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The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. LUKE 10:2



But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately He putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Mark 4:29

Bringing in the Sheaves.

KNOWLES SHAW.

GEORGE A. MINOR, by per.

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kind-ness, Sowing in the noon-tide
2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shad-ows, Fearing nei-ther clouds nor
3. Go-ing forth with weeping, sowing for the Mas-ter, Tho' the loss sustain'd our

and the dew-y eve: Wait-ing for the har-vest, and the time of reap-ing,
win-ter's chill-ing breeze: By and by the har-vest, and the la-bor end-ed,
spir-it of-ten grieves; When our weep-ing's o-ver, He will bid us wel-come.

CHORUS.

We shall come, re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.
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We shall come, re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves. } Bringing in the sheaves.

bring-ing in the sheaves, We shall come, re-joic-ing, Bring-ing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves, We shall come, rejoicing,
Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves.



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.

Revelation 14:15

Anticipating God's Final Harvest

By Sister Mae (Simon) Mathys (1859-1934)

(As part of our Know Each Other Better — submitted from Rittman, Ohio)

Early in my enjoyable and youthful years I departed Switzerland, that pleasant land and people who lived on hills, and in valleys, and glaciers of snow. I left parents, relatives, and many dear friends. We had been a very closely knit

family. Where I got the courage to do so, I cannot say. I have no doubt that it was the good Lord's will to go to the U.S.A.

Our parental home lay on the top of a mountain. From this home we could see great distances. A high-

way ran through the valley near us, and in the green forest close-by there were footpaths, and overhead the pine trees met together like a green awning. The blackbirds, which had golden wing-tips and also

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golden feathers on their heads, flew about swiftly and graciously. Seems like in so doing they wanted to praise the Creator and at the same time welcome our presence. It was simply a beautiful scene.

At our parental home, God's word was read to us. Prayers were offered to God, and there was a daily devotion while we were young. We were told of many experiences in life. We children had been taught to have regard and respect for things that were right and pleasing to God. Often we were so impressed that we broke out in tears. These were blissful moments, never to be forgotten. But alas, joy often alternates with sorrow. It is true, "Man proposes but it is God who disposes."

We were shocked and alarmed when our dear mother became ill, and slowly her health failed. At last a physician was called. Soon Mother spoke of a premonition that her death was at hand. This she said as we stood around her bed: "Dear Father and children, my time has come to leave you. I am at peace with God and men. I commend you to the love and mercy of God for lifetime and eternity." Having said this she slept away. Amid tears and with broken hearts, we followed her funeral to the grave. We felt utterly forsaken and were crushed. We stood together in our deep sorrow and tried to comfort each other. We were a motherless family. Yet the years went past swiftly. The family grew smaller as one by one left home to marry and establish homes of their own.

Finally my husband, several boys, and I left the homeland, that beautiful "Emmenthal" with the hope that my widowed father and the other families would soon follow. Father gave us his blessings to go to the U.S.A. on a bright, beautiful, sunshiny morning at our homestead which was our father's birthplace.

He went with us to the railroad station where we were to board the train. While waiting with us for the train, with sad and broken hearts, Father, whose eyes were full of tears, unexpectedly threw his arms around me and pressed me to him for the last time. Between groans and tears he said, "My child, you are

very dear to me, may God bless and keep you always." Then the train came. Only a short halt, and we sped away from what had been a happy home.

At the border we had to change trains. Unexpectedly, a young man, a stranger, came and put a valuable coin into my hand. He left so suddenly that I was scarcely able to thank him. Why this?

In the morning we journeyed further. By evening of that day we arrived at Antwerp, Belgium. This large city is a seaport. It lays on a river which opens into a large ocean harbor. Ocean ships were at the dock there. It was yet early evening so we planned to see the sights. The owner of the hotel warned us that there were many swindlers on the streets, so "beware". We obeyed the warning and also thanked him for his advice.

Early in the morning at daybreak, we boarded our ship. Our small ship proceeded down the river into open sea, and soon we saw no more land. The sky was beautiful, the waves not so high. The ship did sway somewhat. We were on the Red Star Line.

Now we were filled with good hope and courage, but out on the broad ocean people became seasick. One of our boys, eleven weeks old, became quite sick. Everything the ship's doctor gave him did not help. I held him in my arms, then again laid him back on the bed. I then laid down and held him really close to me. When I arose again I soon became aware that the dear little child had died. Our hearts were torn with deep sorrow, our hopes were shattered. We had only a short time to hold and lament over this beautiful child for soon the men of the ship came and took him from us to bury that little creature in the depths of the ocean. Now we not only mourned to give him up, but also over the fact that we could never visit his grave. After 13 days on the Atlantic Ocean, we landed at New York. We soon proceeded by train to West Virginia. Our hearts were filled with mixed emotions, gladness for our safe arrival and sadness over our loss. But God was ever with us.

In West Virginia we lived year after year. We saw none of the loved

ones whom we had left behind. I was lonely and homesick. Often I dreamed of home and of my youth.

Once I dreamed of going back home, as though I was on the road near home, walking, walking, hurrying over stony paths. I took a shortcut and from a hill, I viewed the homestead where we had lived in the days of my youth. I could see Father in the fields at work. He was mowing hay with a scythe, there were children playing nearby. My heart beat rapidly! In my dream I hastened to join them, with deep feeling to embrace and kiss them. But suddenly I awoke from the dream, only to a deep heartache and tears. Once again I dreamed. I came to a dear neighbor whose wife had been very dear to me in former years. I was at the flowing well to get water. In my haste I had failed to speak to her, for I had a beautiful bouquet of flowers which I wanted to bring to my loved ones. By the time I had arrived it had become dark. There was only a small dim light in the house. Every muscle in my body was aquiver with the warmth of love and anticipation. I

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wanted to surprise and embrace each one in love. With this I awoke again. My homesickness pressed hard upon me. I cannot describe the feelings of my heart, only those who have gone through this know.

But greater sorrow was to come when I received by mail a black-rimmed letter reporting the death of my beloved father. This brought me an almost unbearable cross, which lay heavy upon me for days and days. It was very clear then, that I might never see any of my dear family again. This made me extremely sad, being led from one sorrow to another. My courage and faith were badly shaken.

After this were born to me sons and daughters. The Almighty God has ways to restore our losses and work courage in us. While the children were coming and growing I often wished that we need never part.

Now about this time I had a strange premonition. Something told me that I would lose two of my children. This brought great fear wondering which ones and when, especially when the children sat in a group. Not long afterward, 4-year-old Fredrick became ill. No medicine seemed to help, and in several days he died. I was deeply disturbed, wept much, and spent many sad days during this time of faith-testing. We tried to comfort each other. Sorrow leads us to prayer and to God!

Again the years added on, the older children married, and each parting brought sadness. I always wished for each one the blessings of God and many times mourning, assured them of my love for them. Parting brings pain, but such is life. I said to myself, "The Lord's ways are wonderful, I will try to be satisfied!" The Lord knows best! At such times I truly felt the Lord's nearness and warmth in my heart.

I dreamed of my little Fredrick and wondered where he was. The answer came—You just live right so you can also go to heaven and be with the blest! This then removed my sorrow and I could put all my trust in the Lord Jesus. But occasionally I was haunted by the thought that I would lose still another one.

In due time our 18-year-old

daughter, Maggie, became very sick, lingered in her illness, and continually grew worse. One day I asked her if she wanted to die. "Yes, I do!" she said, "I want to go. There is really nothing here on earth that I love or that holds me fast." She started singing. Her thoughts were often mixed up but suddenly she spoke up and said, "Dear Father and dear Mother, now I am going home to Jesus." She sang a song, a melody we had never heard before. Father was certain that one night while he was sitting up with her, he saw an angel at her side. This dear girl passed on to her rest. At her funeral beautiful hymns were sung by the young people. Six of her companions were pallbearers. This was a hard time for me as I went through severe trials of heart and mind. My faith was sorely tried, but I came out purified!

Dear children, even the chastisement of the Lord has great value. I did see visions which reassured me that the Lord was at my side to give me victory over the enemy of Truth and Righteousness. It seemed that I was sad a long time over the loss, but I learned to trust the Lord. When I thought things over, it came to me that I still have my husband as a partner and I should be satisfied.

Sometime later we were able to visit our married children. This was so nice to see children and grandchildren, one only then sees how time brings many changes.

Soon after we visited all the children in their homes, Father became ill and lingered only 5 weeks. This came so very suddenly and unexpectedly that I was stricken with deep sorrow and felt very much alone.

One night I had a dream that I was walking but found no footpaths to follow. Suddenly I came to a long telegraph line, beside it, a footpath. It occurred to me that the dear Lord wanted to show me that God makes footpaths for His people to walk on. His Word plainly shows the way upon which to walk. It is true that our life is filled with many trials, but we have a goal at the end of a godly life and that is heaven! Our striving should be to accept our cross and trust in God. His Word is a map and guide for our journey.

So now I am alone. My house seems empty and bare. I wait every day for the Lord to call me Home. Each evening when I go to bed He reminds me that there is a grave awaiting me next to Father's, to be my resting place until the Lord calls me on Judgement Day. Then Jesus will call me, with holy angels and with trumpet sounds which will call—AWAKE! AWAKE!

Dear ones, this writing is the truth; every word and thought expressed are true. My God knows!

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Bob Cockburn

It is Monday morning and the week is off to a great start. Bro. Oliver Stieglitz, his sons, Jeff and Steve, and some of the staff members are completing the clean-up operations that follow our Annual Auction and Sale each year. Bro. Oliver was the chairman for our Sale again this year and all of us connected with the Home thank him, his wife, Emma Jean, and their family for the tremendous effort they expended so that our Sale would be a success. I am sure that they join us in extending appreciation and thanks to each of you who helped in so many ways to make our Sixth Annual Sale possible.

We were blessed with beautiful weather during the preparations for the Sale and on the Sale day. We enjoyed the Christian fellowship of brethren from near and far who came in cars, vans, motor homes, and even a bus from central Illinois. It is a blessing each year to meet and greet old friends and new. We are thankful that this sale can bring together so many brethren and friends to work together for the benefit of our children. We realize that many of you labor for many months in advance of the Sale day preparing the beautiful handcrafted items that are sold or auctioned on this one day each year. We pray that God will add His blessings to all of you who gave of yourselves so willingly.

It is now Tuesday and if I don't get this finished it will never get to the printers in time (it is already late). Our children are all back in school and we are getting back into the school year routine. The summer

program is ended and I thank all of you who came to help out. We all enjoyed having you and pray that each of you will get a chance to come again.

We have a full staff now but a few have indicated the possibility of leaving. Thus, we are looking for a brother and sister who may be interested in working as an alternate couple. These people fill in for the houseparents so that the houseparents can have scheduled days off. When they are not filling in for the houseparents, they help with the work that needs to be done around the houses and grounds. They are full-time positions. We are also looking for a single sister to help the houseparents with their duties. The minimum age for all of our available positions is 21, but there is no maximum age limit. This is a rewarding work and we welcome inquiries from anyone who is interested.

Thank you, again, for your continued prayers and support. Those of us here at the Home need you to help us provide for our children.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

As Emily Dickinson once penned, "This world is not conclusion; A sequel stands beyond. . ." And for our Elizabeth (Betsy) Aberle, this sequel means release from her physical burdens. Though we are experiencing the loss, we are humbly grateful that our Heavenly Father's purpose for her life has been completed and His will fulfilled. She passed away quietly on August 9 and can now enjoy peace and rest. In addition to the regular funeral services at our church in Tremont, a memorial service was held at the Home for the Handicapped.

As one chapter closes, another opens. On August 10, Herbert Stieglitz of Peoria, IL came to live at our Home. Charlotte McConkey Stieglitz and the late Joseph Stieglitz are his parents. One sister, Dorothy Mitchell, two nieces and two nephews make up Herbie's family. Red meat and fish are his favorite foods; basketball, baseball and bowling are his favorite pastimes. Because he has already been attending workshop, he is acquainted with some of our resi-

dents. Birthday time for him is May 11. We welcome Herbie and hope he will be very happy here with us.

Summer activities have been many and varied. Some have gone to camp at various times; some have spent vacation time with families; some have participated in Special Olympics, all in addition to the happenings here at the Home. Picnics in the wooded area behind the Home are often enjoyed when weather permits.

All of us at the Home are grateful that our administrator, Bob Knobloch, who had been a hospital patient for several days, is able to be back with us. He wishes to thank everyone for their concern and prayers. (To be the recipient of a voluntary audible prayer by a handicapped person in behalf of one's pain is a heartwarming experience.)

Once again we wish to encourage everyone to mark November 19 on your calendars and plan to come to spend the day with us at our Annual Benefit Day.

Though there is much constant hustle and activity with our large family, we pray that we may maintain a constant, daily sweet communion with our Heavenly Father and that His guiding Hand will be upon everything we do and say. An unknown author reminds us this way:

A spider spun a silken web across
the corner of the room,
A perfect pattern, interlaced; how
patiently he crossed the loom,
As hour by hour, all night he
toiled;
And yet, in one swift stroke I
spoiled
His masterpiece, his refuge—with
the broom.

I spun a golden cord of love across
the heartstrings of a friend,
Of kind regard and tender grace, a
web I thought too strong to
rend.
And yet, one day I did not heed
One careless word, one thought-
less deed
That broke the web, which time
alone can mend.

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New Address to Your Reporter.**

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Julie Hoerr

On Aug. 8, many were assembled to witness the wedding vows of Bro. Tom Klotzle and Sis. Jody Knochel. What a special joy for our dear couple to have Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Tom's father, Bro. John Klotzle, share their wedding service. Bro. Tom's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Lois, and Bro. Herb and Sis. JoAnn are Jody's parents. We wish Bro. Tom and Sis. Jody God's love and blessings as they begin their life as One in Him, and assemble with the Altadena congregation.

Sat. evening, Aug. 7, Bro. Tom and Sis. Jody's parents hosted a dinner and singing for all the company and the Phoenix congregation. Over 200 gathered to share a blessed evening.

Our dear visiting ministering brothers this month were, Bro. Len Meyer (Chicago), Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena), and Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City).

Little Jacob Edwin was born Aug. 6, to Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon Harris. Little Robert and Samantha welcome Jacob, too.

Our sympathy is extended to Elder Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach in the loss of Sis. Barbara's brother, Floyd Dominick of Kiowa. We also wish to extend sympathy to Jerry and Sis. June Tooley and family in the loss of Sis. June's mother, Sis. Catherine Rieger.

Bro. Roy Farney was a hospital patient. We are grateful he was able to return home Friday, Aug. 13, and pray God may bless both him and Sis. Minnie during his recovery. Sis. Clara Banwart was an outpatient and little Jill Dotterer broke her left arm during a fall. Jill's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa and Sandy Bauer

It was a true blessing to have our Elder Bro. Richard Schubach (Phoenix) minister to us on Sunday, July 18. We appreciate his sharing the precious Word with us.

Our Bro. Jay Bertsch is leaving our congregation shortly to live back east. Bro. Jay was the first member of the Tucson church, and we will all miss having him here with us. A farewell church

fellowship supper and singing were held recently in honor of Bro. Jay.

Last Sunday many members of our church and Sunday School attended the wedding of Bro. Tom Klotzle and Sis. Jody Knochel in Phoenix. Everyone who attended wishes to thank the Phoenix congregation for again extending their love and gracious hospitality.

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Mary Beth Klotzle

"This union of our hearts shall stand through grace in Jesus;
We walk the path of life, while cheer and trust increases.

Where God in truth abides, where two join hand and heart,
We find a three-fold cord, Not lightly rent apart."

Zion's Harp No. 79

Bro. Tom Klotzle (Bro. John and Sis. Lois) and Sis. Jody Knochel (Bro. Herb and Sis. Johanna) joined hand and heart on Aug. 8 in Phoenix, AZ. We welcome Sis. Jody to Altadena, and our hearts rejoice to have her as part of our small flock. May God bless their home.

We also welcomed Sis. Kathy Klotzle home from Japan for a five week visit after being away for two years. There isn't a replacement for her position in the kindergarten at this time, yet we continue to trust in the Lord that He will provide for the need. We prayerfully support Sis. Kathy as she returns to the work in Japan.

Our praise and thanks go to the Lord for sending us many visitors. Bro. Jim Funk (Tucson) ministered to us and we thank him for sharing God's Word.

CALIFORNIA, MAYWOOD

Ben Ammann

Sunday, August 15, we had a blessed day with visiting Bro. Tom and Sis. Heidi Luginbuhl and children from Rockville, CN. We were also pleased to see Kathy Klotzle from Japan on a visit home.

Mrs. Olga Larsen wishes to thank everyone for all the deeds of kindness to her through the illness and death of her husband, Bro. Alf Larsen. In our small congregation we will miss Bro. Alf.

COLORADO, DENVER

Marlene Leman

We have had many visitors this summer and each one was greatly appreciated. The love we can feel flowing from heart to heart is such a great blessing. Among our visitors were ministering brothers from coast to coast: Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron), Bro. Al Aberle (Tremont), Bro. Ken Weerts (Cissna Park), Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville), Bro. Dwayne Metzger (West Bend), Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bro. Bob Miller (Portland), and Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester). God has been so good to us in providing brothers to feed us spiritually. We pray He will reward each one richly.

We are happy to report that we have several additions to our little congregation here. Bro. Doug Hohulin (Roanoke) and Bro. Fred Wahl (Elgin) moved to the Denver area. Bro. Curt Hodel also moved here but his plans are to return to Roanoke in the fall. This brings the number of members living here to 11. We certainly welcome these dear brothers and pray that God will bless them here.

We have been holding a Bible class on Wednesday evening in our home. The groups which have gathered have been good sized, and the blessings received have been many. We invite anyone, who is in the area, to assemble with us. Starting time is 7:30 p.m. Our address is 16836 E. Harvard Pl., Aurora. Phone is 303-696-1301.

Surely we rejoice with the angels in Heaven as we hear that Lee Ruegsegger has answered God's call. We pray that with humbleness of heart he can get that firm foundation built that he can have a heavenly home in all eternity.

Services continue to be held each Sunday at the Victory Grange Hall, 2009 Tower Rd., Aurora. Services start at 10:30 and 12:30 with lunch served in between. We encourage anyone in the area to assemble with us.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

Sally Gress

We are grateful to Elder Bro. Joe Braker of Morton, Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville, and Bro. Al Schneider of Rockville for ministering to us in the past weeks.

A farewell supper was held for Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie Meyer. We will miss them and wish them God's blessings in their new home in Eureka.

John and Robin Klopfenstein are the happy parents of their first child, David Joseph. Grandparents are Bro. Bud and Sis. Billie Klopfenstein and Mrs. Roselle Lefferts.

Sis. Arlene Wieland is currently a hospital patient.

Brad and Dahlys Troxel have turned to the Lord in repentance. Our prayers are with them as they seek their soul's salvation.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Doris and Diane Rocke

We wish to thank Bros. Joe Schrock (Congerville, IL), Floyd Wieland (Detroit, MI) and Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL) and their wives, Sisters Esther, Perseda and Jane for traveling the distance to bring us the inspired Word of God. Many blessings and Christian fellowship were shared by all.

Bro. Elmer Jacob had minor surgery and spent some time in the hospital again. He has returned home and is recovering nicely. May God be merciful to those with bodily afflictions, that they may be able to endure.

A word of thanks:

There are no words that can truthfully express the gratitude to all the friends, relatives and members of our precious faith for the many cards and prayers which were uttered on my behalf.

With all my heart, I wish to thank each one; also I want to thank the Sunshine Group for the fruit and flowers, plus many other gifts.

Also, my deepest thanks for the many toll calls received.

May God bless each of you in His own way.

Chris and Viola Leman

ILLINOIS

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Shirley Denick

Charlene Knobloch

Our congregation has truly been blessed with three new brothers in faith. Our thanks be to God for Bro. Ryan Huber, Bro. Tim Stoller and Bro. Dan Keiser. Their special weekend was Aug. 14 and 15. Elder Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka

assisted our Elder Bro. Dan Koch. Visiting ministers Bro. Ed Knecht of Silverton, OR and Bro. Vernon Wettstein of Congerville lent themselves to make the day complete.

Our hospital patients have been Sis. Wilma Keiser, Sis. Ellen Vogel, and Sis. Bena Hari. Sis. Bena is able to assemble with us again and we pray Sis. Wilma and Sis. Ellen will be back soon.

Bro. Brent Nussbaun has served his God and his congregation as usher. As his term expires, we have three brothers who are willing to be used — Bro. John Maurer, Bro. Bill Denick and Bro. Clyde Knobloch will assist Bro. Steve Zimmerman in this task. An orderly house is an honor to God and we pray that this will continue and always be so.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Shirley Kieser

School is again in session and students, young and old, are "back to school." May God be near each one of them so they can use their time well and will strive to be a good example. The older we get the more we realize that our schooling never really stops. We just have to be smart enough to learn from the lessons we are taught.

Our thanks go to ministering Bros. Ken Eisenmann, Ron Schambach, Loren Strahm, and Don Manz, and their loved ones for their visit to our congregation recently.

Bro. William Elsasser was hospitalized for a few days, but has been able to return home again.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

It has been my experience that the bounty of our Savior's storehouse is something like a very rich dessert. Many other people may be present, and the "piece" one gets may, at a first glance, seem small, but the lush sweetness is overwhelming and memorable. And we always seem to be ready to partake again and again of the blessings.

Our dear ministers and elder brethren are often the vessels through which our blessings pour out. Not only have they recently participated in many days, blessed but exhausting, of conference, but they seem so willing to make weekly, monthly, bimonthly com-

mitments to be present at congregational activities. By their presence, they give interest, support and availability. For their faithfulness, may they be given endless rewards, continually now and hereafter, and physical strength to match their profound, God-given spiritual gifts. We in Chicago have basked in the Christian fellowship of many this summer and have especially appreciated the sincerity and ministry of Elder Bros. Robert Beyer, Naumburg, NY and Norbert Steiner, Croghan, NY and Bros. Elmer Schrenk, Alto, MI and Ken Knapp and Arnie Gerst, Taylor, MO.

I would that all would have been as privileged as we were, to have attended the World Relief meeting in Princeville and the general conference the next day. So much was communicated so well. We were reminded of our need to be faithful in our daily walk, above all to Christ, to our church, to our brethren and sisters, to our children, to our neighbors and friends. "The world comes only as far into our home as we allow," was a thought-provoking idea expressed there. Also, so many needy in near and far-away places brought to mind our often overabundance of material goods. Even a small amount of money can be useful. During Bible School in July the money collected was to help the Sunday School's "foster child" in Bolivia and his family buy equipment they had need of for farming — a pick and shovel! If we have time and-or money, the Lord has need of us, be it on a Haitian work project, quilting for benefits (Home for the Handicapped or nursing homes) or auctions (Children's Home or Menonite Relief), or just giving so that the Word might go forth to other not-so-fortunate souls on the earth.

"If in thy path some thorns are found,

O, think who bore them on His brow;

If grief thy sorrowing heart has found,

It reached a holier than thou."

Hymns of Zion No. 52

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Give Old and New Address
to Your Reporter

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Melba Funk — Joan Waldbeser

Haste and seek your soul's
salvation,
Heed the word of God today!
Haste to flee His condemnation;
Seek the straight and narrow way.
Evil are the worldly pleasures
Leading to eternal fire;
Seek the everlasting treasure,
Ere the day of grace expire.

Zion's Harp No. 52

We are so happy for Julie Bauer that she could seek her soul's salvation and find peace with God and man. Julie is the daughter of Sis. Joyce and the late Bro. Jon Bauer. We plan to hear her testimony on Aug. 21 with baptism on Aug. 22.

Members from the Urbana congregation assembled with us on the eve of Aug. 11, with Bros. Virgil Metzger and Dave Wiegand ministering to us. It was a joy to have them in our midst. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend), Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford) and Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City). How we look forward to having visitors and do welcome them any time.

Hospital patients were Larry Bauer and Sis. Mabel Vogel; both were in for surgery.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Phil Sauder in the loss of his brother, Bro. Levi Sauder, of Tremont.

Shelly Ehman was married to Phillip Richard on Aug. 14. Parents of the couple are Bro. Richard and Virginia Ehman and Ray and Glenna Richard (Towanda). May the Lord's blessings be with this couple.

We are sorry we omitted the following graduates in the July issue: Gil Winger, son of Gordon and Aldine, and Patti Walder, daughter of Bro. Les and Sis. Dorothy.

On Aug. 17 a son, Daniel Curtis, was joyously welcomed into the family of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Joan Rudin. He has three sisters, Gail, Julie and Sara.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Arvilla Yergler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 15. May they feel God's nearness as they travel their golden years together.

Sis. Esther Neukomm and her

family wish to thank everyone for their expressions of kindness and sympathy shown them at the time of Bro. Ben's illness, and at his passing. A special thanks to Restmor Nursing Home (Morton) to all who gave our loved one that extra loving care.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Carol Craig — Shirley Ifft

A number of loved ones have been hospitalized this month. Bro. Joe Schumacher and Bro. Carl Schieber had surgery and are home recuperating. Bro. Heinrich Maurer had abdominal surgery, returned home, and within a few hours had to return to the hospital. He is quite ill at this writing. Sis. Bernice Knapp (Bro. Willis) submitted to back surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of these loved ones and their families. May each feel God's nearness and comfort and the blessing of returning health and strength, as He sees best.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Richard and Sis. Katie Hasty in the death of Bro. Richard's parents, (Pekin, IL) who passed away two weeks apart. Since moving from our congregation, Bro. Richard and Sis. Katie are at home at 2936 Lariat Lane, Arlington, Texas 76015.

As joy mingles with sickness and sorrow, so are we rejoicing with the angels in Heaven over the repentance of two dear friends. Susie Knapp (Bro. Fredrick and Sis. Marge) and Tammy Knapp (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda) have given their hearts to the Lord. We wish them a portion of grace in order to build a firm foundation on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ, and lay aside the former pleasures of this world.

Many timely warnings were expounded to us when Bro. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Ralph Garber (Morton) spent a Sunday with us. During conference week we were privileged to have the following brothers in our midst: Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, Ohio), Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, Ohio), Bro. Lloyd Kraft and Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington). May God richly bless each of our ministering brethren for their labors in our behalf.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

Harvest time provokes special memories within the heart of each of us. We remember ripened crops of various sorts in abundance, which places a heavy burden on us, until the very last is garnered in. There is a great feeling of joy when that is accomplished and the work is done. . . The Lord referred to the harvest of souls when he was moved with compassion with the scattered multitudes (as sheep having no shepherd), and he told his disciples "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (St. Matthew 9:36-38) The analogy is striking. Can we not help but ponder the depth of the Lord's words, and then hope to be a useful vessel in gathering in the harvest!

Two souls who have been seeking the Lord in repentance have been able to confess their peace with God and have a desire to bring their testimonies before the brotherhood. September 18 and 19 have been set aside to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of Stan Wenninger (son of Harold and Sis. Ramona) and Beth Braun (daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Sharon).

The fall season again marks the time of year for many of our young people across the land to be returning to school — from the youngest pre-schooler to the college student. Elgin is no exception to this, and so we wish to commit these dear children to the Lord's keeping as they go forth in an evil world, trusting that the years spent in attempting to rear them in the fear and admonition of the Lord cannot be easily set aside.

Sis. Kate Williamson has become a resident of the Americana Nursing Home. May the Lord, who is able, keep her, even though illness and disorientation is her lot.

Illness has entered the lives of several of our loved ones, causing hospitalization. Sue Wewetzer, Jake Leuthold, John Foell, Mary Smith, Bro. Carl Weiss, Bro. Henry Kellenberger, Alan Schambach (son of Bro. Stan and Sis. Norma) and Joanie Schambach (daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Jeanie) were all

hospitalized and in need of supporting prayer.

Sympathy is extended to Les and Emma Heiniger in the death of Les' sister, Sis. Verna Strahm, from the Sabetha congregation. How thankful we can be, that when we experience these losses, the Lord can be reached through prayer and the reading of His Word.

We were blessed through the ministry of Bro. Clarence Yackley (Phoenix) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington) on Aug. 15. We share in a precious fellowship, for which we thank our God.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Melba Mangold

We enjoyed the many visitors who came for a Fort Sam reunion in July. Among them were ministering Bros. Gary Maibach, Rittman, OH and Wm. Emch, Lamont, KS. We thank them for serving us.

The coming marriage of Sis. Denise Zimmerman and Bro. Kevin Kilgus of Elgin, IL was announced. They are planning a September wedding; may they continue to seek God's guidance and direction in their future life together. Their parents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Lorine Zimmerman and Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette Kilgus.

A new brother in faith, Jim Wettstein was welcomed into the fold on Aug. 1. We wish that more of our dear friends could realize the joy of being a part of the family of God. Bro. Jim's parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Donna. Bro. Vernon Wettstein, Congerville, ministered to us in the afternoon.

Kent and Janet Hodel welcomed a new baby girl, Brenda Ann, who was born on Aug. 5. Others in her family are Eric, Christine and Kevin. Her grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Mildred Hodel and the Harold Zobrists of Metamora.

Two of the residents at the Home are in the hospital: Sis. Lorene (Bro. George) Stoller who has had surgery and Bro. John Dapper. We hope they will be able to return home soon.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Sandy Fehr are the parents of twin sons, Todd and Toby, who were born on Aug. 11. Also making up the family circle are Mindy, Jacob and Emily. The babies' grandparents are Bro. Ernest and

Sis. Mary Fehr and Ernest and Sis. Ida Pfaffman of Washington.

Bro. Bill Hodel, Roanoke, was with us on a recent Sunday morning. We are fortunate that there are so many churches in our immediate area, as many congregations are not so located. We appreciate all our visitors.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

We have many reasons to be thankful as we have had visiting brethren give of themselves in our behalf. We enjoyed Bros. Nate Steffen and Ron Schambach and those who came from Elgin to be with us. How precious our fellowship is as we meet dear ones we have known and make new acquaintances. We appreciate Bro. Leroy Huber's visit, as he spent a Sunday afternoon with us.

Aug. 1 was the wedding of Bro. Ivan Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) and Sis. Cinda Zimmerman (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn) of Forrest. We welcome Sis. Cinda into our congregation and wish God's blessings upon them.

The wedding of Sue Huber (Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie) to Bryan Shields of Foosland was held Aug. 8 at the Fellowship Hall. They will be making their home in rural Foosland where he is engaged in farming.

We have had several meet with illnesses and some have been hospitalized. We wish to express our love and concern for them and remember to pray that God will restore and heal where it can be His will. Roy Bahler (Bro. Art and Sis. Suzanne) met with the misfortune of an accident and will be hospitalized for sometime. We are thankful to hear he is making progress.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

We wish to thank Bros. Dave Wiegand (Champaign) and Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) for their labors of love in sharing the precious Word of Life with us.

Our hospital patients were Eugene Schladerhauffen (Sis. Velma), Sarah Schneider (Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandra) and Andy Metz. We are thankful that they have all been dismissed and are able to be among us again.

It was a beautiful summer's day that we were able to witness the marriage of Sis. Cinda Zimmerman (Bro. Al and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Ivan Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) of Fairbury. Sharing in this blessed day were Bros. Ron Heinger (Bloomington), Bill Hodel (Roanoke) and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury).

We offer heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sis. Dorothy Rieger who has passed from this life to that better life beyond. Among those left behind are her husband, Harvey, and daughters, Linda Follmer (Champaign), Sis. Jane Bounds (Forrest), Sis. June Tooley and Diane Bowman (Arizona City, AZ), and Sylvia Feese (Saybrook).

The family of Bro. Harvey Leman wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, visits, cards and deeds of kindness during his recent stay at Carle Hospital and since returning to Fairview Haven.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Pam Wiegand

Bro. Stan and Sis. Judy (Zobrist) Knapp are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Megan Lanae, born on July 21. Megan has three older sisters, Mindy, Marsha, and Michelle.

Recognition

I don't want to hear another word!
I hear my daughter scold.

"Dear me!" I think, "She's awfully strict

For a playful three-year-old!"

She rolls her big eyes heavenward
And sighs with great disdain.

"What am I going to do with you?"

Her dolls hear her complain.

"Sit down! Be still! Hold out your hands!"

Do you have to walk so slow?

Pick up your toys! Go brush your teeth!

Eat all your carrots! Blow!"

I start to tell her how gentle

A mother ought to be

When blushing I realize

She's imitating me!

Barbara Burrow

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Carol Klopfenstein

Those who have endured infirmities and afflictions in the flesh can take comfort and courage when

they think of the words the Savior spoke to the Apostle Paul: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." The apostle concurred, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (II Cor. 12:9-10).

Bro. Raymond Kuntz, Bro. Ray Ringger, Sis. Ollie Gramm, Sis. Mary Gramm, Tim Marti, son of Bro. Allen and Sis. Delores and Eric Knobloch, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Judy, have been hospital patients.

The funeral service for Bill Adams was held on Aug. 16. His son, Bro. Ivan (Shorty) Adams, preceded him in death. Since then Bill's desire has been to meet his son in Heaven. He began attending church regularly in an effort to learn what he needed to do to find peace with God. We are glad that by God's grace, he was able to repent for his sins and become converted. In his last days he testified that he was ready to go "home".

June 27 was the wedding day for Bro. Stan Ringger, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary, and Sis. Colleen Hodel, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Jeanne. "Thus united and in concord may they walk the path of life. Hand in hand O may love bind them; for each others' welfare strive." Zion's Harp No. 237. Ministering brothers Bill Hodel and Jim Leman (Roanoke) were with us for the special occasion.

Elder Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor was with us on a Friday evening in the Fellowship Hall to show slides and tell about his visits to India. We were reminded in a very striking way how exceedingly blessed we are with material comforts that thousands or millions of people in this world have never hardly dreamed of. We also felt moved to be good stewards of what God has given us and constantly appreciate His goodness.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Joann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

Summer has quickly flown along

and now we find ourselves starting a new season. The children will soon be returning to their schools and harvest time is close at hand. A person's life-time is similar, we seem to only begin and suddenly we realize time has quickly taken us down many paths.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit) was with us on Wednesday, Aug. 28 and shared with us the Word and reminded us that often in our life we have asked ourselves, why our path seems steep or dark. This is only natural. His words of encouragement and advice were: "When you find yourself walking in a valley or on a difficult path, keep looking to the Father for strength and guidance and remember to let your light shine brightly so if there be someone watching they can be encouraged by your light." We do appreciate Bro. Hartzell for giving of himself and may God richly bless him for his efforts.

The past month we have had our children with us during the morning services. This gives our Sunday School teachers the opportunity to be with us also. We appreciate so much the dedication and love these teachers show to the children throughout the year and we are so pleased to have them with us during the morning services. May God reward each brother and sister for their acts of love in His service as Sunday School teacher. This is a most important time in a young life.

Bro. Henry Binkele bid farewell to his wife, Ora on Aug. 16. Ora's funeral services were Aug. 19. We extend our love and prayers to Bro. Henry at this time. May God continue to bless this family. Bro. Henry did ask that we submit a note of thanks to all. He appreciates all the acts of kindness and the prayers during this time.

Sis. Anna Huette entered into eternal rest on July 23. We conducted funeral services for her on July 25.

Our hospital list and shut-in list seems lengthy at this time. We should take time daily to remember those who are suffering and carrying heavy burdens. We are so blessed to be up and about our busy daily doings. Our prayers are with these dear ones at this time.

We extend our heart-felt sym-

pathy and prayers to the family of Sis. Strom. Putting aside her earthly cares and entering into rest, we will think of Bro. Alvin Heiniger, Sis. Lourine and Sis. Vi Huette.

We take this opportunity to express our congratulations to Bro. William and Sis. Eula Grimm Jr. on their golden anniversary. May the Father continue to richly bless this couple in their walk here together. It is such a joy to see a couple celebrate this special occasion. Bro. William and Sis. Eula are the parents of Jack, Ron, Dean and Diane.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner

We would like to welcome back to Peoria, Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Ginzel and their family who have been living in Switzerland for six years.

We would also like to welcome Bro. Charles and Sis. Marie Kieser and their family.

"Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10.

August 14 and 15 we were blessed to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of Sandy Lane (daughter of Sis. Louise Plattner) and Mary Lu Bewald (wife of Dwayne).

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Ron Heiniger, Bloomington; Bill Dotterer, Phoenix and Willis Wiegand, Goodfield. We thank them for their labors of love they shared with our congregation.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Mary Tanner, Sharon Hopewood, Bros. Al Kiefer, Bob Waibel, Stan Sauder and Chris Feucht. We pray the Lord will look down upon each one's needs and heal according to His will.

Sis. Mary Tanner wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, many beautiful cards, visits, and gifts of love which she received during her illness.

May God richly bless you all for your concerns and kind deeds. Our prayers and thoughts turn to our elder body as they are gathering this month in Princeville for the Brotherhood Conference.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

The Bible is our guidebook for living. Visiting ministers who shared the Living Word with us have been Bros. Harvey Grimm of Bern, KS; Leroy Huber of Eureka; Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka; Willis Wiegand of Goodfield and Ben Hartzler of Rittman, OH.

Brett Alan Endress was born on Aug. 4 to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Luann Endress. Grandparents are Sis. Mildred Endress of Princeville and Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty Nussbaum of Forrest.

On Aug. 15, Bro. Dave Kieser announced the engagement of Sis. Lavonne Stoller to Bro. Marvin Herrmann. Parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Bernice Stoller and Bro. Walt and Sis. Betty Herrmann, all of our congregation.

Two sisters from our congregation broke their wrists and have casts on their arms. Sis. Louise Martin injured her wrist on July 15 and Sis. Esther Herrmann (wife of Bro. Bob) broke her wrist on July 28. Both are recovering.

Bro. John Dapper who lives at the Eureka Home went to the Eureka Hospital on Aug. 6. He is recovering from tuberculosis.

Bro. Jerry Endress had knee surgery on July 21, and Bro. Gary Herr had ear surgery on Aug. 2.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel - Carol Rumbold

At this time of year we often wonder what the harvest will be, even though we can't control its success or failure. I guess we ought to be more concerned over God's Final Harvest; what will we produce?

God has blessed Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane Fehr with another baby girl named Virginia Lou. Sister and brother, June and Jerome welcome her home as well as the grandparents, Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Fehr and the Lester Whites of Benson. Mary Jane and Brian Meginnes became the parents of their second girl, Laura Jane. Grandparents are Bro. Orie and Sis. Marie Aeschleman and Charles and Lillian Meginnes of Roanoke.

Jan Blunier was wed to George Streider on July 24 at the Fellowship Hall. She is the daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Annabelle

Blunier and he is the son of the George Streiders of Metamora. We pray that God will guide their lives.

One Sunday morning, an announcement was made of two upcoming marriages: Bro. Chuck Fehr (Bro. Rich and Sis. Madelyn) is engaged to Sis. Annie Hangartner (Bro. Gene and Sis. Evelyn), and Bro. Les Fischer (Sis. Ida) plans to marry Sis. Sara Aeschleman (Lloyd and Sis. Cynthia). We wish them all the joy that a marriage in the Lord can have!

Our Sis. Carrie Bowald passed away to her Eternal Home. She was faithful for many of her 91 years. Her two sons, Bro. Art and Bro. Earl and her daughter Doris all worship with us.

We were fortunate to have many visitors this month. They included Bro. Kent Heimer of Taylor, Bro. Rod Huber from Valparaiso, Bros. Steve Gutwein and Chris Huber of Francesville, Bro. John Schmidgall of Oakville, Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville, Bro. Ed Aeschleman from Union City, Bro. Marshal Heinold of Washington, Bro. Dale Wulf from Lester and Bro. Joe Braker from Morton. Numerous blessings from numerous brothers were received. Thank you all for coming.

Our Father certainly has a Hand on Bro. Vince Hodel who just returned from Mayo Clinic. "Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach - Phyllis Lang

We received much "food for thought" through the efforts of visiting ministers. Visiting us were Bros. Vernon Leman (Eureka), Walter Anliker (Eureka), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO), Joe Aberle (Sabetha, KS) and Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA). We heartily thank them for their labors of love.

We appreciated Bro. Roy Grimm showing us the slides from his recent trip to India. After seeing the poverty of that country, it made all of us just a little more thankful. We thank you, Bro. Roy for your efforts.

Surgical patients were Mary Rowell and Sis. Emma Greiner. We are happy that they are able to assemble with us again.

Our congregation was saddened by the death of Bro. Levi Sauder. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Sis. Clara, his children; Sis. Marlene (Mel) Kaiser and Bros. Robert and Earl Sauder. He has resided at the A. C. Restmor Nursing Home (Morton).

After suffering for many years Betsy Aberle was called to her rest. She leaves five brothers—Vernon (Lehi, Utah), Bros. Albert, Emil, Walter and Ernie and Sis. Ann Aberle all of Tremont. We wish them God's presence during their hours of bereavement.

Todd and Beth Stuber are the parents of a new little son named Travis Eldon, born Aug. 3. Heather, Troy and Amber welcomed him home. Grandparents are Robert and Esther Emich of Akron, OH and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Dorothy Stuber.

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Koch of Vashon, WA are the parents of a new baby girl, Philippe Rose, born May 20. Big brother, Dieter, helps to take care of her. Grandparents are Bro. Cleo and Halo Koch and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Luers of Grand Island, NE.

ILLINOIS, URBANA

Cheryl Joos

"It really is not difficult
A blessed man to be;
We trust the Lord with good result,
And live in Him so free."

Zion's Harp No. 169

Another precious soul has turned his back to the world. Ben Wiegand, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel Wiegand, has given his testimony and declared his vows in the baptismal waters. We welcome him into the fold. Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and Bob Grimm were here to perform their duties and to share with us this blessed event.

We always appreciate the visits from our elders and were so vividly reminded that daily prayer, trusting in the Lord, and seeing Him and His glory in everything can only draw us closer to the Lord. With summer over and most of us just returning from vacations in which we have marveled at God's creations, it is easy to see His glory and beauty in everything. Now our challenge is to continue to look for His glory and beauty in our daily tasks and routines for He is ever present.

On Sunday, July 25, we had our Sunday School picnic. For all of us, but especially for the Sunday School teachers and children, this is a very special occasion. We value the chance to know each other better so we can serve one another more fervently.

Another year has started for our college students. We have new officers, Bro. Dewayne Dill, Pres., Bro. Jeff Thames, V-Pres., and Sis. Heidi Haerr, Sec.-Treasurer. A schedule for our Wednesday evening Bible Class will be sent to each church for those who wish to come and worship with us.

We felt privileged to have Bros. Ed Alt, Cissna Park, Greg Rassi, Chicago, Ed Hohulin and Bob Grimm, Goodfield, and Art Baurer, Princeville with us this month. We want to thank them for remembering us and for serving us God's Word, for we never grow weary of their counsel and guidance.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Mary Schick - Joan Schick

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Russ Plattner and his family as he has been hospitalized. It is such a comfort to know that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

"Life is a series of todays which so quickly turn into yesterdays that some of us spend our time looking regretfully backward. Still others, through worry or procrastination, are always waiting for tomorrow. In either case, there's the real danger of overlooking a very important day ... today. For this is the place and the time for living. Let us live each day abundantly and beautifully while it is here."

Esther York

During these beautiful days, let us take the time to appreciate the world God has created for us. God's work can be seen everywhere and in every situation if we just look for it and concentrate on the blessings of life.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Tammy Gerber

Gayla Baumgartner

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Several couples have been blessed with new babies this month. May God grant them much love and guidance as they raise their children.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Karen Aschliman are the parents of their eighth child. Susanna Kay was born on July 11.

On July 25, Zachary Lee was born to Bro. Mike and Sis. Carmon Bertsch. Jennifer and Ryan welcome their new brother.

Jennifer Leigh is the name given to the first child of Phil and Becky Ringger. She was born on July 27 and her paternal grandmother is Sis. Marge Ringger.

Myron and Rita Kaehr are the parents of a son, Isaac Ray, born on July 30. His grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Naomi Kaehr.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Jodi Dubach are the happy parents of their first child, Daniel Joe. He was born on Aug. 7 and is the grandson of Al and Billie Dubach and Bro. Ken and Sis. Carolyn Isch.

Austin Robert was born on Aug. 9. He is the new son of Bro. Steve and Sis. Fonda Fiechter. Andy is happy to have a little brother.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Kathy Gerber welcome into their hearts and home little Jason Dwight. He was born on Aug. 10; his grandparents are Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille Gerber.

We gathered together in God's house on Saturday evening, Aug. 14, to hear the testimonies of five precious souls: Sis. LeAnn Gerber (Bro. Lee and Sis. Jennie), Sis. Kim Baumgartner (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jean), Sis. Tanya Baumgartner (Bro. Gene and Sis. Elaine), Sis. Debbie Baumgartner (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn), and Bro. Dean Gerber (Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois). We then were privileged to witness their baptisms on Aug. 15. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them as they walk the narrow path of life. Elder Bros. Robert Byer (Naumburg, NY), and Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY) were here to share this joyous occasion with us.

Other visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix), Bro. Ben Manz (Junction), Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis), Bro. Walter Rager (Toledo), and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis). We wish to thank each of these

brothers for bringing us God's Word in truth and sincerity.

"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. Marcia Reinhard and Bro. Bob Steffen were united as one in the Lord on July 25. Their parents are Sis. Marie Steffen and Bro. Don and Sis. Sarah Reinhard.

Lila Ringger (Bro. Gary and Rosetta) and Ron Gerber (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille) were united in marriage on Aug. 7.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Beulah Clark and Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella Aschliman announce the engagement of their children, Sis. Lisa Clark to Bro. Bruce Aschliman. They are planning a Nov. 14 wedding.

Sandy Kaehr (Bro. Richard and Sis. Karen) recently received her degree from the school of nursing.

Those who spent time in the hospital this month are: Bro. Keith Baumgartner, Bro. Everett Geisel, Sis. Rosalene Steffen, Sis. Ida Steffen, Bro. Jeff Yergler, Bro. Bert Kipfer, Sis. Eva Drayer, Sis. Goldie Stettner, and Bro. Joel Fiechter. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. . ." II Timothy 4:7-8. Our loved one, Sis. Lydia Nussbaum, was called from this life into her heavenly home on Aug. 15. May God comfort Sis. Sarah Schwartz and Bro. Edwin Amstutz in the loss of their sister.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Wendy Gutwein

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:24.

Bro. Tim Gudeman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois) and Sis. Mim Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb) began their lives together on Aug. 8. Then, on Aug. 15, Bro. Todd Denton (Jim and Sharon) and Sis. Penny Neihouser (Bro. Perry and Sis. Sally) vowed their lives to each other. We pray that both of these couples may center their lives around God, so that their unions can continue to be strong and their lives

a testimony to all who observe them.

We've had quite a few visiting ministers this past month, and would like to thank all of them for allowing themselves to be used to preach the Word. They were: Bros. Lester Huber (Lexington), Rod Huber (Valpo.), Glenn Price (Sarasota), Gene Lemman (Wolcott), Merle Bucher (LaCrosse), and Phil Stettner (Bluffton).

Thought: "Incomplete Obedience is Disobedience."

Unknown

INDIANA, LACROSSE

Lu Ann Feller - Connie Knobloch

"Friendship is being close in heart even when you're far apart." Many dear friends were reunited when those who served together at Fort Sam had their reunion. We certainly enjoyed fellowshiping together with them in our congregation. What a pleasure it is to witness the strong friendship ties that come from being brothers in faith in the armed services. Visiting ministers in the reunion were Bros. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH), Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS), Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Phillip Stettner (Bluffton, IN) and Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS). Other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN). May God bless these servants for their labors.

Matthew James became the fourth child of Tom and Norma Mark. Matthew's grandparents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel. The Sunday School children were awarded for their excellent attendance at the annual Sunday School picnic.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

Someone has observed that no person ever sank under the burden of today. It's when the guilt of yesterday and the fear of tomorrow add their oppressive weight that the human mind begins to break.

The secret, therefore, to happy living is to learn to live in "day-tight" compartments — asking the Good Shepherd to lead you that day. Remember the divine promise: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25). Author Unknown

INDIANA, LEO
Mrs. Phil Schlatter
Mrs. Al Frautschi

"It has been said that our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again. . . the short Hand of Discipline and the Long Hand of Mercy. Slowly and surely the Hand of Discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike; but over and over passes the Hand of Mercy, showering down sixty-fold of blessing for every stroke of discipline or trial; and both hands are fastened to one secure point . . . the great unchanging Heart of a God of Love."

—Selected

Our congregation was blessed by the ministry of visiting Bros. Edwin Bahler, Remington, Paul Gasser, Akron, OH, Ben Wysong, Sabetha, KS and Lavoyd Moore, Athens, AL.

On Aug. 1, Sis. Susan Stieglitz, daughter of Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emmajean Stieglitz, and Bro. Randy Gasser, son of Sis. Doris Gasser, Rittman, OH, were joined to each other in a lifetime of God's love. They are at home in Rittman, OH.

School doors from kindergarten to universities are open again. Pray for the teachers of the children and young people that the instruction will not undermine faith, but that it will underscore the truth of Proverbs 1:7 that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge. . ."

"America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what it is taught, hence we must watch what we teach it, and how we live before it." —Jane Adams

"If you are planning for one year, sow grain; ten years, plant trees; but when planning for one hundred years, grow men." (Chinese Proverb).

INDIANA, MILFORD

Marcy Haab — Gwen Steffen

From the far corners of our land and even across the ocean, God's servants traveled to our congregation sharing His message with us. We thank Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), Bros. Glenn Price, Jr. (Sarasota), Vernon Leman (Eureka) and Edward Knecht (Silverton) and their families for

their labors of love. Though many miles of land and sea separate us we can still feel that closeness in heart for we are all a part of God's family. We who are a part of the family of God are looking forward to the time when we will all be together forever with the Lord.

Having spent some time in the hospital for either surgery or tests are our Bros. Theo Beer, Henry Beer and Tom Price and our little friend Jennifer Hively (daughter of Lynn and Teresa). We have seen the results of God's healing hand and praise Him for it.

On Aug. 16 little Angie Lynne was welcomed into the happy home of Bro. Fred and Sis. Pat Beer. Rejoicing with them are grandparents, Bro. Russell and Sis. Marge Plattner (Roanoke) and Bro. Cap and Sis. Mary Ann Beer (Milford).

Recently, Bro. Bob and Sis. Sue Cockburn and their little girls moved back to our Milford congregation. They have spent the last several years in the Leo area. We welcome them and pray God will bless them in their new home.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

Greetings in the Lord. If I could, I'd like to share a verse that I came across this morning in Jer. 32:17, "Ah Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heaven" (which the unlimited beauty, man can't even begin to see) "and the earth" (the perfect order and precision of earth) "thy power and stretched out arm," (the same power and stretched out arm that saves the worst sinner) "and there is nothing too hard for thee." (that unlimited word, nothing). Then I say, how can I sit in doubt and fear, when there is such a God that made us His own. I just need to put my trust in Him, for "there is nothing too hard for thee."

We were glad to have visiting ministers Bro. Karl Westfall (Francisville, IN) and Bro. Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR). We were thankful for their fervent desire to preach the strength of the word to us.

At a church meeting this month we elected Bro. Roger Steffen to Sunday school, since Ed Troxel has moved. There is a promise, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things,

which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3. It is such a comfort to know the Lord is our teacher, so we are able to teach others, if we only call upon Him.

Scott and Debbie Schneider have a new baby girl, Elizabeth Marie. The grandparents are Sis. Anna Schneider and Hubert and Renita VonTobel. May God bless her.

Sis. Diane Isabell would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and help toward a quicker recovery. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40. Also Sis. Louise Waibel had a stay in the hospital. We're glad she is home again and doing well.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Nancy & Karen Lehman

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

It's hard to believe the summer season is almost gone, and it's once again time for many to start back to school. We spent a Wednesday evening honoring those who are going on to higher education. Those attending various colleges are Dale & Dean Lehman, sons of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Shirley Lehman; Sis. Karen Lehman, daughter of Bro. Verne and Sis. Leona Lehman; Karmin Wieland, daughter of Bro. Cliff and Sis. Carol Wieland; and Annie Greenberg. We pray that God will be near them and richly bless them.

We are happy to announce that Ernest Germann has found peace with God and his fellow men. He has had the misfortune of falling and fracturing his hip and is presently hospitalized. We pray he will have a quick recovery and will be able to be baptized soon.

South Bend was blessed with the following visiting ministers this month: Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis) and Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott). We certainly appreciate the efforts these Brethren put forth.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Laurel and Kris Widmer

Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo) and his wife spent August 15 with us. Bro. Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR) also shared a mid-week service with us.

We always enjoy visitors and it is even more special when they come from so far away.

We welcome Mike and Sis. Janet Campbell to our congregation. Mike is employed at Logansport, IN where the couple also reside.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Kim Salek - Edith Massner

We've been reminded that we deprive ourselves of blessings if we are not submissive to Him. We feel that we fail so much that we don't really deserve His blessings! However, in mercy and love, God has sent us many blessings this month, especially through our visitors. Among them were Bros. Don Sauder, John Steiner, Kenneth Dietz, Sam Anliker, Walter Anliker and Gary Anliker. We thank these dear ones for their efforts. We must admit that these dear ministers have helped fulfill the scripture: "That the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do." Jeremiah 42:3.

Our little friend Jason Stoecker (son of Jan Stoecker) was in the hospital, very ill for several days. We are thankful that he seems to be doing well again.

Sometimes we regret that we can't go often to visit the widows and lonely ones (because of small children, work, etc.), but perhaps we could send them a card or invite them to our homes. It was recently mentioned that we could also pray for them, even if we need to write their names down someplace to remind us.

IOWA, ELGIN

Eleanor Butikofer

The summer season is at its prime, but already unmistakable hints of fall are evident. Queen Ann's lace and the purple wort flowers are adorning our roadsides. They do compliment each other. The gardens are providing us with lush vegetables and lovely flowers. A few of the flowers are cosmos, zinnias, Baby's breath, bachelor buttons, dahlias, marigolds, Bells of Ireland and the vincas. May God be praised for His gifts to man. The greatest gift of all is still the plan of salvation.

We are planning on securing three

new items for our church building. They include a new furnace, an air conditioner and carpet for the basement area.

Two of our dear folks have recently been hospital patients. They are Sis. Alta Thoman and Mrs. Louis Lehman. May God bless the treatments so that they will both be healed.

On Aug. 11, Bro. Charles and Sis. Sue Schneider were blessed with the birth of a baby girl, Sharla Sue. She has a sister Angela and grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart and La Verne and La Vila (who has passed away) Schneider. We extend our congratulations to Charles and Sue. I'm sure Sharla will bring joy into their home. It's so easy to love the little folks.

Bro. Lee Plattner from Zapota, TX was our visiting minister in July. It was indeed a pleasure to have the Plattners in our midst.

I am happy to report that we see cardinals every day partaking of seeds placed in our feeder just outside the kitchen window. The nuthatches also appear for their portion. The wrens and orioles are singing for us and are beginning to circle, dip and congregate on the wires. I counted a good number of them. No doubt they will soon be taking off. They are really the "acrobats" of bird-land. Their steel-blue color with rust colored breasts are indeed a lovely sight.

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

John Ruskin

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Eileen Funk

We enjoyed the visiting of my parents, visiting minister Bro. Clarence Sis. Linda Yackley (Phoenix, AZ). In his message he brought out how Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Like rat poison — it's 99 percent good and only 1 percent poison. We are not to just accept Christ—we need to repent and become converted—"... and thou shalt be saved!"

Some people have wondered why we have both a morning and afternoon service—it was brought out in the sermon how Elijah was told to eat a second time—not because of the heavy load—but because of the journey.

IOWA, IOWA CITY

Susie Gramm

The beginning of a new school year is just around the corner. It's a time for all students, old and new, to make a fresh start. Much will be taught and learned that benefits the flesh, but we must remember that the whole duty of man is to "Fear God, and keep His commandments," Ecclesiastes 12:13.

"True wisdom is in living
Near Jesus every day;
True wisdom is in walking
Where He shall lead the way."

Author Unknown

Visiting ministers to our small congregation recently have been Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville), Bro. Glen Dill (Tremont), and Bro. Noah Gerber (Westbend). We are sincerely grateful that God's Word can be brought forth freely for our edification.

IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

We rejoice with the angels, for we have two dear souls who have answered the Saviour's call to repent. They are Brad Moser, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna and Heidi Gerber, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Erma. We pray for God's nearness as the burden of sin is lifted from them by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

We heard wonderful words of life from visiting ministers who occupied the pulpit recently. Thanks to Bros. Dale Eisenmann, Leland Plattner, Uriel Gehring and Carroll Gerber for sharing their time with us.

The engagement of Sis. Charlene Knoblock, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma and Bro. Henry Messner (Morris, MN) was announced. A fall wedding is being planned.

Paula Marie was born on July 26 to Bro. Tony and Sis. Pam Bosch.

Her grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bosch. She has two sisters and one brother. On July 28 Kary Marie was born to Bro. Jerome and Sis. Gayle Hartter. She has a brother and her grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knoblock and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter (Sabetha).

On Aug. 5 a tiny rose bud was called home for the Heavenly Father's bouquet before she ever took a breath of life. Michelle Marie was the daughter of Carl and Deb Leuthold. Her grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hoff.

Sis. Freida Mogler and Sis. Emma Gerber were surgical patients and Bro. Carl Feucht is hospitalized in traction at this time.

On Aug. 14 Martha Leuthold and Jerry Kracht were married at the home of her parents, Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold. We pray many blessing for them.

IOWA, OAKVILLE Jerilyn Wagenbach

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

When we look into God's word, whether at home or in church, we do indeed see our "faults and duties", and are shown whether our "likeness" unto the Lord is as close as it should be. Inspiring messages have been brought to us by our visiting ministers, Bros. Harvey Heiniger and Paul Eisenmann (Burlington), Kent Heimer (Taylor), Clarence Yackley (Tucson), and John Bahler (Rockville). May we strive to bring forth fruit from the good seed which has been sown.

Our annual Sunday School election was held recently. We pray special guidance and blessings will be given to our new teachers, Bros. Keith Kuntz and Kent Grimm and Sis. Diane Eberhardt. We also thank our outgoing teachers, Bros. Sam Wegman, Jerry Wagenbach and Don Schmidgall, and Sis. Liz Grimm, for their patience and willingness to be used.

IOWA, PULASKI

Mary Wiegand — DeAnn Wuthrich

On July 24, our dear friends, Paul Teubel and Charlotte Christy, who are in repentance, were married at the home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Wiegand by Elder Bro. Ed Lanz. We wish this young couple the Lord's abundant grace and rich blessings in their new life in Him and together.

May God bless your marriage,
May God bless your love,
And make the years bright
With His light from above.
And bring so much joy
To the home you will share,
You'll know that His Presence
Abides with you there.

Bros. Noah Gerber and Earl Banwart from West Bend came to serve us one weekend while Bro. Russell Wuthrich was gone on vacation. Another weekend Elder Bro. Roy Grimm from Taylor was with us and gave a very interesting slide presentation of his trip to India. We thank these brothers and those who came with them for giving of their time to be with us.

Give faithful servants ever
Who have but one endeavor,
Thy gospel to proclaim;
Who heed Thy spirit holy
And strive and labor solely,
O, Lord, to glorify Thy name.
Zion's Harp No. 207

IOWA, WEST BEND

Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

We can feel and experience the thankfulness of our ministering brothers whenever they have help on the pulpit to teach we poor mortals God's will and His way. The month we have had Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) and Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) help on the pulpit. We, as a congregation, want to say, "thank you", even though we realize it is God-given.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Eunice Fehr became the parents of Greg Daniel on July 25. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr and Ervin and Sis. Ruth Metzger of Elgin, IA. On Aug. 9, Pat and Sue Murphy became parents of a seven week old son, James Patrick. Grandparents are Jim and Sherri Schmidt and the great-grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ida Schmidt. May God always direct the lives of these

precious bundles.

Two engagements were made known this past month—Brad Banwart, son of James and Becky Banwart to Julie Brete, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berte of Livermore; and Jerry Metzger, son of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della to Joy Zimmerman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zimmerman of Whittermore. We pray for God's blessings upon them as they make plans for marriage.

Our retired Elder Bro. Paul Banwart has not been well for some time. He has attended church as he is able. Sis. Ida Schmidt (Chris), who suffered a heart attack, remains in the hospital. Progress has been slow for her. Reuben Anliker and Chuck Wirtz are at home recuperating from surgeries. Mike Wirtz was hospitalized for a few days with burns to his feet. We are grateful for all God's help He gives to our brethren and friends in time of sickness and accident.

On Aug. 11 we assembled at church to pay our last respects to Sis. Lillian Fehr. Sis. Lillian had a longing to go to rest for a long time. During the services, Sis. Lillian's life was likened to a mountain in the distance. It doesn't seem very far away and we are anxious to get there and it usually takes longer than we expect it to, but finally the time comes for us to arrive. It was also mentioned that she never had a mansion here on earth but now she has one that God has prepared for her.

She reached the age of 96 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred and a daughter, Myrtle, (Mrs. Dave Zaugg). She has one living daughter, Esther Ferden of Rolfe, IA. Only 10 days before her passing a great grandson who was 22 years old and serving in the Marines was killed in a car accident.

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the List?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay home
To criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help and work along?

Or are you satisfied
 To only just belong?
 Do you work with your committee
 And get right in and mix?
 Or leave the work to just a few
 And talk about the cliques?
 Think this over, member—
 You know right from wrong.
 Are you an active member
 Or do you just belong?

Eric R. Kessner

JAPAN, SHIODA

Vicki Ramseyer

Recently I had the opportunity to help Sis. Eiko Nozowa and her family in their peach and grape orchards. August is harvesttime here in Yamanashi-ken and I just couldn't help thinking of the final harvesting of God's saints, especially while we were working in the peaches. Peaches are especially delicious if they are ripened on the trees, but then they must be harvested at exactly the right time or they fall and are of no value. Many of us question the length of time God has appointed for us to stay in the field, but He makes no mistakes and each of us will be gathered in when we have reached our peak of maturity.

After the peaches were picked, they were sorted very carefully because only the ones that were "perfect", or nearly perfect, could be sold for the top price. If the blemish was very small or just skin deep, it could be put in with the "perfect" peaches. But if the mark was larger, it had to go in a separate box. These were still very good peaches, but they brought the farmer no money for all of his labors.

So, too, is our spiritual walk. We all make mistakes—some greater, some lesser. But let's stop and ask ourselves: How much glory are we bringing in for the Lord?

Some of the peaches looked perfect at first glance, but when they were examined closely, a small insect or worm had eaten the tiniest hole. Are we letting something, or someone, eat even the most minute hole in us so we lose our spiritual reward?

Sometimes, too, a peach looked extremely delicious on one side; but if you turned it over, it was half rotten or had a few rotten spots. Are our rotten spots hidden to men? God

sees! God sees! Those peaches had to be discarded to continue the rotting process; they were not even fit to go in the box to be made into juice.

I think about the saddest case: Some peaches were too green or immature to pick that day. They were halfway or even three-quarters of the way ripe, but they just weren't quite ready. That weekend a typhoon hit our area. It was the worst one in ten years. Those immature peaches were blown by winds stronger than they could resist. They lost their hold on the branches and were destroyed. Many would have been perfect peaches; their only fault was delay in maturity.

How do you feel you would rate your Christian life in this sorting process? Are you half rotten or have just a few rotten spots? Are you an immature Christian thinking you have plenty of time to ripen? Have you let one tiny little thing eat a hole in your spiritual life? Are you bringing God some glory by your walk? Or could you be put in the "perfect" box and bring your Maker the glory He is deserving of?

As in past summers, some of our brethren have gone to America to visit family and friends. Sis. Kathy Klotzle left July 21 to spend five weeks with her family and then will return to continue teaching here until a sister is found to replace her. On Aug. 2, Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, their daughter, Jewel and Kiomi Furuya departed to America for the month of August. We pray the Lord will be with each in their travels and return each one safely.

July 29, 30 and 31 were very blessed days for us here. On those days, the members and friends were gathered together in the Mt. Fuji area for the annual shuyokai (fellowship meeting.) Many members were missing because of illness, but God's Spirit was among us. We thank Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki (Tokyo) for ministering to us in Bro. Willis' absence.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki and Marie Inoue

The first typhoon came to the Tokyo area recently, and we were thankful to be spared of serious damage. The Nagasaki area suffered loss of lives, homes, bridges, etc. We cannot escape from typhoons here in

Japan, with quite a few every year. It is the same with our spiritual lives — we cannot escape God's judgement and must have forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ by our true repentance and in faith believing.

We spent a blessed 2½ days at our annual fellowship meeting near the Mt. Fuji area. The weather was not so sunny but we enjoyed the meetings, visiting and walking to the lakeside. We especially thank the Shioda brethren for their part in our meetings. Topics meditated upon were: Satan and His Tactics, The Holy Spirit and His Work, Good Discipleship, and explanation of several parables of Christ. It was also a special time for the children of the believers to enjoy each other, as several live a long distance and cannot assemble each Sunday. We pray for God's blessings upon the meetings and each one who attended.

Elder Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle are now in the U. S. visiting their family and churches. We remember them in our prayers as well as Bro. Saturo Utsuki who may have to have surgery. Bro. Hisato Inoue has assembled with us this month. His help with our services is a special blessing.

KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

At our annual election, Sis. Peggy Baumgartner and Bro. Stephen Harter were elected as Sunday School teachers; and Bro. Alvin Strahm was re-elected as trustee of our Apostolic Christian Home.

Hospitalized were Bro. Louis Meyer and Bro. Vernon Esslinger.

Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA), bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha), Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN), and Bro. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS) were our visiting ministers.

Autumn Tapestry

With just a whisper of wintry chill,
 And a sprinkling of frost-diamonds
 over the hill,

A blazing new sun in the blue sky
 above,
 Autumn has come to the mountains
 I love.

The mountains are vistas of beauty
 untold:

Warm shades of burgundy, red,
green, and gold.
Leaves of all colors come scurrying
by,
Racing the clouds that scamper on
high.

The white of a church spire,
meadows of brown,
Hills misty purple, with clouds for
a crown;
God shows us beauty in so many
ways,
Each golden moment of bright
autumn days.

Ruth G. Newman

KANSAS, FT. SCOTT
Jamie Marti

Have A Blessing Ready

Have a blessing ready
any time of any day
To bestow upon a stranger
you meet along the way.
Many souls are yearning
for just a friendly voice . . .
have a blessing ready and rejoice.
Have a blessing ready
anywhere that you may go,
A word of warm encouragement
for all the folks you know.
You never know what burdens
they may hide behind a smile . . .
have a blessing ready all the while.
Have a blessing ready
even on the darkest night,
Someone may need the comfort
of that little glow of light;
You'll find that every happiness
and every blessing, too,
Will be returned a hundredfold to
you.

Amanda Bradley

We were blessed with two visiting
ministers this month. On July 22,
Elder Bro. Eugene Marti from
Lamar, MO, was here and on August
1, Bro. John Lehman from Bern, KS.
We thank these brothers for
ministering God's word to us.

Our hospital patient this month
was Bro. Emil Banwart. We pray for
his quick recovery.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY
Doris Bahr - Julie Strahm

We wish to extend our sincere
thanks to the brethren who were so
willing to lend themselves to come

and share God's Word with us.
Those who were assembled with us
were Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron), Bro.
Don Gudeman (LaCrosse) and Elder
Brothers, Raymond Banwart (Fort
Scott) and Sam Anliker (Lamont).
Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart
assisted our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker
in serving Holy Communion to our
small flock. What a blessed and
privileged people we are, to be able
to experience this sustainment that
is so very essential to our spiritual
life. May the Lord God look down
upon us in tender compassion, as He
has once again given us another op-
portunity to reconsecrate our lives
to Him.

The engagement of Sis. Julie
Strahm (Bro. Loren and Sis.
Liseten) was announced to Bro.
Brian Bahr (Bro. Roy and Sis. Doris)
on Aug. 15. Oh what joy can be ex-
perienced in the fulfillment of God's
promise to us—if we will just wait on
His direction! This is what Christ
spoke of, when He said, "That my
joy might remain in you, and that
your joy might be full." (John 15:11)
Their wedding is planned for Oct.
31.

KANSAS, KIOWA
Janice Bahr - Gay Farney

I did not know what God was like
Until a friendly word
Came to me in an hour of need—
And it was God I heard.

I did not know what God is like
Until I heard love's feet
On errands of God's mercy
Go up and down life's street.

I did not know what God is like
Until I felt a hand
Clasp mine and lift me when alone
I had no strength to stand.

I think I know what God is like,
For I have seen the face
Of God's Son looking at me
From all the human race.

James Dillet Freeman

Our day-to-day walk in life may
seem insignificant to us, but we are
being watched by a world that does
not know our precious Father. What
if a smile, a word of encouragement,
an expression of love or sympathy,

or even some self denial would lead
even one soul to know the peace and
joy we have through Christ? How
worthwhile it all would be. I've
heard it said that, as children of the
living God, we might be the only
Bible some people will ever read. If
so, our responsibility is very great,
and our prayers for guidance every
day, should constantly be directed
to our Lord that His Light is a
Beacon shining brightly and clearly
through us.

Our hospital patients this month
included Sis. Emma Diel and Sis.
Dorothy Brown who both underwent
tests. We do fervently pray for their
recovered health.

We are truly thankful for the op-
portunity to worship freely in our
church, and also to gather together
for sings, Bible studies, and also
for the blessings of holding services
at our Manor here in Kiowa. Thanks
be to our wonderful Lord for all
these rich gifts.

To the family of Floyd Domnick,
we extend our deepest sympathy.
Elder Bro. Ronald Nelson and Bros.
Raymond Roth and Ronald Allen-
bach officiated at services held here,
after Floyd was taken quickly from
this life this past month. May our
Lord be a comfort to the family in
their grief. Elder Bro. Richard
Schubach (Phoenix) and his family
were also in our midst for the
funeral, and though their coming
was saddened by the loss of a loved
one, we truly appreciate the
precious words of faith Bro. Richard
shared with us on the Lord's Day
when he lent himself to teach us
from God's Word.

KANSAS, LAMONT
Mary Isch

Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then where'er you go.
Take the name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from ev'ry snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer.

Hymns of Zion No. 152

We think of those who will be
returning to school in Manhattan
when we quote this song. They are:
Bro. Stephen, Bro. John and James
Schrader; (Bro. Stephen and Sis.

Dorothy), Bro. James Wernli (Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty), and Wayne Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorene).

Sis. Hulda Jacobs was a hospital patient this month, but we are happy to report that she is out and about again.

Bro. Roger Aberle was a visiting minister this month. We thank him and his family for coming and sharing God's Holy Word with us.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

"Where God in truth abides; where two join hand and heart, we find a threefold cord; not lightly rent apart." (Zion's Harp No. 79). Bro. Keith Leman (Elgin, IL) and Sis. Libby Meyer (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence) were united as one in the Lord on Aug. 8. On Aug. 15, Sis. Marcel Meyer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois) and Bro. Eric Huber (Bro. Sam and Sis. Jeanette) were united in marriage. Also united in marriage on Aug. 14 was Sonia Strahm (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Phyllis) to Tony Cole from Topeka, KS.

Visiting ministers that have spent some time with us this month were: Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL), Bro. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO), Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI), Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Willis Ehle (Japan), Bro. Virgil Metzger (Champaign, IL), Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO), Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS), Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN), Bro. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS), Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena, CA), Bro. Lester Hartter (Bern, KS) and Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS). We ask God's blessings on them for bringing forth His message to us.

Sis. Irene Lehman (Bro. Andy) was hospitalized for surgery this past month.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Verna Strahm. Services for Sis. Verna were held Aug. 9. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Reo; two sons, Marvin of Sabetha and Joe of Ponder, NE; three daughters, LaVerne Hohnstreiter of Albuquerque, NM, Arlene Hawley, Montrose, CO and Karen Pinkerton, Wichita, KS; two brothers, Lester Heiniger, Elgin, IL, and Alvin Heiniger, Morton, IL; two sisters,

Lorraine Heiniger and Viola Huette, both of Morton, IL, and 13 grandchildren.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Priscilla Frank

With the ending of August comes the beginning of school here in Wichita. There are several here who will be leaving home for the first time, others returning and, a few who will remain in Wichita to continue their education. To all of the above I would like to dedicate the entire second chapter of Proverbs. May you each read it and take to heart the wisdom and instructions offered there; for truly then your soul shall be preserved as you strive to achieve the new goals you have set. May God protect and bless you all.

Our hospital patients this month are Max Reimschisel and Curtis Wheeler. We pray that God will be with you both as you recover. We are thankful that Sis. Angela Strahm is once again in her home and seems to be getting a little stronger. We thank Sis. Lina for caring for her. We would encourage anyone who wishes to send her a card or letter. Her address is: Ungela Strahm, 1524 N. Clarence, Wichita, Kansas 67203.

MICHIGAN, ALTO

Jane Grawburg

There were many "showers of blessings" received by those attending the Youth Fellowship Day, in Mansfield, this year. We want to say thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, to all those who helped make this a truly blessed weekend.

We held our annual Sunday School picnic on August 1 this year. Hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and goodies brought by mom and dad were the featured items at the picnic, along with the fellowship and the games enjoyed by the children. Visiting us at this time, were Bro. Gary Maibach and his family from Rittman, OH and Bro. Kenneth Schneider and his family from Remington, IN. We thank these brothers for joining us for the weekend, and for sharing God's Holy Word with us.

Our hearts have been warmed with the testimonies of two very dear and precious souls. We most

humbly pray for Sis. Carol Schlatter and Sis. Renee Steffen as they begin their lives of faith. May God grant them the richest of blessings.

Joining us, at this time, was Bro. Ben Maibach of the Detroit congregation. Thank you so very much, Bro. Ben for the special love you have shared with us throughout this entire weekend.

We enjoyed seeing Sis. Carol Fahrni again. May God bless her as she travels now, and returns to her home in Morton, IL.

We are so very happy — and yet, so deeply humbled, to know that Juanita Gerst, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy, has accepted the Lord's calling, and has come to repentance. Juanita, our prayers are with you. May you receive the richest of blessings.

Just a quick reminder — the Alto Silver Lining dues of \$6.00 is due. Please see your reporter about renewing your subscription. Thank you.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Linda Ramseyer

Our congregation has been blessed in this past month to have visits from brothers who are willing to minister God's Word. We want to thank Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Homer Reinick (Toledo, OH) for being with us.

Bro. Herb (Sis. Naomi) Ramseyer and Bro. Paul (Sis. Esther) Waibel have been hospitalized recently. We are glad that they have returned home and have been able to assemble with us once again.

The Lord has blessed a few couples with new babies to care for. Jack and Debbie Knochel welcomed a daughter, Jaclyn Ann. She has two sisters, Lisa and Ashley, and her grandparents are Bro. Victor and Elinor Knochel. Jerod Thomas is the first child of James and Brenda Wrzesinski. Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marian Knochel helped welcome their new grandson.

We are in the process of remodeling our church building and so for a while are unable to have services there. We are having a service in a high school auditorium every Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 a.m. We welcome visitors during this time to come worship with us.

The address is John Glenn High School, 3201 Kiesel Road, Bay City, MI.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT
Helen and Bonnie Popp

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day ...

He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Psalm 91:1-5, 11

We rejoice with three dear souls who have found true peace of heart. Manuela Denes, Candi Knochel and Harriet Orcsik have found grace sufficient to repent and made known their desire to be baptized into the fold. As each day passes, may these tender young lambs find that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for the day.

Bro. Walt Rager from Toledo visited with us. We appreciated his visit and lending himself in ministering unto us.

"There's a blessing in just knowing
 That we're in the Master's care—
 That He's watching, guiding, loving
 And is with us everywhere!"

Jon Gilbert

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

During the vacation months, we look forward to our many visitors. Visiting ministers have been Bros. Carroll Gerber, Bob Grimm, Clarence Yackley, Carl Weiss and Russell Wuthrich. Bless them, Lord, for the spiritual food they leave us.

This is the happy season of ripening cornfields, the merry song of the reapers, the secured and garnered grain. In the sermon of the field we learn that we must die

in order to live. You must be crucified in desires and habits which are sinful. We wish our dear friend Steve Wevley much grace and power as he begins his life with Christ.

"Difficulties and obstacles are God's challenge to faith. When hindrances confront us, we are to recognize them as vessels for faith to fill with the fullness and all-sufficiency of Jesus; and as we go forward, simply and fully trusting Him, we may be tested, we may have to wait and let patience have her perfect work; but we shall surely find at last the stone rolled away, and the Lord waiting to render us double for our time of testing."

A. B. Simpson

Sunday School vacation will be ending and as we begin another year our new teachers will be Bro. Mike Schmidgall and Sis. LeAnn Wulf.

Hospital patients have been Bros. Lloyd Fehr, Eddie Koehl and Don Luthi, and Sis. Ester Schaefer and Lois Schmidgall. Praise God for His love and healing power.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP
Carol Ann Messner
Mary Lou Schmidt

This poem is very fitting as the harvest season is drawing nigh.

**How Great the Yield From a
 Fertile Field**

The farmer ploughs through the fields of green,
 And the blade of the plough is sharp and keen;
 But the seed must be sown to bring forth grain,
 For nothing is born without suffering and pain —
 And God never ploughs in the soul of man,
 Without intention, and purpose, and plan.
 So whenever you feel the ploughs sharp blade,
 Let not your heart be sorely afraid.
 For, like the farmer, God chooses a field,
 From which He expects an excellent yield —
 So, rejoice though your heart is broken in two;
 God seeks to bring forth a rich harvest in you.

We would certainly like to thank the Morris congregation for all the love and hospitality they so generously bestowed unto all who participated in the Youth Fellowship Gathering in June. May God richly bless and reward each, and every one of you.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Linda Yackly (Phoenix) spent some time in our community. It was a joy to have them here and to renew friendships. Many good teachings were shared with us. "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12 . . . 13. In life, we must always keep walking, as the Lord will continue to lead us. With Jesus as our guide and stay, we will win the fight and be victorious.

We thank Bro. Carroll Gerber and family (Bluffton) and the many others that were so willing to share part of their vacation with us. The blessings of Christian friendships are something to deeply treasure in our hearts. How we praise God for these blessings which help to sustain us in our daily walk of life!

The summer has quickly slipped by, and school has started once again. Our Sunday School has also resumed after a short vacation. We pray that our Sunday School teachers will teach to the honor and glory of our Lord. We also pray for our song leaders who so willingly help our children sing praises to God's glory, too. They have a great responsibility in their hands, also.

Sis. LeAnn Messner broke her leg. She has to have a cast on for approximately eight weeks. Bro. Walter Messner underwent more tests in the hospital. Sis. Melva (Bro. Roland) Messner was hospitalized because of back problems. We pray God will add His healing touch to all.

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY
Janice Lehman

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Colossians 3:12,14

Many of our group journeyed to Sabetha on Aug. 8 to witness the wedding vows of Sis. Libby Meyer and Bro. Keith Leman (Elgin, IL). We will miss Sis. Libby here in Kansas City.

Mark Mattix is able to assemble with us again. We can be so grateful to the Lord for giving Mark protection during his serious illness in the hospital.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Becky Hohulin - Sandra Marti

We feel that we have been richly blessed this past month with several visiting ministers. On Aug. 1, Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA) was with us. Bro. Noah Miller and Bro. Don Miller (Minneapolis, MN) assembled with us on Aug. 8. We appreciate our visitors and pray that God will continue to lead them and all who proclaim His Holy Word.

Aug. 1 was also the wedding date of Bro. Curt Kellenberger (Lester, IA), son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine, and Sis. Martha Braker, daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta. It is our prayer that God will be near them and bless them as they go through life together. Sis. Martha graduated from college in July with a degree in Elementary Education.

Ivan and Linda Frieden have welcomed a baby into their home. Kristina Renee was born on Aug. 13. Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice Frieden are Kristina's grandparents.

With all of our joy, also comes sadness. Our dear friend, Jim Kibler, was taken from this life on Aug. 13. He will be sadly missed in our congregation and especially by his wife, Hazel, his son, Ben, and his daughter, Louise Palen. May God comfort them in their lonely hours.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

Becky Gudeman

"And I say unto you, Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:9.

We thank Bro. Jim Hoerr and his wife, Sis. Virginia for being with us July 25. We thank Bro. Steve Rinkenberger and his wife, Sis.

Velma for being with us on August 8. May the Lord bless them for sharing the Word and may He also bless the many vacationers who have assembled with us.

Services are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the Ben Franklin Motel. Please contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227 for further information.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Loida Hodel

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Fall is a beautiful season, with cool nights, clear warm days and just a special feeling in the air! Our children are looking forward to that first day of school and a whole new routine begins. Our June graduates who will be going on to college are Sis. Louanne Hoerr (Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth) to Culver Stockton at Canton, MO, Sis. Peggy Sutter (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) to N.M.S.U. at Kirksville, MO, and Bro. Greg Haab (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy) to John Woods Community College in Quincy. May all our young people place their lives in God's care and may they be a light and example to all with whom they come into contact. "Success is to measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." Booker T. Washington

Our thanks go to visiting ministers and their families, Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville, IL) and Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) for giving of themselves and relating once again the true Word of God and plan of salvation.

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust." Psalm 18:2. I'm sure Sis. Marie Butikofer has often been comforted by this verse and even more so during the 10 days she was a medical patient in the hospital. We're glad she is back on her "special bench" in church and we can enjoy her pleasant smile and warm handshake once again.

A precious baby girl, Sara Elizabeth was born Aug. 14 to Greg and Maribeth (Heimer) Hastings. Joel is their little son and grand-

parents are Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser (Wapello, IA) and Ruth Hastings (Palmyra).

May God be the unseen Guest at the brotherhood Conference coming up this week and may His will be known and carried out by all.

"Brandon Joseph" is the new little son born August 18 to Kim and Stuart Buckman (Monroe City, MO). "Andy" is thrilled to have a little brother. Grandparents are Bro. Kenny and Sis. Phyllis Knapp (Emden, MO).

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

Ed Aeschleman

Bro. Al Schneider, his wife, Sis. Gladys and others from Rockville visited our church on Sunday August 1. While God's Word never changes and will stand forever, yet it brings new teachings each time we hear the Word preached.

Bro. John Diggelman celebrates his 88th birthday this month. As our only resident minister, he continues to serve us faithfully each Sunday. May his reward be great in Heaven.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN

Alice Virkler

Bro. Theodore Virkler, Sr., was called Home on Aug. 14 at the age of 77. We have missed Bro. Ted and Sis. Amelia Belle in our assembly for several months because of his health. We are thankful that God in His great love for us has prepared a "Home" for each of us who serve Him and remain true and faithful to Him during this life upon earth. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Amelia Belle, and their children: Bro. Ted, Jr., Nat, Ken, Sis. Rita (Donald) Petzoldt, Arlene (Ray) Grau, Sis. Regina (Bradley) Herzig and Norma (Melvin) Zehr, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also leaves a sister, Sis. Pearl Lehman, who resides at the extended Care Facility in Lowville. Services were held by Bro. Floyd Graves and Bro. Leland Hirschey Aug. 18.

As God calls some out of this life, He also brings joy and happiness to us when a little one can be welcomed into this life. Bro. John and Sis. Maureen Virkler have welcomed their first child, a daughter, Deanna Kay, born Aug. 13 into their home. Deanna will also be loved by her

grand parents, Sis. Charlotte Virkler, and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Millie Gerber (Rockville). May she add a blessing to this family.

Our annual business meeting was held on July 30. May God ever be near and give guidance and strength to those who will serve in the coming year.

Our Sunday School children, teachers and parents enjoyed our Sunday School picnic held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Happy Hollow Campground.

Our love and prayers go out to our loved ones who were hospitalized during the past days. We are glad that Sis. Martha Schulz is home and doing well after having had surgery on her foot. Also, Sis. Olivia (Bro. Seth) Schulz has returned home after being a medical patient.

Our prayers go with our Elder Bros. who will be meeting together this week. May God be near them in their highway travels and also be their Guide and Director throughout the week and days ahead.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

Rachel Snyder

Our sympathy goes out to Norman and Mary Schuly and family in the death of Mary's mother, Mrs. Fuller.

Our good wishes go with Sis. Ann Schulz as she leaves New York for Indiana. We surely will miss her. May God's blessings follow her as she proceeds with further studies.

Sis. Viola Karcher and Sis. Barbra Bachman have not been able to attend church for some weeks. We miss them very much.

Sis. Betty Herzig is again back with us after having a few weeks of illness.

We had our Sunday School and Church picnic Aug. 8. Because of the heavy rain, we held it in our church basement instead of West Stone Gulf. We were a little disappointed not to be able to spend the time out in the open air, but we could still feel the Lord's blessing.

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

We were blessed to partake of Communion with Bro. Joe Ramseyer and Bro. Henry Dotterer coming to assist Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Gene Pamer. "... and He took bread, and gave thanks, and He brake it, and

gave unto them saying, This is My body, which is broken for you. . . After the same manner He took the cup, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My blood." Luke 22:19, 20. The bread is a symbol of His body. As the bread was broken, His body was marred and striped, taking our infirmities and baring our sicknesses. (Matt. 8:17). The cup is a symbol of His blood which was shed for the remission of sins. "Not discerning the Lord's body, For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." (I Cor. 11:30). Jesus bare our sicknesses in His body, that we may claim our body free of sicknesses; and Jesus bare our sins in giving His blood, that we may claim our souls free of sin.

Bro. Ellsworth Graf, Sis. Bonnie Bako, Bro. Stanley Francis have returned home from the hospital. We pray for them and claim healing for their bodies.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

"Behold, what manner of love the Father bestows upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." I John 3:1. To be called "sons and daughters" of God is one of our most precious privileges. We must not take it lightly. We don't deserve it, never earned it, yet we receive it" ... because He first loved us." I John 4:19.

Among our visitors from far and near, we were glad to have Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty Herrmann (Princeville, IL). Bro. Walt ministered to us out of God's living Word. A blessed fellowship was enjoyed as we reminisced of days spent at Ft. Sam Houston about 25 years ago.

We also visited in some of our area churches with our sister Margit who is visiting us from Romania. Bluffton, IN, Akron, Mansfield and Rittman, OH, large congregations and open doors to our churches was an experience of a lifetime for her. Despite of not understanding our language, she was greatly moved and touched by the love and kindness of the many brethren.

Visiting one with another, worshipping together and fellowshiping in love and spirit is an integral

part of our Christian living. We love it, cherish it and appreciate it!

OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Kurt David Manz was welcomed in the family this month by Bro. David and Sis. Kathy. Little Kurt's sisters Jenny, Julie and Jodi and brothers Mark and Matthew will no doubt work with their folks to watch this precious bundle grow and teach him what they know about life and about God and His ways. As we look around us and see our little ones coming and of course growing we certainly wish every one of them could grow up to be God's children and one day be with Him in Heaven. We realize that the saving of a soul is God's work and we cannot give salvation to our children, but we also realize that these little minds are greatly influenced by what they see and hear. It humbles us to realize our responsibilities as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Let's all be encouraged to pray for these little ones and to ask God to direct our actions and teachings that these little ones might grow up understanding God's ways. The grandparents who are no doubt already praying for little Kurt are Sis. Juliet Schlatter and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz.

Bro. Oliver Spangler is recuperating from a fall, as is Sis. Frieda Manz. Sis. Anna Manz was in the hospital this month for tests. Let's not forget to take time out with those who have met with misfortune. It does take time, but it surely must be worthwhile, for Christ told those whom He ushered into heaven, "I was sick and ye visited me..." Matt. 25:36 In verse 39, they asked Him, "when saw we Thee sick...and came unto Thee?" Christ answered them in verse 40, "Verily inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

OHIO, LATTY

Cheryl Wenninger

Patty Rigenbach

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God ... I John 3:1.

What a privileged people we are to be joint heirs with Christ, our

loving Savior! It is often difficult for our earthly minds to understand and appreciate the magnitude of this promise God has given us through adoption. Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) helped explain this promise more fully as we listened to the testimonies of several young people who are now brothers and sisters in Christ. Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron) was also with us on Aug. 8 to witness the baptisms of five precious souls. Now sharing in this magnificent heritage to be called sons and daughters of God are Kathy and Jerry Plummer (Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann), Kirk Stoller (Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva), and Jody and Jason Williamson (Bob and Sis. Janet). The following weekend, Aug. 15, we again heard the baptismal vows recited and we rejoiced as five more souls entered the family of God. Our new sister and brothers are Dave and Scott Gerber (Roger and Sis. Eunice), Bruce Rosswurm (Bro. Dick and Sis. Eileen Whitman), and Rocky and Monica Martinez. Ministering to us on this blessed occasion were Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman) and Bro. Walter Rager (Toledo). We appreciate the counsel and loving admonition we received from all of the ministers as they remind us of our high calling.

We are thankful that Bro. Ulrich Kipfer (Sis. Frieda) has prepared to meet his God in earlier days as he has now passed from this life to be with his heavenly Father. What a joy he must now be feeling to see the Savior face to face and know that he will experience no more pain, sickness, or sorrow. Bro. Ulrich had suffered the afflictions of the body for some time so the family can be comforted to know that he has received a new and perfect body. Survivors include his wife Sis. Frieda (Grueter); five daughters, Sis. Elsie Rager (Bill), Alice Yates, Sis. Margaret Schlatter (Bro. David, Bay City), Mary Ann Crews, and Sis. Esther Stoller (Bro. Ken); and four sons, Bro. Henry (Sis. Arvilla), Ralph, Bro. Ephraim (Sis. Marilyn), and Joseph. Although the family now experiences sorrow, they can look to the time when they will be reunited with their loved one in Heaven. Our congregation extends its sincere sympathy in the passing of Bro. Ulrich as he faithfully served

many years in the church.

Another member who has left her earthly home to be with our Lord is Sis. Louise Sinn. She has been ill for several years but has been able to assemble with us from time to time. Sis. Louise is survived by two sisters, Sis. Clara Stoller and Sis. Emma Gerber (Bluffton) and one brother, Bro. George Sinn. We also extend our sympathy to the loved ones of Sis. Louise as we know she will be missed by those who loved her.

We rejoice that souls are still finding it necessary to change their way of life and repent for their sins. Sally Stoller (Bro. Ken and Sis. Esther) has recently begun a conversion experience and we pray that God's grace will ever be with her.

Latty was pleased to host the Fort Sam Reunion on the weekend of July 24. We were blessed with several visiting ministers: Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix), Bro. Dale Strassheim (Milford), Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington), and Bro. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott).

We pray for those who are experiencing difficult times during this period of their lives. May they remember the peace that God has given them and ever turn to the Comforter within.

Those from our congregation who were hospitalized were Sis. Ruby Stoller (Bro. Justus), Sis. Lori Stoller (Bro. Dwight), Bro. Lou Stoller (Sis. Mildred), Bro. Lester Meister (Sis. Edna), Bro. Bill Eisenmann (Sis. Lillian), and Sis. Ollie Laukhuf. Also injured, but not hospitalized, was Sis. Amy Beutel.

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go;

Anywhere He leads me in this world below;

Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade;

Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.

Anywhere with Jesus over land and sea;

Telling souls in darkness of salvation free;

Ready as He summons me to go or stay,

Anywhere with Jesus when He points the way.

Hymns of Zion, p. 179

We pray that Sis. Micky Nolte can feel the comfort that Jesus is with her wherever she goes as she has returned again to her homeland in Germany to be with her family. (She had previously been an exchange student living with Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Eisenmann) Sis. Micky's mother was also able to visit us while she was in the U.S. We were thankful to have Sis. Micky and her mother assemble with us and we hope they could feel God's love among the members of our congregation. We commit Sis. Micky unto our Lord's guidance, as only He knows what is best for each of us.

OHIO, MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

Give of your best to the Master;
Give Him first place in your heart;
Give Him first place in your service;
Consecrate every part. Give and to you shall be given;
God His beloved Son gave; Gratefully seek to serve Him,
Give Him the best that you have.

July 25, 1982 was a beautiful day and many from Ohio and Michigan attended Youth Day here. We especially thank our elders and ministering brothers who served throughout the day: Bros. Aaron Steffan (Alto), Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Bill Gerst (Alto), Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield). May God add his blessings and we trust the seed that was planted will soon sprout and grow to a bountiful harvest of souls for the Master's use.

July 28, 1982, Bro. Gaylord and Sis. Betty Dotterer were blessed with the birth of a new little son named Christopher Paul. Bro. Vern and Sis. Christine Dotterer and Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller are the pleased grandparents.

August 12, 1982, Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary Domka welcomed a new little son whom they named Douglas Daniel. His new grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth (Sabo) Domka and Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder.

Another bundle of joy has arrived at the home of Bro. Fred and Sis. Connie Domka. Little Tonya Kay was born August 16, 1982 and her grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Domka and Bro. Dale and

Sis. Joyce Hartzler.

Two pillars of our church were called home by the Master on the same day, July 22, 1982. Bro. Jesse Beer, age 100, was able to close his eyes in eternal sleep. Bro. Henry Beer once wrote of Bro. Jesse, "long years are in fulfillment of the promise made to obedient children...though cousin Jesse has risen high in the realm of learning, yet his feet have always been on the ground rooted in the heritage of honest and hard working parents. though he attained earthly wisdom, this was not the ultimate goal of Jesse; he aspired to heavenly wisdom, this was not to know Him who is the very source of wisdom. Students in school, both the brilliant and slow scholar felt his kind and tactful encouragement like the giant oak extending its branches to embrace all in sympathetic understanding". Bro. Jesse is survived by a son, Robert and a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Barbara) Loy. Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty), Bro. Rudolf Graf (Akron) and Bro. Kenneth Sauder conducted the funeral service.

Bro. Aaron Sauder, age 94, could also close his eyes and go home to His Lord whom he served so faithfully for 72 years. Bro. Aaron loved his Lord and his church, being a faithful brother and worker. He once said a dear old brother had passed on to his reward and it came to him, "If that would have been me that died I would have been prepared to meet my maker..." So at that time God touched his heart and he yielded to the Saviour's loving call. One of his favorite hymns was Zion's Harp No. 1, Praise Ye the Lord. For many years he lead singing in the church and attended choir until just a short time ago. He loved to praise his Creator. He is going to be missed in our fellowship very much. He is survived by his dear wife, Katherine (Schneider) Sauder with whom he would have celebrated his 71st wedding anniversary, five daughters, Mrs. William (Martha) Schuff, Mrs. Arlie (Elma) Kiser, Mrs. Don (Wilma) McCutchan, Mrs. D. E. (Miriam) Bird and Mrs. William (Louise) Heckel; three sons, Dr. Paul, Charles and Eugene Sauder. One daughter, Bertha Miller preceded him in death. Bro. Pete

Baltic and Bro. Rudolf Graf held the services.

These are now empty chairs at the homes of these loved ones but what a comfort to know they are now at home, guests of God:

"From the dust of the weary highway,
From the smart of sorrow's rod,
Into the royal presence,
They are bidden as guests of God.
The veil from their eyes is taken,
Sweet mysteries they are shown,
Their doubts and fears are over,
For they know as they are known.
For them there should be rejoicing
For them, the festal array,
As for the bride in her beauty
Whom love hath taken away;
Sweet hours of peaceful waiting,
Till the path that we have trod
Shall end at the Father's gateway,
And we are the guests of God."

Author Unknown

Loved ones hospitalized include: Bro. Hank Armstrong, Sis. Ruth Weiss and Bro. Stanley Sauder. Sis. Marcella (Charles) Sauder had minor eye surgery. We trust God will restore each to good health once again.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler - Janette Blough

Preach the gospel, sound it forth, tell of free and full salvation; spread the tidings o'er the earth, go to every tribe and nation. Spread the joyful tidings in anthem and story; Jesus hath redeemed us, O give Him the glory! Gospel Hymns No. 444.

We received many blessings from this Gospel which was brought to us in love by Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty), Bro. Don Manz (Junction) and Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis). "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." I Corinthians 9:16 and 17.

Little children are God's gift to man, and we have some births to report. A daughter, Elizabeth Danielle, was born to Ron and Denise Rigggenbach. Eric and Erin are glad for a sister, and the grandparents are Vernon and Sis. Martha

Jane Rigggenbach. A son, Dustin Kenneth, was born to Joe and Sis. Karen Rigggenbach. Lisa, Julie and Jerry are glad for a new brother. The grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach and Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Rigggenbach. We pray the Lord will bless these families with their precious bundles.

Can two walk together, except they be agreed.. Amos 3:3. If we have the love of God and love for each other, the way should be a joy as together we walk this path of life. The wedding of Ann Zollinger and Joe Gerber was on July 31, in Knupp Church. The parents of the couple are Dave and Sis. Mary Ann Zollinger, and Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber. The date of August 1 was chosen for the wedding of Bro. Randy Gasser and Sis. Sue Stieglitz in Leo, IN, and the parents are Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean Stieglitz, and Sis. Doris Gasser. we welcome Sis. Sue to our Rittman church. August 6 was the wedding day for Keith Ramsier and Regina Robbins in Knupp Church. The parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Wilma Ramsier, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Robbins. Brian Indermuhle and Beverly Norris were married in Knupp Church on Aug. 14. The parents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vera Indermuhle. May these couples feel the blessings of the Lord in this way together.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Lucy Beery at the passing away of her brother, Lester Malcuit.

We welcome Sis. Emma Webber as a resident of the Apostolic Home Apartments. She has been living in Iowa for the past few years, and we hope she will feel at home in her new dwelling.

We have many griefs and sorrows in these later times, and we have to "Have Faith in God" as the song writer expressed in Gospel Hymns No. 370:

Have faith in God; what can there be
For Him too hard to do for thee:
He gave His Son; now all is free;
Have faith, have faith in God.
Have faith in God, and trust His
might
That He will conquer as you fight.
And give the triumph to the right;
Have faith, have faith in God.
Have faith in God; press near His

side;
Thy troubled soul trust Him to
guide;
In life, in death, whate'er be-tide,
Have faith, have faith in God!

A son, Frederick Evan was born to Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Gasser. Tiffany and Ryan are glad for little brother Evan, as are the grandparents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Neva Gasser and Bro. Mitch and Sis. Violet Baltic.

OHIO, TOLEDO
Josephine Rehlau
Mary Ann Weigele

The Season of Harvest
Labor On

"The harvest truly is plenteous; but the laborers are few." Matt. 9:37.
In the harvest field there is work to do,
For the grain is ripe, and the reapers few;
And the Master's voice bids the workers true
Heed the call that He gives today.

In the gleaner's path may be rich reward,
Tho' the time seems long, and the labor hard;
For the Master's joy, with His chosen shared,
Drives the gloom from the darkest day.

Lo! the Harvest Home in the realms above
Shall be gained by each who has toiled and strove,
When the Master's voice, in its tones of love,
Calls away to eternal day.

Labor on! Keep the bright reward in view;
For the Master has said He will strength renew;
Labor on till the close of day!
Gospel Hymns No. 328

Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his wife, Sis. Lorene, spent a Thursday evening with us in July. We appreciated his service of love.

As the brethren gathered for the annual conference, our prayers were with them. May God grant them the wisdom needed to preserve our

most precious faith.

Bros. Joseph Fetter and John Fetter have been in the hospital, but are now at home. We wish them a good recovery.

Our Sunday School picnic will be in September. We expect to have, as our guests, the Detroit Sunday School.

We enjoy the fellowship with Sis. Margaret Bradford (Phoenix) when she comes to visit her family.

OREGON, PORTLAND
Barbara Moser

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. (Isa. 40:29).

How well does the Lord Jesus know our tendency to faint and be discouraged when the enemy presses us sore, when the darkness thickens around us, and when the stormy winds blow down upon and around us, and especially when our prayers do not seem to prevail. "He remembereth that we are dust," and in His great love He has given a parable on purpose for just such troubling times as these. Instead of fainting we are to pray, and to keep on praying until He sees fit to send to us the deliverance He thinks is best for us. How true it is that God is not unwilling to answer our request, as was the unjust judge the poor widow. Sad to say, only some know Him well enough to know that we do not trouble Him by our importunity, nor do we weary Him by our continual coming to Him. Someone once said, "Don't be afraid to go to God. He will never say, 'Come back when I'm not busy.'" But deferred hope makes for discouraged hearts. Sometimes we are ready to faint and give up in despair of ever receiving deliverance. How necessary it is to be reminded of the importunate widow who obtained all her petition at last because she refused to give up hope.

God does not want us to faint. He will not let us faint. He has given us a precious remedy against fainting. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, ... they shall walk and not faint." (Isa. 40:31). What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24). We only have but to

praise Him, and wait for the fulfillment of His promises in our lives. The patience of faith is that which awaits to see what we have already trusted for, and there is no need for fainting now. King David, who experienced instances of near fainting said, "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." The One that "fainteth not, neither is weary," is the everlasting Helper and Comforter. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength."

Streams in the Desert.

We all enjoyed a blessed Sunday, July 18, as our dear Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) and his wife Sis. Leona assembled with us. Bro. Leo reminded us of the many freedoms that we have in America, but mostly of the freedom to worship as our heart longs to hear the true word of God. Let us NEVER tire of thanking our God for this precious freedom.

And again on the same Sunday evening we were able to gather with the loved ones of Silverton for a potluck at the park in Portland, and then to sing praises to our Lord.

On Saturday, July 24 we traveled to Silverton where we could hear the testimonies and welcome into the fold the dear souls of Bro. Bob Kuenzi and his wife Sis. Linda.

Our special thanks to Elder Bros. Carl Kinsinger and Leo Moser for their labor of love on Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25.

We again traveled to Silverton on Sunday the 24th to be able to share the true Word of God with our loved ones there. In the early evening we gathered together for a delicious potluck.

OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

Our mid-week services on July 21 were very special, as we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) and his wife Sis. Leona with us. We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship with them and were glad that they chose Oregon for their well-earned vacation.

As many a dear elder brother will understand, there are few vacations that fail to allow room for some work for the Lord, and this was no exception. On the following weekend,

Elder Bro. Leo, our own beloved Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena, CA) and Deacon Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton) heard the testimony of two dear souls. Min. Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton) Robert Miller (Portland) and Garth Steffen (Portland), many from the Portland congregation and the Silverton congregation heartily welcomed Bro. Robert and Sis. Linda Kuenzi into the fold here at Silverton.

Sunday was another blessed day with our visiting elders and ministers. A church supper was served in the afternoon and a Hymn Singing service was enjoyed in the evening at the church.

August 1 we were again thankful to have a visiting minister share our Sunday with us. Retired Min. Bro. Paul Fehr and his wife, Sis. Anna of Morris, MN and their companions Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mathilda Fehr of West Bend IA were here for the day and for the singing in the evening at church.

We have been enjoying our many visitors this summer; each and every one. Several singings in homes and numerous outings have brought hours of sweet fellowship with brethren and friends visiting from at least eight different states and many different churches across the land. These times together and especially the precious hours spent together gathered round God's Word ... these fond memories are not soon forgotten.

**PENNSYLVANIA,
 PHILADELPHIA
 DEVAULT
 Dolores Rapp**

Our summer visitors continue to brave the heat and humidity of the east to visit us, for which we are grateful. They have come from Akron, Bluffton, Croghan, Detroit, Morton, Rittman, Roanoke and Rockville.

Several weeks ago the church's storage shed was burglarized and our riding lawn mower, less than three months old, was taken. Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy take care of the spacious, hilly grounds so a riding mower is a necessity. We anticipate it's replacement soon and hope that the burglary won't be repeated.

Silver Threads

Overtones

I heard a bird at break of day
 Sing from the vernal trees
 A song so mystical and calm
 So full of certainties.
 No man, I think could listen long
 Except upon his knees.
 Yet this was but a bird
 Alone among the trees.

I Am The Lord's!

I am the Lord's! O joy beyond
 expression,
 O sweet response to voice of love
 Divine;
 Faith's joyous "Yes" to the assuring
 whisper,
 "Fear not! I have redeemed thee;
 thou art mine."

I am the Lord's! It is the glad
 confession
 Wherewith the Bride recalls the
 happy day,
 When love's "I will" accepted Him
 forever,
 "The Lord's," to love, to honor
 and obey.

I am the Lord's! Yet teach me all it
 meaneth,
 All it involves of love and loyalty,
 of holy service, absolute surrender,
 And unreserved obedience unto
 Thee.

I am the Lord's! Yes; body, soul and
 spirit,
 O seal them irrecoverably Thine;
 As Thou, Beloved, in Thy grace and
 fulness
 Forever and forevermore art
 mine.

 "There stands a Rock on shores of
 time that rears to heav'n its head
 sublime; That Rock is cleft, and they
 are blest who find within this cleft a
 rest. That Rock's a cross, its arms
 outspread, celestial glory bathes its
 head; to its firm base my all I bring,
 and to the Rock of Ages cling. That
 Rock's a tow'r whose lofty height,
 illum's with heav'n's unclouded
 light, opes wide its gate beneath the
 dome where saints find rest with
 Christ at home. Some build their
 hopes on the ever drifting sand,
 some on their fame, or their

treasure, or their land; Mine's on a
 Rock that forever will stand, Jesus,
 the 'Rock of Ages.'" — T. C. O'Kane

— T. C. O'Kane

At Church On Time

I like to be at church on time,
 To join in song and prayer,
 And with the brethren of the Lord
 The morning blessings share.
 Our faith is a profession
 And it requires zeal;
 We do by prompt attendance
 Our inner state reveal.

And many will rise early
 Some earthly thing to gain,
 For such they strive to be on time
 Their object to attain.
 The principles of business
 To faith should be applied;
 Thus value of true worship
 Will evermore abide.

When children have a hunger,
 You'll see each little face
 Quite early at the table
 In proper time and place
 And if we truly love the Lord,
 And cherish things divine,
 We'll gather there in one accord
 And strive to be on time.

How oft our hearts are burdened!
 For instant help we plead!
 What if the Lord would come too
 late
 And not regard our need?
 And when He gathers to His side
 His saints from every clime
 Then when He says "Come unto Me"
 I hope to be on time.

Henry Beer
 My Garden of Verse

Take Time To Be Holy

Take time to be holy,
 The world rushes on;
 Spend much time in secret with
 Jesus alone—
 By looking to Jesus,
 Like Him thou shalt be;
 Thy Friends in Thy conduct His
 likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,
 Let Him be thy Guide,
 And run not before Him,
 Whatever betide;
 In joy or in sorrow,
 Still follow they Lord,
 And looking to Jesus,
 Still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy,
 Be calm in thy soul;
 Each tho't and each movtve
 Beneath His control;
 Thus led by His Spirit to fountains
 of love,
 Thou soon shalt be fitted for
 service above.
 Hymns of Zion No. 112

The Lord's Supper

We worship Thee with tears of
 gladness,
 Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy great
 love!
 To reconcile us with the Father,
 To die, Thou camest from above.
 How great has been thy sacrifice!
 To Thee our thanks and praise shall
 rise.

To break Thy bread we now have
 gathered,
 In Covenant to drink Thy wine;
 As brethren we unite together,
 That unto death we might be Thine.
 This promise we, with heart and
 will;
 Give grace our promise to fulfill.

Thine is the pow'r and will to
 strengthen,
 Thou lov'dst me unto the death!
 In Thee I find life and salvation;
 Thou'lt comfort me in my last
 breath.
 Oh precious Jesus, dearest Lord,
 All gifts to us Thou dost accord.

Yet closer unto Thee unite me,
 As Thou with God united art.
 In truth Thine own and not
 pretending,
 A Christian true, in mind and heart;
 This will I seek, this is my aim,
 My heart Lord, as Thy dwelling
 claim!

Zions Harp No. 25

Constantly Abiding

There's a peace in my heart that the
 world never gave,
 A peace it can not take away;
 Tho' the trials of life may surround
 like a cloud,
 I've a peace that has come there to
 stay!

All the world seemed to sing of a
 Savior and King,
 When peace sweetly came to my
 heart;

Troubles all fled away and my night
 turned to day,
 Blessed Jesus, how glorious Thou
 art!

This treasure I have in a temple of
 clay,
 While here on His footstool I
 roam;
 But He's coming to take me some
 glorious day,
 Over there to my heavenly home!

Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine;
 Constantly abiding, rapture
 divine;
 He never leaves me lonely,
 whispers, O, so kind:
 "I will never leave thee," Jesus is
 mine.

Walking In the Light

No more I'll wander in the dreadful
 night of sin and shame,
 I'm walking in the light, I'm walk-
 ing in the light;
 I'm on the road to Heaven, oh, the
 truth I must proclaim,
 I'm walking in the Savior's light.

I'm unafraid as on I go for Jesus
 walks with me,
 I'm walking in the light, I'm walk-
 ing in the light;
 He led me from my darkness, from
 my sins He set me free,
 I'm walking in the Savior's light.

The fellowship is wonderful—it's
 glory all the way,
 I'm walking in light, I'm walk-
 ing in the light;
 The precious blood has cleansed me
 and keeps cleansing ev'ry day,
 I'm walking in the Savior's light.

Walking in the light, I am walking in
 the light,
 Oh, I am walking on to glory
 where there is no night,
 I'm singing "Hallelujah!" As I travel
 on my way
 Walking in the Savior's light.

Hallelujah, Bless His Name

O brethren, rise and sing,
 Make hallelujahs ring
 To our Almighty King,
 And bless His name.

He wins for us the fight,
 He makes our darkness light,
 All dreary doubts take flight
 When He appears.

No lack or want have they
 Who make the Lord their stay;
 New strength for every day
 His grace supplies.

O trust Him then to guide,
 And for His own provide;
 Should weal or woe betide,
 Trust to the end.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 Hallelujah, bless His name;
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 Hallelujah, bless His name!

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Sermon . . .

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 take vengeance into your own han-
 ds. But admit it at the time that you
 are doing something wrong and that
 you have violated the principles of
 God. This stirred men and women.

They realized and recognized that
 living with so much hatred...so much
 mistrust...was causing the destruc-
 tion and the destroying of the family
 unit. Family members would hardly
 speak to each other for jealousy and
 for different things that had hap-
 pened because somebody knew that
 somebody else had violated the law
 and they had not gone and confessed
 it and offered a sacrifice for it.

But in John's preaching, he was
 shifting that guilt and that respon-
 sibility to everyone. We are no bet-
 ter off if I harbor a grudge and have
 an ill feeling towards somebody and
 don't go and talk to them and don't
 look within myself to see why I have
 that ill will...that I may be in
 violation of God's Word.

People sought him out. He said,

"There is one coming those shoes I am not worthy to latchet (or to tie)". (Luke 3:16).

It is such a beautiful thing to read when Jesus did come and the Spirit of God descended upon Him and the voice of God spoke, "Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased." Luke 3:22.

All those that were gathered around recognized and could understand that God had made a pronouncement that this Man that had come from Nazareth had fled into Egypt as a tiny lad and was born in Bethlehem. The voice of God had said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." They didn't, did they? They didn't hear the voice.

How many times did Jesus Christ sit down in the synagogue or on the hillside and teach and preach and talk about His kingdom? How many times did Jesus Christ offer men and women the opportunity to take the unrighteous guilt that separated them from God and remove it and replace it with a tranquility that you and I can't find at any store or any place that we might go? We can get it only from His table. And they walked away.

Jesus Christ had the most profound message to bring to the human family that any father or mother could ever give to their children: Salvation!

Jesus picked twelve men and on those twelve men, He allowed them to see a side of God that man hadn't really ever seen before. For three years they walked together ...they beheld miracles...and yet they doubted. When He died, He died alone.

Peter wasn't there anymore...he was cursing God. Judas was hanging on a tree. We don't know where all the disciples were. I wonder what James, John and Peter must have thought when He took them aside that night in the garden and asked them to watch while He prayed for you and me. And they went to sleep.

When the Holy Spirit filled these men, it wasn't Peter that was going back to go fishing, but it was Peter that was filled with the Holy Spirit that stood in the synagogue on the day of Pentecost and preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He let those men and women understand and know that there is no alternative.

There are no options that we have available if we want life eternal with God, than through Jesus Christ. There isn't any of us here today that will not have life eternal. But God gives you and me the ability to decide and to choose whether or not it is going to be with Jesus Christ, or whether it is going to be with Satan. That choice He lets you and me make.

Saul knew the Scriptures. He knew the prophecies. He had one of the finest teachers who knew the Mosaic law backwards, forwards, sideways and every which way you wanted to know it and he imparted this knowledge unto him.

Saul was an aspiring man...he was a status seeker...he was a mover...he wanted to be a success in the spiritual realm that he knew. He was not unlike many of us, or people that we know in the secular world that want to get ahead, hard-working and know what they are talking about in their area of expertise.

Saul chose to understand that there was this group of people that was causing a lot of problems ... causing a lot of frustration for the leadership of the synagogues. What better way for an individual to stamp his name on mankind than to go out and destroy this group of people that followed some Man that had been hung on a cross ... had been condemned to die? So he dedicated himself to destroy the followers of Jesus Christ.

How many times did God permit Saul to go into a community and identify those men and women that chose to believe and follow in the precepts of Jesus Christ, taking soldiers and policemen, knocking on the door, going inside and arresting the moms and dads and the children that dared to believe in Jesus Christ? He bound their hands together making a public spectacle out of them...beating them...imprisoning them...maybe even taking their lives. But certainly planting a fear into the hearts of other men and women and the young children.

Why walk contrary to the will of God? Saul's whole life came tumbling down and crashed. He, in his mind, was doing God's will except that he had forgotten one of the

greatest lessons in the Old Testament: the identification of the Messiah. He had forgotten who the Messiah was, who He is to be, or His attributes. He was so caught up in so many other things that he ignored Jesus.

Now here he was eyeball to eyeball with Jesus. He couldn't hide behind the screen. All those soldiers weren't going to do him any good; and he was standing alone in the presence of God. Saul said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6.

Beloved, was it really any different with you or me? When we stood in the presence of God and we could hear His still small voice speaking unto us, we could sense it. We could feel the guilt of conviction upon our heart. Our friends, and all the reasons why in our mind that we can choose and say, "I am not going to repent and give myself unto God," became so insignificant.

When we stand alone in the presence of God, we know that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, (Revelation 19:16), and we are nothing.

I am amazed when we look at the men that Jesus chose to preach the Word. If you or I were going to start a company and were going to promote a product that we were going to manufacture, would you want to pick an unschooled fisherman? Or somebody who was trying to destroy your company? Would you want to pick a tax collector who was extorting people? Jesus did.

You know what is more amazing? He called each of us out of our lives where we stood. He took us as we were and we could submit ourselves unto Him. The Holy Spirit could teach us and help us grow so that we could begin to take on the mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16).

We could mature...we could understand more fully God's Word...we could begin to eat the meat of the Word...and we could begin to digest and understand more fully those teachings that are in the Scripture. It is such a precious thing, isn't it?

The church felt a tremendous strain. The conversion of Saul had a traumatic effect. It caused a confusion in the synagogues and temples because here was one of their

favorite sons, aspiring and climbing. A very devote individual had now turned and became one of them. It was difficult for them to understand and to absorb this.

The church—without the persecution—could all of a sudden flourish! The teachings of Jesus Christ and Him crucified didn't have to be taught at two or three o'clock in the morning in the woods somewhere. But people could meet in their homes and they could speak out with a joy and a blessing which they had found in God! Their attitudes toward life could change. What an exciting thing it was to be walking for Jesus Christ and not feel the encumbrance and the weight of sin and unrighteousness!

That's what we read about, wasn't it? The churches had rest and were edified and walked in the fear of the Lord.

Beloved, our lives parallel the lives of the apostles. Our lives parallel the lives of those men and women of the early church. All individuals who have come to the knowledge to Jesus Christ have that common denominator of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. There isn't any alternative, is there?

As time goes on and as young men and women, we establish a home and we become parents and we become grandparents. Then we understand as Paul understood, in the twilight years of his life, when he could say, "I have fought the good fight of faith." (II Timothy 4:7).

When we begin to accumulate a gray hair here or there and maybe our body doesn't move quite as fast as what it did at one time, we begin to understand and we begin to appreciate all the more the things that are really important in life.

I believe that the older we become, all of a sudden some things that we like to make mountains and big issues with, maybe aren't quite so important any more. We realize and we understand that there are some things that are so vitally important.

I believe that every one of us has a tremendous respect and love for our mom and dad. Yet, I believe that this love and respect that we develop for our parents has increased as time has gone on. Beloved, I firmly feel and believe

that the home is one of the greatest foundations, as predicted in the Scripture, that you and I have to teach a value of knowing and understanding Jesus Christ.

We can get so caught up...we can get so involved in spending our time away from our family and our home to accumulate a substantial inheritance. But, beloved, the greatest inheritance that we can give our children is a love for the Word of God and an appreciation for Jesus Christ.

It really doesn't matter about a lot of other things in the world, if our children and our families can know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It begins at home if mothers and dads will accept the responsibility that they have. We may take our children to a lot of places; we might encourage them and support them in a lot of things, but, beloved, the greatest gift that we can give them is a love of Jesus.

We can express that love in so many ways. It's important—vitally important—that we have prayers in our home and that our children can catch us reading God's Holy Word. But more importantly, beloved, is that they can see the principles of God's Word in action in our lives and in our interactions with them and with everyone that we interact with in the world today.

We can read in the newspaper of all kinds of tragedies. We don't know if the super powers are going to be involved in interconflicts between countries. We can pray for peace, but we don't know. We can look around us and we can understand and we can realize, according to the Scripture, the things that are to come to be.

The technology is here today—for the time of the end. Our economy has changed so radically in the last few years. When you would go to Revelation and read about the time that is to come when men and women couldn't buy nor sell, we really could not relate to that.

When it talks about the mark of the beast being upon the right hand or on the forehead of the individual, with technology today, we understand it is possible through a laser process that a number can be printed underneath the surface of the skin. It's all here, isn't it?

God may stay His hand for another hundred thousand years. We don't know. But Jesus has told us not to be ignorant of the signs of the time and the seasons where we live.

Beloved, you and I have been introduced to a tremendous faith. Our faith has come at a tremendous price. When Jesus took that cup and drank it that night in the Garden of Gethsemane, the weight of our sins was so great that He asked if the cup could possibly pass away. His perspiration became so heavy it was as though he perspired blood. But He died for you and me because He loved us that much.

Where were we when He spoke unto us and said, "Come, I need you in my service." Do we love Him today as much as He loved us? Do we love Him so much that we are willing to dedicate our lives unto Him? Do we love Him so much that we can submit ourselves as Saul did unto Jesus Christ, "Lord, what may I do?" Do we love our families that much that we are going to teach them and show in action the love of Jesus Christ? Do we love our church so much that we are overjoyed and excited about coming to church on Wednesday nights and on Sundays?

A thought passed through my mind and I want to share it with you. I'm not sure it is relevant to the Scripture that we shared together, but I read once of two people that attended a church and when they went out, one of them said to the other one, "Did you notice that the minister made seven grammatical errors in his sermon?" The other one said, "No. But he told me about Jesus."

I believe, beloved, the attitude that you and I have toward God...toward Christ...toward the church is such an IMPORTANT THING.

May each of us draw from the talents and draw from the strengths of each and every one. There isn't one brother or one sister here today that doesn't have something to offer from the Lord. When we can pool these things together, then it is going to be like when the oppression was relieved from the early church. They were edified and they walked in the fear of the Lord. They rejoiced together in the bonds of love.

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SERMON BY BRO. EVERETT HARI OF NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Text: Acts 9:18-35

Where were you when Jesus called? Where were you when that still small Voice spoke within you and you could recognize and realize that your life was filled with sin and unrighteousness? There was a separation that existed between yourself and your God...a hopeless, empty feeling. Realizing and recognizing that if death was to envelope you, you would be separated forever from your God. Where were you?

I'm sure that for many of us that are gathered here this afternoon, that voice of God spoke very acutely to us many times. Sometimes when we could hear that Voice, we could recognize that separation and understand that guilt.

But there was another voice that spoke to us and it would tell us to put it off. "You've got this to do...you've got that to do. Your work isn't finished. There are certain things and this just isn't the right time to make that kind of commitment. Furthermore, what are your friends going to think? How are you going to tell your school friends? How are you going to tell the neighbors across the street? How are you going to tell the people that you socialize with that maybe you aren't going to do some of the things that you've done before? It just would not be the right thing to do right now. Wait until some other time." And we put it off.

But God was patient with us, wasn't he? I believe that everyone of us this afternoon would have to recognize the patience of God in the fact that He gave us another opportunity to open the door of our heart, and that He was there with the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ

to heal that sick-sin heart that we had.

Oh, many times when we felt Jesus speak unto us, we would decide on a new plan of action. We would try to make our life better...we would reform...we were going to change our ways. Sometimes we were pretty good at changing for a little bit, but it didn't last. Then we would fall back into sin again. Or we would disappoint God and make a lot of mistakes. We would kind of mess up our lives a little more.

You know, beloved, our lives and the lives of the disciples and the lives of the people that lived in the early church, aren't really a whole lot different.

Jesus went to the temple as a young boy and sat there and taught and reasoned with the scribes and the Pharisees. Wouldn't it be a beautiful thing for us to be able to go back into the Scriptures and to find that those men were so astounded by the knowledge and insight into the Scriptures, that they recognized that somehow He had to be different? If they would have gone back a little further in the books and started reading in Isaiah and in some of the old prophets, then they would have recognized Jesus as God's Son. But we don't read that, do we?

We read that Jesus went to the temple and He reasoned with them. He discussed the old law. He hadn't been sitting at the feet of Gamaliel. He had not been sitting at the feet of a father who was a priest or a rabbi. His father was a woodworker in an out-of-the-way place. They didn't put the pieces together, did they?

They missed a Scripture or two.

Certainly this young Lad who seemed to be wise way beyond His years, as one of them said sometime later, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" John 1:46. He couldn't be the Messiah but there was a prophecy in the Old Testament that said that the Messiah was going to come out of Nazareth. They missed it.

We can turn the hands of time forward just a little bit and we can go to the day and time when John the Baptist brought them a very startling message. A message that men and women should repent. We might wonder what is so peculiar or strange or different about that for man was to express through sacrifices and things to admit their guilt. Beloved, it was the conscience that only became jarred when they would read in the law and find, "Ooops! There is something I did in violation of the law!" Did they feel a sense of guilt?

The sacrifices that men and women brought were for violations of the law. Someone potentially could be somewhat ignorant of the law or could have forgotten part of the law and could be living in sin and unrighteousness and never make an atonement for it.

But John the Baptist came along bringing a message of repentance expressing a feeling within one's self of sorrow. Admitting up front ... not having to go to a book to read and say, "Well, I guess eight months ago, I broke that." Reluctantly admitting that one's life was imperfect.

But John brought a message of repentance. Don't live, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." Don't

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