

# The Silver Lining

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### EASTERN EUROPEAN VISIT WORLD RELIEF REPORT

Submitted by Bro. Leon Graf, a member of the World Relief Committee

The World Relief Committee brothers agreed at the meeting in Bluffton on April 17, 1982, that it would be desirable to have an elder or two go with Bro. Sandor Bako and me to Eastern Europe in late July and August. As time passed into June we were very sorry to learn that this would not be possible, but several elders encouraged us to still make the trip to bring back information for the committee. It seems best to review our visit and findings by country, praying that God will impart to each reader some of the feeling of God's Spirit that we enjoyed on this blessed trip.

#### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

On Saturday, August 7, Elder Pap Janos (John Pap — our correspondent in Budapest) and Bro. Namenyi Janos drove us to Senica, Czechoslovakia, to visit our correspondent there, Elder Belohlavek Jan (John). Along our route to Senica, the home of Elder Belohlavek, we passed many nice fields of corn, hay and some sunflowers. The collective farm system has many nice farms, with modern equipment, but is not as productive as Hungary in raising crops.

Elder Belohlavek welcomed us with joy, that we would actually come from the U.S.A. to visit his home. He is 85 years old, but has a clear mind and bright eyes that portray his Christian love and grace in a land that has little hope for growth in the number of believers as we understand the Bible. There are only about 300 believers there and one other elder, Kupec Michal, who is 90 years old. The elders of Hungary are trying prayerfully to help them find and ordain some young-

er elders for the church. Also, the young men do not have noncombatant privileges and will be jailed for refusing to bear arms. This has had a serious effect on church growth, along with other external pressures.

We visited about three hours and found two problems, among others, exist. First, the police have inquired about who is sending aid and why. Bro. John explained that it is from those whose only desire is to show love to the needy and the police left him, apparently satisfied. Second, some of the believers fear that our aid is possibly associated with another church, other than the original one started by Bro. S. H. Frohlich, and are reluctant to accept aid. Our elders are presently considering how to respond to this question. Elder Belohlavek prepares a list of the needy and we send individual checks for distribution by him. He sends grateful thanks to the U.S.A. brethren. We left the dear Elder with joy in accomplishing our purpose, but sadness in realizing how alone they seem in this struggle between good and evil.

#### ROMANIA

We arose at 5:30 a.m., with our driver, Bro. Fumacs Sandor, on Friday, August 13, to be at the Romanian border early. Just before reaching the border, we stopped to buy some bread, rolls and other food to deliver to a poor family inside the border at the village of Semlac. Some delays occurred at the border, where the car was searched carefully for possible contraband. The main road was good, but we turned off to go to Semlac and the paved road was first very rough and then became an

even rougher dirt road where the village begins. The homes there were old and poorly maintained, due to lack of money and resources for repairs. The family we visited was very poor and rejoiced to see what food we brought. They were acquainted with Bro. Fumacs, who visits them periodically with food. This family also receives aid from the funds we send to the Romanian elders for distribution.

The visit to Arad was more encouraging, but the need is great for our aid. We could visit Elder Virtaci Sandor (Alexander) at his home and spend several hours discussing the aid program and needs. He, his wife and brother received us with great joy and thankfulness for visiting them. We were happy to find that since our aid to Romania has increased, due to using investment income from the Romanian Building Fund, they have more government recognition since the U.S.A. dollars are badly needed. The two appointed elders (Virtaci Sandor and Szabo Albert) who handle the aid funds have been able to have better contacts with the government. The present aid method of lump-sum checks to each elder every two months is very good and received with great thanks.

They asked us to consider if we could help them buy a 4-wheel vehicle that can travel the bad roads and back country to help them reach the poor there, since it's so difficult to do in a regular auto, which I can truly believe after our visit to Semlac! They will write to us later with a vehicle cost estimate and also obtain information if

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## SILVER LINING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

From August 1, 1981 to July 31, 1982

Expenses:	Printing	\$30,187.00
	Postage	4,375.30
	Supplies	110.07
	Computer—50% Share	4,111.73
	8" Computer Discs	93.39
	Mailing Labels	220.72
	Label Removers Qty. 2	1,025.06
	Share Building Costs, Mail-room	2,526.51
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$42,649.78</b>
Receipts:	Subscriptions (6400)	\$30,870.84
	Special Contributions	8,995.00
	Interest on Checking Account	542.62
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$40,408.46</b>
Deficit:	(Expenses over Receipts)	\$ 2,241.32

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Subscription dues are on a voluntary collection system; if all subscriptions due had been paid, there would have been sufficient funds to cover publication costs.

All work and effort for the Silver Lining is voluntary and many blessings are experienced.

With a loss of \$2241.00 in collections so far this past year, we bring an appeal for help by contribution or gift and wish to thank all for your prayerful support in this work for our Lord and Saviour and for the Church.

With Christian love,  
Bro. David Bertsch

food packages can be sent to Romania from the West.

We left there about 2:00 p.m., but had long delays leaving Romania and re-entering Hungary. It was 7:00 p.m. until we returned to our starting point, the home of Elder Kovacs Ferenc in Oroshaza. The return to Hungary was like leaving Mexico to return to the U.S.A. We thank God for a successful visit to Romania, but have great concern for their economic and spiritual needs compared to our abundance and freedoms. Their chief spiritual concern is to have governmental permission to gather in homes for worship, believing that if this is granted it could lead to re-opening their church buildings in time. **YUGOSLAVIA**

On Tuesday, August 10, we were privileged to meet Bro. Berta Matyas (Matthew Berta — one of those disbursing aid to the needy in Yugoslavia) who was visiting the Pecs, Hungary church. He indicated that Elder Patyi

Lajos (Louis) would also be in Pecs for the weekend and agreed that we would not need to visit Yugoslavia if we could speak to the two while they visited Hungary. So, we had a long visit with Bros. Berta on Tuesday afternoon and Elder Patyi on Sunday afternoon. Some of the significant conclusions are as follows:

1. The present method of sending one lump-sum check payable to the Yugoslavian bank account in Novi-Sad is very good, since many of the needy are too old, helpless, or live in isolated villages and are unable to personally cash individual checks. The elders of Yugoslavia met in September, 1981 and appointed certain brothers to disburse funds under the supervision of the elders.

2. **VERY IMPORTANT** — We should discourage the sending of individual checks, since the individuals could lose their meager pensions if it was discovered that they receive additional support through the mail.

3. Local congregations try to support those who are not included on the list of 33 persons now needing aid from sources outside of Yugoslavia.

4. We should write to them only in Hungarian to expedite communications. Elder Ben Maibach, who visited them in 1980, has, through Bro. Andy Hunyady of Columbus, Ohio, started correspondence with them in Hungarian. Since we started sending World Relief aid in April, Bro. Hunyady has continued handling the Yugoslavian correspondence in Hungarian.

**EAST GERMANY**

We did not have time to visit East Germany due to the lack of time and travelling distance from Hungary. Since this was not on the original travel plan, some money was sent to our correspondent, ministering Bro. Arno Markert, for either his travel costs to take a train and meet us in Budapest, or to be distributed to the needy in East Germany if he could not meet with us. We are sorry that he could not come to Budapest. There are only about 20 members remaining in East Germany, most of them being over 60 years of age. Please remember them in your prayers, that God will keep them,

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## NEED FOR ALTERNATE HOUSEPARENTS AND SINGLE SISTER

To our brothers and sisters in faith,

Greetings to you in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray God's grace and blessings be with you.

A common theme through the Bible is the thought of each of us helping those in need — the sick, the hungry, the destitute, the widows, and the children. The Apostolic Christian Children's Home, with your help, is striving to meet the physical and spiritual needs of some of God's less fortunate children by providing Christian homes for those in need. Your material and spiritual support has been needed and appreciated in the past and will continue to be needed as long as the Lord permits us to work with these children.

However, in meeting the needs of our children, more is needed than your money and your prayers; we need willing workers to come and be with the children on a daily basis. The Lord has blessed us with two houses filled with children and a full staff, but our alternate couple and one of our single sisters are planning to leave very soon. This offers an opportunity to a Christian couple, on a full time basis, to come and serve as alternates, filling in for the houseparents on their days off and helping on maintenance and housekeeping. We are also in need of a single sister to help in one of the houses with the many tasks that need doing every day.

All of these positions are full time and require that the brother and sisters be at least 21 years of age (there is no maximum age) and have the support of their local elder. We have a staff development program and on the job training to help you carry out your functions, so a formal education above high school is not required. If you can meet these requirements and are interested, please contact one of the following for further information:

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"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." (Psalm 27:10). There is an ever increasing great number of children who have been forsaken, and only a small number of Christian homes available to provide for them. The Lord needs willing workers to provide for these young souls.

Counseling Elders: Bro. Loren Stoller  
Bro. Alfred Bahler  
Bro. Jesse Beer

Bro. Wendell Gudeman  
Bro. Orville Ringger  
Bro. David Bertsch

and for others there to be moved to Christ.

### RUSSIA

A brother and his wife from Russia visited Budapest, but we had only a brief time to visit with him on our last night there, since they had just arrived. Elder Szemmelroth of Hungary said that the Hungarian elders hope to visit Russia this Fall to determine if any aid can be sent to them. We asked that he write to us of their conclusions, especially if our World Relief aid might be able to help them. So far there is no way to get such aid into Western Russia where the believers live, who number between 400 and 500.

NOTE: Eastern European Visit — to be continued in November 1982 Silver Lining.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN'S CHILDREN'S HOME

Bob Cockburn

On a day like today it is very difficult to sit inside and work on a letter. The weather is beautiful, after a few days of cold and rain. We won't be having too many more days like this until next spring so everyone seems to be enjoying being outside today. It is good that we have such a variety of weather from day to day and season to season as it helps keep us from taking anything for granted.

Just as the weather changes, so do our families. Gary E., one of our boys from the Fischer home, went back to live with his family. Even before his room was able to get used to the emptiness, another young man, Jack H. moved in. Jack, aged 16, has been

with us for one day already and is making friends easily. Please remember to pray for our children, those now with us and those who leave; your prayers are a big help to them and us.

As I mentioned last month, our staff is changing, also. Bro. Paul and Sis. Leanne Fischer are planning to leave just before this issue is mailed. For anyone interested in filling the vacancies that will be left, please see the letter in this month's "Silver Lining" for information.

Our children are doing fine. Since school started I don't see them very much, so I look forward to the short visits we do have. We know God is working in the hearts of all of them when we can see them working, playing, and enjoying life just as children should. Because of your support, our children can begin experiencing the love and security of Christian homes and this provides a basis for living in a peaceful and contented world. It is quite a change from that which many of them came.

Just as our families need your prayers and support, so does the "family" at the Home for the Handicapped. Even though most of their residents came from loving, caring, Christian environments, they have special needs that can be met only through your prayers and support for the Home in Morton. The Home for the Handicapped and we share a common bond in that we are dependent upon our brethren nationwide for help in meeting the needs of our residents. I am sure that the residents and staff in Morton appreciate your prayers and are looking forward to seeing you there on November 19, their Annual Benefit Day.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. . ." Romans 12:15. In our situation, as in every family and home, there are joys and there are sadnesses. Often sharing them with families of our residents, a deep and common bond of sharing brings fervent intercession and sincere thanksgiving before the Heavenly Throne. What a comfort to believe that we are "Never Alone", (Hymns of Zion — #127), and that "Sometime We'll Understand", (H.Z. #165). "Then trust in God through all the days; Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand; Tho'



dark thy way, still sing and praise; Sometime, sometime, we'll understand." With this in mind, we shall "be of good comfort" (II Cor. 13:11), praying "Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. . . ; Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee; . . . Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold. . . (H.Z. #106)

Comforted, we continue on with good courage, for it is in this life only that we have opportunity to be helpful to our fellow man. In Heaven there will be no need to help the lame, the blind and the halt. What a beautifully rare and golden opportunity we all have to show concern here at the Home for the Handicapped. There are many hearts tugging at the load at our Home. Out of compassion, love is put into action. Perhaps you would like to help, too.

The date of November 19, 1982, is drawing near. **Please note that the times on Benefit Day have been changed to 9:30 a.m. (starting time); luncheon will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and closing time is 2:30 p.m.** We look forward to receiving your items for sale and seeing many of you then.

Fairly new in our Activity Department is our Ceramics Class. Some beautiful items from this division will be available, both in our Gift Shop at the Home on a continuing basis and especially on Benefit Day.

It has been suggested that we publish our address from time to time. The Post Office is requesting that our address be correct. It is: Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped, R.R. #3 — Veterans Road; Morton, Illinois 61550.

Eager to take advantage of the remaining warm-weather days, our outdoor activities continue. An outdoor breakfast is planned soon; a courtyard birthday observance was recently held; an invitation to be guests at various activities of the Pumpkin Festival will be accepted.

Until we meet again on the printed page, let us enjoy and be thankful to our Creator for the season's beauty around us, from the "leaded-glass-window" wings of the monarch butterflies to the magnificently beautiful blue-sky background for the coloring of the leaves.

### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Julie Hoerr

Little Christy Jean Dotterer was born September 1 to Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne. Jill, Mark and Steven happily welcomed their new sister home. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Shick and Bro. Joe and Sis. La Vina Dotterer.

We've had several hospital patients this month, as well as several home bound. Hospital patients were Bro. Elmer Zollinger for surgery and Sis. Francis Schrenk and Sis. Jo Martin, medical. Sis. Ora Schrenk has been confined to home for several weeks with a medical problem. Bro. Roy Farney is home recuperating from his recent hospitalization.

Bro. Dan Kokanovich travelled to New York to be with his brother who was ill.

Many of our young people enjoyed the Labor Day Weekend in California. Altadena hosted the youth fellowship for the Arizona and California congregations.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa Bauer — Sandy Bauer

Bro. Nate and Sis. Yvonne Lehman and their children, Andy, Steve and Natalie, have recently moved from Wolcott, IN to Tucson. We welcome them with open arms and thank the Lord for seeing our need and increasing our small flock.

Over the Labor Day Weekend our Bible Class and young members traveled to California for a weekend of fellowship with the Altadena and Phoenix churches. We would like to thank the Altadena congregation for the time and effort they spent in preparation for this weekend. These efforts made it possible for us to renew those bonds which unite our churches in love across the land.

Sunday, Sept. 12 our congregation was doubly blest. Our Elder Bro. Richard Schubach visited us with words of encouragement and exhortation. We wish to thank him for his efforts of love.

That afternoon, the Lord provided perfect weather for our annual Sunday School picnic. Friends and members alike gathered together for a potluck picnic. As we watched the children play, we were reminded how very important these children are since they are the future church of Tucson.

"A little child shall lead them" —  
How often it is true,  
Men marvel at their simple faith  
And trust their Savior too! —

G.W.

### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Mary Beth Klotzle

"Where there is no vision, the people perish. . ." Prov. 29:18. On a Monday evening, Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda) shared with us this verse which encourages each of us to have vision of Christ and of heavenly things. When our vision is such, then we are able to serve God more fully. Yet, we were cautioned not to keep our vision to ourselves and only be concerned for our own souls, but to give thought for our fellowmen. For when our lights are seen by our fellowmen, they too will have a vision and see the joy there is in serving the Lord. If they surrender to Him, they will not perish.

Just the day before, visiting Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton) ministered to us from Revelations 21. . . the new earth and new Jerusalem to come. What a glorious vision it is, and how it encourages us to press onward to our goal! May God bless our visitors for sharing with us.

We have been privileged to listen to the tapes of the conference in place of mid-week services. It binds our hearts with all our brothers and sisters throughout the land and in Japan as we are lovingly advised, strengthened and admonished by our shepherds. The Lord is so good to provide us with a precious faith and brotherhood that will help guide us to Heaven if we but accept it.

What a joy a newborn baby brings into the world! The trust they have in others to fill their every need and their acceptance of that help is a good lesson for children of God. Robert William Mayo was welcomed home with love by sisters Erin and Macy and his brother Michael. Bro. Bill and Sis. Gail are the happy parents. Nicholas James was born to Jim and Donna Stavroulakis and has one sister, Kalika. Grandparents Ted and Hildegard Klotzle are pleased with their first grandson.

On Labor Day weekend the Arizona Bible Classes, many members, and dear ones from San Diego traveled here for a beautiful time of fellowship. How special the friendships are which we share among those of like mind and faith. When I was in school, none of my



schoolmates attended our church regularly and I cherished the weekend fellowship that we had. I know many of our friends enjoy these weekends and treasure the friendships as much as I. May God bless the teachers, parents, and all those who helped make the weekend such a blessed one.

#### Worthiness

It is my joy in life to find  
At the turning of the road,  
The strong arms of a comrade kind  
To help me onward with my load.  
And since I have no gold to give  
And love alone must make amends,  
My prayer is, while I yet live,  
God make me worthy of my friends.

#### CALIFORNIA, MAYWOOD

##### Ben Ammann

Sunday, Sept. 5 we had visiting young brothers from Phoenix and Tucson, AZ. It is pleasing to see the young brothers following God's word and direction in this day and time when Satan has many ways to mislead believers.

Sis. Julia An Dapper from Peoria, IL was with us Sept. 5 and 12.

We are glad to see Sis. Eva Fuhrer back from her trip to Ohio.

#### COLORADO, DENVER

##### Marlene Leman

Just as Jesus opened the eyes of the blind ages ago we can see that He is still opening eyes spiritually as another dear soul has answered the call to repentance. We rejoice that Terri Murray of Kersey, CO has seen the light and is humbling herself unto God's will.

We are so happy to report that Sis. Deb Hodel of the Roanoke congregation has moved into the Denver area. She is working and going to school here.

Just as in so many things there is good and bad, we must also report that we are sorry to see Bro. Curt Hodel leave us and return to his home in Roanoke as his summer job in Estes Park has ended. We really enjoyed and appreciated Bro. Curt's presence with us. We wish him God's blessings in his work there and hope he will come back to visit us often.

We have been blessed with visitors again this month. Among them were ministering Bros. John Lehman of Berne, Dave Keiser of Princeville, Harvey Heiniger of Burlington, and

Lloyd Kraft of Gridley, KS. We thank the Lord and each of the brothers for the Word, as each message seemed so timely. God is so good to us!

Bro. Steve Scheitlin has returned from Grand Junction to Fort Collins where he is attending CSU. We missed him this summer and are glad to have him back.

We continue to hold services every Sunday at the Victory Grange Hall, 2009 Tower Rd. Aurora. Services start at 10:30 and 12:30 with lunch served in between. We have Bible Class on Wed. eve. at 7:30. If you are in the area give us a call to check where it will be held. Our phone number is 303-696-1301.

#### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

##### Dorothy Viens

In observing the beautiful colors around us as the autumn season begins, we can surely feel that God's work in the creation is a perfect miracle that man could never improve upon. We can compare our lives in the faith to the trees that we see around us. When we are planted in the fold, do we seek proper nourishment that our roots can go deep enough to hold us up and support us in times of storm and rain? Do we bear the proper fruits? Are our spiritual colors showing so that all around us can see whose children we are? And as the leaves fall, the tree gets old, decays, and finally is cut down, where shall our end be? For we read, "... and if the tree falleth toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." Ecclesiastes 11:3.

We have three new babies to report. Bro. Craig and Sis. Dawn Winans are first-time parents at the birth of their son, Scott James, July 22. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Norman and Sis. Lavina Ballasy. Also first-time parents are Barry and Karen Lanz, as they welcome a son, Mark Richard, born August 19. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Frieda Lanz. Bill and Sis. Becky Ellert also rejoice at the birth of a son, William Tyson, IV. They have three daughters, Shannon, Heather, and Tracy. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl.

Bros. Christian Luginbuhl and Albert Fluckiger and Sisters Elizabeth Erismann and Michelle Virkler have been hospital patients, but have all been able to feel God's nearness in their time of recuperation. May all feel

His divine presence, even in their lonely hours.

We enjoyed the many ~~brothers~~ who visited us over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Among them were ministering Bros. Arthur Gudeman (LaCrosse), Earl Banwart (West Bend) and Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH). Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest) also spent a Sunday with us recently. May each one of our brothers be rewarded for his services of love, and may they feel the nearness and the prompting of God's Holy Spirit.

Our dear Bro. Walter Gerber was taken from this earthly life to his heavenly reward on Sept. 8. His wife, Sis. Ida (Zahner) and his children, Sis. Verona Schneider (Bro. Emmanuel) and Bro. Edwin (Sis. Beverly), along with all the family and the whole congregation are going to miss him. May we all take comfort in knowing of his faithful service to his God, having faith that God has taken him home.

Two engagements were recently made known to the congregation. Bro. Dean Reutter (Bro. Alden and Marion) and Sis. Miriam Bahler (Elder Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia) are making plans to walk the road of life together. Likewise, Bro. Kevin Ballasy (Bro. Norman and Sis. Lavina) and Sis. Jane Andrews (Clayton and Sis. Marion) are planning to take this all-important step. May God direct, guide them, and ever be close to them as a third partner.

Debbie Stomberg (Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy) is seeking the Lord in repentance. May she find grace to lay a firm foundation for her house of faith.

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

##### Doris and Diane Rocke

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." Phil. 2:2

On Aug. 15 our summer bride Sis. Elaine Schambach and Bro. Tom Gudeman joined hands and heart in Holy Matrimony. Their wedding vows were solemnized by the groom's father, Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman. They have experienced the second most important step, the first being united in faith with God, and now to one another as husband and wife. May He be their unseen Guest with His blessings of love in their household. A lovely buffet reception was held in the Gulf and Bay Room at the Holiday Inn for 175 guests. The couple left for a week in the Bahama Islands, and are now residing



at 2650 Club Mar Drive, Apt. 2G, Sarasota, FL.

We thank Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Wendell Gudeman for their labors of love this month.

Upon our return from a three and a half week trip to visit our daughter and family, and going to the conference, we attended the annual Mayaka Park picnic. We had a drenching rain, I must say, we have dry rain — compared to the wetness that followed the rains while in the Northern States. Though the temperature remained in the nineties, yet the lawns stayed green all summer.

Our college students have returned for classes. Sis. Gloria returned to Tallahassee, FL and Katrine Streitmatter to the Carolinas.

The Port Charlotte church will have a new meeting place starting the first Sunday of December, through Palm Sunday. There will be a morning and an afternoon service. The building opens at 9:30 a.m.; morning service at 9:45 a.m.; afternoon service at 11:45 a.m.; clean up and closing by 1:30 p.m. The location is south of Punta Gorda. Take exit 27 off I-75, go west 1 mile to Rt. 41 at the stop light. Go left 1½ miles (south) to Civic Association sign. The club house is in that Civics Building.

For information: Phone — Doug Sabo — 813-966-2343 or Roland Keller — 813-629-2650.

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**ILLINOIS,  
 BLOOMINGTON, NORMAL**  
**Shirley Denick**  
**Charlene Knobloch**

We were blessed this month with many visiting ministers. Bros. Edward Knecht (Silverton, OR), Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley), Lenard Meyer (Chicago), Noah Herman (Tucson, AZ), and our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont). We warmly thank these brothers for the many miles they traveled to share God's Word.

Bro. Ron and Sis. Ellen Farney are happy parents of a little girl born Aug. 21. Cally Jean came to live with her parents on Aug. 24. We pray the Lord will bless this new family.

Duane Joseph, born Aug. 21, is welcomed home by Sara, David, Sharon, Denise, and Diann. Parents are Bro. David and Sis. Wilma Keiser. We wish them many blessings with their new son.

Clarence Wettstein, brother of Sis.

Lois Stoller, passed away Aug. 31. Our prayers and sympathy are with Sis. Lois Stoller and her family.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
 That sav'd a wretch like me,  
 I once was lost, but now am found,  
 Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
 His word my hope secure! he will shield  
 His word my hope secured; He will my  
 shield and portion be As long as life  
 endures.

Hymns of Zion #97

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**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**  
**Shirley Kieser**

Many visitors were among us during August with the conference being in our area. We were thankful to have visiting ministering Bros. Gary Maibach (Rittman), Ernest Graf (Akron), Paul Fehr (Morris), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), Don and Ben Manz (Junction), Willis Ehnle (Japan), Dan Stoller (Rockville) and Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale). Also, we had the pleasure and blessing of Bros. Marshall Heinold (Washington), Ben Wysong (Sabetha), and Wayne Fehr (West Bend) and their families visiting our congregation.

Here and there the leaves are turning their fall hues and the harvesters are humming their way through the ripe fields. It's a beautiful, busy time. I'm sure it brings to each of our minds the thought — "Oh, that I will be ready, ripe for that great harvest someday, when God reaps His own Home."

Little Thomas William Joos's life has just begun. Bro. Robert and Sis. Becky, two brothers and two sisters welcome him. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Lorene Joos (Peoria), and the Raymond Rogers, (Chillicothe).

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**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**  
**Kathy Schlatter**

"Almost any season is my favorite, whichever one we happen to be in. I am kinda like Ivar Olson the Swede who claims the Lord never made a bad day. If the sun shines, he works outside. If it rains, he finds inside work to do." John Turnipseed, August 21, 1982, "Prairie Farmer". The Lord gave words of similar effect to Solomon in Ecclesiastes: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: . . . He hath made everything beautiful in His time. . . ." Eccl. 3:1, 11a. Each day we live is a bad day if we view

it that way. If we can see beyond the temporal, we will be rewarded, even now, with few "bad days."

Certainly the brotherhood conference was one of those especially blessed events: a time to plant, to heal, to build up, to embrace, to love and keep. We have been exhorted, chastised, comforted and touched by the words of the Spirit, proclaimed by the Brethren, as we listened to the conference tapes on the three middle Wed. evenings in September. Renewed awe and respect for our heavenly position and expectations was one result for me. Recently I was listening to the events leading up to one sister's repentance and conversion. She had been at work and was mulling over her life and its cares. Suddenly she blurted out, "I sure wish I could find a church I could sink my teeth into," and the Lord answered her prayer by sending a messenger (a sister) with whom she became acquainted. But isn't that truly our very fortunate position, that we have a church that expects faithful committedness and has as its central figure the risen Christ.

Sis. Charlotte Meyer has completed her term as a Sunday School teacher. For her God-given patience and love for our tiny children, we thank the Lord and for her and her gift of time and teaching, too. We welcome Sis. Nancy Pfeifer as 3rd grade teacher, knowing that He will give her His wisdom and the increase. "Others will trust Him if only you prove True, every moment you live. . . . Make me a blessing, Out of my life, may Jesus shine; Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray, Make me a blessing to some one today." 2nd verse and chorus, #8, "Make Me a Blessing," Tabernacle.

Dearest friend Gingi Bozzay, daughter of Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl Bozzay, has found God's grace sufficient to turn unto Him. Our hearts overflow in tears and in the love we can now express wholeheartedly. The barrier of sin is now recognized, acknowledged, and washed away. We rejoice, prayerfully, knowing this is not an end but a beginning. He alone, however, is Alpha and Omega, and has promised to see us to a safe end, as well. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17b. I was reminded as a new driver drove a stick-shift for the first time, of the fits and starts, the concern about doing all "just so" in one's Christian life. Perhaps we need



to again think of the caution and careful observation of oneself used by the new driver, the new Christian. When we put our Christian life on "automatic", as we do our driving habits, we could be in danger or accident or death.

Sis. Kathy Diggie has arrived from Roanoke, IL, to pursue her R.N. degree at the University of Illinois Medical Center. We are delighted that the Lord has led her, through her career plans, to Chicago. May she feel at home, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

Bro. Sam Slagel was recently hospitalized but has returned home. With his gentle aphorisms ringing in our ears, we plead that his recovery may be swift, Lord willing. At a gathering this summer, Bro. Sam told us of one man's philosophy on life expressed in a single word: reciprocity. That takes some thinking, but is it not: "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Galatians 5:14

Our daughter is finally becoming somewhat discriminating in her attitudes. She told me I was the best mommy, but not the prettiest, but she also said that that didn't matter. She even reminded me that God told Samuel to choose David, too, not the handsomest choice at all, but the best. "After all," she stated, "it's what's in the heart that counts." I don't know how you react to that, but I find it staggering. I'm afraid maybe a few of my valves are sticking. ". . .renew a right spirit within me. . .Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." Psalm 51:10b, 12, 13 ". . .above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Colossians 3:14, 15.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Melba Funk — Joan Waldbeser**  
These souls betrothed before Thee stand;

Thy blessing we implore;  
Unite Thou them in heart and hand,  
And guide them evermore.

As they go forth upon life's way,  
Sustain them by Thy grace;  
May they Thy holy laws obey  
And live in joy and peace.

Hymns of Zion #286

On Sept. 4, Elaine Greiner, daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Viola Greiner, and Scott Mackay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Mackay, were united in Holy Matrimony.

Also Gail Banser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Banser, and Mike Bauer, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Loretta Bauer, repeated their marriage vows on the same day. We wish these two young couples the blessings of our dear Lord, in their walk of life together.

Bro. Robert Beebe (South Bend, IN) visited us this month and brought a very inspiring message. We always enjoy having Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue and their family visit with us.

Our congregation was also saddened over the passing of Sis. Irene Hauptli on Aug. 22. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Eugene, three sons, Bro. Wayne (Cissna Park), Gerald (Delavan), and Dean (Morton) and one daughter, Sis. Shirley Krumwiede (Cissna Park); also 11 grandchildren, seven brothers, Elmer Alt (Rankin), Wesley and Ray (Salem, OR), Eldon (Silverton, OR), Melvin (Las Vegas, NV), Ed (Rochester), and Dayton (Morton); three sisters, Lucille Partridge (Morton, IL), Bernie Lehman (Burbank, CA) and Inez Wille (Elkhart, IN).

Sis. Lydia Moser had minor surgery, and is home again, doing nicely. Also Steve Kupferschmidt has been admitted to the hospital as a medical patient.

The last four weeks on Wednesday evening, we were privileged to listen to the conference tapes. It is so uplifting and gives each and everyone of us so much food for thought. If we could only remember more vividly to make all the needed improvements in our lives.

We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Maria) Moser at the birth of a little daughter born on Sept. 17. The little miss has been named Melissa Kay. To welcome her home are her sister, Patti, and brothers, Randy and Daniel. Paternal grandmother is Sis. Lydia Moser.

Bro. Lester and Sis. Marilyn Maul rejoice in the adoption of their nine year old foster son, David Christopher. Grandparents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Violet Maul and Paul and Cynthia Greene.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Shirley Ifft — Carol Craig**  
Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. . .

Ecclesiastes 12:1

In her youth, our new Sis. Susan Funk (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley) remembered her Creator as she brought forth her testimony and was baptized to become our sister-in-faith. We rejoice with the angels and pray that Sis. Susan will hold onto the simple faith and love that is so evident in her life today.

Our hearts were glad to welcome Bros. Ed Frank (La Crosse, IN), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), and Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), to our congregation to minister unto us God's word and teachings. We thank these brothers for their labors of love.

The Lord sent a precious bundle from heaven to the home of Bro. Larry and Sis. Shirley Ifft. Baby Wesley Dean was welcomed home by his brother and sisters. The grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Ifft (Forrest).

Bro. Jake and Sis. Glenna Rinkenberger were blessed with a new baby boy. Alex Charles was welcomed home by his brothers, Isaac and Grant. His grandparents are Dave and Lois Marquardt (Wanatah, IN) and Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger.

Julie Zimmerman (Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Ellen) was hospitalized shortly this month. Bro. Heinrich Maurer is now able to be with us after having surgery. Sis. Pennina Miller is also able to be with us after her stay at the hospital. Sis. Bena Steffen was hospitalized after having a fall. We thank God for His Power to heal those who are physically ill and those who are spiritually ill.

The leaves of autumn fall when the fruit is ripened and their work is done. Falling is their graceful and beautiful surrender of life when they have finished their summer of offering service to God and man. The great lesson the fall of the leaf teaches is do your work well and then be ready to depart when God calls.

Author unknown to me.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Ruth Ann Getz

When faithful beloved brothers and sisters in faith pass from time into eternity, the finality of the grave gives obscurity to the reality that the spirit dwells eternally in a home beyond.



Thankfully, however, numerous scriptural passages overcome this obscurity. Our loving and merciful God inspired the Psalmist to write, "But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me." Psalm 49:15.

Those who knew and loved Sis. Minnie Kellenberger prior to her passing from time into eternity on Sept. 9, can have reason to feel that she embraced in this life, the Psalmist's confident hope that she would be received by God and that her hope is now surpassed by glorious experience.

It was with great rejoicing that we listened to the testimonies of faith of our new brother and sister in the Lord, Stan Wenninger and Beth Braun. Each spoke of the conviction of sin that pressed upon them as a great burden. This wrought a repentance within them and the Lord finally spoke peace to their souls. On Sunday we could sing together, "Baptized into thy name most holy." (Zion's Harp 41). What deep inner joy is found in sharing these experiences with one another. We could not help but feel the presence of the Lord. Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) and Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) assisted Bro. Nathan Steffen with this work. Other ministering brethren who also shared the Word with us that weekend were Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Clarence Yackley (Phoenix) and Larry Wenninger (Latty).

Sis. Carol Leman has been able to assemble with the brotherhood again since her recent surgery and she expresses thankfulness for all the love shown her during her recuperation.

We are never without those who become ill in one way or another. The body fails and it becomes necessary for surgery and treatment. It is a great blessing that there are people knowledgeable in the medical field to deal with our ills, but even the best of human knowledge has its limits and we find ourselves fleeing to the refuge of our God. Those who required hospitalization this month were: Sue Wewetzer, Sis. Rose Goll, Sis. Deanne Cox, Sis. Mary Spohr, Bro. Ed Schambach, Jr., Sis. Della Kellenberger and Mary Smith.

#### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Melba Mangold

Bro. Mike and Sis. Kary Schmidgall have a third little son, Nicholas

Michael, born on Aug. 17. His brothers are Christopher and Matthew. The grandparents are Fred and Betty Schmidgall of Deer Creek and Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall.

We have felt blessed with a number of visiting ministers this past month. They were Bros. Harold Emch (Girard), Ed Knecht (Silverton), Ervin Knecht (Lamar), Harry Sutter (Fort Lauderdale), Robert Miller (Portland), Glenn Dill (Tremont), Bob Grimm (Goodfield) and Rod Huber (Valparaiso). We are grateful for the efforts spent in our behalf.

Bro. John Dapper wishes to thank everyone that remembered him during his hospital stay and since returning home. It was greatly appreciated.

We welcome Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie Meyer who have moved to Eureka. They had formerly lived in Fort Lauderdale. We hope they can feel at home and be happy here.

On Sunday Sept. 12 we heard of the coming marriage of Sis. Carol Stoller and Bro. Jerry Braker (Lamar). They are planning a November wedding. May God bless them in their new way of life. Their parents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara Stoller Huber and Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta Braker (Lamar).

Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen Huber are pleased with their new baby girl, Brenda, who was born on Sept. 13. She is also welcomed home by four brothers, Alan, Michael, Randy and Jeffrey. Her grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara Huber and Leonard and Sis. Anna Hartter (Morton).

We have been listening to the tapes of the General Conference for the past 3 Wednesday evenings. It is so meaningful when you hear the individual Elder Brothers voice their concern for the church in all the different areas. Surely we should be moved to more faithfulness.

#### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

We welcome three babies. Adam Silas was born Aug. 27 to Mark and Julie Hall. He has a brother, Andy, and his grandparents are Sis. Louise Furrer and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall. Also born on Aug. 27 was Jessica Nicole, daughter of John and Pamela Steidinger. She has a brother, Justin, and her grandparents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice Steidinger and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kafer. Bro. Warren and Sis. Shirley

Fehr had a son, Chad Duane, on Sept. 15. He has three brothers, Darren, Todd, and Luke and two sisters, Angela and Kim. Grandparents are Bro. Reuben and Sis. Carolyn Fehr (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris Koehl (Forrest, IL).

Martin Steidinger (Maurice and Alma) gave his testimony and was baptized the weekend of Aug. 22. We welcome him into our precious faith. The Elder Bros. that assisted our Elders were Sam Anliker (Lamont), Lester Hartter (Bern), and Perry Zimmerman (Forrest).

Aug. 29 was the double wedding of Sis. Leona Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) and Bro. Donald Kaisner (Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge) and Sis. Marcia Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) and Bro. Alan Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther) of Forrest. May God ever be the silent Guest in the homes of these two couples. Visiting ministers for the occasion were Bros. Hartzell Kaisner (Washington), Bill Hodel (Roanoke), and Elder Perry Zimmerman (Forrest).

We also thank Bro. Earl Banwart (West Bend) who visited us in Aug.

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST

##### Jan Bachtold — Kathy Leman

We were blessed with a number of visiting ministers who proclaimed the Word to us. We thank Bro. Al Schneider (Rockville, CT), Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI), Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH), Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL), Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), and Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury, IL) for their efforts in ministering to us.

In the hospital and home again were Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Sis. Juanita Schneider, (Bro. Duane), and Josh Zimmerman (Bro. Mike and Sis. Jeanette.)

"When pure and upright hearts by flames of loves ignited" . . . Zions Harp #79. Bro. Alan Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther) and Sis. Marcia Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn) of Fairbury were united in matrimony on Aug. 29. Also united in marriage on Sept. 12 were Bro. Glenn Steidinger (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn) and Sis. Holly Zimmerman (Bro. Al and Sis. Carolyn). Visiting ministers Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke), Bro. Art Bahler and Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) were with us for this wedding. May god bless these



couples as they start their new walk of life together.

We are privileged again to listen to the tapes of the conference where our elders have discussed important guidelines to help us on our way to Heaven.

To the Londoniers;

In this busy world it's refreshing to find Friends who still have the time to be kind.

Friends who still have the faith to believe,

That the more you give the more you receive.

Friends who were ready with thoughts, words and deeds

to reach out their hands in our time of need.

Thanks and God Bless You

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leona Leman

#### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Verna Hartter

#### "Not By the Years We Live, But How Much We Give"

From one day to another, God will gladly give

To everyone who seeks Him and tries each day to live

A little bit more closely to God and to each other.

Seeing everyone who passes as a neighbor, friend or brother,

Not only joy and happiness, but the faith to meet each trial

Not with fear and trepidation, but with an "inner smile".

For we know life's never measured by how many years we live

But by the kindly things we do and the happiness we give.

Helen Steiner Rice

We pray that those who stand before us each Sunday and mid-week services to bring to us the messages inspired by God, may never tire as they continue to give of themselves in this wonderful work. Our visitors this month were Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata), Bro. Ed Knecht (Silverton), Bro. William Brake (Sardis), Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville), Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton), and Bro. Gene Bertschi (Roanoke).

Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley Bauman, and Tracy have moved to the Princeville area. We trust God will continue to bless them in their new location.

Our thoughts and prayers are with

our Sis. Lorene Kloter, who is in the Mayo Clinic at this time for tests.

It was our privilege this summer to visit two of our newest congregations in the States. We could certainly feel the love of God in these assemblies, and trust He will continue to bless the efforts of Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky Gudeman in the St. Louis church, and Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman in the Denver church.

#### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Carol Klopfenstein

"Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;

Gives exercise to faith and love;

Brings every blessing from above.

Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;

Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;

And Satan trembles when he sees

The weakest Saint upon his knees."

#202 Hymns of Zion

We were immeasurably blessed when ministering Bro. Jim Byrd (Roanoke) spoke to some of us about his experiences a few years ago when he was badly burned in an explosion. He sincerely and wonderfully elaborated on the power of Almighty God and the privilege we have to share in that power through fervent prayer. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16) As the brother pointed out, it is the humble and sincere prayer that touches the heart of God. And also as the Apostle James wrote, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick. . ." (James 5:15). Bro. Jim found this to be true when the doctors were perplexed and didn't know how to treat an auxiliary problem which made his body incapable of healing itself. The Lord provided for him and restored him so that his family and the medical staff could all recognize that there was a much greater power at work than all that they could attain through skill and medical knowledge. We never welcome adversity, but when it does occur in our lives, we needn't let it get us down. Instead, it can become a beautiful experience in which we are brought into a walk with God which is closer than we've ever had before.

We also appreciated the visits of the other ministering brothers who labored here on our behalf: Bro. Walter Herrman (Princeville), Bro. Ken Dietz (Bradford), Bro. Jim Rinkenberger and Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton).

Clarence Wettstein, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein of Eureka, died at the age of 45 on Aug. 30. Our sympathy is extended to his parents and also the other surviving family members: two sons, Michael and Nikie; a daughter, Nancie; two brothers, Bro. David and Bro. Lyle (Gridley); two sisters, Sis. Lois Stoller (Bloomington); and Sis. Freidora (Eureka).

Precious little ones have brought added joy into the lives of their parents and grandparents who love them:

Bro. Harold and Sis. Betty Schmidgall are the grandparents of Eric William Harris who was born Aug. 15. His parents are Ronald and Barbara Harris and he has a brother, Ryan, and a sister, Amanda.

Bro. Steven and Sis. Donna Ringger are the happy parents of Rebecca Jo who was born Aug. 19. Her grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Ringger of Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Zehr.

Scott Ryan Wettstein is the new son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Linda. His brothers are Craig, Chad, Jay, Neal and Kyle. Scott's grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein of Eureka.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucille Romersberger are the grandparents of Jonathan Louis Grieco who was born Aug. 30. His parents are Dr. Jerry and Debbie Grieco (Chicago) and he has a brother, Jerry.

Bro. Raymond Kuntz and his family wish to thank all who remembered him with prayers, get well cards, gifts and visits during his hospital stay and at home. The cards he received for his 83rd birthday were also greatly appreciated. They also wish to thank the young group who sang so beautifully for them, and wish God's blessing on everyone for the love that was shown to them.

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker

Bro. David and Sis. Beth Kaiser welcome into their hearts and home their first child, Matthew David. Matthew was born on Aug. 20. The happy grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp and Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Ann Kaiser.

Janet Simpson was called Home after a lengthy illness. Her funeral was held on Aug. 23. May God comfort her husband, Phillip and son, Daniel.

The family wishes to express their



thanks for all the kind deeds of love, visits, prayers, cards, plants, flowers and food during Janet's illness and her subsequent death. May the Lord bless all who were so kind.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Laura Getz and her family upon the passing of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Regh. May our Heavenly Father richly comfort and bless them in the time of sorrow.

We wish to thank Bros. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL), Ben Hartzler (Rittman, OH), Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Jon Kokanovich (Phoenix, AZ), Glenn Funk (Garden Grove, IA), and Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) for ministering God's Holy Word unto us. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

We have had the following loved ones who have recently spent time in the hospital: Sophia Aupperle, Sis. Anna Maurer, Henry Schock and Bro. Leo Funk. May we continue to remember these loved ones and all those who are sick or shut-in at home.

Sis. Esther Yentes wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, plants, flowers, food and deeds of kindness shown unto her while in the hospital and since coming home. May God bless all who were so kind.

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**ILLINOIS, PEORIA**  
**Mary Plattner**  
**Mary Ann Plattner**

The voice that breathed o'er Eden,  
 That earliest wedding day,  
 The primal marriage blessing,  
 It hath not passed away:  
 Still in the pure espousal  
 Of Christian man and maid  
 The Holy Three are with us,  
 The three-fold grace is said.

Hymns of Zion #196

Sept. 12 was the wedding day of Bro. Scott Stickling (Bro. Ben and Sis. Sharon) and Sis. Jan Hoerr (Bro. Don and Sis. Velma). May the Lord fill their home with his love and blessings.

First time parents are Sis. Judy and Bro. Stan Sauder. The Lord has blessed them with a daughter, Katherine Louise. Her grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer and Bro. Charles and Sis. Marcella Sauder from Mansfield, OH. Bro. Stan and Sis. Judy will be leaving again shortly for Kansas City where he will continue his

schooling.

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bros. Don Sauder (Roanoke) and Joe Braker (Morton), Bros. Greg Rassi (Chicago), Jim Funk (Tucson), Floyd Schmidgall (Morris), Everett Hari (Bloomington), Noah Herman (Tucson), Ken Weerts (Cissna Park), Byron Stoller (Gridley), Don Wagenbach and Carl Wyss (Washington). We were very blessed to have these ministering brothers in our midst and thank them for the special teachings they brought us.

Two dear ones from our church home have passed away. Freda Berchtold's funeral was Aug. 31. Our sympathy goes to her son and sister, Sis. Mayme Streitmatter, and the rest of her family.

Sept. 15 Sis. Martha Langjahr was laid to rest. Our sympathy goes to her nieces and nephews.

We wish a speedy recovery to Marie Heller and LaVerne Perdelwitz who are in the hospital.

Aug. 23-27 was set aside for our Fall Bible Study. Visiting ministers who shared their teachings with us were Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Bros. Glen Dill (Tremont), Marshall Heinold (Washington), and Dave Wiegand (Urbana). We thank them for giving of their time to be with us.

Sis. Susie Zeller wishes to thank everyone for the many beautiful birthday cards and gifts of money. She had a blessed 92nd birthday. May God bless you.

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**ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE**  
**Arlene and Arlys Martin**

One of the wonderful aspects of a believer is our standing in Christ. Romans tells us that in Christ "we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand." We also are "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."

Our church had the privilege of being host to the annual Church Conference Aug. 17 through Aug. 20. Therefore, our visiting ministers' list is long. Those who occupied the pulpit these past few weeks have been Bros. Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY), Robert Beyer (Naumberg, NY), Joe Waibel (Bay City, MI), Rudolph Graf (Akron, OH), Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH), Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Ernest Graf (Akron, OH), Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), James Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN), Ben Manz (Junction, OH), Wallace

Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA), Jesse Beer (Milford, IN), Leroy Huber (Eureka), and Kenneth Dietz and Marvin Leman (Bradford).

Sept. 11 and 12 was a joyous weekend. We welcome two sisters and two brothers into our fellowship. They are Crystal and Cynthia Herrmann, daughters of Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean Herrmann; David Streitmatter, son of Bro. Norman and Sis. Joyce Streitmatter; and Kurt Christ, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris Christ. We heard their testimonies Saturday evening, and they were baptized Sunday afternoon.

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley Bauman and their son, Tracy, to Princeville. They moved to our area from Goodfield.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Marie Eberle have a new granddaughter. Anna Marie Gainey was born on Aug. 31, and her parents are John and Carol Eberle Gainey, Box 125, Rutledge, AL 36071.

Bro. Erv Martin had gall bladder surgery on Sept. 15 and is now recovering.

Our sympathy is given to the family of Freida Berchtold. Freida passed away on Aug. 29. Our prayers are with her brothers Earl, Rudy, and Andrew Streitmatter; and her sisters Sis. Mayme, Hilda, and Helen Streitmatter.

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**ILLINOIS, ROANOKE**

**Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold**

"A time to be born. . ." Ecclesiastes 3:2. That is a very precious time, especially for first-time parents. Three homes now have the joy that only children can give. Joseph Christian is the name given to the son of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Karen Leman. Grandparents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge and Bro. Fred and Sis. Marge Knapp of Congerville. Bro. Brent and Sis. Marge Hodel have named their daughter Sarah Jo. Her happy grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty and Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardel Aeschlemman. The third home to welcome a new baby is Ron and Jeanne Hinrichsen. Little Heidi Marie will also receive a lot of attention from her grandparents: Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen of Goodfield and Bob and Sis. Ruth Scherer.

Joe Barth and Terri Schlossler were wed and now seek to establish a new home. Joe is the son of Bro. Morrie and



Sis. Ida Mae Barth and Terri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlossler of Roanoke. God be with them in their endeavor.

We thank Bro. Dale Eisenmann for teaching us the Truth.

The following poem was submitted by our young Brother Jim Leman:  
**The Sunshine of God's Love**  
 by Bro. Jim Leman

I am walking in the sunshine of God's love,  
 While the Father is looking down from above.  
 The flowers are springing up everywhere,  
 While birds are singing in the air.

Some days are filled with grief and sorrow,  
 But things will always look up by tomorrow.  
 The children are on their way to Sunday School  
 To hear God's Word and learn the Golden Rule.

As we go to church to hear God's Word and feel the Spirit working,  
 Satan is also there — his evil spirits lurking.  
 But as we walk the path of life may God keep us in His care,  
 So that we will not fall into Satan's snare.

May we the world love and shine on brightly,  
 And may we not take God's Word lightly.  
 Let us smile every day and let our love flow out,  
 So that Satan can not make us doubt.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
 Renee Baurer

We welcome all the new freshmen students at ISU, Mennonite and Brokaw School of Nursing. They are Sara Getz (Morton), Dorreen Graham (Princeville), Dave Leman (Roanoke), Wendy Locher (Altadena), Marcia Metz (Fairbury), Nancy Sinn (Tremont), Diane Steiner, (Tremont), Jacqui Stoller (Bloomington) and Marie Taufer (Morton). As this new school year begins, may we not become so involved with our studies that we don't leave enough time for prayer.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

God, the all-wise, and Creator of the human intellect,  
 Guide our search for truth and knowledge,

All our tho'ts and ways direct.  
 Help us build the tow'rs of learning that would make us wise, astute,  
 On the rock of Holy Scripture: Truth revealed and absolute.

O how vast the shores of learning —  
 There are still uncharted seas,  
 And they call to bold adventure Those who turn from sloth and ease.  
 But we need Thy hand to guide us In the studies we pursue,  
 And the presence of the Spirit To illumine all we do.

May the things we learn, so meager,  
 Never lift our hearts in pride  
 Till in foolish self-reliance We would wander from Thy side.  
 Let them only bind us closer, Lord, to Thee, in whom we find  
 Very fountain-head of wisdom, Light and life of all man-kind.

John W. Peterson

Bible Study is every Thursday evening, and we appreciate all who can attend. Services are held in Schroeder Hall, room 408, at 7:30 p.m. We were glad to have Bro. Ken Hoerr speak to us on hindrances of prayer and ways in which we can improve our prayer life. On Sept. 9, we held Freshman Welcome, and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger spoke to us on what the Bible says about education.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT  
 Dorothy Wagenbach  
 Phyllis Lang

Aug. 22 was the beautiful wedding day for Sis. Barb Huette (Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn) and Bro. Dave Kaeb, (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Darlene). May they feel God's blessings as they establish their home.

We welcome a new baby, Benjamin David Beutel, born Sept. 15, to happy parents, Bro. Roger and Sis. Joanne Beutel. Grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder and Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice Beutel. Also welcoming him home is his sister, Ann.

Visiting ministers for the month were Bro. Ed Knecht of Silverton, OR, Bro. Don Wagenbach of Washington and Bro. Ron Steiner of Rittman, OH. May the Lord richly bless these

brothers and their families.

Mary Rowell would like to thank all for visits, cards and gifts during her illness.

ILLINOIS, URBANA

Cheryl Joos

"Holy Spirit, faithful guide,  
 Ever near the Christian's side,"

Gospel Hymns No. 31

Bro. Ken Weerts, Cissna Park, was led by the Spirit to serve us this month. We are thankful for his labor of love. We also appreciate the Word Bro. Dave and Bro. Virg have so aptly brought forth concerning the Holy Spirit and its application in our daily lives.

"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Ephesians 2:18. The Holy Spirit can dwell in us if we empty ourselves. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17. As a sword, the Spirit uses the word of God to direct us and prayer keeps us in touch with our Heavenly Father. So with the Holy Spirit sealed in us, nothing can disturb us. Daily we can look for opportunities, those unexpected happenings, to resist the panic button and to seek the door that God is opening to us. "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;" Ephesians 5:9.

A new Sunday School year has begun, and it warms our hearts to see so many new and eager faces ready to learn more about God's Word.

We welcome Bro. Ron and Sis. Pam Isaia who have moved here from Roanoke while Bro. Ron finishes his schooling. May God's love abide with them in their new home.

Aug. 29 was the day for the freshman picnic, where the new students and their parents could come and get acquainted with our congregation and with each other. We welcome the new and old students and wish them God's guidance in their lives.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON  
 Mary Schick — Joan Schick

We appreciate the visiting ministers who brought the Word to us. They are our Elder Bro. Roy Sauder, Bro. Clarence Yackley (Phoenix), and Bro. Charles Marti (Lamar).

Bro. Russ Plattner underwent surgery this past month. We thank the Lord for His healing hand and answer



to our many prayers. We welcome Bro. Russ back to our congregation.

Our sympathy is extended to Bros. Ron and Randy Kellenberger over the loss of their grandmother, Sis. Minnie Kellenberger of Elgin.

Our Sunday School classes resumed this month. May the Lord work through our faithful teachers in instructing our children in the ways of God.

### The Conference of Soldiers

They came marching in from across the sea and land,  
Hundreds of the brethren before Thee did stand.

Soldiers of the Cross, in the Armor of the Lord,

And in their hand, Thy Word, sharper than a sword.

The armor for defense, our protection to afford,

Thy Word for offense, our only weapon, the Sword.

Our back or loins girt about with the Gospel Truth,

That, which if we follow, we'll need no reproof.

The Breastplate of Righteousness our heart to protect,

From which we want not the Lord a murmur to detect;

For in it lives the Spirit given by our God,

A Temple most Holy, where only the Righteous dare tread.

Our feet shod with the Plan of the Gospel of Peace,

If daily we follow, our fruits will increase.

On our arm, a Shield of Faith to move quickly about,

All the fiery darts of the wicked to put out;

Where there is no armor, our weak points, they will hurt,

We must prayerfully watch and always be alert.

On our heads an Helmet, the Hope of Salvation,

To protect our mind which promised God devotion.

And in our hand, sharper than any two-edged sword,

We have Thy faithful and forever Living Word;

The armor affords protection from the devil's attacks,

But with Thy Word, the Sword, we can always fight back.

The battles have been fierce, it can plainly be seen,

The armor of many brethren has long

lost its sheen;  
Shield scorched, armor dented — they will carry it on,

But undaunted the Soul within still follows Thy Son.

We meet and greet, only a moments rest to take,

Rededication of our lives to God we make;

We bid fond farewells, and we are off again,

Many battles to fight and to overcome sin.

Next year, the same brethren may not be found there,

For some may be called Home, no longer to wear,

The Armor of God carried faithfully for years.

But with a glad heart, and seeing thru joyous tears,

I know these earthly battles will come to an end;

When God His only begotten Son again does send,

And into those Mansions above we go in,

Victorious soldiers who have overcome sin.

Inspired by the 1982 General Conference held at Princeville, IL and from God's Word — Ephesians 5:10-18.

Bro. Randall E. Kellenberger 8-24-82

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Gayla Baumgartner

Tammy Gerber

Believing it is the Lord's will, Bro. Sid Schwartz and Sis. Sheryl Lesh have announced their engagement. May God bless and guide them as they plan their lives together.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:31

On Aug. 22, Sis. Laura Gerber and Bro. Dee Neuenschwander became one in the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Devonna Gerber and Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander.

Aug. 28 was the wedding day for Deb Frauhiger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Rose) and Rob Moon.

Lynn Gehring and Linda Brown were united in marriage on Sept. 4. Lynn's parents are Bro. Claren and Sis. Joyce.

We ask God's blessings upon the union of Sandy Kaehr (Bro. Rich and Sis. Karen) and John Lichtle who were

married on Sept. 11.

On Sept. 19, Sis. Lyn Gerber and Bro. Brad Fiechter were united as one in the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Rosemary Gerber and Bro. Charles and Sis. Maxine Fiechter.

May the Lord be with these couples as they start their lives together.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Maureen Reinhard are the happy parents of their first child, Krent Lee. He was born Aug. 29.

Those who spent time in the hospital this month were: Gyrkin Schwartz (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Robyn), Bro. Dave Mueller (Sis. Terri) and Sis. Hulda Heinhold.

May prayers and messages of cheer continue for those who are ill.

Visiting ministers this month were: Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis), Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis) and Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita). May God richly bless these brothers for their labors of love.

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Jacki Huber

"Blest are they who truly sorrow  
For the debt of sin they owe;  
They shall not become discouraged,  
Grace and help He will bestow.  
He'll efface sin's debt and grief,  
And give solace and relief."

Hymn of Zion, #54, verse 3

What a joy to know that even though our human nature is sinful, if we truly sorrow for our sins, God, through Jesus will give us "solace and relief." Six dear souls can attest to this, as on a recent Saturday evening they shared their testimonies with us, each relating that their load of sin was lifted and God's peace now reigns in their hearts.

We rejoice with these six; Sis. Robin Wiethrich (Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola), Sis. Marla Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb), and two couples, Bro. Brad and Sis. Nancy Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb) and Bro. Rick and Sis. Judy Wuethrich (Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola). Many also witnessed their baptisms the next day. Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton, IL), and Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL), assisted Elder Bro. Wendell with the testimonies and baptisms. On Sunday, ministering Bros. Todd Feller (LaCrosse), and Rod Huber (Valparaiso), were also with us.

Weddings in the Lord are beautiful! On Sept. 5, Bro. Chris Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee and Sis. Ruth) and Sis. Carla Gutwein (Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne) exchanged wedding vows. We pray



that their lives will continue to radiate God's love as they now walk through life together.

Just five short months ago, we witnessed the baptism of a dear Sister, Madeline Gutwein, and welcomed her into the fold. After her 60th birthday on June 9 of this year, she commented that it was the happiest birthday of her life, because she was at peace with God. On Sept. 8 God called Sis. Madeline home after a lingering illness. We will truly miss her, but rejoice that she is "asleep in Jesus." Our thoughts and prayers are with her dear family, who, we know, will miss her: her mother, Mrs. Gwendolyn Arlt of Phoenix, AZ; five sons, Bro. Fred, Eric, Gordon, Harvey R., and Kurt, all of the Francesville area; and four daughters, Mrs. Ann Garigan of Dallas, OR, Mrs. Gwendolyn Hetrich and Madeline Gutwein of Fort Wayne, IN, and Mrs. Audrey Snyder of Indianapolis, IN.

Our prayers have been with Jeremy Gutwein (Gordon and Judy) and Reggie Wuethrich (Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyllis) as they were both hospitalized this past month.

#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Lynn Klopfenstein  
Judy Dubach

The evidence of Fall was present this September at our annual Sunday School picnic. The college students have reconvened for another school year here and at Bloomington. We extend a hearty welcome to the following students: Sis. Jodie Getz, Bro. Dale Ringger, Jill Haab, Kerry Ward, MaryLyn Pattee.

We were delighted to have ministering Bros. Carl Westfall (Francesville), Ed Alt (Cissna Park), and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo) speak to us from God's Word. We are thankful that new converts Steve Huber, Dennis Winslow, and MaryLyn Pattee are seeking the Lord's guidance.

#### INDIANA, LaCROSSE

LuAnn Feller — Connie Knobloch

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 30:21.

We've heard so much this past month about walking in faith and trusting in God so that His will might be done in our lives to the glory of His name. We were privileged to have many

visiting ministers to share the Word with us: Bros. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Art Ringger (Indianapolis), Mike Rinckenberger (Congerville, IL), Dan Stoller (Remington), and Gene Lehman (Wolcott). We do so appreciate these brethren and pray that God will reward them for their efforts.

Tearful sowing brings glad harvest  
Where our Master's will is done,  
When for Him, the Lord of harvest,  
Through His spirit fruits are grown.  
Love, humility and meekness,  
Faith and patience, purity,  
Righteousness, although in weakness,  
Are here found in unity.

Zion's Harp No. 36

#### INDIANA, LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Debbie Anliker

Once again summer is almost over, and the fall semester at Purdue has begun. We are thankful for the blessings and encouraging words received at our first two services, through Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott), and Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton). Bro. Carroll left some very important thoughts for us to ponder. They are called the 5 W's of Jesus: Who is Jesus? Where did He come from, and where is He now? Why did He come? What did He do? When is He coming again? Our services are always encouraging to us and we appreciate the many efforts of those who travel to share the Word, and fellowship with us.

On Aug. 26, our annual get-acquainted supper for new students, parents, and officers was held before services. The new officers were introduced, and about 10 new friends and brethren were welcomed to the Lafayette area.

Our fellowship schedule for 1982-83 is: Oct. 7, LaCrosse; Oct. 21, Campaign; Nov. 4, Cissna Park; Nov. 18, Wolcott; Dec. 2, Remington; Dec. 16, Francesville, Jan. 13, Indianapolis; Jan. 27, Wolcott; Feb. 10, Remington; Feb. 24, La Crosse; March 3, Valparaiso; March 17, Bluffton; March 31, Chicago; April 14, Leo; and April 28, Milford. Services are held at 7:30 p.m. (prevailing time on campus). Currently, we are in the process of finding a new location to hold services; the new address will be made known as soon as possible. Anyone who is ever in our area, is most welcome to join us as we

fellowship around God's Word.

#### INDIANA, LEO Mrs. Phil Schlatter Mrs. Al Frautschi

"Even though I clutch my blanket and groan when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I huddle in my bed, and put off the physical effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise; there are many who are bed-fast.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic when things are lost, the toast is burned, the tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my friends. There are many who are lonely.

Even though my breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the ladies' magazines, and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food I have to eat. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my work is often monotonous, thank you Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who can't work.

Even though I grumble and gripe and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my modest circumstances were not quite so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of Life." (Anon.)

The above brings us to the question: Do we thank Him and praise as often and as sincerely as we should for the many blessings received from His Hand?

In addition to our own faithful ministers, the following welcomed guests also brought messages from the Word: Bros. Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke, IL, Darrel Klopfenstein, Fort Lauderdale, FL, John Isch, Indianapolis, and Roy Wieland, Bay City, MI. Our grateful appreciation is expressed to each.

Loved ones who have recently moved from our congregation are missed. We wish God's continuing blessings for Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue Cockburn, Bethany, Amy, and Mary who are now at home at Milford, and for Claudia Kizer and little Courteney who moved to Bloomington, IL.

Good health is wished for Sis. Helen Maxfield who was a short-term hospital patient.

Recently chosen as Sunday School teachers are Diane Souder and Bro. Lynn Stieglitz, and as usher, Bro. Steve Stieglitz. We thank Bro. Lester



Stoller and Sis. Sue (Stieglitz) Gasser for their labor of love in teaching the children the past two years.

Sympathy is offered to the family including Sisters Mildred Schlatter and Helen Norr of this congregation in the passing of their brother, William Stavenik.

May God's rich blessings go with Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy Norr as they leave their home here for their winter home in Sarasota.

Thoughts to ponder:

Is your Christianity ancient history or a current event, alive and growing today?

If I were as healthy physically as I am spiritually, would I be on my feet? How is your spiritual health according to your tongue, ears, eyes, appetite, hands, feet?

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.

A new day began this morning!

### INDIANA, MILFORD

Marcy Haab — Gwen Steffen

#### There is a Calm

Gospel Hymns No. 383

There is a calm beyond life's fitful fever,  
A deep repose, an everlasting rest;  
Where white-robed angels welcome the believer  
Among the blest, among the blest.  
There is a Home, where all the soul's deep yearnings,  
And silent pray'rs shall be at last fulfilled;  
Where strife and sorrow, murmurings and heart burnings  
At last are stilled, at last are stilled.

There is a Hope, to which the Christian, clinging;  
Is lifted high above life's surging wave;  
Finds life in death, and fadeless flowers springing  
From the dark grave, from the dark grave.  
There is a crown prepared for those who love Him;  
The Christian sees it in the distance shine,  
Like a bright beacon glittering above him,  
And whispers, "Mine!" and whispers, "Mine!"

There is a calm and a peace beyond

the struggles of this life. On Aug. 31 Bro. Andy Kammerer reached this calm and received the crown prepared especially for him. Bro. Andy was a special person to many of us. He leaves a vacant spot in our congregation, but we rejoice knowing he is safe in the arms of Jesus. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Laura and five children, Nancy Yergler, Ilene Pulver, Chet, Earl, and Larry Kammerer.

We humbly thank the Lord for two more souls that have repented and found that precious gift of peace. Looking forward to sharing their testimonies and being baptized are John and Pam Lehman.

Visiting our Milford church recently were ministering Bros. Harold Emch (Girard), Wendell Gerber (Bluffton), Gary Maibach (Rittman), and Ron Heiniger (Bloomington). Our vessels were filled with many rich teachings as the Spirit spoke through Jesus' servants.

Pete and Ruthie Blaettner were blessed with a baby boy, Ross Martin, on July 27. The happy grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Martin.

We welcome Jim and Marla Simpson (son-in-law and daughter of Don and Sis. Ginny Hoover) who recently moved here from their home in Nebraska. We hope they can feel our love for them.

Many of our loved ones have been hospitalized this month: ministering Bro. Walt Steffen, Bro. Cap Beer, Bro. Levi Beer, Sis. Ruth (Bro. Frank) Beer, Sis. Karen (Bro. Matt) Pamer, Sis. Marcy (Bro. Steve) Haab and little Chrystal Pamer (daughter of Bro. Matt and Sis. Karen). We miss each one when they are unable to assemble and pray God will grant healing according to His will.

As many colleges have begun fall classes, let's not forget to pray for our students in continuing education. Satan is so quick to confuse the mind as pressures rise. Only our Lord is able to guide and protect each one. He cares for His children!

### INDIANA, REMINGTON

Annette Bahler — Beth Virkler

"What makes a man a sinner?"  
Nothing but the power and working of his own will independent from God. To deny our own will that God's will may be done in us is the height of our calling; and as we allow the Spirit of God to help us do His will, so we are

kept from sinning. For all the evil and corruption of our fallen nature consists in this: an awakened life of our own will, under the power of natural reason, plotting and justifying its rebellion against the will of God. So then our spiritual need consists of a restoration of the divine nature in us. And if this be true, then nothing can be our salvation except that which brings us into a right relationship with God, making us partakers of the divine nature in such a manner and degree as we need. Jesus Christ, who was manifested in the flesh, is the one Mediator or divine Restorer of union between God and man. So, to seeing eyes, it must be evident that nothing but this one mediatorial nature of Christ, essentially brought to life in our souls, can be our salvation. For, that which made the man Christ Jesus the delight of His Father, can, alone by our deliverance from self and natural reason, make us the Father's delight. God does not demand a faith that is unreasonable, but He does demand a faith that goes beyond the limits of human reason. And thus, there is a point where faith and reason divide the human race into two kinds of men who are fully distinct from each other. The faithful through every age are the children of God, and sure heirs of His redemption through Jesus Christ. Those who trust in reason alone are the seed of the serpent, and real heirs of that confusion which happened to the first builders of the tower of Babel. To live by faith is to be truly and fully in covenant with God; to reject that which reason cannot verify is to be merely and solely in contact with ourselves, with our own vanity and blindness, and with Satan who first led the race into this sad state. To live by faith is to live in humility, in patience, long-suffering, obedience, self-denial, absolute trust and dependence upon God, leaving behind all that is temporal and earthly." — William Law

Our congregation somewhat serves as a crossroads during the week of the conference and we are always blessed with several ministers. Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville) and Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis) ministered the Word to us at midweek services, and Bro. Andrew Virkler (Bay City) was with us on Sunday.

Happy, second time parents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Jenna Kilgus. Trenton Andrew, born on Aug. 24, is welcomed



home by Aaron. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and Bro. Keith and Sis. Doris Getz of Francesville.

At this time of year, our attention is usually drawn to the October festivals of Halloween. Let us take a moment and consider the following thoughts expressed to me by a concerned brother. As children of God, perhaps our hearts should ask: Halloween — How Not to Observe it? On the mount of temptation, the devil spoke to Jesus and said, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." And Jesus answered, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." The Halloween season is here. What place should it have in a believer's life? In Col. 1:18, we are told, "In all things He (Christ) might have the preeminence.", which means first place. If we are honest with ourselves, we will quickly acknowledge that Christ is not even thought of in a Halloween observance, let alone given first place. The very name is a mockery to God! Halloween speaks of something that is holy or hallowed. Are witches, goblins, and monsters holy? Have any of us ever witnessed someone singing hymns or reading the Bible at a Halloween party? Let us take our children and buy a little fruit or help them bake some cookies with the money usually spent for masks and other Halloween trivia and then let us all go and visit grandparents, an aged aunt or uncle or a shut-in, thus teaching our children that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). In Galatians 4:10-11, "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17) Let us use every opportunity to instruct our children in truth. Deuteronomy 6:5-7.

#### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Nancy Lehman — Karen Lehman**  
Come children, join in singing  
Sweet praises to our Lord,  
Who blest us with salvation  
Through Faith in His good word.

Zion's Harp

Oh what a peace we receive in singing praises to our God! We can feel within our hearts the desire to express our joy through heart and voice.

Inadvertently, it was stated in our

August issue that Bro. Lou Gerber passed away after a lengthy illness. Bro. Lou attended services regularly and planned to worship with us on Sunday, July 4. However, early that morning he became ill and within the hour had gone to be with the Lord. We are sure many of his friends would appreciate knowing that he had no lingering illness, and shortly before his death he commented "If ever I am ready to go, it is now."

Ministers this month were Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) and Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington). We always appreciate the willingness of brethren afar, to lay aside their duties to labor for us and bring us God's holy word. We sincerely pray that the Holy Spirit would continually work through the hearts of each minister.

#### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

**Laurel and Kris Widmer**

We thank Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler of Rockville, CT and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis, OH for sharing in our mid-week services.

Sis. Grace Stoller (Bro. Walter) was hospitalized for surgery on her hand. We are thankful she can again assemble with us.

Life begins in a tiny circle. As we grow and travel along the radius of that circle we may find ourselves very far from its center and yet we remain within its circumference. So if life takes us away from the hub, from our place of beginning we will always stay in that original circle of love. Bro. Nate and Sis. Yvonne Lehman and their three children have left the Wolcott congregation for a new beginning in Tucson, AZ. Sis Pam Kyburz has moved to Silverton, OR where she plans to attend college. We wish them all God's blessing and many new joys, but we will miss them all very much. We hope that no matter how far away they are or how much time passes till they think of us and come to visit, Wolcott will always be home.

#### IOWA, BURLINGTON

**Kim Salek - Edith Massner**

The Annual Church Conference brought some visiting ministers to our congregation. Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) held services on Sunday evening. Bro. Dale Wolfe (Lester) was with us that evening

also. We received many good teachings from these brothers and again wish to thank them for their continued efforts. Bro. Corbin brought out the thought that it is our sins that put Christ on the cross. At the time of the crucifixion we rejected Him, no one helped Him, they all fled. Then we follow Him to the sepulchre and we find it empty and with the emptiness, victory. It is here that our faith begins.

We traveled to the Oakville church on a Sunday evening for services as Elder Bro. John Bahler was there. We enjoy worshipping together as it gives us an added opportunity to share thoughts and experiences.

Sis. Rosie Obermann (Bro. Bill) had knee surgery a while back and now plans to have another operation to correct some additional knee problems. We pray for her rapid recovery.

#### IOWA, ELGIN

**Eleanor Butikofer**

Greetings in the name of our Saviour. We are seeing hints of the approaching autumn season. Some of our leaves are beginning to turn colors. The katydids, crickets and locusts are present with their respective sounds and our barn swallows seemingly have left and are on their way to the northern part of South America where their winter quarters are located. I want to mention the beauty of the perennial asters that are beginning to bloom. There are two shades in our flower garden, pink and lavender. In connection, the sumac along the roadside is certainly noteworthy with its vibrant red color. We only have to look about us to see what our Creator provides for us in the way of necessities and of pleasures for our eyes to behold. May we ever praise His goodness to us.

Recently the Schneider reunion was held here in Elgin and it was well attended. Grandpa and Grandma Schneider were both born in Switzerland and were married in Elkader, IA. Nine of their children grew to maturity. They were Joseph, Louis, Ben, Fred (my father), Rachel, Leah, Louisa, Rose and Celia. Grandpa passed away at the age of 87 and grandma lived to be 81. I learned to speak some of the



Swiss language from my grandparents. They lived on the farm which was the original one they had purchased. We lived on the same farm in a different house, but within the same lawn area. It was certainly a pleasure for us. I well recall having heard grandpa say that it is well worth the effort to do that which will gain us entrance into the heavenly place. I'm not quoting him word for word, but hopefully this conveys the thought.

Grandmother loved her garden. In my memory I can see her picking her chamomile daisy-like flower's heads for tea.

On Wednesday evenings tapes of the latest church conference held at Princeville were played. What a blessing it is that so many topics of real Christian living benefits can be shared in this way. We are thankful to the elders for their part and may we all strive to be faithful in all aspects of true Christian living.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15.

To reach the port of heaven we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but we must sail, not drift or lie at anchor.

O. Wendell Holmes

The Kelly Knobloch family had the misfortune of having a fire in their house, but we are so thankful there were no injuries. Luckily it took place during the day. Friends and relatives have been showing their love in various ways. I know that the family is very appreciative of all the gestures of kindness shown to them.

Bro. Ed Pulfer who is a resident at the Good Samaritan Care Center in West Union is enjoying sufficient health to be able to assemble with us for which we are thankful. He usually is wearing a smile. My husband, Bro. George, also a resident there, is not well enough to assemble with us.

As the sculptor devotes himself to wood and stone, I would devote myself to my soul.

T. Kagawa

Sis. Marie Butikofer had eye surgery recently for cataracts and is getting along real well for which we are thankful. We certainly received many blessings from the recent

visiting ministers. Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit), Elder Bro. Rudy Graf (Akron) and Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH).

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Eileen Funk

God wants us to see Him in the laughter of children, the sweetness of old age, the courage of youth and the patience of man and womanhood.

Over Labor Day weekend, we had the Moser reunion, campout and pig roast. We had a wonderful weekend of fellowship. It is a blessing to see our church about doubled in attendance. We love and appreciate the Christian love and fellowship of all our brothers and sisters in the Lord. God has given us a wonderful heritage we can't be thankful enough for. May God richly bless you all.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY

Kathy Pulfer

... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:35

At this time of year we often think of the great harvest, when the bridegroom of our soul, will come to take us to His mansions above. May we ever be ready and waiting with our lamps trimmed and burning brightly.

We welcome our students back, new ones in our community are: Sis. Lonnie Metzger, (daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della, West Bend); Jackie Weigand, (daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Phyllis Knobloch, Oakville); Dave Kiefer, (son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Delores, Oakville); Dan Schrock, (son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Edie, Oakville); and Marla Bruellman, (daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie, West Bend).

A special thank you to those ministers who have shared the inspiring word with us, Bros. Noah Gerber and Earl Banwart, West Bend; Dennis Warner, Lester; Harold Messner, Winthrop; Paul Eisenmann, Burlington; Dale Frank, Oakville; and Glen Dill, Tremont. May God ever bless these brothers for their efforts and encouragement.

We will miss Sis. Susie Gramm

from our congregation at Iowa City. With the Lord's guiding hand, she has moved back to Gridley, IL. May God ever be her shield and strength.

### IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

We were spiritually strengthened the weekend of Aug. 29, when Elder Bro. Ed Lanz, Oakville was with us to assist in hearing the testimonies and in the baptisms of Paulette Feucht (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Marie), Julie Feucht (Bro. August and Sis. Martha) and Gloria Knobloch (Bro. Ezra and Sis. Marie). We are so thankful the now sisters-in-faith could win the battle over Satan and his schemes with the help of God.

Many young brothers and sisters-in-faith were among us for the Labor Day weekend. Among them were groups from Bluffton, Latty, Goodfield, Oakville, Burlington and Congerville. We appreciate their fellowship and their efforts to be with us.

The wedding of Sis. Clara Wulf and Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski) took place on Sept. 12. Bro. Russell Wuthrich was with us and took part in the service which was performed by Elder Bro. Leo Moser. We thank God for bringing the loved ones together but we will miss Sis. Clara as they will establish their home in the Pulaski area.

Bro. Robert Miller was our guest minister for a mid-week service. We thank him for his giving of himself on our behalf. Bro. Harvey Grimm was with us today for a blessed and special day of hearing God's Word.

Among our sick are hospital patients, Sis. Rosella Metzger, Bro. Phil Mogler, Sis. Elaine Knobloch and John Giesel. May the precious gift of health be restored to them.

Our new church building on the northeast edge of Lester is progressing on schedule, thanks to the many volunteers, who have given so generously of their time. The edifice will have a seating capacity of 900 in the sanctuary, 300 in the dining area and 300 in the Sunday School. Shingling and bricklaying are in progress and we hope to have enclosed before cold weather sets in. We will try to report our progress from time to time.



## IOWA, OAKVILLE

### Jerilyn Wagenbach

"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:1, 2.

Give Us Daily Awareness  
Helen Steiner Rice

On life's busy thoroughfares  
We meet with angels unawares—  
So, Father make us kind and wise  
So we may always recognize  
The blessings that are ours to take,  
The friendships that are ours to  
make  
If we but open our heart's door wide  
To let the sunshine of love inside.

Larry and Sherry Wegman, Peoria, became the parents of a baby girl, Sarah Elizabeth on Sept. 4. She has a brother, Joel, 3, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Rosemary Wegman of Oakville, and Robert and Mary Catherine Getz of Peoria.

Sarah Ruth was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Edra Kuntz on Sept. 15. She has 2 brothers, Chad and Trent. The grandparents are Bro. Les and Sis. Sarah Gerst, and the late Bro. Roy and Sis. Ruth Kuntz.

Steve Wegman of Indianapolis has announced his engagement to Ruth McBee, also of Indy. Their wedding date is Oct. 2. Steve is the son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Rosemary Wegman of Oakville.

Visiting our congregation recently were ministering Bros. Corbin Bahler (Rockville), Dale Wolfe, Lester, and Joe Schrock, Congerville. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122:1.

## IOWA, PULASKI

### Mary Wiegand - DeAnn Wuthrich

Bro. Ben and Sis. Dot Metzger have been blessed with their first child, Jeffrey Phillip, born August 28, 1982. They are enjoying this bundle of joy God has given them, and we wish them God's blessings.

Our thanks to Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena), Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville) and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington) for visiting our congregation and bringing us God's

Word.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held this past month. May we all teach our children of God's love and ways, and most of all, be the light and example we should be to them. For our walk of life every day truly is a sermon to all we are with and meet.

Susie Schaer was hospitalized for a short time, but now is home again.

## IOWA, WEST BEND

### Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

We were fortunate to have three ministers visit us this past month. Bro. Don Miller (Minneapolis) and Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont) spent one weekend with us and Elder Bro. Willis Ehle (Japan) came for mid-week services. We are very grateful to them for feeding us with the Holy Word. We wish to thank them for their willingness to serve.

Two couples united in the bonds of marriage were Jerry Metzger (Bro. Silas and Sis. Della) and Joy Zimmerman of Whittemore on August 28, and Jamie Schmidt (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy) and Linda Hellesteth of West Bend on September 11. May God ever guide their lives as they walk together.

How truly precious is the miracle of birth as was experienced by Bro. Harlan and Sis. Shirley Metzger with the arrival of their son, Rustin Glen, born August 20. Sam and Sharon Moser are also parents of Samuel Niklaus, born on August 27. Rustin's grandparents are Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger and Bro. Glen and Sis. Edith Stoller of Latty. Nik's grandparents are Lydia Moser of Lester and Mr. and Mrs. Sig Severson of Larchwood. We wish each family God's blessings.

Our sympathy goes to Betty Banwart (Benjy) and family with the sudden loss of her father, Herman Crofts of West Bend. Services were held for Naomi Zaugg, 89, who passed away at the rest-home where she had spent the last several years. She was the daughter of Theophil and Mary Zaugg and is survived by several cousins.

There have been several from our congregation who have suffered injury, illness or had surgery. Surgery patients were Christy Gress (Bro. Cloyce and Sis. Carol), Sis. Betty Banwart (Bro. Albert) and Nicholas

Bruellman (Bro. Larry and Sis. Teresa). Larry Banwart (Bob and Kay) is in a partial body cast for a neck injury. Bro. Earnie Schmidt had a heart attack and is home now. Sis. Ida Schmidt (Chris) is home once again recovering slowly. Also on our sick list is Sis. Ida Schmidt (Bro. Earnie). We thank God for all His power to heal which He bestows on each and every one.

We will miss the Sam Martin family, formerly of Ft. Dodge, who from time to time assembled with us. May God bless them as they establish their home in Illinois.

Sis. Ida Schmidt (Chris) and Sis. Lydia Wilson, who have kept our house of worship neat and clean, find it necessary to turn these duties over to someone else because of health reasons. We want to thank them for serving us so well. Bro. Art and Sis. Eula Mogler and Bro. Ken and Sis. Ellen Dahlhauser will take over the cleaning duties now. May we all support them and also appreciate what is being done for us.

Services in Johnston will begin once again on Sept. 12. They will be held the second Sunday of each month at the Lions' Club Building in Johnston with song service at 1:00 p.m. and church service at 1:30.

NOTICE: We will be collecting Silver Lining dues from the West Bend congregation at Personal Property sign-up in November. A one-year subscription is \$6.00. Thank you.

## JAPAN, SHIODA

### Vicki Ramseyer

In Bro. Willis's absence, Bro. Akito Inoue and Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki came from Tokyo to minister to us. Later, one of our dear friends confessed to Sis. Kathy that she was amazed that the brother preached on what she and her daughter were discussing that very morning on the way to church. It is such a blessing to be reminded that God is still at work in the lives of our friends. Please remember to pray not only for the brethren, but also for our dear friends here. We want to express a special thanks to Bro. Yoshio, Bro. Akito and Bro. Akito's family for giving of their time and sharing with us.

Our brethren and friends have



again been allowed to safely return from America after spending time visiting family and friends. Masae Furuya returned Aug. 21, Sis. Kathy Klotzle on Aug. 25 and Bro. Willis, Sis. Lois, their daughter, Jewel, and Kiyomi Furuya on Sept. 1. We are so thankful for their safe return, and the encouragement that many of you are praying for us.

The Lord richly provides for those who strive to serve Him. God has brought many visitors to our little congregation over the summer. We were happy to have Bro. Jack and Sis. Marlis Sauder (Roanoke) with us on Aug. 14 and 15. Even though we had never met before we could feel the strong ties of Christian love. Also throughout the month we have had guests from our congregation in Tokyo. Sis. Yoshiko Sakuta and her family, Bro. Saburo, Sis. Shizuko Utsuki, their daughter and son (Noboko and Akita) have all gathered with us on various Sundays this summer.

Sunday, Aug. 29, brethren from Tokyo and Shioda gathered for a singing and short service in Tamahata church. I always feel especially blessed during the singing there.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

Marie Inoue - Yoshio Yamazaki

During the Ehnle's visit to the U.S., Bros. Akito Inoue and I took turns going to the country church. Our brothers and sisters in faith each are taking care of the Lord's work very faithfully there. We are very pleased and thank God always. Bro. Saburo Utsuki went to the hot spring there in the country. His doctor told him that he may not have to have surgery. We really thank God also.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, with their daughter, Jewel, arrived back in Japan safely. We believe that they had a really blessed time with you American brethren there in the States.

#### KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

I'm thankful for each separate day,  
For every moment in it—  
The chance to work, to learn, to  
play,  
To set a goal and win it.

I'm thankful for the common things  
We often take for granted:  
The sun, the rain, the birds, the  
trees,  
Each flower that's planted.

I'm thankful for the winter-time,  
Spring, summer, and the fall;  
And for a wise and generous God  
Who watches over all.

And for this land, America,  
Wherein free men are living,  
With right to worship as they  
please,

I render my thanksgiving.

M. Kathleen Haley

Kaye and Steven Meyer are parents of a son, Clint Jacob. He was born on September 6. Grandparents are Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer (Sabetha) and Sis. Phyllis and Bro. Alvin Banwart (West Bend, IA).

Visiting ministers were Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), and Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA).

Sis. Tillie Stoller is hospitalized due to a broken hip.

Sis. Eva Hohulin is a new resident of the Apostolic Christian Home.

Correction—Bro. Wilfred Strahm was elected as trustee of the Apostolic Christian Home in place of Bro. Alvin Strahm. Bro. Morris Edelman is the other trustee representing our congregation.

#### KANSAS, FT. SCOTT

Jamie Marti

Now it is accomplished!  
With heart and mind.  
To Thee, my dear Saviour,  
I now am resigned!  
I'll ever be faithful  
in life and in death,  
Abiding in Jesus unto my last  
breath.

Zion's Harp No. 209

The weekend of September 12 was a blessing for all of us as we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Jerry Bahr. May his light always shine to those around him. Visiting ministers with us that weekend were Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO), Bro. Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS) and Bro. Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA). We appreciate their efforts in ministering God's Word to us.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Ida Sinn and Sis. Carrie Massner. We are thankful for God's healing power and that they could return home.

Sis. Carrie Massner and family would like to thank all for their prayers, cards and love shown during her recent illness and hospital stay. She is improving each day and we pray she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

"Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." Psalms 37:4-5

It seems that Christ sometimes pleads, "Just TRUST AND OBEY little one, I can manage ALL things for you." If only our faith was not so weak, and man so fallible. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." II Corinthians 5:17.

Lynette (Kevin) Basil, daughter of Bro. Ephriam and Sis. Dorthy Young, has expressed her desire and choice to seek her soul's deep need of Salvation. May she find abiding peace for her troubled Spirit.

Hospitalized for surgery this past month was Bro. Ephriam Young.

An infant son, Travis Wade, was born on Sept. 19 to Richard and Cindy Beyer. Paternal grandparents are Rosemarie and our late Bro. Vernon Beyer. A precious daughter, Chesney Lee, was born to Leland and Tracie Kraft. Paternal grandparents are Glen and Faye Kraft. Great-grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft.

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

Gay Lee Farney - Janice Bahr

. . . and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God . . . I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.

Genesis 28:12, 13, 15



Prayers are the Stairs to God  
Helen Steiner Rice

Prayers are the stairs  
We must climb every day,  
If we would reach God  
There is no other way,  
For we learn to know God  
When we meet Him in prayer  
And ask Him to lighten  
Our burden of care—  
So start in the morning  
And, through the ways steep,  
Climb ever upward  
'Til your eyes close in sleep—  
For prayers are the stairs  
That lead to the Lord,  
And to meet Him in prayer  
Is the climber's reward.

We need to remember in prayer  
those who have been in the hospital.  
They are: Sis. Dorothy Brown, Lin-  
dy Frieden (Bro. Larry and Sis.  
Millie), Sis. Esther Hodel and Sis.  
Helen Farney. We pray God's will  
and His guiding hand in their  
recovery.

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**KANSAS, SABETHA**  
Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

God's Love

God's Love is like an island  
In life's ocean vast and wide—  
A peaceful, quiet shelter  
From the restless, rising tide . . .

God's Love is like an anchor  
When the angry billows roll—  
A mooring in the storms of life,  
A stronghold for the soul . . .

God's Love is like a fortress  
And we seek protection there  
When the waves of tribulation  
Seem to drown us in despair . . .

God's Love is like a harbor  
Where our souls can find sweet rest  
From the struggle and the tension  
Of life's fast and futile quest . . .

God's Love is like a beacon  
Burning bright with FAITH and  
PRAYER  
And through the changing scenes of  
life  
We can find a HAVEN THERE!  
Helen Steiner Rice

What a precious privilege we have

when we can feel and share God's  
love with one another. We ap-  
preciate the young brothers and  
sisters that traveled to be with us  
over Labor Day weekend and the  
Love of God that we could share  
together. Also with us was Bro. Carl  
Wyss (Washington, IL) and Bro.  
Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA). We  
thank them for their labors of love  
and pray that God will bless them.

Bro. Joe Menold and Sis. Dena  
Fechter have recently been  
hospitalized. We trust that the Lord  
will lay His healing hand upon them.

The engagement of Janice  
Wenger (Bro. Harvey and Sis.  
Arleta) to Roger Young of Hiawatha  
was announced. An Oct. 2 wedding  
is being planned.

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**KANSAS, WICHITA**  
Priscilla Frank

We'd like to extend a very special  
"thank you" to the visiting ministers  
who have visited Wichita this last  
month to help Bro. Al Langhofer.  
Bro. Max Reimscheisel and Curtis  
Wheeler are both out of the hospital  
now and getting around with crut-  
ches. It is good to see their smiling  
faces among us again and we ap-  
preciate their efforts to worship  
with us.

We ask that you once again keep  
Sis. Ungela Strahm and her mother,  
Lena, in prayer as Sis. Ungela has  
once again returned to the hospital.

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**MICHIGAN, ALTO**  
Jane Grawburg

Another month has passed by so  
very swiftly. Fall is nearly upon us,  
and our children are back to school.  
Our Sunday School classes have  
changed too, with the advancement  
of some of our children to the higher  
grades and with new pre-schoolers  
coming to Sunday School for the  
very first time. It is very heart-  
warming to watch these dear  
children as they begin to open their  
eyes and ears to the precious stories  
they are now beginning to hear.

Those hospitalized were Linda  
Koehl, daughter of Bro. Elmer and  
Sis. Delila Schrenk, and Sis. Ellen  
Oesch, wife of our late brother, Bro.  
Ernest Oesch. We humbly ask that  
God will grant a good measure of  
added grace and strength, and we  
pray that all will be well with these  
dear ones.

"Blessed are they who understand.  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know that my  
ears today

Must strain to catch the things they  
say.

Blessed are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and my wits  
are slow.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
Who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say,  
'You've told that story twice today.'

Blessed are they who know the ways  
To bring back memories of yester-  
days.

Blessed are they who make it known  
That I'm loved, respected, and not  
alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey Home, in loving  
ways."

Anonymous

Those of us attending the General  
Conference, in Princeville, can  
truly say that Faith really is the  
cornerstone upon which our lives, as  
brothers and sisters of Christ, have  
been built. Without Faith, we are  
absolutely nothing. Let us pray that  
we might keep our Faith, and keep it  
strong — forever.

We wish to thank all the Brethren  
at Princeville for hosting the  
General Conference this year. We  
certainly enjoyed being with you,  
and we deeply appreciate your  
labors of love.

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**MICHIGAN, BAY CITY**  
Linda Ramseyer

God's Love

God is always with me  
I have no need for words  
For even in the stillness  
His love is ever heard.

His warming presence fills me  
So deep within my soul  
And fills my heart with gladness  
His love does make me whole.

Dolores Karides

God has been with those who have  
been hospitalized during the past  
month. Sis. Marlene Moser and Sis.  
Esther Meister were surgical  
patients and Sis. Emm Wackerle  
was a medical patient. Our prayers  
are with these dear ones as they



have been able to leave the hospital and we hope God's love will help them regain their health.

Our congregation would like to welcome Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen, who have recently moved to our area from Fairbury, IL. We also want to rejoice with them as they welcome their first child, Chalise Marie. Her grandparents are Bro. Gus and Sis. Martha Feucht from Lester, IA and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene Steffen from Goodfield, IL.

We thank Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit, MI) for visiting here one weekend and being willing to minister God's Word to us.

The engagement of Sis. Debbie Ramseyer and Bro. Ed Graf was made known to our congregation. Parents of the couple are Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer and Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy Graf from Akron, OH. May the Lord bless these dear ones as they begin to plan their life together.

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Helen and Bonnie Popp**

Our hearts are warmed at the news that two more young souls are seeking the Lord. Holly Barton and Carol Fortenbacher have found the need to repent and walk in His grace. We wish them every good blessing and pray that they may feel the love, encouragement and support of our Detroit family — and others around them.

We appreciate the visits of Bro. Julius Kovacs from Dunavecse, Hungary; Elder Bro. Andy Virkler, Bay City; and Bro. Marvin Schmidgal, Eureka.

For all our good blessings, may we have a grateful heart.

"May God, Our Heavenly Father  
Be close to you each day  
And grant you many blessings  
In His most loving way;  
May His abiding presence  
Bring peace of mind to you  
And may He always be your source  
Of strength and comfort, too.

Author Unknown

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

**Deb Tilbury**

We were privileged to have the following ministers visit us: Bros. Bert Butikofer, Elgin, IA; Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop; Joe Stoller,

Princeville; Jim Leman, Roanoke; Nate Stoller, Bradford; Vernon Leman, Eureka; Harold Gramm, Morris and Sam Anliker, Lamont. We wish them God's blessing for their words of Eternal Life.

On July 25 we held the annual Sunday School picnic. Everyone enjoyed the potluck supper.

Sis. Martha Blessman was recently dismissed from the hospital.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

**Rhonda Zeltwanger - Jan Schock**

We are very thankful that another young soul has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is Julie Fehr. We thank the Lord with her parents, Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr. They also are thankful for their first grandchild. Amy Jo was born on August 12. Her parents are Gary and Sandy Fehr.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Larry Weninger (Latty, OH) and Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH). It is such a blessing to have brothers who are willing to come many miles and share the Word with us.

Sis. Christa Sauder was a surgical patient this month, but is home again and doing well. Bro. Don Luthi has moved to the Morris hospital. We are all thankful to have him closer to home.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Carol Ann Messner  
Mary Lou Schmidt**

**The Summer Fades**

The summer fades and autumn  
comes too soon,  
And I who ran with such a quick-  
ened pace,  
Walk slower now, for it is long past  
noon;  
And I have miles to travel in the  
race.  
There is much work to do before the  
night,  
And every moment must be made to  
count,  
For there are songs I must find time  
to write,  
And there are hilltops that I long to  
mount.  
The evening bells ring softly o'er the  
air,

And lamps are lighted all along the  
way.

And it is time to talk to God in  
prayer,

For now there is a waning of the  
day.

Like leaves that fall upon the cold,  
brown earth;

The summer fades and memories  
pile high.

One starts his journey when he's  
given birth;

There is a time to live, and a time to  
die!

Anonymous

Bro. Walter Messner suffered a heart attack, but the Lord has enabled him to come home. Bro. George Messner had cataract surgery. We are thankful both dear brothers are home and doing fine. We miss our older brethren when they cannot assemble with us.

Bro. Harold Gramm and others visited among us this past month. We thank him for his efforts of love and words of wisdom. A potluck supper was held at our fellowship hall. Bro. Donald Miller and family of Minneapolis were there to share the evening with us.

An Open House, given by her children, was held to honor the 80th birthday of Sis. Celina Schmidt. Many relatives gathered together from far and near. She, too, can testify that through life and its many trials and heartaches God has certainly stood by her and has been at her side through all. May we remember as Peter, when our faith is weak; the Lord is at our side to help us and keep us from sinking into troubled waters. Psalms 108:12-13. Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

**Becky Hohulin - Sandra Marti**

As I look over my notes, I see that we have experienced quite a variety of occasions this past month. Are we thankful enough for the many blessings that our dear Father gives us?

Paul and Debbie Stefan are the happy parents of their first child. Mark Gerhart was born Aug. 25, and has already brought much joy to their home. Mark's grandparents



are Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Stefan and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Banta.

We also rejoice in the rebirth of a dear soul. After hearing his testimony and witnessing his baptism, on Sept. 5, we were privileged to greet Bill Luthi as a brother in Christ. Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart and Bro. Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott, KS) assembled with us and ministered to us on this blessed day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Cecile Braker. Her mother, Ella Dumm passed from this life on Aug. 21.

On Sept. 12, we heard the engagement announcement of Bro. Jerry Braker to Sis. Carol Stoller, Eureka, IL. Their parents are Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta Braker and Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara Huber. We know that God has led them together, and it is our prayer that He will continue to guide them.

We are thankful that God permits us to live in a country where we have so many freedoms. It's such a blessing when we can travel across our land and assemble with those of like mind and faith. It also brings us joy when we have visitors in our own church. On Sept. 12, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, IL, brought forth God's Holy Word to us. May God bless and strengthen those who are called upon to speak His Word.

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**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS**  
**Becky Gudeman**

Then saith Jesus unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Then the devil leaveth him and behold, angels came and ministered unto him. St. Matthew 4:10-11

These verses were shared with us this month and we found such comfort in them. We appreciate all who have been with us this past month. Our ministers who shared the Word were Bro. Everett Hari, Bloomington, Bro. Rod Huber, Valparaiso, and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley. May the Lord bless you all.

Services are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the Ben Franklin Motor Hotel, 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Because of the holidays, services will not be held November 28 or December 24.

Please contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227 for further information.

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**MISSOURI, TAYLOR**  
**Loida Hodel**

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life . . ." Rev. 22:14. We share the happiness with Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr. Their daughter, Dawn, has answered God's loving call and with His grace and help hopes to become a lamb of the flock, a part of His church, and then gain the right to "the tree of life."

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword . . . Hebrews 4:12. We have been showered with rich blessings from God through several visiting ministers and their families, Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf, Akron; Joseph Ramseir, Rittman; Nathan Steffen, Elgin, IL; Paul Butikofer, Elgin, IA; and ministering Bro. Bert Botikofer, Elgin, IA. May we support our elder brethren who are striving to preserve our precious faith. In conclusion, one of our visitors related this to "holding up their hands" as we read in the Bible concerning the support Moses received from Aaron and Hur—Exodus 17:12. Thank you for coming and reminding us of the benefits in giving God "Prime Time".

Our mid year business meeting was held Aug. 25. Several items were discussed and decided upon. We elected four new Sunday School teachers; Bros. Mike Stratton, Bible Class; Ron Joos, Jr., Bible Class; Sisters Elaine Hoerr, intermediate classes; and Janelle Scott, Pre-school. Teachers whose terms expired were Bros. Eric Knochel, Steve Kiefaber and Sisters Nancy Knapp, Charlene Sutter and Eleanor Yackley. Thank you for all your two year service and we trust God will direct and inspire our new teachers to fulfill the roles they have been chosen for.

Bro. William Cottrell was a medical patient and Sis. Janelle Scott had foot surgery in Blessing Hospital. Both are home again for which we are grateful.

Sis. Marj Sutter's father, Everett

Wennecker, is a hospital patient at this time, but hopefully will be released soon and will be back to his own home and can enjoy the loving care of Sis. Marj and her family.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Steve and Sis. Pam Kiefaber at the recent death of Pam's grandparents, Grandma Ragar on June 17 and Grandpa Ragar, August 29. "God will draw nigh and always come closer when lights burn low and dim in the house of life." H.G.B.

"Peace"

Climb the mountains and get their glad tidings.

Nature's peace will flow to you as the sunshine flows into the trees. The winds blow their own freshness into you, the storms their energy, while cares drop away from you like the leaves of autumn.

"Apples of Gold"

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

Sis. Minnie Cook was moved from her nursing home to the hospital for several weeks. Our prayers are for our elderly and those with infirmities that God will grant them patience and grace to endure.

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**NEW YORK, CROGHAN**  
**Alice Virkler**

Autumn

The trees in vale and forest  
 Are robed in garments bright,  
 They do foretell the season  
 In autumn's pleasant light.

The green of spring and summer  
 Has turned to red and gold  
 Whence come these tints so glorious  
 Which now the trees unfold . . .

An artist may be skillful  
 But hardly can portray  
 These trees in autumn's splendor,  
 In colorful array.

The gold and brown and crimson,  
 The scarlet with the green;  
 These colors, all resplendent,  
 Are made by Hands unseen.

Before the winds of autumn  
 Have blown the leaves to earth,



We see their golden virtues,  
Their beauty and their worth.

O, listen, little leaflets,  
As autumn days grow cold  
As to the earth you're falling,  
A lesson you unfold:

May I when life is ended,  
As a tree in autumn's glow,  
When back to earth I'm falling,  
Such golden virtues show.

By Henry Beer

The Master Painter has again begun to paint the beauty of the autumn season in northern New York. As we can view these beautiful colors of red, yellow, brown and gold, may we always be reminded that someday our lives will also be in the autumn of our years, and may we have lived that our lives may show the golden virtues.

We thank ministering Bro. Earl Banwart, his wife, and traveling companions from West Bend, IA, for their visit and his service for the Lord in our behalf. It is refreshing when we can gather to hear His Word even at midweek. They were with us on Thursday evening, Sept. 2, at the Naumburg Church.

Our hospital patient this month was Bro. Gerry Grau. We are glad he can assemble with us again. Sis. Sarah Farney remains a patient.

Allen and Wendy LaChausse have welcomed little Justin Allen into their homes. Justin was born on July 30 and has two brothers, Brian and Jeffrey, to play with him. His great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 6. They want to thank all who remembered them with cards and good wishes at that time.

We are thankful our Elder Bros. Robert Beyer and Norbert Steiner and their wives, did not receive serious injuries when they were involved in an accident while returning from the recent Brotherhood Conference. We are confident that through many prayers, our Almighty God watches over each and everyone of us who are true and faithful unto Him, and keeps us from harm and evil in this life.

## NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

### Rachel Snyder

Little Christina Beyer, daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Barbra and John Nortz, son of Jack and Barbra have been patients in the hospital. We are glad they can be back with us again.

Sis. Corine Virkler has had the misfortune of having an accident on her way to visit her son Berry's family. She has a broken collarbone and cuts and bruises on her face. She was taken to the Hamilton Hospital.

Sis. Linda Beyer is having therapy on her back. She goes twice a week to Syracuse.

Our sympathy goes to Virgil and Sherry Sturtye in the death of their infant son, Joey Lou, who died at birth. He is a grandson of Roy and Sis. Edna Sturtye and Mrs. Ruth Hill. A graveside service was held at the Evangelical Baptist Cemetery in Croghan with Bro. Robert Beyer officiating.

Bro. Earl Banwart from West Bend visited us the evening of Sept. 3. We wish to thank him for ministering God's Word to us.

## OHIO, AKRON

### Joyce Gasser

We extend blessed birthday wishes for our Elder Bro. Rudy Graf, who has reached four score years. Bro. Rudy will be 80 years old October 21.

We extend blessed birthday wishes for Bro. Paul Pamer, who has reached four score and ten years. Bro. Paul will be 90 years old October 26.

The engagement of Bro. Ed Graf and Sis. Debbie Ramseyer (Bay City) was announced. Bro. Ed is the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy Graf; and Sis. Debbie is the daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer.

Bob and Sis. Diane Horn have moved to Texas. Sis. Diane is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Graf. The Gulf Oil Company, where Bob is employed, has transferred him. We will greatly miss them, but know that the Lord has good things planned for them. Their new address is: 11606 Stillwater Drive, Houston, Texas 77070.

We are sorry that Bro. Ellsworth Graf's illness is so persistent. We would encourage your prayerful

support during this trying time for him and his wife, Sis. Esther. The present plan is to soon begin rehabilitation.

A welcome goes to Sis. Miriam Gasser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Gasser of Elgin, as she is worshipping with us. She is attending Akron University and staying with Bro. and Sis. Leon Graf.

Kelly Luginbuhl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Luginbuhl, suffered a broken arm and we wish her a speedy healing.

We welcome Jeff Hoerr, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marguerite Hoerr of Milford, who has filled a Metallurgical Engineer position at the Timken Company of Canton, and has been worshipping with us. Jeff's address is Apt. 36, 2701 Lake Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44718.

One Thursday evening we appreciated the many visitors we had of winter Florida residents from various churches in the Midwest who were traveling to Rockville for a summer reunion. We are glad they favored us with a stop along their way.

Visiting ministers recently have been: Bro. Al Schneider, Bro. Art Gudeman, Bro. Joe Ramsier, Bro. Ben Hartzler, Bro. Henry Dotterer, and Bro. Harold Emch.

Two of our Akron brothers visited Eastern Europe during August. Bro. Leo Graf of the World Relief Committee, with Bro. Sandor Baako as translator, visited Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania. They met with a number of elders and ministers there who have been correspondents with the World Relief Committee since about 1973. At this time a group of brothers from Akron and Rittman appealed to the Committee to send more aid to the needy believers in Eastern Europe. A detailed report of their visit is to appear in the Silver Lining.

## OHIO, GIRARD

### Karen Laparo

We rejoice with Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch over the birth of their new little grandson. May God ever watch over him and bless him.

Those who came to lead us in our worship of song this month were: Bro. Steve Pamer (Akron) and Bros. Walt Beery, Vince Hartzler, and



Bruce Maibach, all of Rittman.

We were also privileged to have loved ones from Princeville, IL spend a blessed weekend with us. How precious are the ties of Christian love and friendship.

#### Song Of A Good Samaritan

I cannot sail across the seas to work with people there—  
but, still, I know it's up to me to give and gladly share.  
I may not follow jungle paths or teach in distant lands—  
but, still, there are some people here who need my loving hands.  
I'll never chant by calm lagoons beneath a full-moon sky—  
but, still, I shall fulfill my goal if I, before I die,  
forget to walk horizon's edge in seeking destiny  
and help the person I can see who is in from of me.

Eugene G. E. Botelho

#### OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Those servants bringing us God's Word this month included Bros. Bruce Leman, Roanoke; Ken Weerts, Cissna Park; Frederick Knapp, Congerville; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Delbert Indermuhle and Bill Brake, Sardis; Art Gudeman, LaCrosse; Loren Stoller, Ray Sinn and Larry Wenninger, Latty.

We welcome home Bro. David Manz (Sis. Kathy) and Barb Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) this month after short stays in the hospital. Our thanks go to God for bringing both safely through surgery.

Sunday, Sept. 12, our Sis. Frieda Manz was called home to be with the Lord. Born July 27, 1907 to Jacob and Anna (Dotterer) Manz, she has walked in God's ways over fifty years since her repentance, conversion and baptism. Following a stroke in March, 1980, she has been ill for the past two and a half years. Surviving are two brothers, Bros. Adam and Emmanuel, and three sisters, Sisters Mary, Hulda and Anna all of Junction. She was preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters. The family wishes to thank all who remembered Sis. Frieda during her illness with visits, cards and prayers.

#### OHIO, LATTY Patty Riggenschach Cheryl Wenninger

"Thus united and in concord  
Let us walk the path of life  
Hand in hand O may love bind us  
For each other's welfare strive."  
Zion's Harp No. 237

Tom Sinn (Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie) and Kim Schlatter (John and Sis. Lillian) were united in marriage August 22. On September 4 the wedding uniting Lavonne Stoller (Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet) and Jon Elston was witnessed. We pray that God will bless these couples in their married life, and that their homes will be a place where He abides.

Joy Ellen has come to brighten the home of Bro. Craig and Sis. Ruth Stoller, Neil, Trent, Ross, Blane and Rustin are glad for a baby sister. Grandparents are Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane Stoller, and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen Klopfenstein. Bro. Paul and Sis. Charolette Grant are thankful for their new little son Michael Lee. Sharing in their joy are brothers and sisters Scott, Marie, John, Becky and grandparents Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores Grant. May God ever give the necessary grace and wisdom to these parents so they may raise these little ones to love and serve Him.

Those of our loved ones that have been hospitalized recently were Tillie Laukhuf and Bro. Bill Eisenmann (Sis. Lillian). May the Lord grant healing according to His Holy Will.

Our congregation was privileged to have many visiting ministers this past month. Preaching God's Word to us were Bro. Bill Hodel and Bro. Bruce Lehman (Roanoke); Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington); Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville); Bro. Kenneth Weets (Cissna Park) and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis). We pray that God will richly bless them for their efforts. Let us continue to fervently pray for these brothers that they may always speak by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Our young group recently traveled to Lester, IA where many of us enjoyed a very inspiring and uplifting weekend. May we ever be thankful and never take for granted these blessed times that we can

share with one another. May we always remember one another in prayer so that we may stay true and faithful to our God.

#### OHIO, MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:25

Our lives as children of God should coincide with our talk. The following illustration was once given about one day when a mother was scraping and peeling vegetables for a salad, and her young daughter came to ask permission to go to a worldly center of amusement. On the defensive, the daughter admitted it was a questionable place, but all the other girls were going and they did not think it would hurt them. As the girl talked, suddenly she saw her mother pick up a handful of discarded vegetable scraps and throw them into the salad. In a surprised voice she cried, "Mother, you are putting garbage into the salad." "Yes," her mother replied, "I know, but I thought that if you did not mind garbage in your mind and heart you certainly would not mind a little in your stomach!" Thoughtfully, the girl removed the offending material from the salad and said, "Thanks, mother." Then she turned and went to tell her friends she would not be going with them. Yes, it would be very easy to let the "garbage" of this world draw us away from the beauty and love of our Lord.

Visiting ministers this past month included Bro. Max Reimschisel, Wichita, KS and his dear family spending some time in our area on Aug. 5. We enjoyed their visit and hope they will return again soon. On Sept. 18 and 19, our Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Joseph Ramsier served the church and we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. How wonderful to be reminded and refreshed in the spirit again. We thank them for serving us.

Loved ones hospitalized were: Tonya Domka (infant daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Connie Domka) for surgery, little Jeremy Gadd (Jerry and Sis. Claudia) fractured arm, Bro. Dave Beer for surgery, Sis. Lena Beer, Sis. Alma Beer and



Sis. Matilda Schauwecker. We pray for all these dear ones and trust the Lord will be near them and grant them returning health.

Loving sympathy is extended to Sis. Wilma Sauder in the recent death of her sister and to Bro. Ben Stavenik in the passing of his brother.

Sept. 11 will be a day to remember in the lives of Bro. Charles and Sis. Marcella Sauder when they became first-time grandparents of a baby granddaughter named Katherine Louise. Bro. Stanley and Sis. Judy (Hemmer) Sauder are the happy parents.

#### OHIO, RITTMAN

**Florence Hartzler - Janette Blough**

We have two new baby girls to report to you who were born to first-time parents. Bro. Doug and Sis. Diana Bauman have named their little girl Dara Marie. Dara's grandparents are Bro. Harlana and Sis. Jeannie Stoller and Marion and Sis. Delores Bauman. Great-grandparents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Mary Stoller and Sis. Elizabeth Widmer. Tammy and Tim Morris have named their little girl Tara Marie. Tara's grandparents are Vernon and Sis. Martha Jane Riggbach.

Little Scott Hartzler had the misfortune of fracturing his arm and has had to wear a cast. We hope his cast will be off soon and that his arm will be as good as new.

Alan Gasser, son of Bro. Bert and Sis. Lucy Gasser, is attending school in Minneapolis. His address is: Alan Gasser, 161 Williams Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55414.

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

Zion's Harp No. 79

August 29 was the wedding day of Sis. Debbie Steiner and Bro. Tom Jenkins. We wish the couple much happiness and the blessings of God in their lives. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Steiner and Don and Clara Jenkins.

#### OHIO, TOLEDO

**Josephine Rehkla**

**Mary Ann Weigle**

We are looking forward to having Elder Bro. Maibach and Rudolph Graf share communion services with us in the early part of this month.

#### 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.

And ye, the Church's members,  
truly

Are folded in my heart's embrace!  
In Christ ye are my brethren duly;

We share salvation through His grace.

We drink one cup; we break one bread;

One Saviour suffered in our stead.

Zion's Harp

Bro. Joseph Fetter has been in the hospital and is now at home recovering from his recent surgery. Sis. Lois Neuman has been a medical patient in the hospital. We pray that the Lord will grant to them a measure of good health.

#### OREGON, PORTLAND

**Barbara Moser**

And I heard a voice from heaven . . . and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne (Revelation 14:2,3).

Practice doesn't necessarily make perfect. It just makes permanent. You have to practice doing something right in order to make it perfect.

Think of your life on earth as an opportunity to practice what you will be doing in heaven; "performing" praise to God.

Vocalist and violinist, actors and conductors — all strive for perfection in their respective disciplines.

We ought now to begin that work which shall be the work of another world. This life is given us that

therein we might prepare for a future life.

The present state is one of preparation for the enjoyments and employments of another, our eternal state. No one will be admitted to those enjoyments and employments, but those who have prepared for them here.

If ever we would go to heaven, we must be fitted for heaven. We must here have our souls molded and fashioned for that work and happiness. They must be formed for praise, and they must begin their work here.

If our hearts be not in some measure tuned to praise in this world, we shall never do anything in the work hereafter. The light must dawn in this world, or the sun will never rise in the next.

As we therefore would be, and hope to be, of that blessed company which praises God in heaven, we should now accustom ourselves to the work.

After a particularly moving performance by a musician, one member of the audience was overheard to say, "Genius, sheer genius!"

The musician responded, "For 26 years I have practiced 10 hours a day — and now they call me a genius!"

You have only a handful of years to practice what will be your eternal occupation.

So if you know you're going to be singing a "new song" of praise before the throne, wouldn't now be a good time to start?

... Timeless Insights

As summer ends and we get back into the daily routine of school days, let us take time to remember all those dear ones who spent their vacations out here in the west and northwest. We thank and praise God for His rich blessings that are bestowed upon us.

Our small congregation will miss Sis. Melisa Moser (Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara) as she has moved to IL where she has found employment at the Home for the Handicapped. May God ever be near her and guide her every direction.

We welcome Ken and Mary Moser and baby Erica to our area. They have moved to Federal Way, WA to be near his folks, Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara, and has found employ-



ment. We also pray that God will be part of their daily lives, and find encouragement to make the long trip to Portland each weekend.

Pvt. James Steffen was able to spend the Labor Day weekend at home with family and friends. We pray that God will protect and guide you, Jim, in the weeks ahead.

### OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

With summer's end come welcome signs to some, as harvests are nearly completed and the year is past . . . but, regrets to others now that the school doors are open once again. With the passing of the warmer weather also comes the last of the picnic plans, unless fall is really kind and gives us little Indian Summer. The annual Sunday School Picnic was held last Saturday afternoon at Silver Creek Falls park. We had a lovely day for it and a good turnout which is good combination for a very successful, enjoyable outing . . . and it was indeed. Our thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their contributions of love and labor; may they be richly blessed,

With the fall season also comes a decision time for many of our youth as they ponder their plans for their futures. Returning to college this fall are Theresa Knecht (Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie) and Brian Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee), both to Chemeketa Community College in Salem; and Jack Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee) to Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. Ben Allen Bolliger (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn) has joined the U. S. Air Force and plans to leave for basic training in Texas sometime in January, '83.

Plans to attend Chemeketa Community College have brought Sis. Pam Kyburz (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat, Wolcott, IN) to Oregon. We welcome Sis. Pam to our congregation and pray that the Lord will bless her new venture.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Bolliger in their loss recently of Ben's brother, Edwin Bolliger of Salem. May God comfort and strengthen Edwin's family, especially his widow, Laura, and their children, Jenny, Davis and Charles.

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA DEVAULT Delores Rapp

Summer is rapidly coming to a close. The air is cooling and trees are beginning to put on their autumnal display. If you missed this glorious sight last year, plan to see it this season, and then visit us in Philadelphia.

Our Summer visitors are still coming and bringing many blessings with them. The following ministering brothers joined Bro. Ed on the pulpit during August: Bros. Corbin Bahler and Dan Stoller of Rockville and Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo.

September 5, ministering Bro. Carroll Gerber of Bluffton blessed us with his services. He was joined by his wife and three other couples from Bluffton. Following the afternoon services, a dinner was enjoyed by all. The services of all the ministering brothers were very welcome and we invite them to return soon.

On Labor day we gathered to clean the church and give attention to the plantings and weeds outside. Even the children helped, thus making our work go more quickly.

Bro. John and Sis. Kathy Gerber Clough are the parents of a new baby girl, Hope Janelle, born August 9. She is welcomed by Rachel, Gabriel, Rebecca, Kevin and Faith.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp are the proud grandparents of two new grandchildren. Amanda Joy was born August 8 to David and Kari Boyd Rapp of Kentland, IN. Maternal grandparents are Dale and Karen Boyd of Morton. Great-grandparents are Sis. Anna (Henry, Sr.) Rapp of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tyler of Minier and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd of Eureka. Mathew David Kaiser arrived at the home of Bro. Dave Kaiser and Sis. Beth (Rapp) Kaiser of Morton. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Harley and Sis. Jean Ann Kaiser of Morton. Great-grandparents are Sis. Anna (Henry, Sr.) Rapp of Morton and Henry Beyer of Morton. Amanda and Mathew are the first children for both sets of parents.

Our guests this past month have been from Bluffton, Toledo and

Rockville.

### TEXAS, ZAPATA Margery Koehl

The death of Sis. Minnie Kellenberger was a sad shock to the Zapata congregation.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Nathan and his family. Her cheerfulness and love will be greatly missed by us all.

We are now looking forward to the return of our winter residents. While it still is very hot here, I hear such is not the case in some areas.

### REMINDER

Silver Lining subscription dues of \$6.00 are due in October from the following churches: Alto, Port Charlotte, Iowa City, Athens and Washington. Thank you for your support.

### Sermon . . .

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boat" when death strikes, aren't they? Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, knew about Jesus Christ and knew that He had performed wonderful miracles, so he came to the Lord for help. Another father had come to Jesus for help and the Lord had said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

The man broke down and cried, and said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:24.

There lies the key to our problems, mine and all mankind's. "I believe; help thou mine unbelief." So Jairus came to Jesus because he knew that Jesus had performed miracles. He fell at His feet and said, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death." Mark 5:23. In other words, "Come and help her. I know You can do it; I've seen You do it before."

"Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him . . ." Mark 5:24. Jesus did not hurry to that place. You know, if we get in a hurry with God, He will find a way to slow us down. Take my word for it. If you haven't experienced it, you will. That's the way God works. But His work is sure and perfect. God doesn't do anything unless it is right. Here, the Lord took His time. "My . . . daughter lieth at the point



of death." "Would You please hurry?" Can't you imagine that father thinking that? "She is going to die, Lord, if You don't get there!" But the Lord took His time. What happened on the way? The Lord always has time to help somebody. He is always available when someone has a problem. That is another lesson.

While Jesus was walking toward Jairus' home, another little story slipped in. Something happened and therein is a great lesson for us.

A woman knew Jesus Christ only for what He did. She had an affliction, a physical problem, and she knew that this Jesus was able to cure her. She believed this and had faith. How did she acquire that belief and that faith? Most of these people were Jews and Hebrews. They were brought up with a basic belief in God. They believed in the One God, the One True God. They believed in the Scriptural prophecies of a Messiah, but there was a lot of confusion in their minds as to whether or not Jesus Christ was the Messiah. We can read that throughout the New Testament. They had to be shown. But those who were helped by the Lord Jesus had something in common. They had trusted and believed in a Supreme Being, the Almighty God. They believed that God was in the heavens. They worshipped Him and trusted Him. They knew that He had power to do things that man couldn't do. They knew that He had power to help them that was beyond the ability of any human or mortal being. That is a critical thing to remember. They had faith in God, first of all.

Usually it is the common people who first recognize the simple truths. That verifies the Scriptures where we read that the kingdom of God is "... hid ... from the wise and prudent, and ... revealed ... unto babes." Matthew 11:25. "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." I Cor. 3:19. That is so often the case.

In this account, as told by Mark, a woman had a physical affliction, an issue of blood. That's pretty basic. Any adult understands her problem. She went to all kinds of doctors, to this one and that one. Does that "ring a bell" with anybody? Today when you have a problem and one

doctor can't help, do you go to another one? You try everything. She tried everything. No results. The woman finally, as she watched Jesus, had faith to believe that if she could just get close enough to touch the hem of His garment, that she would be healed. Do you get the message? Do you see what was required? She had faith. When she touched that garment, what happened to the Lord? He stopped. He realized what had happened although He was surrounded by a multitude.

Do you begin to see how God works? He works the same way in the world today. There are more than three billion people, going to be four billion before too long, and yet God can see one person. The woman's case is a good example for everyone. Satan likes to tell us, "God won't listen to you. Look, there are almost 4,000,000,000 people in the world. How in the world is He going to find you?" Proof that He can is in today's reading.

Jesus walked through a multitude of people. Nobody said a word. The woman didn't say a word to Him, but she touched His garment and Jesus felt virtue going out of Him. Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "Who touched my clothes? And His disciples said unto Him, Thou seest the multitude thronging Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched me?" Mark 5:30, 31. It was as any human beings would say, "Who touched You? Why everybody's been touching You!" But Jesus had felt virtue go out of Himself.

"And He looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth." Mark 5:32, 33.

My friends, let me tell you something. You've got to touch Jesus. You have to come to Him. That's a prerequisite, and there is no forcing. Jesus will say, "Come!" And when you touch Him, He will know you. He will turn to you and recognize you. The woman's case is a beautiful example. Somebody like you and me, who had the simple faith to believe, had reached the end of the rope. She couldn't go any further. She had tried everything which man had to offer. She knew

that this was her last chance, not only her last chance, but her only chance.

We have talked about physical things, but there are also spiritual things, my beloved hearers. We all know that this old body is going to die, don't we? That's no secret. Regardless of who we are or what kind of faith we have, everybody dies sometime. There is an undying soul in each one of us, and it is going to live forever somewhere.

Today we have had a perfect analogy in the spiritual sense of the way Christ works. We should learn that lesson.

All the efforts of men in the highest places of learning in the land cannot satisfy us spiritually. We can go to the most intelligent government in the world, and come away disappointed. Let us digress here just a moment. We're not going to "rake anybody over the coals," but let's get one thing straight: governments are not God. Now why did I say that? It is mankind's natural inclination to look to men or to governments to help them out of their problems, to assist them. It is sad, isn't it, when we see what men are trying to do through government? It can't work. You know, some people are so blinded! The great, great kingdom of Camelot came tumbling tumbling down because of the humanity of the people. When are we ever going to learn that through mankind we do not acquire the things that we are after? We're never going to. Satisfaction and peace for our souls come through Jesus Christ, the only perfect Individual who ever walked on this earth, who was and is the Son of God.

When we recognize where we can get our spiritual sense, when we are ready to give up everything and say, "Lord, there is nothing that can help me except You," He will turn and He will help us.

"He looked round about to see her that had done this thing." Mark 5:32. All we have to do in a spiritual sense is touch the hem of Jesus' garment. That is what He wants. "I'm done with everything else. Lord, help me." That's my simple way of putting it. My prayer when I repented and it still is a lot of times is three words: "Lord, help me." If it is



uttered in need and in a manner in which our heart yields our all to Him, He will help, believe me. Jesus will help you.

"But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before Him . . ." What? "... tell the truth"! Mark 5:33. Here is another key to the kingdom of God. Tell it just the way it is. She told all the truth. She did not hide anything from God. The Almighty God, the Lord Jesus, knows everything that we do. He knows every thought that we have, good, bad or indifferent. He knows it. But the woman came and was willing to tell Him all that she did. What a purging that was.

Do you begin to see the doctrine of the true faith? Do you see why it is necessary for this step and that step in order for a person to "get right" with God? I think you do.

"And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." Mark 5:34. Let's go on. We're going to talk about the rest of today's reading, and then we're going to sum up with the one thought that keeps coming back over and over again.

"While He yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house . . ." He hadn't arrived at the house. Do you remember what we said before? They were going toward the house. "Lord, come; my daughter is going to die." We tried to relate how anxious he would be for Jesus to get there. The messengers came and said, "Thy daughter is dead (so don't trouble) the Master any further." Mark 5:35.

But Jesus Christ, in this particular instance, had to prove to them that His power was power over death and the grave. That is the final key. God wanted Jesus at this particular time to show that His power was beyond death and the grave. This was man's thinking: "No use bothering Him now. She was sick, but now she is dead. He probably could have healed that disease, but there is nothing He can do now because she is dead. Not a thing that the Lord can do any more."

But Jesus said, "Be not afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36.

The ruler must have wondered what Jesus meant when he said, "Be

not afraid, only believe." In the agony of his soul, he knew that his daughter was dead. But the Lord had said, "Be not afraid, only believe." What could He mean?

"And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue . . ." and Jesus said, "Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." Mark 5:38, 39.

"And they laughed Him to scorn . . ." (Mark 5:40) because they knew that she was dead. But that little girl, 12 years old, was brought back to life. It wasn't that she was in a coma or anything like that. You know, that is one of man's first reasonings: "Well, she was in a coma. She wasn't really dead." Oh, yes, she was! Remember the story about Lazarus and the tomb? Lazarus had been dead for four days. They said something like, don't go near it! Don't roll that stone away!" They didn't have embalming fluid in those days, and as a body decomposes, there is a terrible odor. Martha, the sister of Lazarus, said, "Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days." John 11:39.

What was the Lord trying to tell us when He said, "... only believe"? If we trust in Him, we have power over death and the grave. We can win the victory over death. That's what He was and is trying to tell us. The final proof of that came at His resurrection.

Why do we have to say these things? Why is it necessary for us to repeat what we have heard over and over again? I'll tell you why. Speaking for myself, first of all, and for almost every human being who ever walked, our faith is not strong enough. We don't believe deeply enough. We don't believe completely enough. We must be constantly reminded that we should trust in the Lord, be reminded of what Jesus has done for us, be reminded of Scripture and the miracles that took place. Then we should review in our own minds, and digest it again in a spiritual sense. Through this our faith can be reestablished and renewed so that we can trust Him completely in everything. We can turn to the Lord and ask Him for help. "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:24.

What solved the problem in both cases of which we read today? What did those individuals have which enabled them to receive what they wanted? Faith. F A I T H !

Read chapter 11 in Hebrews. Paul speaks of those men of the past who had great faith. Review, if you will, on a more current basis, those among you in your own community who walked in faith and concluded their days with hope of everlasting life and eternity.

Have you ever had the experience, the wonderful experience, of being close to somebody who smiled when he died because he was ready to meet the Lord? Have you ever had that wonderful experience? It would open your eyes.

One person whom I will never forget was a paraplegic. He has been gone for many, many years. All his life, this young man was a wheelchair patient and very seldom got to church. I will never forget this story my mother told me. (She was a good friend to his mother.) This young man repented. On his death bed he opened his eyes, a smile came across his lips, and he said words to this affect, "Oh, Mother, I see the beautiful green trees and the beautiful green fields." And he died. You know, this is what we are talking about. He was looking forward to something better, and he was given a vision of something more beautiful that he had seen on earth. He knew what his reward was. He knew what was beyond the grave for him. With faith you can cut the strings to this old life. You can clip off the humanity within and look for something ahead. We are here again this morning so that when death comes, whether it is from an automobile accident, cancer, a heart attack, or whether it is just a matter of laying down our head on a pillow and going to sleep, we will be ready to go and can see something that God has in store for us that is so much better than what we have here.

The answer, the key, is faith, faith to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Then we will follow His teachings and we poor humans can have hope of eternal life for that undying soul within us.

Isn't it wonderful? Isn't God good to us?



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Text: Mark 5:21-43

We have read words this morning which are not strange to us. In fact they are very familiar, but I wonder if the events that took place really make the impact upon our hearts that they ought to. My thoughts, when I said that, were these: Do we really believe that these events took place? Without any question in our minds, can we accept completely and without reservation the fact that this Man, Jesus Christ, had the ability to perform miracles and to bring the dead back to life?

We hear of miracles occassionally. We hear of something happening that we ascribe to being a miracle, something which took place that we don't have any answers for. We see it in our own time, don't we? Amazing things take place in hospitals or in homes of sick people, to those who have afflictions, either physical or mental. Sometimes when the doctors are finished, when the medical people say, "It is out of my hands," something happens which cannot be explained. We say, "A miracle was performed." People may try to account for it, but they really cannot. So we accept it and say, "It was a miracle." Every individual, every person who is here, every person in the world has seen or heard of something like that.

The thing that we need to emphasize this morning is that when Jesus Christ walked on the earth miracles were done by Him. It was His presence that made the miracles possible. People didn't have to say, "Why did it happen?" or "Something took place!" or "I don't know what happened, but it happened!" because they could relate it directly and particularly to Jesus Christ's presence. His words and

His efforts performed the miracles and healed the people.

Now the question which each of us needs to ask himself this morning is: Do I really believe it? Do we really believe that the miracles and the powers that Jesus Christ has, no one else has ever had? That belief is vital. Do you know why? It is because our faith is based on the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. That doesn't sound strange or different from what you have heard here before or different from what you probably think in your own minds, but I'm going to tell you something that is different. That is, if you believe it to the extent that God wants you to believe, it is going to shape and determine the way that you live. It has to! That is the key. That is the secret. That is also the problem that every man struggles with when he learns of Jesus Christ. What is he going to do with Christ? Will he acknowledge that He was an intelligent person, somebody special, or just some great prophet? Will he acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God? What do you acknowledge?

When you begin to make up your mind, you will think that you know what He is. Then, you will read about His experiences. Go ahead and read them all; put it all together, and find out whether anyone ever lived as Jesus lived or did the things that He did. Find out whether anyone had power over death as He had. When you finally conclude who Jesus Christ is, I'll guarantee you something. You won't need me to tell you what has to be done in your life. That's the whole purpose of the gospel of Jesus Christ today, or in the past, or in the future.

When we begin to understand who Jesus Christ is and what His purpose was on earth, we won't have to have somebody tell us what we need to do. We'll know in our hearts what needs to be done, as far as our relationship with our God is concerned. Let's review what took place in our reading. A marvelous thing happened. There was sorrow in a human family such as we experience today. I know that you have sorrow in this community as we do in ours. Heaven is not on earth.

Everyone has a cross. Do you believe that? Someone who is always bubbling over, who seems so happy and is a good example in the Lord, has a cross. Do you believe that? Sit down and talk with such a person sometime. Maybe he won't say much, maybe just a little smile and, "Yes, yes, I've got a few problems." Ever hear anyone say that? Such people have the ability not to pass it on, but they sometimes carry a lead weight within their hearts. But, who carries it for them? Where do they get that ability? What I am trying to say is that we are all alike, and that there is no use in somebody's saying, "I've got it worse than somebody else." We all have our problems. Jesus Christ knows this.

Let us relate with this father whose daughter was dying. He was a ruler in the synagogue and had power and prestige. He was looked up to and respected, but his daughter was dying. How death neutralizes us! The biggest land owners in the community, the most important businessmen and the poorest people are all "in the same