the opportunity to bring their testimonies before the church on Saturday evening and were baptized on Sunday. Bro. Lester Hartter was here to assist Bro. Sam Huber in this work.

Kenton David was born Sept. 8, 1981, to Brent and Lisa Meyer. He is welcomed home by two brothers,

Jeremy and Jerad. Grandparents are Glen and Marge Edelman and Bro. Velmer and Sis. Vila Meyer.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

September is upon us and many of us have returned from vacation and are either returning to work or school. While on vacation many of us spend some time re-evaluating our priorities, self worth and how our time is spent. To this thought, I'd like to quote this poem by St. Francis of Assisi.

Lord,

Make me a channel of thy peace—that where there is hatred, I may bring love.

That where there is wrong—I may bring the spirit of forgiveness.

That where there is discord—I may bring harmony.

That where there is error—I may bring truth.

That where there is doubt—I may bring faith.

That where there is despair—I may bring hope.

That where there are shadows—I may bring thy light.

That where there is sadness—I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort—than to be comforted;

To understand—than to be understood;

To love—than to be loved; For it is by giving that one receives; It is by self-forgetting that one finds;

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven;

It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.

I'm reminded of the scripture in First Kings 18:21 where the prophet Elijah asked the people, "How long will you halter between two opinions? If the Lord is god, follow him. . ." We are pleased to say that Mike Bowers, son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian has made that decision and no longer halters between two opinions. We wish him God's blessings and grace as he grows in Him.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the brothers and sisters in the Roanoke area who hosted the Wichita Choir. We thank you for your efforts of kindness and Christian love. May God bless you all.

The Wichita Choir

MICHIGAN, ALTO

Jane Grawburg

We have been blessed with three dear souls who have accepted our Lord's invitation. With much joy and peace in their hearts, Denise Oesch, Deana Price, and Rhonda Rairigh await the time when they will be allowed to commit their lives to God, through the waters of baptism. Our prayers are with these dear ones as they prepare to gain a new life in Christ.

Gary and Karen Zaagmann are very pleased to have a new baby brother at home. His name is Stephen Edward. Hearty congratulations go to Stephen's parents, Edward and Joyleen Zaagmann, and to Stephen's grandparents, Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite Blough.

Bro. Ferdinand Grawburg (Sis. Jane) was hospitalized for a few days. It is our prayer that things go well, and that he may be home for a while now.

We wish to express special love and concern for Bro. Chris Weigle (Sis. Anna), who is a patient at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. Bro. Chris has been in the hospital a couple of weeks now. May he and his family be blessed with much grace and strength at this time.

"No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you."

. . . from Hymns of Zion #138

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Bragiel - Linda Ramseyer

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Marion Meylan, who passed away after a long illness. Sis. Marion leaves behind three daughters, two sons, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her mother, brothers and sisters. Our thoughts go out to these dear ones and we pray that they will be comforted.

We were sorry to hear of those who were hospitalized. These dear ones are Sis. Marie (Bro. George) Waibel, Bro. Daryle (Sis. Edith) Wieland, and Sis. Sandy (Bro. Roger) Wieland. We are glad to know they are recovering and that some are able to assemble with us once again.

Our visiting minister this past month was Bro. Floyd Wieland from Detroit. We are thankful

that he was able to be with us and minister God's Word unto us.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT Helen & Bonnie Popp

WHAT IS FAITH?

It is trust beyond all doubting
In God Who rules above!
It's obedience without question,
It is resting in His love.
It is smiling through the teardrops,
It is struggling through each test;
It's the firm belief our Father
Is a God Who knoweth best;
It's the knowledge He will give us
Light for each step of the way,
Grace for problems we encounter,
And the strength for each new
day!

Jon Gilbert

Our prayers are with Louise Polk, who was hospitalized. May she always feel our love, support and caring—and may she know that the Lord is always near.

We wish a special blessing on Bro. Paul and Sis. Sharon Izgherian and their children. Bro. Paul has changed jobs and they will worship with the Junction congregation. We hope that since they are not relocating a great distance away, we may yet see them from time to time.

We were grateful for a midweek visit by Bro. Homer Reineck. There is a special sharing in assembling around God's Word with a visiting minister.

This week the weather here has been very gloomy. Yet I just heard one person say to another, "You just seem to light up the whole office." That made me stop and realize this: Even if clouds are heavy outside—or difficulties or heavy burdens and sorrows cloud our lives—if we have the love of the Lord Jesus and a close communion with the Heavenly Father, the sun will shine in our lives every day and we can pass that on. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every true believer could light the world as candles in the night. What a beautiful sight that would be. Let your light shine!

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Deb Tilbury

Greetings! I am our new reporter. I live with my family in Rochester. If anyone has to come up to attend the Mayo Clinic, we would love to have you phone. Our number is 507-281-2875.

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Vernon Leman from Eureka and Elmer Schmidt from Winthrop. We thank them for coming to visit us.

We had our Sunday School picnic at Minnehaha Park on Aug. 30. Sunday School has resumed again after a month's vacation. Bro. Perry Virkler is the new Sunday School superintendent.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS Jan Schock - Pam Sutter

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there; And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."
(St. John 2:1,2)

Sept. 5 was the wedding day for Dennis Feuchtenberger and Michelle Staples. Dennis is the son of Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane Feuchtenberger.

Sis. Kayla Schmidgall and Bro. Dan Hoerr were married on Sept. 13. Their parents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila Schmidgall, and Dave and Sis. Harriet Hoerr (Peoria, IL).

"Blessed is that marriage in which each receives the other as a gift from God, to love and cherish."
Unknown

The engagement of Sis. Nancy Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine) to Bro. Jim Kaufmann of Bloomington, IL, was announced. Jim's parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys Kaufmann of Cissna Park.

We thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Ed Bahler (Remington, IN), Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), Bro. Jim Hoerr and Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria, IL), and Bros. Don and Noah Miller (Minneapolis).

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Carol Messner - Mary Lou Schmidt

10 MOST WANTED PEOPLE

Are you on this 10 most Wanted list?

1. The one who tries to be the right example to every child, rather than talk about it.
2. The one who has a passion to help, rather than a passion to be helped.
3. The one who is willing to say, "I was wrong, I'm sorry."
4. The one who will look at temptation squarely and say "No!"
5. The one who puts God's business above any other.
6. The one who throws self total-

ly into a project, then gives the credit for its success to the helpers.

7. The one who has a ready smile and pat on the back for others.
8. The one who brings children to church, rather than sending them.
9. The one who can see her or his own faults, before seeing the faults of others.
10. The one who gives money, time, and talent without thought of return.

Many of us who are not able to attend the Brotherhood Conference each year, are thankful for the privilege of listening to the conference tapes. May we open our hearts and minds to the wonderful words of wisdom and love they have to offer. Let us pray each day for grace and strength to do better.

One midweek service we heard the scripture meditated on by Bro. Bob Miller from the Portland, OR congregation. May God richly bless him for administering the wonderful Word of God to us! We appreciate all visitors who come to worship with us. Bro. Bob has many cousins in the Winthrop area.

Todd and Renee Messner are the proud parents of their first precious baby, a boy, Andrew Lynn. We are certainly happy for them and wish them a wonderful life with their new baby. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol Ann Messner and the John Ohlemanns of Gibbon are the grandparents.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Wanda Messner were also blessed with a precious bundle from Heaven, a girl, Shayla Salome. Shayla is also their first baby. We truly rejoice with them and wish them God's warmest and richest blessings. Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva Messner are the paternal grandparents and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger of West Bend, IA, are the maternal grandparents.

Craig Stresemann, son of Shirley Stresemann, has enlisted and left for the United States Air Force. We pray that God will send His guardian angel to watch over and protect him while he's gone. For anyone wishing to correspond with Craig, his address is as follows:

Craig E. Stresemann
473-90-0030
P C #2 Box 2617
Sheppard AFB, Texas 76311

In honor of Bro. Walter Messner's (Sis. Florence) 80th birthday, a surprise open house was held and hosted by their children. Many relatives and friends attended.

Bro. Walter wants to extend a thank-you to all those who remembered him by their cards, gifts, and prayers.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Vera Frieden

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:" I Thes. 3:12. This good advice was read as Larry Baer (Otto and Eleanor) of Princeville, IL, and Sis. Vera Frieden (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice) were united in marriage on Sept. 6. With God as the Head of this threefold cord, we know it will not be lightly rent apart. We wish them God's blessings as they walk hand in hand through this life.

We enjoyed having many visitors with us for this occasion. Among them was ministering Bro. Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott, KS). We pray that God will always grant him needed grace to bring forth the true Word of God.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Loida Hodel

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

He giveth more grace when the
burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when
the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His
mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied
peace.
When we have exhausted our
store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere
the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our
hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only
begun.
His love has no limit, His grace
has no measure,
His power no boundary known
unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in
Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth and giveth
again.

A. Flint

Several of our congregation have been hospital patients this month

—Bro. Jimmy Sutter, for tests and X-ray at Mayo Clinic; Sis. Marie Butikofer and Bro. William Cottrell for the same at our local hospital. These three represent the young, the middle age and the older stages of a lifetime, so we see illness can strike at any time. May God give them and their families the strength and courage needed to accept these reverses of health. We need each one and miss them when they are gone. "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." II Tim. 2:12

Marriage consists not in two people looking into each others eyes, but in two people, standing shoulder to shoulder, both looking in the same direction. (H. Luccock) Dianne Riney (Gene and Irene) and Ashley Augsburg (Mr. and Mrs. Robert) were married in a garden wedding on Aug. 28.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee Hoerr announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lou, to Allen Russell Adrian (Genevieve and the late Russell). May God bless both of these couples, Dianne and Ash as they establish their home and Amy and Rusty as they look forward and plan their spring wedding.

The weekend of Aug. 29-30 was a special one for Peggy Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) and Curtis Heimer (Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser, Wapello, IA) when they gave their testimonies and related their experiences leading up to their repentance and conversion and then were baptized. Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) assisted our Elder Bro. Roy in this important duty. May God grant our new brother and sister in Christ the needed grace to continue on, living one day at a time for Him, and to let their lights shine so others might "see." But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Luke 12:31

We appreciate our other visiting ministers and families also—Bros. John Klotzle, Altadena, CA, Bill Gerst, Alto, MI, Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, MN, and Kenny Dietz, Bradford, IL. May our teachers never tire of preaching the Word and may we remember "The power from the pulpit is in direct proportion with the prayers from the pews." May God richly bless all the sincere efforts.

Our annual Fall business meeting was held Sept. 17. This makes

us aware of how time flies when we see our young people move up into a higher class, and it seems such a short time ago they were just beginning. We support our new as well as the old teachers and trust they will receive the due respect from the young people so together it can be a happy and profitable time for all—"that hour in Sunday School." At this time Bro. Paul Haab replaces Bro. Norman Hoerr in the Bible Class; Bro. Steve Sutter replaces Bro. Rod Heimer, who taught 5th and 6th grade; and Sisters Kris Sutter and Ruth Hoerr replacing Sis. Sally Haerr in the Pre-School Class. "One hour of real communion with God is worth more than a lifetime of everything else." (Waterbury)

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

Ed Aeschleman

Bro. Dan Stoller, his family and others from Rockville visited Union City, bringing the Word of God and good fellowship with them. Visitors and especially visiting ministers are truly a blessing for small congregations. It is a comfort and a gift from God to be remembered.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN

Alice Virkler

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

We'll catch the broken threads
again,
And finish what we here began;
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,
And then, ah then, we'll
understand.

We'll know why clouds instead of
sun
Were over many a cherished plan;
Why song has ceased when scarce
begun;
Tis there, sometime, we'll
understand.

Gospel Hymns #533

The comforting words of this beautiful hymn were sung at the funeral services held on Aug. 26 for Sis. Barb Virkler who was called from this life on Aug. 22 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where she had been a patient since Mar. 10. The serv-

ices were held by Bro. Joe Gerst of Iowa City, Bro. John Widrick, and Bro. Norbert Steiner. Barb was born on June 26, 1955, and it is comforting to us to know that, even though she has gone "Home" at the young age of 26, we may be able to be reunited with her in the "Better Land" upon the completion of our lives here. She is now "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" after many months of sickness. She leaves behind her mother, Sis. Charlotte, three sisters, Sis. Alice, Carol, and Sis. Eleanor (Bro. Ronald) Herzig, and three brothers, Andy, Bro. John and Rudy, two nephews and two nieces. Her father, Bro. Clifton, and a brother, Bro. Samuel preceded her in death.

Her family wishes to thank the various congregations for their many prayers and gifts of love. Many of the loved ones we knew before, many new acquaintances were made, and there are many whom we have never met who still shared of their love. A special note of appreciation goes to the Iowa City congregation for their love and support during the many months of Sis. Barb's illness.

We are happy to report that since Sis. Barb's passing from this life, her brother Andy has turned his back to the world and given his heart and life to the service of the Lord. We look forward to the time when he can become a child of God.

Bro. Chet O'Brien and Pernal (Bro. Howard) Virkler have been hospital patients this month. We were glad to see Sis. Pam Herzig assemble with us one Sunday after many weeks of absence.

A blessed weekend was enjoyed on Sept. 19 and 20, when about twelve couples and their children from the Rockville congregation were with us. We enjoyed a covered dish dinner and song service at the Naumburg Church on Saturday evening; Sunday services were held in the Croghan Church. We enjoyed the fellowship of those who assembled with us for the weekend.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG Rachel Snyder

We are sorry to hear that Sis. Pearl Colgrove is in the hospital. She is in Lowville Hospital. Also we regret that Gale Hirshey and Ethel Karcher have had to be hospitalized for a time.

Sis. Maude Pelton enjoyed the beautiful songs that were sung for her. A group from the Naumburg and Croghan Churches came for her birthday.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Edna Beyer spent the weekend of Sept. 13 with the Fortenbacher family at Kitchner, Ontario. Bro. Robert held services for them in their home.

OHIO, AKRON Joyce Gasser

Ministering Bros. Lee Bahler, Roy Luginbuhl, and Al Schneider of Connecticut recently favored us with Sunday visits and gave us inspiring sermons. Bro. Ed Aeschleman of Philadelphia favored us with an edifying message Thursday evening.

Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka and Bro. William Hodel of Ronoke and many of their relatives and acquaintances visited the weekend of Aug. 30. We, along with the Rittman people, enjoyed their fellowship with a supper and singing at the Rittman fellowship hall on Saturday evening, and then on Sunday we enjoyed the inspiring messages from the brothers, as well as the good fellowship with all, including some Rittman visitors.

The following weekend there was a large group of young people from Illinois and Connecticut visiting at Rittman, and we are thankful that they favored us on Sunday evening with attendance at our monthly singing. Their support was much appreciated and the singing resounded with a joyful praise to our Lord.

We are so fortunate to have this blessed opportunity of fellowship among our churches. It is edifying and strengthening to our faith to engage in this blessed activity. We hope that we will not be neglectful of spiritual opportunities that are available by enjoying the fellowship of fellow believers. May God ever grant us the grace that this can be kept alive and flourishing among us.

OHIO, JUNCTION Les Manz

Bro. Ken Sauder (Mansfield), Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), and Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) visited us this month and ministered God's Word to us. We appreciate their labor on our behalf.

Following regular services on

Aug. 30, Bro. Darrell Widmer (Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol) and Sis. Alice Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) exchanged vows of faithfulness in marriage. We wish them God's grace and blessings as they begin life together.

OHIO, LATTY Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Vicki Laukhuf are the parents of little Corey Elmer. Welcoming him is his sister, Katie, and grandparents, Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge Laukhuf.

First-time parents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Corrine Schlatter with the arrival of Loral Rae. The grandparents are Bro. Howard Wieland, Bay City and Sis. Esther Schlatter, Junction, and great-grandma Sis. Hilda Wenninger, Latty.

Jeremy Schieler has a new playmate with the arrival of little Rachel Ann. The parents are Bro. Darl and Sis. Cindy and the grandparents are Bill and Sis. Elsie Rager and Sis. Marilyn Schieler, Wolcott.

"Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

May the parents of these little bundles of joy seek the grace from our Heavenly Father to raise them according to His Holy Will.

Our only hospital patient this month is Mandy Laukhuf (Carl and Donna). We hope it won't be long before Mandy is back in Sunday School again.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Edmund Kloter, Goodfield, Bro. Arthur Gudeman, La-Crosse, and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis. We pray that God will bless these ministering brethren. May they always feel our prayerful support.

OHIO, MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

But Jesus said, Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me. Matt. 19:14.

Recently, I received a beautiful letter written by an aged sister from another congregation. She wrote that a young Christian family, planning to go out as missionaries, were traveling in an automobile one very hot day. Twins, age 5, and a younger brother going on 3 years, were sitting on the back seat. They were getting hot and tired and said, "Mommy, we want some milk shakes. Oh, we do

want some milk shakes." They kept on asking and finally their mommy said, "Well, sometimes we hardly have money for things we think we'd like." The twins said, "Then we will pray about it." When they stopped again to get gas or whatever, a miracle happened. Some lady there seeing those little boys, just felt that she should get milk shakes for them, which she did. The boys were so happy and said, "Oh, we got our milk shakes." They didn't know the lady, but they had received their request from God. As they grow older, we pray they will keep this child-like faith. We certainly can learn many things from little children.

I promised a doll to my dear baby girl;
I pictured a treasure most fair,
With exquisite features, and teeth
of pure pearl,
Moving eyes, walking limbs and
real hair!
We entered a shop, and the dear
little maid
Clasped a cheap, tawdy doll to her
breast;
To make the exchange I was really
afraid,
Though I wanted to give her the
best,
I took it away, and the tears filled
her eyes,
Till I gave her the one I had
planned;
Then the dear little face glowed
in joyous surprise
That a dolly existed so grand . . .
Oh, Saviour, I too am a child in
Thy sight,
I choose the first things that I see;
I struggle to keep them, I do not
know quite
Why the Father should take them
from me.
But when I look back, through the
wisdom of years,
When my faith is age-old and
sublime.
I know I shall see, through a
rainbow of tears,
That my Father planned best, all
the time!

Arthor Unknown

Sept. 6 was the happy wedding day of Bro. Stanley Sauder and Sis. Judy Hemmer (Peoria). Bro. Charles and Sis. Marcella Sauder are Stanley's parents and Bro. Charles and Sis. Marian Hemmer are Judy's parents. We wish them God's richest blessings as they

walk life's pathway together. At present, they are living in Columbus while Stanley finishes his schooling. We extend a warm welcome to Sis. Judy.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Robert Beer has suffered another stroke and pray God will give strength to both him and his wife, Sis. Katherine.

Sis. Naomi (Fuhrer) Cordrey is still confined to her home and we pray God will be near both her and Bro. Donald who so willingly cares for her.

When clouds of affliction have
gathered
And hidden each star from my
sight
I know if I turn to my Father
Sweetest songs, He will give in
the night.

A. M. Montgomery

OHIO, RITTMAN

Janette Blough - Florence Hartzler

"There is beauty all around,
when there's love at home."
Hymns of Zion #64. We hope our newlywed couples will always have love at home, especially in a Christian home. Congratulations are extended to them and we wish them our Lord's guidance and blessings.

On Aug. 22, Diane Steiner became the wife of Doug Raifsnider. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Steiner.

Aug. 30 was the wedding day of Bro. Darrell Widmer and Sis. Alice Manz of Junction. Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Widmer are the parents of Bro. Darrell; and Sis. Alice's parents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz. We welcome Sis. Alice to our Rittman church.

Joan Rufener and Kenn Marshall were married on Sept. 5. Joan is the daughter of Bro. Chet and Sis. Roma Rufener.

Sept. 12 was the wedding of Kathy Everhard and Jeff Ryan. Kathy is the daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Margaret Everhard.

Bro. Dan Rufener and Sis. Karen Rigenbach were united in holy matrimony on Sept. 13. Bro. Dan's parents are Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener and Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Rigenbach are Sis. Karen's parents.

Our congregation has two wedding engagements to report. Chris Collins of our Akron congregation, daughter of Bro. Hank and Sis. Marge Collins, is engaged to Loren Rufener, son of Bro. Joe and Sis.

Lilas Rufener. And the engagement of Bro. Doug Bauman and Sis. Dianna Stoller was announced to the church. Bro. Doug is the son of Marion and Sis. Delorese Bauman and Sis. Dianna's parents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jeannie Stoller. We wish our Lord's blessings on these couples as they plan their lives together.

We are sorry that Bro. Bert Gasser, Sis. Neva Gasser, and Sis. Nina Gasser had to be hospitalized but are also glad to report they are home again. We pray our Lord will lay His healing hands upon them and restore them to good health once again.

Three of our families welcome new babies into their homes. Bro. Stan and Sis. Karen Beery and Tony and Rebecca welcome Corban Edward. Bro. Fred and Sis. Joyce Stoller and Lois, Marty, and Carla welcome Sharon Marie. Bro. Larry and Sis. Donna Bachman and Eric welcome Adrian Lee. Corban's grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery and Richard and Gladys Bauman. Sharon is the granddaughter of Sis. Mary Stoller and Bro. Raymond and Sis. Grace Marty. And little Adrian is the grandson of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Bachman and Pro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman of Forrest.

"WHAT IS A HOME?"

A roof to keep out the rain.
Four walls to keep out the wind.
Floors to keep out the cold.
Yes, but home is more than that.
It is the laugh of a baby,
the song of a mother,
the strength of a father,
Warmth of loving hearts,
light from happy eyes,
kindness, loyalty, comradeship.
Home is first school and first church
for young ones, where they learn
what is right, what is good,
and what is kind.
Where they go for comfort when they are hurt or sick.
Where joy is shared and sorrow eased.
Where fathers and mothers are respected and loved.
Where children are wanted.
Where the simplest food is good enough for kings because it is earned.
Where money is not so important as loving kindness.
Where even the teakettle sings from happiness.
That is home. God bless it.

—Ernestine Schuman-heink

OHIO, TOLEDO

Josephine Rehklau

Powerful words are kind words. The amount of good that can be accomplished by kind expressions, no one will ever know. Kind words are a good tonic for the mind.

A young man once related this experience. "I left home depressed, my spirits were low, as I knew that there was a problem awaiting me at the office. However, when I entered the office, I met the manager of my department. He greeted me with a bright smile and said, 'Good morning, your work is very much appreciated.' His words electrified me. I forgot myself and my troubles."

It costs nothing to be friendly and to say a word of appreciation. Let us remember that people have problems and are human beings. No one can read a person's feelings or look into a person's heart. We often find people who smile, but behind their smile, there may be a tear. Many brave men and women hesitate to advertise their heartaches.

The one great lesson we all must learn is that all people, no matter who they are, have feelings and feelings are sacred. When we speak, let it be a word of cheer and encouragement and a prayer that will bring them closer to the heart of God.

We were blessed to have as our visiting minister, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka. We thank him for his service of love.

Sis. Sarah Miller is in the hospital. Our prayers and thoughts are with her.

The annual Sunday School picnic was on Sunday, Sept. 13. We enjoyed having, as our guests, brethren and friends from the Junction congregation.

OREGON, PORTLAND

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

We are happy to welcome to Oregon and to our congregation, Bro. Ray and Sis. Ginnie Cooper and their son Gary. They came to us from the Tucson, AZ church and have settled in the Molalla area where Gary will be a junior in high school. We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

We had two hospital patients this month. Sharon Hari (Phil) was in Salem General Hospital for surgery and is recovering well. She wishes to thank each one for their prayful support and also for

the gifts, cards, and flowers. Sis. Margaret Warner is home again after a few days in Silverton Hospital. We are thankful that both of these dear ones are able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Mary Jane Winkler (Bro. Andy) wishes to thank everyone for remembering her with their prayers, gifts, cards, and love while she was in the hospital and after returning home. She is happy to be back once again in the busy routine of wife and mother. Their home was brightened by the visit of family from Rittman, OH this month.

We were abundantly blessed Sunday, Sept. 6, with beloved brethren from four states and three visiting ministers. Bro. Loren Strahm's (Gridley, KS) labors of love were truly appreciated during the day and again in our evening services when he was joined by our Portland ministers, Bros. Robert Miller and Garth Steffen. A potluck supper was held at the Silverton Grange building in the afternoon giving us another opportunity for fellowship with our dear brethren from near and far.

Sunday, Sept. 13, Portland congregation invited Silverton to join them for a potluck picnic at beautiful Larch Mt. Park, east of Portland, high above the Columbia River Gorge. After eating we walked up to the viewpoint to see five mountains visible in Oregon and Washington, including blown-out Mt. St. Helens. The sight was breathtaking and certainly humbling. We returned to the quiet picnic area and sang hymns together as the setting sun cast its rosy glow on nearby Mt. Hood. At the close of the evening, we bowed our heads thanking our Lord for our many blessings of the day, thinking there could hardly be a lovelier sight than Mt. Hood silhouetted against the darkening eastern sky. We raised our heads to see that God had added an unexpected bonus—a full, orange moon had risen to share the horizon. Isn't it wonderful how often God's blessings are above and beyond our human expectations!

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Dolores Rapp

As we drive back and forth to Philadelphia each weekend, we are beginning to see signs of autumn on the mountain sides—a

hint of scarlet here and various yellow hues tucked in among the greens. In another month, God's glories will be in full array in the Allegheny mountains.

Our visitors this past month were from Peoria, Washington, Chicago, Roanoke, Rockville, and Rittman. Visitors are so very welcome in our small church.

Mrs. Ben (Bess) Murz has had eye surgery and is now recuperating at home. She was able to fellowship with us recently and we pray for a total recovery.

Most of the families gathered at church on Labor Day for a general housecleaning and yard work. Among other things the brothers placed straw on the hillside behind the church to protect the plantings placed there several weeks ago. Afterwards, a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all.

BORN AGAIN

The following article was taken from a local newspaper series on being born again. It was written by ministering brother Elmer Hartter in response to the question, "What is your definition of born again?"

"Jesus said: Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. (John 3:5); Jesus also said: Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3); All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God, (Romans 3:23). God loves all people; so He made a way for all people to be converted. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, (John 3:16); So man needs to admit he is a sinner and is lost. For the wages of sin is death: but the Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

"The person repents, being sorry for sinning against God and man and through daily prayer implores God to mercifully forgive his sins: confessing them. He also asks forgiveness of his fellow man for wrongs done unto them and makes restitution wherever possible. He prays to God for grace to be humble, to have a receptive mind, willingness to be instructed, faith to believe in God's Word and

that Jesus Christ died for him, and paid the penalty for the sins of all mankind on the Cross, so he pleads for God's cleansing of his heart and mind and His forgiveness.

"Now the person commits himself to the will of God, to forsake the old life and becomes a new creature having no more desire to partake of the former life of sin. (II Corinthians 5:17) The person now expresses complete trust in God, faith in Jesus Christ who shed His blood and died for him on the Cross; and as the Spirit of God has entered and cleansed his heart he is filled with a new joy, and peace. Now upon confession of their faith the person is baptized, by immersion, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Mark 16:16)

"The person now receives a full measure of the Holy Ghost, as promised by Jesus, to guide, direct, counsel, comfort, and encourage him in his new walk of life. He now reaffirms his desire to live for God, having opened his heart to Jesus Christ. He has been born again of the Spirit and is now a converted child of God."

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Sermon

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the west, from the north, and from the south, and we are worshipping this same God.

God has created us. He has given each of us a living soul, and looking over this group of people, probably most of us have what is called the "born-again" experience.

We know what it is to be children of God. We know what God meant when He said, "This is my beloved Son; hear Him." Mk. 9:7. He told us to repent, He told us to be converted, He told us that we should become new creatures, and He told us that His blood would be sufficient for all our sins.

To think that through repentance and giving our hearts to the Lord we could make this wonderful experience! Isn't it true? Our hearts are filled with love this morning for each other and for God Himself because He made it known to us.

I often consider that I could have been born in a foreign land . . . in India . . . in China . . . in some place where people don't have

this true religion. There are many people today who don't know what the real truth is.

God made it possible that you and I could be born in a Christian community, many of us in Christian homes. We were taken to a church such as we have here this morning where we believe that the truth is going to be taught and has been taught. We believe that it is a haven for all people. If anyone comes from the "outside" (sometimes they do this if they know there is a church here and want to worship somewhere), they will hear this message: God has no pleasure in the death of a sinner.

He wants us to come out from the sinful life. He wants us to surrender our lives to Him so that He can become one with us. We should feel this morning: Christ within us and we with Him.

This is what I believe the Apostle Peter meant when he said, "Beloved. . ." He is talking to those whom he loved, those who have been redeemed. He said that he wanted to 'stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.' 2 Pet. 3:1. Don't we need, from time to time, dear ones, to get together and sing beautiful hymns such as we sang this morning, and hear the Word and see what the Spirit reveals?

Peter wanted to "stir up your minds." Our minds have a lot to do with our attitudes. Sometimes we become very depressed and cast down. Why? Because we permit it. We allow it to happen. It is in our power to do differently, because we have access to a Power that is far greater than anything that is upon this earth, the wonderful gift of grace.

We can become so depressed that we feel that we have lost the abundant Christian life. This is not God's plan. We read in Romans: 'All things work together for good to them that love God.' Rom. 8:28.

This is a beautiful verse, isn't it, when everything is going fine? But when things are not working quite like we think they should, we become discouraged as we wonder, "Why did this happen to me?"

Just last evening after we left church with all love and kindness, we looked forward to spending some time with our loved ones; but we got off one road and onto a wrong one. (When you're not

used to these roads, it is rather confusing.) So, it took us quite awhile to get where we wanted to go. But we finally made it.

As we were going through this disappointment, we wondered, "Now, why? Why did this have to happen to us tonight?" It was dark and how thankful I was when I could stop and ask someone, "Could you direct us? How can I get back on 202? How can I get back to where I want to be?"

He so kindly said, "I will lead you there." He did and, after that, we did it again. You know, it was so disappointing! We wanted to know, "Why does this all happen to me?" But some good had to come out of it, I believe it has.

For one thing, it reminded us how nothing we are and how much we have to depend upon guidance. We drive down the road and what a comforting feeling it is when we can see that we are still on the right road. What a disappointment it is when we see a sign which makes us realize that "This isn't right."

The Word of God is our sign along the way. How thankful we should be that we can just look at the sign. We can ask ourselves, "Are we still on the right way as it says here?" My eyes don't fall on the verse right now, but we can know that we are doing the things that God wants us to do if we are following the teachings of the prophets and of the apostles. This is our desire.

Isn't it strange, though, that with all that God wants to offer us this morning, there still will be those who say, "Well, we've heard this so many years. What are you talking about? Why not eat, drink and be merry, and enjoy life?"

In the seventy-third Psalm, the Psalmist experienced this. He looked out into the world and saw that the people didn't have any cares. He thought that everything was going so beautifully for them until he went to the house of God, until he thought about the Word. Then he said that he had almost slipped until he considered what the end result was going to be for them.

Why do people scoff? Why do people make fun of God's Word or think, "Well, it's not going to happen." I think that deep within every one of us, there is an inner feeling that there is a Supreme Being,

and that we wouldn't be here this morning if it had not been that God's plan directed us here.

As we were driving over the miles and saw the mountains, the valleys and the hills, I thought about God's creation, about the beautiful trees which are budding at this time, the beautiful flowers, and the many things that can be seen along the way. I believe that people who don't go far from home don't know how great God's creation is, and how great God really is. When you travel, it humbles you. At least, it does me.

When I was coming through the Allegheny mountains, I felt so humble and so small and thought, "I am worshipping the God who created all of these things!" Yet, there are people who will scoff and say that what He says in this Word isn't true.

Beloved ones, let us be thankful if we have the love of God in our hearts and if we want to do that which He wants us to do.

Long ago people said, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Pet. 3:4.

There have been a lot of changes since the beginning, but I hope that in the Apostolic Christian Church, the plan of salvation and the gospel message will never change. I believe that, if my grandfather could come back and come to church, he would feel at home today with us. But maybe he would be rather surprised about some of the things that go on in the church. Maybe we have been a little too permissive.

It seems as though we always have to try to hold the line, to try to be watchful here and there because the "world" would like to creep into the church. We need to be united in thought and in mind in supporting one another and helping to preserve this precious faith that we have enjoyed. We would like to have it for our children and our grandchildren.

We know that the Lord is coming because the Bible has prophesied it, and many prophecies have come true. You can read of His Second Coming in the gospels. There probably isn't any other issue discussed more than the coming of Christ the second time.

The Lord is going to return. The main thing is: we want to be

ready.

Peter tells us that "the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Pet. 3:7. I feel very sad about this.

When I get up in the morning and it is so beautiful with the sun shining, I feel as though nothing is impossible. Do you ever feel that way? You just feel great. Then we have to destroy all of this someday, all of the beautiful trees, flowers, homes, and buildings. All of this is going to be destroyed. Why? Because of sin and because of unbelief. That is sad, isn't it?

But believers can look forward to something better. God has promised that there will be "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth the righteousness." 2 Pet. 3:13. What a joy! What a joy!

We look forward to the time when we can leave this earth and dwell in that new heaven and new earth. I'm sure that everyone here is looking forward to being in that place where there will be peace, joy, happiness, and no conflict with the enemy of our souls. The devil will not be there. It's going to be a beautiful, beautiful time of eternity!

How long will it continue? We cannot fully understand. Sometimes we use little illustrations. If a bird went to the ocean and took a drink of water once a year, sometime in the future the ocean would be dry. It would take a long time, wouldn't it? As we look out across the waters and see how much water is there, we would think it would be forever. Eventually it would end, but eternity would only be beginning..

We are going to spend eternity somewhere. Will we be in that beautiful city of joy and delight, or will we be in outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth? Beloved ones, I hope this really stirs our hearts and minds this morning, because many souls need to be saved.

We heard last evening about the wonderful illustration wherein the disciples fished all night and didn't catch anything. Then, when they followed the Lord's direction and He blessed their labors, it wasn't very long until they gathered in the fish.

How many times have you and I experienced what the Lord's bles-

ing means? Sometimes we struggle and work and try, but we don't accomplish much without it.

Let's stay close to the Lord. Let's begin each day, each morning, by saying, "Lord, direct me again today. What do you want me to do? Is this what You really want me to do?" Be available.

I once told this to a sister (I guess I brought it out in the message on a Wednesday night). She thought that she didn't have much to do in the service of the Lord, and she was wondering how to spend her time. In the message, I had said, "Make yourself available. Pray to the Lord that you are available, and it will surprise you how much He will bring to you."

She said, "You know, it really worked. It wasn't long before I had things to do that I wasn't expecting." That's how the Lord works. He wants us to be available. He wants us to be willing.

First, we need to repent, to be converted, and to come into real fellowship with the Lord. He becomes part of our lives, and then the Holy Spirit comes into our souls and directs us. Sometimes we may not feel as though the Holy Spirit is there, but the Holy Spirit won't leave us right away. However, if we would fall back into sin, the Holy Spirit would have to leave.

A sister once said to me, "I have trouble believing that I am going to be saved." I said, "Why? Have you sinned?" She said, "No, not really. I'm not perfect, but I did not willingly sin." I said, "Don't you believe God's Word?" She said, "Yes." I said, "Don't you believe what the Lord said? 'In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.' (John 14:2, 3) Don't you believe that?" "Yes, I believe that." "Then," I said, "why won't you be saved." "I guess I'll be saved!" she said. I said, "Sure."

Sometimes Satan brings feelings back, but they can be changed by the Word of God. We are so thankful that we have the Word.

I'm sure that there are many other good teachings in this chapter, and I hope that one of the other brothers will feel moved to minister a few words to you.

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Text: Isaiah 5:1-12 and 2 Peter 3

Beloved ones, I hope that we all realize that God is looking upon us this morning, that He is in heaven, that His Spirit is here upon the earth, and that He is just as interested in mankind today as He was in the times when the prophet Isaiah looked to Him.

In the parable of the vineyard that we read together from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord asked the question, "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?" Isa. 5:4. That was quite a question, wasn't it? When I read that verse this morning, I wondered again whether there was anything more that God could have done at that time for the people of Israel, His followers.

Sometimes we need to remember how patiently God worked with His chosen people. In the time of Noah hardly a righteous man could be found.

What is a righteous man? I think that a righteous man, in God's sight, is someone who puts his trust in God and willingly tries each day to do what He wants him to do. He wants to be faithful; he wants to be obedient. That is a righteous man. He may not always accomplish it, but he has that inner, down deep feeling, "I want to do what God wants me to do."

Noah was that sort of man, and God used him to build the ark. He saved his family because of his righteousness. Then, after the earth was destroyed by water and the time came when the ark was opened, they made a completely new beginning again.

How many times God worked with His former people so that they would worship Him! Why was it necessary? Dear ones, we could ask this question this morning again, "Why is it so difficult for people to want to worship a

loving Father in heaven, a loving God, Someone who is interested in blessing us?"

We can read that, after Noah and his companions came out of the ark, God looked forward to blessing those people if they would do certain things. He had a few commandments that He asked them to keep. But isn't it strange stantly travels to and fro upon stantly travels to and from upon the earth? He always tries to get people to fall away from God, to fall back upon their own strength and abilities. He wants them to think, "This is the way it ought to be; this is the way I see it."

We have a Scripture passage that says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 16:25. This will never change. If we listen to man, we can be mistaken.

I'm afraid, dear ones, that too many people are listening to men rather than to the Word. They form their own opinions. A third party tells them what to do. A lot of people have been misled and are being misled today because they are not going back to the Word.

Let's think about the children of Israel. When God spoke with Isaiah, He said, "What more could I have done?" He had a little illustration. He said that He had a nice tract of ground and He took out all the stones. He built a hedge around it, and I can believe that God planted the choicest grapes.

It is so beautiful to go into a grape arbor and see large clusters of grapes. God provided everything for His vineyard, but when harvest time came, those grapes were sour rather than sweet, and God was disappointed.

I think that this is a symbol of what God saw in His people. He had done so much for them. He brought them out of Egypt; He cared for them as they journeyed to the Promised Land; He blessed

them in so many ways. Really, they should have been happy and content; they had nothing to complain about.

But of the thousands who came out of Egypt, how many were allowed to go to the Promised Land who were over twenty years old? Two. Is it because God didn't do His part? Dear ones, I'm sure that you and I feel this morning that God is interested in doing everything He possibly can because He wants to bless us. He wants us to enjoy an abundant life. We have it before us.

When we go to the writings of Peter, he is talking to us today. Could God have done something more than He did for Israel? Yes. What was it? He could give His Son, Jesus Christ. He hadn't given His Son at that time.

Sometimes people ask me, "What will happen to all those people who lived under the old law? They really didn't have the opportunity that we have." "Well," I tell them, "God is going to be fair. We don't have to worry about the people who lived before Christ. Even then, some were looking forward to the Messiah, to the time when Someone would come and pay that great price upon the cross. It was promised in the Garden of Eden that Someone would come and crush the serpent's head. For those people who looked forward to the Messiah's coming, I believe that the blood of Christ will apply to them also."

Peter wrote in the third chapter of his first epistle that Christ went into the lower parts of the earth where He spoke to the "spirits in prison." I think that souls there knew it was the time that they could be redeemed because they had looked for the Messiah.

God could not have been more fair; and I know that He is going to be fair with every one of us. We are here today, dear ones, gathered together from the east, from

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