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Thanksgiving

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I THESS. 5:18

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

PSALM 100:4

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

COL. 1:12

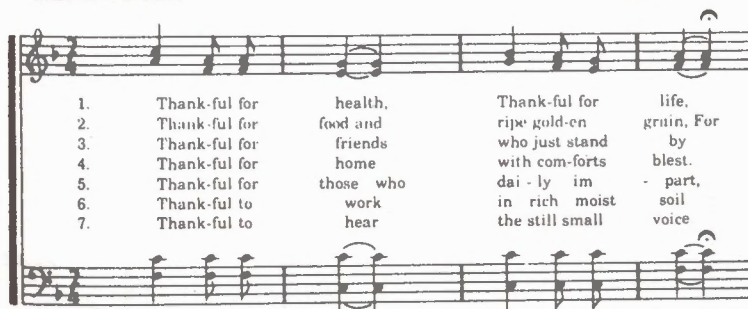
When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

DEUT. 8:10

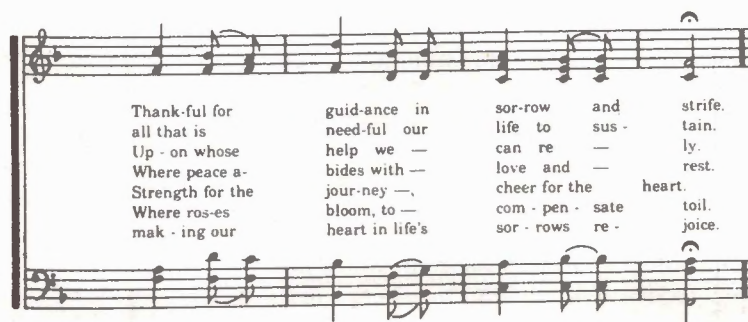
Thankful

HENRY BEER

M. Y. R.



1. Thank-ful for health, Thank-ful for life,
2. Thank-ful for food and ripe gold-en grain, For
3. Thank-ful for friends who just stand by
4. Thank-ful for home with com-forts blest.
5. Thank-ful for those who dai-ly im-part,
6. Thank-ful to work in rich moist soil
7. Thank-ful to hear the still small voice



Thank-ful for guid-ance in sor-row and strife.
all that is need-ful our life to sus-tain.
Up-on whose help we can re-ly.
Where peace a-bides with love and rest.
Strength for the jour-ney cheer for the heart.
Where ros-es bloom, to com-pen-sate toil.
mak-ing our heart in life's sor-rows re-joice.



EASTERN EUROPE VISIT — WORLD RELIEF REPORT

Continued from October 1982 issue.

Submitted by Bro. Leon Graf — A member of the World Relief Committee.

HUNGARY

BUDAPEST—We were met at the airport on August 6 by Elder Pap Janos. He greeted us in love and, with his family, showed much kindness during our stay here. We registered at the local police station as required within the first 24 hours of arrival at a new location within Hungary. Later that afternoon we visited the home of a family receiving some of our aid and were impressed of the need there. The father's income just covers the apartment rental and utilities, meaning that our aid is used for food and family clothing. They have some state aid which also helps cover costs of transportation and medical costs of the family. Elder Pap says that with our aid they just about "break even" every month.

Every Saturday evening the young members and friends meet at the church to sing for 1½ to 2 hours. On August 7, we also attended and heard the most beautiful hymn singing. They have song directors who begin teaching music and songs to the children, from age 4 through High School. Their Sunday School is held during afternoon services for about 150 children. They have about 340 members, plus friends, in addition to the Sunday School, and have severe space problems.

DUNAVECSE—On August 9 we were driven to this village by a Bro. Szabo Moszes (Moses Sabo) of Budapest. Here we met Elder Kovacs Gyula (Julius Kovacs—our correspondent there) and received a hearty welcome, with grateful embraces since he appreciated so much our past help and that someone would come to visit them on behalf of the Committee. He had set up a meeting for 5:00 p.m. at his son's home, where the church deacon and ministers met with us to hear how our world aid program works. We also visited two widows who are housed in a very small, single room near the church. The rooms were about 8 ft. by 10 ft., with a side room about 2 ft. by 4 ft. for food storage and a cooking stove. The

rooms were dark, having no windows, only a door. They very much appreciate our aid, which is a significant part of their living.

GYORKONY—This is the birthplace of Bro. Sandor Bako's wife, Kathy, and of five members and friends of our Akron Church. We stayed overnight here on the way to Pecs and back to Budapest and could see village life in Hungary at its best, a very interesting place to visit. The morning of August 10 we could visit Elder Benka and he also deeply appreciates the consistency of aid to Hungary.

PECS—We had various days here, coming from Budapest and going to Eastern Hungary and returning. This is Bro. Sandor Bako's home church and we spent our second Sunday, August 15, here. On our first day here we met Bro. Fumacs Lajos (Louis Fumacs—our correspondent in Pecs). His wife speaks English and they live upstairs behind the church, where they are caretakers and host many visitors each year. On August 10 we visited a poor widow in a nearby town. She is receiving our aid and lives in two very small rooms, having one window and a door. She received us cheerfully and thankfully, offering us some buns and a little wine. I could only think of the story of the widow's two mites, of Mark 1 and Luke 21, being reenacted before my eyes! She expressed her deep appreciation for our aid and thanks to all in the U.S.A. who contribute to this cause.

POGANY—Here is the home church of Elder Szemmelroth Istavan (Stephen) who is in charge of preparing the annual lists of the needy in Hungary. The elders designate needy ones from their home church area who cannot be helped by the Hungarian internal charity fund due to the limited amount of contributions received. This method has been used successfully for four years now and the Hungarian brothers believe that with our aid supplementing their in-

ternal aid funds, the present arrangement is doing much good. All of the correspondents expressed many thanks to God and the brethren in the U.S.A. for the good derived from such a joint program. I believe that they are sincerely doing their part to the best of their economic ability, which is truly limited.

We were blessed to visit Elder Szemmelroth's home on August 15 and the Pogany Church building, though we were not there for services. Like our spiritual lives, their church has a narrow path up the hill to the top where it the believers can meet in a "heavenly place". The building is small, but the church has only 35 members and reminds me of going to church in Sardis, at the top of a hill, where it is so peaceful and quiet.

(Conclusion to be in Dec. issue)

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URGENT NEED FOR ALTERNATE HOUSEPARENTS

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.

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 the 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.

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APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY BOOK

A volume on the history of the Apostolic Christian Church in America is currently being written. The project, begun in 1980, will include the local histories of all the denomination's congregations.

The book will also include a history of the church's involvement service-related endeavors such as world relief, missions, nursing homes, home for the handicapped,

and a host of other activities. Also, it will include data on the history of the church's worship liturgy, hymnals and related aspects of church life.

The intent of the book, which has been thoroughly researched and highly documented, is to give a general account of the church's history, beginning with its historical and doctrinal link to the Froehlich movement in Europe, and to Anabaptists. It will relate how the faith of our fathers originated in

Europe and came to America and spread across the land.

The history project has been conducted under the supervision of a Church History Committee comprised of six elders. Perry Klopfenstein of Gridley, Illinois, is authoring the volume. Sekan Printing Company of Fort Scott, Kansas is the printer, and distribution is tentatively scheduled to begin sometime in mid-to-late 1983. The book will be available to the church and to the general public.

A NEW FAMILY SONG BOOK PUBLISHED

A Legacy in Song for my Family and Friends. A sunset memorial to those we love in our family circle and to the many friends we have loved through the passing years. As we approach our sunset years we are led to the testimony of Joshua who wrote, Now that I am old, and stricken in years, I must soon go the way of all the earth. But thanks be to Jesus who assures us of a home beyond the grave. He is preparing us in this pilgrim-journey to be worthy to enter and occupy the place He has prepared for us in the House of many Mansions.

I have long pondered upon the thought of leaving a token of love as a sunset hour memorial, now after two years this inspiring hymnal of songs based upon the Christian poems found in my "Garden of Verse," now in its fourth edition is now set to sweet and appealing melodies. The need to sing in the family circles of our brethren is so commendable to strengthen home and family ties.

The hymns are grouped according to the themes. First of all:

- 30 Songs for the Home and Fireside
- 23 Songs of the Church and Hymns of Adoration
- 5 Christmas Songs
- 4 Quartet Numbers for men's voices
- 5 Songs and short choruses for children
- 5 Inspired prose readings

I have sought to glorify the Lord throughout the pages of this Hymnal and may He bless it as it finds its way

CORRECTION to article — August 1982 titled "True Repentance" by Bro. George Sinn — retired Elder — Latty, OH — Should have read: "Confession is made privately to the servant of God who never reveals it."

into your family circle! In addition to the popular Hymnal — Hymns of Zion, may it be used to God's honor and for humble instruction for our youth and fellow believers.

I will gladly inform you of prices and availability.

In the Lord,

Henry Beer

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Bob Cockburn

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Eph. 5:20) is perhaps one of the most quoted scriptures during the Thanksgiving season, and rightly so. But it should be remembered and quoted everyday for we have so many things for which to be thankful everyday. As the Children's Home celebrates the sixth anniversary of our dedication, we can look back on a period of birth and growth and the trials and joys that go along with it. Just as with raising a family, there have been problems, but these have been overshadowed by the growth of the Home and the increasing number of children who have been helped. We are thankful, not only for the joys, but also for the trials which help us to grow.

By the time you are reading this, one of our sisters will have left us to go to Japan to teach. We pray that Sister Judy will feel God's nearness and strength as she serves the Lord in her new capacity. We also seek prayers for her.

We are thankful that God has promised to fulfill our every need and are confident that He will provide the assistant houseparent couple and single sister helper, according to His will. We appreciate your prayers on our behalf that all that is done here will be to the glory and honor of God.

Our remaining staff, Bro. Marvin and Sis. Pat Fischer, Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen Indermuhle, and Sis. Jane Weiss are doing a terrific job of providing for our children. We have a total of 17 children (counting the houseparents') so everyone is kept busy. The children are all in school and enjoying it as much as we did when we were in school (Can you remember?). Recess is still probably

the favorite "subject". The Children's Home has enjoyed excellent cooperation from the five schools that our children attend and this makes it easier to deal with our children's problems and progress in school.

I guess I should stop for now so that there is room for the other articles, but we all wish you a happy thanksgiving and want you to know that we are thankful for all that you do for us.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

At this fall season of the year when the splendor of color in the world around us and the acquiescence of all nature to the Creator's order of things suggests quiet pensiveness, we have a great need to pause for a season of thankfulness. As we view the birds flying south with their technological precision, we can only conclude that their homing instinct is much like that longing in the soul of man to return to his "Fatherland". We pray for enlightenment to translate our thankfulness into action. Our longing is to help make the lives of those with whom we have to do as lovely as the world in which we live, so that the brotherliness of man would in some small way measure up to the beauty of nature around us.

Being thankful for many things includes expressing gratitude to those who have again so generously helped make our annual Benefit Day successful. Realizing that giving thanks through kindness to our fellow man sometimes expresses gratitude better than words are able to do. We take on renewed dedication to our responsibilities here at the Home.

A newcomer to our Home and family is Frederick Jay Kruger of Brookston, Indiana. Helen and Benjamin Kruger, Fred's parents, are deceased. Brothers Jim and Ralph, and sisters, Helen, Bonnie and Sharon, comprise the family. There are six nieces and fourteen nephews. Fred's favorite food is ice cream; his favorite pastime is reading and watching sports. Birthday time for Fred is August 9. We are happy to have Fred with us. His ever-present smile and cheerful attitude has

already become contagious.

Another reason for happy enthusiasm among our "Family" here at the Home is the arrival of Nancy Meister as a resident. Her parents, Paul and Rhoda Meister, three brothers, seven sisters, five nieces and six nephews make up this happy family circle. Nancy's favorite food is pizza; her favorite pastime is singing, music and swimming. Birthday time for her is March 31. Welcome to both Fred and Nancy! We look forward to many happy times together.

Taking advantage of the last few warm days in October, our residents had a few more picnics and weiner roasts in the park area behind our Home. Soon we shall need to begin thinking how much enjoyment it is to go sledding in the snow! In the meantime, we shall musingly remember all the enjoyable outings of summer.

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving season, we are reminded of what an unknown author once wrote: "Gratitude takes three forms: a feeling in the heart, an expression in words and a giving in return."

ARIZONA, TUCSON Lisa and Sandy Bauer

This month we celebrate one of America's most precious holidays, Thanksgiving Day. Let us strive to always be mindful of those things which we should be most thankful for: our salvation, family, friends and good health. It seems these are the things that we take for granted the most. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18.

We have resumed our midweek services again for the winter months.

Believing that it was through God's love and direction, there was joy in our hearts when the engagement of Sis. Lisa Bauer (daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria) and Bro. Jay Knapp (son of Bro. Loren and Sis. Evelyn Knapp) was announced to our congregation on September 19. May the Lord dwell with this couple so that their love can be entwined into a threefold cord. They are planning a January 2nd wedding.

Tedd Haas, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Carol, is now attending the University of Arkansas. His new address is 1211 North Leverett, Apartment 14, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria Bauer and their family in the loss of Bro. Don's father, Charles Bauer of Cissna Park. He had been residing in the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home.

A new life has brightened the hearts and home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathy Woodruff. Their baby boy was born on September 30 and his name is Benjamin Jay. Benjamin has a brother John, to help take care of him. Bro. Loren and Sis. Evelyn Knapp and Bill and Pauline Woodruff are the grandparents. May God bring much warmth and love to their home through little Benjamin.

The soul of a child is the loveliest
flower
That grows in the garden of God.
Its climb is from weakness to know-
ledge and power,
To the sky from the clay and the
clod.
To beauty and sweetness it grows
under care,
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild.
'Tis a plant that is tender, but won-
drously rare,
The sweet, wistful soul of a child.
Be tender, O gardener, and give it
its share
Of moisture, of warmth, and of light,
And let it not lack for the pain-
staking care,
To protect it from frost and from
blight.
A glad day will come when its bloom
shall unfold,
It will seem that an angel has
smiled,
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness
untold
In the sensitive soul of a child.
Anonymous

"In all things, parents are their
children's most eloquent teachers,
whether they wish to be or not."

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA
Mary Beth Klotzle

"The Lord is my strength and my

shield; my heart trusted in Him, and
I am helped: therefore my heart
greatly rejoiceth; and with my song
will I praise Him." Ps. 28:7.

How thankful we are that Sis. Gail Mayo was brought safely through surgery. We rejoice with Bro. Bill and their four children, for we all know how precious and needed our mothers are. May God grant her continuing good health and strength in her recovery. Sis. Gail's mother, Sis. Marie Taufer, was able to come from her home in Morton to help in this time.

Sis. Shirley and Sue Witzig arrived home safely from a two week visit in Japan. They had many uplifting, blessed and unforgettable experiences which one encounters in a foreign country. Sis. Shirley mentioned how impressed she was by the way God had helped the dear members in Japan change the ways they had been brought up in to accept His Son's gift of salvation. Few of us have had to go against our culture and traditions, while receiving little, if any, support from our family and friends when we turned to the Lord. We must pray for those in foreign lands who are struggling to overcome those barriers, so that they can fully accept and serve the living God.

COLORADO, DENVER
Marlene Leman

Jesus said that it matters not whether we come at the third, sixth, ninth or eleventh hour. We rejoice that our dear friend Joe Wagler has heard the call of the Lord and answered this call. We pray for him and for all who are seeking their soul's salvation.

Our crowds are smaller than we had in the summer, but oh! how we appreciate the blessed fellowship with our brethren and friends! We appreciate each and every one that comes to visit out here.

We are having services every Sunday and we meet at the Victory Grange Hall, 2009 Tower Road, Aurora. Services start at 10:30 and 12:30 with lunch served in between. We also meet in our home at 16836 E. Harvard Pl., Aurora, CO on Wednesday evenings for Bible Class. This starts at 7:30 p.m.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE
Dorothy Viens

We as brothers and sisters in the Lord and friends of the truth at Rockville and across the land and sea want to take opportunity to thank our dear Elder Bro. John Bahler for his faithful service to God and to the church. As he looks forward to a well-deserved rest and retirement, we wish him God's richest blessings. We in one accord can agree with the Apostle Paul when he wrote these words to Timothy. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." I Tim. 5:17. And now, even as Elijah stood in the midst of the Jordan River and handed the mantle over to Elisha, Elisha prayed for a double portion of the spirit that governed Elijah. So do we pray for Bro. Corbin as he looks to his God for strength and wisdom.

Our friend George Schambach was taken early out of this life into eternity. We pray that God will be near and comfort all of the Schambach family in their loss. We can recognize, even as Job did, that even as the Lord giveth, so He taketh away. May we all have the grace to be able to say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

We gathered three evenings to hear what the Spirit has to say to the churches through our dear elder brothers in their conference deliberations. There were many precious teachings for all of us in our pilgrim journey and our everyday family lives. May we all have the grace to be faithful, even in small things.

We wish to thank Bros. Carrol Gerber, Bluffton; Walter Steffen, Milford; and Si Wagenbach, Tremont for sharing God's precious word to us. We also appreciate the many visitors in the beautiful season of the year.

Elder Bros. Ben Maibach, Norbert Steiner and Robert Beyer were with us as we added two precious souls to the flock here. We all rejoice with Bro. Barry Lanz (Bro. Richard and Sis. Frieda) and Sis. Ellen Foote (Bro. Arthur and Emily) as they begin their journey as a brother and sister in the Lord. May the Holy

Spirit, now sealed in their hearts, ever guide them as they seek to do the Lord's will. On Sunday evening the elder brothers also shared with us the many teachings of the memorandum. May we realize that the more that is given unto us of the Lord, the more we are responsible for what we do with what we hear. May we ever put these many good teachings to use in our every day life.

Note: There is a ladies' navy blue all-weather coat that has been left in the back hall of the church for several months. There is no tag in it, but it appears to be about a size 12. We feel that it belongs to a visitor and would be glad to send it. Please contact me at 142 Orchard St., Rockville, CT 06066 if you want more information.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

Sally Gress

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Char Graf are the happy parents of Sarah Marie. She is welcomed home by Matthew and Michele. Grandparents are Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf and Jim Sheffield, all of Akron, Ohio.

Our congregation is happy to have Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginhuhl return after spending the summer months in Rockville.

A recording system has been installed in our church so that sermons may be taped.

FLORIDA, PORT CHARLOTTE

The Port Charlotte Church will have a new meeting place. The location is south of Punta Gorda. Take exit #27 off I-75, go west 1 mile to route #41 at the stop light. Left 1½ miles (south) to CIVIC ASSOCIATION sign. The clubhouse in that civics building is our new meeting place. The first service begins in December, 1982 and services continue through Palm Sunday. There will be two services. The building opens at 9:30 a.m. Morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. The second service at 11:45 a.m. We are to vacate the premises by 1:30 p.m. Phone: Bro. Doug Sabo—813/966-2343; Bro. Art Gudeman — 813/426-3156; Bro. Roland Keller — 813-629-2650.

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FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Doris and Diane Rocke

New residents are Tom and Jean (Eisenmann) Jeffrey, Angela, Michael and Joseph from Iowa. They are residing at 210 Trezell St., North Port, Florida.

Also, Lucy Kretec, and daughters, Helda and Darlene, from New Jersey who reside at the Bee Ridge Apts. We extend a hearty welcome to them. May they share God's blessings and fellowship with us.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman, Morton, IL, were guests this month. We rejoice to hear the gospel messages from these visitors who so willingly give of themselves. Bro. Ben, Sis. Lorene and Doug Maibach also visited us. We extend a sincere thank you to all of you. Several meetings were held in regard to the church addition. May God add His blessings and guidance upon all those who willingly serve for this task.

Bro. Roland Keller was hospitalized this month. His accident involved losing the tips of several fingers. He has made a good recovery. Sis. Marie Martin has again entered the hospital for an extended stay because of skin grafting. May we all remember them in our prayers and well wishes. Cards would be appreciated as she needs love and cheering up. Please send to Drs. Hospital, Sarasota, Florida.

We were saddened by the passing of Joe Feldman and extend our deep sympathy to Eva. We will miss his presence this winter and may God give her needed strength.

We were overjoyed to hear Burley and Sis. Irene Ziegler were privileged to celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary. They invited a few close friends and shared their cake with the surprised guests. May God bless their home and give them health for more years together.

College students, Sis. Gloria and Katrin Streitmatter had returned here for semester break, We enjoy seeing them.

Wedding vows were exchanged by Mary Moser and Jim Kruger. May God bless and direct their lives together. They were formerly from Elgin, IL.

A potluck picnic was held at the Bahler Duplex this month to wel-

come back our vacation folks. About 60 enjoyed the delicious food. Songs of praises to God ended our blessed day.

ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Shirley Denick

Charlene Knobloch

As we again have the season of harvest, we think of how blessed we are, as God's children. We see our children grow straight and strong; we rejoice in new births; we have converts become our Brothers and Sisters and we see death come as sweet rest.

October 9 and 10 became a special weekend for us, as well as for our new Brother and Sisters in faith. Harvey and Margaret Walter and DeAnn Anderson gave their testimonies and were baptized. We rejoice with them and thank God for his plan of salvation. Our Elder Bro. Dan Koch was assisted by Elder Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke in these services.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Wayne Anliker of Forrest, Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley, Elder Bro. Bob Walder of Congerville, Bro. Duane Kilgus of Fairbury and Elder Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield. We always feel blessed when we have visiting ministers who share their time and talents in ministering God's word.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Art and Helen Bauer in the death of his brother Charlie Bauer, who was buried in Cissna Park. Also, we sympathize with Bro. Howard and Sis. Eileen Maurer and their children in the death of Bro. Howard's father, Alpha Maurer of Fairbury.

As witness to God's plan, we have new babies to bring joy. New parents, Bro. Larry and Sis. Jeannine Mariani, welcome Lisa Marie. Grandparents are Sis. Kathryn Rudin of Cissna Park and Dave and Imogene Mariani of LaSalle. Making families more complete are Tiffany Jo Virgil and Ann Catherine Steffen. Tiffany joins Timmy and Stephanie in the home of Bro. Steve and Sis. Bev Virgil. Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Kaeb of Fairbury.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Cathy Steffen welcome Ann Catherine. Sharing their joy are Tommy, Todd and Ab-

by. Grandparents are Bro. Harry ad Sis. Clarice Isch of Bluffton, and Bro. Manny and Sis. Lucille Steffen of Fairbury.

October 9 was the wedding day of Julie Hofmann and Mark McMath. Julie is the daughter of Wilbur and Jeanne Hofmann. We wish them God's richest blessings as they make their home in Peoria.

Sis. Emily Maurer has been hospitalized. We pray for the blessing of health and a speedy recovery.

We enjoyed I.S.U. weekend and thank all university students, nursing students and newly employed in our area for visiting with us. We welcome all and hope to see many, along with their parents, in our congregation.

ILLINOS, BRADFORD

Shirley Kieser

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues. (Apples of Gold)

It seems there is so much to be said of a thankful heart. It makes all the difference in a life lived. When we think of all the hardships and adversities the Pilgrims endured and yet it was so important to them to set aside a day of Thanksgiving. This should really humble us and make us glad that they set such a good example for us to follow.

The ministering Bros. Chuck Hemmer, Ken Hoerr, Peoria; Glen Dill, Tremont; and Joe Gerst, Iowa City visited our church and we thank them for their efforts on our behalf.

Writing the news has benefits, such as telling about a new granddaughter born to Bro. Dana and Sis. Martha Kay Regier, Princeville. Little Kristen Jo is loved much by little brother Trent and grandparents Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

There are books of all kinds in our homes and our schools. Some of these are called the "First Book of . . ." I wonder, what would our children say was the "first" book of our lives? Would they say "the Bible," or would they point to other books—or the weather report—or

television—or something else, as first? Perhaps their perceptions are incorrect, but perhaps our actions are not definitely Christ-pointed. Truly the Bible was the "first book" in the beginning of our repentance and conversion, and its priority must remain "first" in our lives.

Nothing in our lives should cloud our vision of Christ, His crucifixion and resurrection; yet as we travel earthly pathways, our feet become dusty and weary because of the contaminants of the world. We are always renewed and drawn together spiritually by obeying the Lord's command to keep His communion. Saturday evening, October 16 in the serenity of the sanctuary we were reminded of Christ's suffering—the shame He bore, the thorns pressed inward on His brow, the cruel death made well nigh unbearable by His rejection as SIN when God turned His face. We were brought low but uplifted by being part of the one Body He has created through this salvation, open for all. Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest, IL, humbly and thoughtfully ministered to us in the Spirit, aiding our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann. Another excellent church supper followed Sunday services, that we might extend our meeting and greeting and love with our brethren and friends. Bro. Bill Gudeman, Elgin, IL, was also able to be with us on Sunday, ever faithful in the Lord's work. Others who have poured out the Gospel to us, according to His calling and their humility in spirit, have been Elder Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville, IL, Bro. Arnie Gerst, Taylor, MO, and Bro. Ray Roth, Kiowa, KS. He has overwhelmed us in His goodness and we thank our dear brothers and pray for them for their part in His plan.

We always are touched so closely by those things that our children say and do. The Sunday School songs they sang before our church dinner were a special blessing. One song, especially, about the twelve disciples, saying, "He has called us, too. We are His disciples, I am one and you. He has called us, too. We are His disciples, We His work must do," (The Twelve Disciples") was memorable. As we watch these dear young people, we long for their

salvation, something we cannot give them, yet that can be theirs, as it is ours, by reaching out. Thus our hearts sing when one, so recently in our Sunday School, puts out her heart to Christ that He may cleanse and purify her being, in preparation for a new life here and in His kingdom forever. Jill Leman, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Milli Leman, now a freshman at U. of I., Champaign, has taken that first, most important step. Our tears of joy, our prayers of thanksgiving and strength surround her. And though she is far from home, she has His people near.

Gail Metzger, daughter of Bro. Boyd and Sis. Lois Metzger, is engaged to Pat Park, who is now attending school in nuclear reactor technology in New York for the Navy. Gail is a sophomore at the School of Nursing, University of Iowa. A wedding date has not been established. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Corinthians 13:13. We hold out to them our love, our prayers, and our wishes for God's greatest blessings.

There are few of us in our Chicago church who cannot point to a time of moving to the area. No exception are Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp, recently moved to Naperville from Central PA, where they attended the Philadelphia church. We also extend a welcome back" to Bro. Dan Hangartner, formerly from Eureka, now an engineer with General Motors Electro-Motive Division, LaGrange. "Let brotherly love continue." Hebrews 13:1. We are so happy to have them with us, according to His will. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God." Philippians 4:6.

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isaiah 40:29. Bro. John Schrenk has been hospitalized. We are grateful that he is recovering now. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31. May we all, but especially Bro. John, cling to these promises.

We were with a dear sister who has not been able to be to church for a number of years, yet she still has that desire to come to the house of the Lord again. She does not always know even her dear family who care for her, but she sang the words of every song with us. And she completed line after line of the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd . . . He restoreth my soul . . . I will fear no evil . . . I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Surely the Lord hears every thought of those whose minds may not be as they once were, but whose hearts are indelibly stamped with His Word and His will.

"He who in His tender care holds the world and all,
And without whose ill no hair from our head may fall;
To whom great is not too great,
small is not too small,
Could He really come too late, or not heed our call?"

"Our Pilgrim Way",
No. 88, verse 4, Zion's Harp

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Melba Funk - Joan Waldbeser

Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor, MO shared his slides of India with us Saturday evening, Sept. 18. It was interesting as well as educational to all of us to see how the people live over there. There seems to be so much poverty, yet those that have found their salvation are so contented and happy. Hearing of their desire and eagerness to hear the Word of God was a real inspiration to us.

Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, and Bro. Todd Feller, LaCrosse, joined Bro. Roy for Sunday, Sept. 19. The Congerville Bible Class was also here to spend the day with us, making it a full and blessed weekend.

We enjoyed having the Princerville choir with us the first Sunday in October. Bro. Art Baurer, Princerville, and Bro. Ed Bahler, Remington, ministered to us that day.

Other visiting ministers for the month have been Bro. Everett Hari, Bloomington, Bro. Marvin Leman, Bradford, Bro. Ken Schneider, Remington, Bro. Ron Schambach, Elgin, IL, and Bro. Ray Roth, Kiowa Ks.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Emma Geyer, Sis. Lill Feller, Bro. Ray Eisenmann, Sis. Eleanor Maul and Bro. Lester Rocke.

We are sad to report our Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger is in the hospital at this time (Oct. 16) recovering from a corn picker accident, in which he lost the first two fingers of his right hand. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family as we know this is a trying time for them.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Harry Bauer in the passing of his brother, Charles.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Carol Craig - Shirley Ifft

As harvest time is upon us and we behold the loads of golden grain taken from the fields, it gives us a deep feeling of gratitude and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving first to the Lord for giving His life that we might have salvation, thanksgiving also for the bountiful harvest; for the privilege of living in a free country and the freedom of worship that we embrace. Thanksgiving for food, shelter and clothing; for innocent little children entrusted to our care and keeping, and yes, thanksgiving for the sorrows, trials and cares that draw us closer to our Lord.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Keith Roth and his family in the death of his brother, Ray Roth, of Cornell, IL.

Sis. Bena Steffen (Bro. Ed) submitted to eye surgery and has been absent from our assembly several weeks recuperating from surgery and a fall she had earlier. We look forward to having her back in our midst soon.

A blessed day was enjoyed by all when Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) was with us along with the Bradford and Oakville, IA Bible Classes. Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA) spent a Wednesday evening with us. May God bless the brothers for their labors on our behalf.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

With November comes thoughts of celebrating Thanksgiving day and a general feeling of thanksgiving, but how good if we always nourish a

thankful spirit. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

We can be so grateful for these guidelines to our approach to the Father. When thanks and praise precede our petitions at the throne of grace, it somehow sets our hearts into a proper attitude to then bring our petitions. It is a humbling experience to count our blessings and then to give heartfelt thankfulness to the Father.

Several new little children have been born to several of our families. These children have been sent to these individual families to be reared and nurtured in the Lord and to this end we wish them the grace of God.

A daughter, Nicole Leigh, was born to Paul and Kim Moser on August 30, and is their first child. Bro. Earl and Sis. Jeanette Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Van Lent are the grandparents.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Nancy Strackany welcome Sarah Rebeca (born October 13) into their family. Sarah joins Benjamin, Justin, Jessica and David to complete their family. Grandparents are Miller Haskell of Ruskin, FL and Elizabeth Strackany.

Also bringing new joy into the home of Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger is Chad Lynn, born October 14. Chad has Rachel, Neal, Gary, Kay, Robert and Daniel as brothers and sisters and his grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier (Roanoke) and Bro. Nathan Kellenberger.

We were very sorry when we heard of the misfortune that befell Bro. Freeman and Sis. Lucille Kellenberger. They met with an accident which destroyed their house trailer and van and consequently destroyed the bulk of their earthly belongings. Certainly this is a vivid reminder that we cannot set our affections upon material things and yet being very human, we have needs and we pray that the Lord will help them meet those needs, and we thank him that their lives were spared.

Mary (Traub) Smith recently fell at her home which required hospitalization and since her

hospitalization has been residing at Mary Margaret Manor, an intermediate care facility.

Sis. Joyce Weiss also was hospitalized for surgery and is at home again recuperating. Surely it is a marvel that the Lord continually sends his healing hand.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Melba Mangold

We have surely been blessed with many ministering brothers who visited our congregation the past month. They are as follows:

Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha), Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont), Bro. Nathan Steffen, Bro. Bill Gudeman, Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL); Bro. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS); Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria); Bro. Don Wagonbach (Washington); Bro. William Schlatter, Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH).

Bro. Mark and Sis. Karen (Schieber) Hangartner are the parents of their second son, Logan Reid, born Oct. 8. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Roy and Norma Hangartner and Sis. Alma Schieber from Congerville. Bro. and Sis. Gary and Karen (Hartter) Huber have a baby girl, Brenda Lynn. Born Sept. 13. She has 4 brothers to help take care of her. Bro. and Sis. Leroy and Clara (Stoller) Huber and Leonard and Sis. Ann Hartter are the grandparents. Sept. 26 Sis. Denise Zimmerman and Bro. Kevin Kilgus exchanged wedding vows with Bro. Leroy Huber conducting the service. Bro. and Sis. Leland and Lorene Zimmerman and Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette Kilgus from Hampshire, IL are the parents. The newlyweds will be living in Manhattan, KS.

We have two new converts—Kathy Rocke, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eldon and Ida Mae Rocke; and Kevin Rocke, son of Bro. and Sis. Norman and Doris Rocke. If only many more would seek the Lord while he is yet to be found and before it is forever too late.

Bro. August and Sis. Inez Mogler have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ina Joy, to Marc Sauder of Roanoke. Their wedding will be next year.

Sis. Rosa Wiegand, age 93, passed away at the "Home" after being a resident for a long time. Her funeral

was in the Goodfield church.

Sis. Anna Mangold, my mother, is a patient in the Eureka Hospital.

The engagement of Sis. Carol Stoller and Bro. Jerry Braker from Lamar was recently announced. Her parents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber and Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta Braker are his parents.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell - Joann Zehr

Don and Phyllis Welborn welcomed a new son, Chad Alan, born Sept. 10. Grandparents are Maurice and Alma Steidinger, Fairbury. Jamie Jo was born on Oct. 14 to Mel and Grace Lewis. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Bollier, Silverton, OR.

On Sept. 25, Bethany Bahler and Christopher Leake were united in marriage. Parents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jeanette Bahler, Fairbury. and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leake, Lexington. We wish the couple God's blessings as they establish their home in Arrowsmith.

We thank Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott who ministered to us Oct. 3.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Alpha Maurer, 85, who passed away Oct. 10. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Clara, and children, Ray (Forrest), Bro. Howard (Bloomington), Larry Sis. Gladys Koehl, Sis. Dorothy Hoffman, and Sis. Helen Zimmerman (all of Fairbury), Deloes Thomas Arlington Heights), Sis. Wilma Honegger (East Peoria), and his brother, Bro. Henry Maurer (Fairbury).

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let us pause and thank God for the freedoms we enjoy in America and ever be grateful—just as the Pilgrims were—for all the blessings God had given to us.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to the dear brothers who have recently given of themselves for our benefit. Sharing with us were Bros. Ed Frank (LaCrosse, IN), Virgil Metzger (Champaign), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley), John Bollier and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN). May these brothers always feel our powerful support.

Hospital patients were Sis. Lydia

Sohn, Sis. Rose Zimmerman, Sis. Ella Honeger, Sis. Alisa Hamilton, and Wayne Gerber. Let us never forget to intercede for our shut-ins in our daily prayers.

We rejoice, as the angels in Heaven do, over our dear friend, Judy Kemp who has turned her heart to the Lord in repentance. May she always feel God's loving nearness as she walks in the footsteps of our Lord.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandra Schneider have welcomed into their hearts and home little Mark Joseph. Happy for a new little brother are Jimmy, Sarah, Michael and Matthew. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber and Bro. Al and Sis. Gladys Schneider Rockville, CT).

Announcing their engagement are Teresa Waible (Eldon and Marge) and David Pratt. They are making plans for a Nov. 28 wedding.

A thought for Thanksgiving:

Thy beauty, O God, is upon us, autumn everywhere—days lucid with vision or dim with mist, haze, and smothered sunshine; nights wistful with summer memories. The trees are touched with ripe, mellow colors, and the leaves begin to fall and flutter away. The birds are going south, following a viewless path like the homing instinct in the soul of man.

Lord, we thank Thee for beauty. Let our thankfulness be the flower of thoughtfulness and our prayer the fruit of joy. Help us, O God, to make the life of man as lovely as the world in which we live, the brotherliness of humanity equal to the beauty of nature.

Joseph Fort Newton

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Pam Wiegand

Our church was blest with many new babies this past month.

Triplets were born on Sept. 28 to Dennis and Eddis (Hartter) Blunier. Their names are Trent David, Travis Eugene and Troy Lynn. They have one older brother, Timothy.

Norm and Sis. Terry (Unsicker) Wettstein have a new baby girl, Nicole Daniel, born Oct. 6. She has two older sisters, Carrie and Katie.

Amy is the new baby daughter of Bro. Dean and Sis. Jackie (Koehl) Knoblock, born Oct. 19. Sara and Andrew are her older sister and brother.

Our sympathy is extended to Bros. Henry and Simon Wiegand, Sis. Carolyn Rokey, Sis. Marian Wiegand and Sis. Ruth Rokey, in the death of their dear mother, Rosa Wiegand.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Gene Metzger and Bro. Dave Wiegand.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Carol Klopfenstein

"For he looketh for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Hebrews 11:10. As visiting Bro. Wayne Anliker of Forrest expounded on the faith of Abraham, who obeyed God and "went out, not knowing whither he went", we were reminded that we too are pilgrims sojourning in a "strange country". Spiritually we should be living in tents as Abraham did for we have no foundation to live on in this present world; we are looking forward to our heavenly home. We were cautioned not to put down our roots in this world, but to be careful that we remain a pilgrim and not become a permanent resident. As the children of Israel, we too, are traveling through a spiritual wilderness to our promised land. A wilderness is a place where there is nothing; it is barren, as Bro. Wayne pointed out. And indeed when we came to the Light, through repentance, and our spiritual eyes were opened, the world appeared to us in its true form—void and empty of anything of lasting value or intrinsic worth.

Our converts, who were baptized Sept. 19, readily concur with this view, and were able to state that their old life in this earthly wilderness is dead and therefore ready to be symbolically buried in the baptismal waters. Bro. Bill Schifferer, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lana of Elgin, Sis. Diane Tegard, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Vira Stoller of Gridley, and Sis. Patty Malcolm are our new members in the body of Christ. We were glad for Elder Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke who was here to help with the baptisms.

We rejoice that Mike and Debbie

Schlipf also feel at peace with God and man and desire to give their testimony of faith on Nov. 6. They too are ready to forsake this world of vanity.

Bro. Raymond Kuntz, 83, passed away Oct. 4 and has gone to his eternal rest. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Lydia, his sons, Bro. Clyde and Ralph of Gridley, his daughters, Sis. Lucille Romersberger and Sis. Rosella Knapp of Gridley and his sister, Frieda Denny of Bluffton. The family has surely felt the love of the brethren during the illness and death of their loved one, and wishes to express their thanks. The support and prayers and messages of concern and sympathy have lifted them. Many deeds of love will always be remembered, and they wish God's blessings on all those who helped them in this time.

Three precious little girls have been born in the Gridley congregation recently. Bro. Curtis and Sis. Norma Witzig are the happy parents of Erin Lynn, born Sept. 28. Her grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig and Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Zimmerman all of Gridley.

Candice Kay is the new daughter of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Elaine Stoller. She was born Oct. 15 and is the granddaughter of Sis. Lucille Stoller of Gridley and Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty Nussbaum of Forrest.

Her first cousin, Katrina Louise was born Oct. 17 to Bro. Clark and Sis. Cindy Stoller. Katrina's grandparents are Sis. Lucille Stoller and Bro. Roy and Sis. Jeanne Hodel all of Gridley.

Our hospital patients have been Bro. Alph Witzig, Bro. Virgil Stoller, Sis. Rose Schlipf, who is presently at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home, Bro. Si Witzig, and Casey Knobloch, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Judy.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farney - JoAnn Roecker

We are thankful for our Heavenly Father's blessing on our annual Apostolic Restmor Sale and Luncheon. We wish to thank all those involved in making it a success. We also want to thank all those who came and bought items at the sale. May God bless all who were so kind.

We are rejoicing with Bro. Allen

Kaiser (Bro. Harry and Sis. Laverne) and Sis. Brenda Kaufman (Clifford and Lola) as God has drawn them together to walk down life's pathway as "one in Christ." May they be blest with "Showers of Blessings."

Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Annette Tanner welcome into their hearts and home, Diane Lynn. Diane was born October 11. Brian, Donna, Curt and Kathy are also thrilled with their new sister. The grandparents are Gotthold and Anna Tanner and Lena Stieglitz, all of Morton.

At this harvest-time, we are indeed thankful unto our Heavenly Father for blessing our country with a bountiful harvest of crops. May each of us be prepared for that "Heavenly Harvest" when the Lord shall come to claim His children.

We have the following who have recently spent some time in the hospital: Gustav Laidig, Bros. Ben Moser, Leo Funk, Joe Klaus, Jack Stieglitz, Sisters Emma Bernhardt and JoAnn Roecker. May we continue to remember in our prayers these loved ones and all those who are shut-in or sick.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner

Now thank we all our God with heart, and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, In whom the world rejoices, who from our mother's arms has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God thro' all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, His full redemption send, and free us from all ills, sustain us to the end.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Holy Ghost, who dwell in highest heaven. The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore, Who is and shall survive, Now and forever more.

Zion's Harp No. 236

We were privileged to have with us this month Bro. Roy Ehnle from Bradford and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner from Washington. We are thankful to God for sending them into our midst.

Sept. 18 was the wedding day of

Gina Honnegger (Bro. John and Sis. Wilma) to Gary Kempf (Bro. Bill and Sis. Clara) of Eureka. We wish them God's richest blessings as they begin their new life together.

Hospital patients this month were Sisters Emma Hoerr, Lydia Hermann and Mary Plattner. We pray the Lord will bless them with good health.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Walter, Bro. Bob and Bro. Pete Plattner on the death of their brother, Richard Plattner.

We also express our sympathy to Sis. Wilma Honnegger who lost her father, Alpha Maurer from Fairbury.

Sis. Marie Kipfer wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and gifts during her hospital stay.

Our annual German sing was held at the Apostolic Christian Home on Sunday evening, Oct. 10 and was enjoyed by many. Bro. Dan Steiner of Tremont led the singing and we surely appreciated his efforts.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

It has been said that Christianity isn't worth having if it isn't worth sharing. Visiting ministers who shared the Word with us have been Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury and Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton, IN.

Mary Beth Berchtold and Curt Wagenbach announced their engagement on Sept. 11. Parents are Bro. Lavern and Sis. Joan Berchtold and Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty Wagenbach.

On Sept. 25 we heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Debbi Baer to Bro. Leon Klopfenstein of Latty, OH. Parents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Ann Baer of Princeville. Sis. Rose Streitmatter was married to Bro. Allen Herrmann. Both are from our congregation. Their parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther Herrmann and Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha Streitmatter.

Kristen Jo Regier was born Oct. 8 to Bro. Dana and Sis. Martha Kay Regier. She has a brother to welcome her home. Grandparents are Richard and Helen Regier of Princeville and Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley Kieser of Bradford.

Sis. Marie Kieser of Peoria wishes to thank everyone for the prayers

offered on her behalf and from the flowers and cards sent to her during her recent hospitalization.

Please pray for Hilda Streitmatter. She is scheduled to have surgery again on Oct. 18.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel - Carol Rumbold

'Tis fall again on the prairie, and God is touching the leaves, turning them to gold. Likewise, He is also touching the hearts of men, and a few are acknowledging His touch and receiving Him into their hearts. We are thankful for the harvest, both spiritually and earthly.

God gave baby Melissa Anne to Bro. Ben and Sis. Janet Leman on Sept. 18. She is welcomed by grandparents Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice Knapp of Congerville and Bro. Sam and Sis. Ann Leman of our congregation.

On October 3, our congregation rejoiced together as our Sis. Sarah Aeschleman and our Bro. Les Fischer began a new life together. Their parents are Sis. Ida Fischer of our church home in Eureka, and Lloyd and Sis. Cynthia Aeschleman of Roanoke. We wish them many joyous years serving their God together.

Little Sara Jo Hodel (Bro. Brent and Sis. Marge) was in the hospital but has recovered and is home again.

Giving of themselves for our benefit were Bro. Bert Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa and Bro. Bob Pflederer of Morton. We know they will be rewarded because only what we do for Christ will last.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Renee Butler

As we become involved in this semester's work, we are glad to have ministering brothers come and speak to us on Thursday evenings. It seems we often get so busy in planning for future classes and what we will be doing "tomorrow" and the rest of our lives, that it is easy to forget that we are here on earth to serve the Lord each day.

"We do not know how long we have
Till time for us is past,
So let us live as if we knew
This day would be our last."

D. J. D.

The topics and speakers we have had this month are Bro. Jim Hoerr informing us of missionary work and world relief efforts in the Apostolic Christian Church; Bro. Joe Schrock led an open discussion in which we were encouraged to ask questions; and Bro. Edwin Ringger spoke on temptation.

Raymond and Jeanie Haerr hosted Parent's Weekend, Sunday, Sept. 26 at Bloomington Church. The monthly hymn sing was held in the evening, and the ISU group sang. We were also glad to have a special group from various churches in the area sing. We encourage everyone to attend Bible Study. It is held at 7:30 p.m. in Schroeder Hall, room 408.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach - Phyllis Lang

Praise and Thanks
For God's Blessings

Lord God, we honor Thee
And praise thy mild compassion,
That Thou so gracefully
Dost hear our supplication!
Thy love is truly great;
Thy mercies are untold;
Thou givest food and drink
for Spirit, flesh and soul.

Zion's Harp No. 13

We have to agree with the songwriter that the Lord has again been good unto us in this bountiful harvest season.

We were privileged to hear the remainder of the conference tapes. We heard many good teachings and timely warnings to guide us along our pilgrim's pathway.

We enjoyed the visits of Bros. Gregg Rassi (Chicago), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville), Edwin Hohulin (Goodfield), Bruce Leman (Roanoke) and Carl Wyss (Washington). We thank them for their efforts and may God be their rich rewarder.

On Sept. 28 we had a blessed day as we welcomed Dale Wagenbach (Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise), Sandy Sundstrom (Mr. and Mrs. Doug Burcham), and Don Kaiser (Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene) into our brotherhood. We thank Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) for assisting Bro. Dan in this work.

Sis. Ella Schweigert had eye surgery and is at home recuperating. Bro. Ernest Schaefer was hospitalized but was back in church again. We wish God's healing power on all those that are sick and also those who are in the nursing homes.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Barb Pflederer welcomed little Joan Michelle on Oct. 15. She has a sister, Stephanie, to help take care of her. Grandparents are Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn Kaiser (Morton) and Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee Pflederer.

We also extend a hearty welcome to Sis. Lisa Moser (Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara) of the Silverton, Oregon congregation. She has found employment in our area.

ILLINOIS, URBANA
Cheryl Joos

"Make a joyful noise unto God.
 all ye lands.

Sing forth the honor of his name:
 make his praise glorious."

Psalm 66:1, 2

We want to thank our Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin and his wife, Sis. Elsie for spending a Sunday with us before they leave for Zapata, Texas for the winter. We also appreciate the messages from God's Word which were brought to us by Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke, Bro. Bob Pflederer, Morton, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, and Bro. Carl Wyss, Washington. May God bless them for their labor of love.

Fall is the perfect time for wiener roasts and a chance to experience nature and God's creations. Wednesday evening was our fall wiener roast. This is an opportunity for the students and home families to fellowship and sing praises to God. On Oct. 16, Sis. Cheryl and Dennie Mangers had the Sunday School children, their families and the teachers for a hayride and wiener roast at Homer Lake. The clear blue skies, warm sunshine, and the brisk air lent itself to a blessed time for everyone.

The spectrum of love has nine ingredients:

Patience — "Love suffereth long."

Kindness — "And is kind."

Generosity — "Love envieth not."

Humility — "Love vaunteth not
 itself, is not puffed up."

Courtesy — "Doth not behave itself
 unseemly."

Unselfishness — "Seeketh not her
 own."

Good Temper — "Is not easily
 provoked."

Guilelessness — "Thinketh no evil."

Sincerity — "Rejoiceth not in in-
 iquity, but rejoiceth in the
 truth."

Patience; kindness; generosity;
 humility; courtesy; unselfishness;
 good temper; guilelessness; sin-
 cerity — these make up the supreme
 gift, the stature of the perfect man.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON
Lily Schick

No matter what may be the test, we always have blessings to count. We should remember not to lump them all together, but to be thankful for each one individually. There are some we all share. First and above all, the wonderful gift of salvation our Savior offers freely to all, accompanied by His all-sufficient grace. Then as we look about us, seeing summer transformed into fall, God's handiwork is everywhere! We have had a beautiful autumn, and the farmers are reaping a bountiful harvest, of which, in one way or another, we are all beneficiaries. So when the cross weighs heavy, let's just look within, and around us. "And it will surprise you what the Lord has done." Count Your Blessings, Hymns of Zion, No. 116.

Bro. Russ Plattner has returned home from the hospital and is recovering from his surgery. We are most thankful that our Heavenly Father is restoring health to him once again, an answer to many prayers.

Another precious little soul was brought into this world September 17. She is Brittany Jo, the daughter of Joe and Sis. Karen Baker. Her brother, Luke, and sister, Tara, welcome her home.

On September 20, funeral services were held for Don Gnehm, son of Bro. Emil and Esther Gnehm. Sincere sympathy goes to his family in the loss of their dear one.

Amy Ifft and Kevin Cagle were united in holy matrimony October 2. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ber-

nard Ifft of Pontiac and Bob and Sis. Lillian Cagle of Washington. We wish them God's blessings as they walk the path of life as one

We were grateful to have ministering Bro. Vernon Leman lend himself in God's service and deliver His inspired Word to us this past Sunday. May our Heavenly Father be his rich Rewarder.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Tammy Gerber

Gayla Baumgartner

Several couples in our congregation have been blessed with precious bundles of love. May God grant them much joy and happiness in raising their children.

Amy Dawn was born on September 18 to Bro. Don and Sis. Suzie Fiechter. Heidi and Janon are happy to have a new sister.

Bro. Jay and Sis. Deb Gerber are the parents of a son, Brant William, born on October 1. Emily and Brian are also happy to have a new brother.

On October 13, Bro. Jeff and Sis. Peg Yergler welcomed their first child, Shawn Jeffrey. His grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander and Bro. Truman and Sis. Marcella Yergler.

On the weekend of September 25 and 26, eight souls were added to the family of God. They are: Sis. Kris Gerber (Bro. Don and Sis. Justine), Sis. Marlene Steffen (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lucinda), Sis. LouAnn Aschliman (Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice), Bro. Hal Kipfer (Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy), Bro. Keith Kaehr (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lucille), Bro. Jerry Isch (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lucille), Bro. Darryl and Sis. Cindy Gerber.

On October 10, Sis. Ann Schulz and Bro. Brent Gerber announced their engagement and are planning a January 2 wedding. Norm and Mary Schulz of Croghan, New York are Sis. Ann's parents and Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise Gerber are Bro. Brent's parents.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford), Bro. Joe Braker (Morton), Bro. Robert Pflederer (Morton) and Bro. James Ramsier (Bay City). We wish to thank them for their labors of love.

We were privileged to have the Detroit choir with us on the

weekend of October 9 and 10. May God bless each of them for praising His name in song.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who spent time in the hospital this month: Sis. Lydia Kaehr, Sis. Hilda Heinhold, Sis. Bertha Moser, Sis. Anna Meyer, Sis. Judith Pfister, Sis. Londa Gerber, Sis. Emma Steffen and Bro. Eugene Heyerly.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Jacki Huber

Farewell, My Morning Dawns
Hymns of Zion, No. 194

Farewell, farewell, my morning
dawns, Farewell,
my rest I see.
The strife is o'er, my morning
dawns, The Master calleth me.
Farewell, farewell, let me go on that
endless
rest to share;
Be faithful till the Saviour calls,
Farewell,
till we meet there!

Our hearts were saddened at the unexpected death of our loving Bro. Herman Wuethrich, but we're comforted with the blessed hope that he is at rest in the Lord.

We extend sympathy to his dear wife, Sis. Laurretta (Norr), one son, Bro. Otto of Francesville; four daughters, Sis. Chrisann (Bro. Edison) Gutwein and Mary B. (Edwin) Gutwein of Francesville, Karen (Norman) Kuhn of Laporte and Betty (Charles) Lyons of Wabash, IN; six sisters; Sis. Catherine Neihouser and Sis. Minerva Wuethrich of Francesville, Sis. Marie Heinold of Valparaiso, Bernice Houk of Glen Ellyn, IL, Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein of Leo and Marjorie Hess of Wheaton, IL; two brothers, John and Bro. Leon of Francesville; 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bro. Herman was born March 23, 1905 and passed away October 4, 1982.

Brothers Ben Anliker, Emil Pelsy, Sis. Margaret (Bro. Chuck) Anliker and Tara Putt, daughter of Norm and Mary, have all been hospitalized this past month. It seems that when we ourselves are sick or in pain, we realize more fully what others have to endure, and

then pray harder for them. May we remember to pray for all those in bodily affliction that they don't become discouraged.

Babies are like little angels on earth—so pure and innocent. Bro. Steve and Sis. Linda Gutwein would attest to this, as their third little girl, Betsy Kaye was born to them on September 22. Two sisters, Sara and Molly, and one brother, Kevin, welcomed Betsy home.

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to everyone for their kindness shown to us at the death of Herman Wuethrich. We all appreciated the many cards, memorials, and love shown to us in so many ways. May God bless each and every one of you.

Laurretta Wuethrich
Edison & Chrisann Gutwein family
Norm & Karen Kuhn family
Charles & Betty Lyons family

The following was written by
Suzanne Schieler, granddaughter of
Herman Wuethrich.

GRANDPA

Such a special person
This God-fearing man,
We'll miss him always
But God had a plan.
His time had come
To lay to rest—
This special Grandpa,
One of the best.
Memories flow
From years gone by.
They are sweetly relived
With a trembling sigh.
Childhood days,
Filled with pinches and teases,
But there were always plenty of
Hugs and squeezes.
His scratchy whiskers
Would feel so rough—
But he always knew
When you'd had enough.
So smart, and willing
TO LEND ADVICE
You always knew it to be
Sound and wise.
Though from this earth
You did depart,
Dear Grandpa, your memory
will always live in my heart.
For you see my Grandpa
Whom God laid to rest,

was one of the most
very, very best.

We won't be saying goodbye
for forever—

In Heaven we'll meet,
Where the partings are never.

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Lynn Klopfenstein - Judy Dubach

The engagement of Sis. Pat Steffen to Bro. Wade Stoller (Leo), son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, was announced by her parents Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen of Milford, in the absence of the Indianapolis ministering brethren. Also visiting was Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville) and family. With the beautiful fall season we are thankful for our many visitors and visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Bob Meyer (Bluffton) and Elmer Witzig (Gridley).

Troy Troxel (Bluffton) and Sis. Mildred Schieler had recently undergone tests at our local hospitals. Sis. Mildred is now recuperating at her home in Wolcott.

INDIANA, LACROSSE

Lu Ann Feller - Connie Knobloch

What a lovely time of year Fall is! The trees are so colorful, the air is fresh; it seems we are so aware of the nature around us. God has created such beauty, and how He blesses us with it! We truly have many reasons to rejoice with Thanksgiving. The harvest was so bountiful this year. We can only hope and pray that the spiritual harvest will be as great and that "not one should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth."

The new Sunday School teachers this year are Bros. Garry Bucher and Andy Moser. May God help these brothers to bring the Word. May God richly bless these ministers for their efforts. Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI), Dale Strassheim (Milford), and Willis Weigand (Goodfield, IL) ministered to us this month.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Kenneth Heinold, who passed away October 7 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Kenneth was the son of deceased Bro. Joe and Sis. Martha Heinold. He is the brother of Bro. Harold, Bro. Raymond, Bro. Orie and Art Heinold and Sis. Maryann Feller.

INDIANA, LEO
Mrs. Phil Schlatter
Mrs. Al Frautschi

"In everything give thanks," I read; and this I know is right; The sacrifice of praise to God I know is His delight; So help me, Lord, to do the thing that pleases Thee; Count my rich blessings every day and always thankful be!

(from "Always Thankful"
 by Roy B. Williams)

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be tucked only into one day. But a special day of Thanksgiving is a reminder. A grateful, thankful attitude makes all of living more joyful. And gratefulness is also generous. Thanksgiving tradition includes inviting guests and strangers to share. We may share out of great plenty, or we may share out of little . . . You cannot be thankful and selfish." Margaret Foth

Bro. Wade Stoller, Leo, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva Stoller and Sis. Pat Steffen, Indianapolis, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Dorothy Steffen, Milford, have announced their engagement.

Visiting minister, Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington, IA brought His Word to our congregation, Sunday, Oct. 17.

Sympathy goes to Sis. Nancy Klopfenstein and all members of the family in the passing of her brother, Bro. H.C. Wuethrich, Francesville. It is comforting to realize that Christians never meet for the last time.

Through several meetings, tapes of the General Conference discourses have been heard.

"Thankfulness is more than words. It is an attitude toward life. Learn to say, "Thank you" for the little things as well as the great.

We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving. It is also true that we can give without being thankful; but we cannot be thankful without giving.

Beware lest on Thanksgiving Day you are among those who are more full than thankful!" (Selected)

INDIANA, MILFORD

Marcy Haab - Gwen Steffen

Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Bro. Elmer Hartter assisted Elder Bro. Jesse Beer with baptismal services of three dear souls on Sept. 18 and 19. The new members in the family of God are Sis. Sonia

Tinkey (Don and Sis. Virginia Hoover) and Bro. John and Sis. Pam Lehman, Jr. (Bro. John, Sr. and Sis. Madine). We are so very grateful that God is longsuffering and yet extends His grace to burdened souls. Our congregation rejoices, as do the angels in heaven. Tony and Esther Hoover (Don and Sis. Virginia) have asked the Lord for the remission of their sins; that now they have His refreshing presence in their lives.

Angie Strassheim (Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol) was hospitalized for tests. We are happy that she was soon able to return to her home and school.

Sis. Connie Beer and Shane (Bro. Steve) escaped serious injury in an auto accident. How rapidly these accidents can occur and how truly grateful we are that they were protected.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth Beer in the loss of Bro. Frank's sister. Our expressions of sorrow go also to Bro. Ted and Sis. Inez Brooks following the death of Sis. Inez's brother.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife. . . Genesis 2:24

We are joyful that it is God's will that two of His children desire to be married. Sis. Pat Steffen (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy) and Bro. Wade Stoller (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, Leo), shall live "each for the other, and both for the Lord."

Psalm 92 tells us that "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." As we ponder this thought we will realize how many reasons we do have to be thankful. Thanksgiving day occurs one day each year, but as believers we need to prayerfully give thanks to God each day. Let us never be too busy or so burdened that we neglect this. God's unfailing goodness and His many promises merit our gratitude; gratitude for salvation, for all things about us, and for life itself. One of the greatest things we have been given is the gift of love — our ability to love God and to love our fellow man. Let's be thankful, too, for an open heart that allows joy to enter and flood our soul. Jesus points out what we should be most thankful for when His word tells us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

INDIANA, REMINGTON
Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

"O Lord, how great are Thy works! and Thy thoughts are very deep." (Ps. 92:5).

Have you ever wondered at the parallels between nature and Christ's teachings? Once on a walk, I was noticing all the wild flowers in bloom. I stepped close to one, for a closer inspection. I was so disappointed. It had spots all over it, the poor, pitiful flower, wasn't pure or pretty at all. I realized then, what a parallel with Christians it seemed. ". . . and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Ja. 1:27. Certain plants have a low resistance to disease or insects. As Christians, we also being weak, in our make-up, need the resistance, which is prayer and grace, a balm for all trials. If we don't call upon the Lord, will our soul become like the pitiful flower, so unpure and spotted from the world?

We appreciate the visiting ministers this month; Bro. Edmund Kloter (Goodfield), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington) and Bro. Art Ringer (Indianapolis). Their efforts and blessings makes the word "thank you" seem too small.

"Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." (Ps. 2:12). We will miss our dear Sis. Charlotte Bahler, who has moved this month to Illinois. She will now assemble in the Eureka Church. We wish her much love and strength in the Lord.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND
Nancy Lehman - Karen Lehman

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19

Our small congregation rejoices that Pat Meyer and Anne Greenberg have turned their lives over to the Lord. May God give them strength and grace in their new walk of life.

Our dear friend Ernest Germann was able to leave the nursing home on Sunday, Oct. 10, to be baptized. We are happy to report Bro. Ernest as of this time has been released from the nursing home and is now at home with his wife, Sis. Marie.

Through God's unfailing grace, our

sorrows become easier to bear. Bro. Dan Germann passed away after a lengthy illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to the surviving children, Florence (Mrs. William) Stoller (Haviland, OH); Mildred (Mrs. Louise) Stoller (Paulding, OH); Kenneth and Robert Germann (Bremen) and Harold Germann (Osceola). "By looking at sorrow as a blessing in disguise, we shall regard it not as a sign of failure but as a small price to pay for the everlasting peace and joy of heaven." James Keller.

This month we were blessed with many visiting ministers. They were Bro. Harold Emch (Girard, OH), Bro. Mike Thomas (Valparaiso), Bro. Edward Alt (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Robert Pflederer (Morton, IL).

INDIANA, VALPARAISO Mary Huber - Claudia Thomas

TRY THANKSGIVING

My mouth shall shew forth Thy praise
(Ps. 51:15).

Nothing so pleases God in connection with our prayers as our praise, and nothing so blesses the man who prays as the praise which he offers. I got a great blessing once in China in this connection. I had received bad and sad news, and deep shadows had covered my soul. I prayed, but the darkness did not vanish. I summoned myself to endure, but the darkness only deepened. Just then I went to an inland station and saw on the wall of the mission house these words: "Try Thanksgiving." I did, and in a moment every shadow was gone, not to return. Most people pray little, but praise less. If other things have seemed to fail, let us "try thanksgiving."

Rev. Robert W. Frost

We all in one accord praise God for the new life He has given Bro. Ed Lester and Sis. Wendy Miller (Bro. Terry and Sis. Bev). They gave their testimony of faith in Christ's forgiveness and were baptized October 17.

As Bro. Ed and Sis. Wendy rejoice in their new life in Christ, so Wayne and Judy Paarlberg rejoice in the life of their new grandson, Jordan Baske, son of Jim and Kathy.

Our loss has become Phoenix church's gain as Sis. Wanda Huber leaves here to find work in Arizona. We

pray our Lord will bless and keep her as we are apart.

Sis. Janet Hari has been sick with pneumonia, and we pray for her family as they love and care for her. May God be glorified through their lives.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin), Bob Meyer (Bluffton), Harold Messner and Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop) and Ed Frank (LaCrosse).

INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Debbie Anliker

"I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4:13

This past month we were privileged to have brethren from South Bend, Wichita and LaCrosse congregations assemble with us around God's Word. We sincerely thank those who make an effort to fellowship with us.

We are now meeting at a new location for services. The address is:

West Lafayette Church of the Nazarene, 3290 Soldier's Home Road, West Lafayette, Indiana.

As always, anyone who is in the area is welcome to assemble with us.

Bring to God your gift, my brother,
He'll not need to call another,
You will do;
He will add His blessing to it,
And the two of you will do it,
God and you.

R. E. Neighbour

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Laurel and Kris Widmer

"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song . . ." Psalm 149:1

Bro. Jon and Sis. Wendy Schwab are thankful for little Brandy Rose born to them on September 23. Also welcoming her home are her sister Tiffany, Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman (Francesville) and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab. Sunday, October 17 brought two ministers and their wives to our congregation. We thank Bro. Simon Wagonbach from Tremont, and Bro. Wendell Gerber from Bluffton for sharing the day with us.

Our prayers for renewed health and strength are with our Sis. Marilyn Schieler, who has returned home from the hospital, but is still unable to as-

semble with us.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Kim Salek - Edith Massner

Our friend, Marty Buehler (Bro. Ken's wife) is recovering satisfactorily after major surgery. She will have to return to the hospital in a few weeks again. We surely wish her well.

Bro. Nick Knobloch from Princeville was here and showed slides from Haiti. We hope we can all live a more devoted and obedient life in appreciation for our many blessings. May God make us willing to share with others in accordance with His will.

As we think of Christ's coming to earth as a baby, we also think of that Home in Heaven where He waits for us. Bro. Froelich writes, "If we have thus endured in our proving trial on earth, we will also enter into the joy of our Lord for only the overcomers will be crowned. Christ came to us so that all the sanctified should become co-heirs. He who would be thus needs to keep himself from unrighteousness so that the Holy Ghost may not abandon him. We battle for a crown. May we not become weary in the strife which is set for us." — Meditations on Ephesians, page 263.

IOWA, ELGIN

Eleanor Butikofer

Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Bro. Richard Sutter who recently passed away. Bro. Richard was a grandson of the late Bro. Ed Grimm who lived here at Elgin, IA and was a loving minister for many years before he and his family moved to Taylor, MO.

Everyone is invited to attend our mid-week services. Wednesday evenings are devoted to regular church services and the first Sunday evening of every month is hymn singing night.

We have been blessed with folks from many states. Some came from Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota and Michigan. We are always happy to meet and visit with all who come.

Sis. Evelyn Pulfer had surgery at Rochester, MN and is now at home recovering.

To our surprise we were greeted with a blanket of snow this morning, but the weatherman predicts a warming trend for this weekend. The leaves, espec-

ially the maples and locusts are just beautiful. Our cooler weather is bringing our song birds back to our feeders. Just a few minutes ago a downy woodpecker and a nuthatch were sighted partaking of suet.

“Your Place”

Is your place a small place?

Tend it with care

He set you there.

Is your place a large place?

Guard it with care,

He set you there.

Whatever your place it is not yours alone

But His who set you there.

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

The farmers are busy harvesting their corn crops. The crops are bountiful and we are thankful to God for blessings of food as well as the spiritual food from above.

IOWA, IOWA CITY

Joyce Eland

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thess. 5:18. It is easy to remember to be thankful at this time of the year as we approach our national Thanksgiving holiday. But how do we do the rest of the year? It occurs to me that before we can express gratitude for something we need to do two things. We first of all need to recognize it as a blessing — this may include many things we take for granted or things that seem more like misfortune at the time. Next, we have to acknowledge God as the source instead of taking the credit for ourselves. I for one need stronger spiritual “glasses” so that I can more clearly recognize my blessings and their source and thus have a more thankful heart.

Our congregation here is thankful for the brothers who have again come to minister unto us. We truly appreciate the time and effort involved and the visits are a source of much encouragement to us. Visiting ministers for the last month included Bros. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville), Paul Eisenmann (Burlington), Joe Stoller (Princeville), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), and Marshall Heinold (Washington).

Marlise Streitmatter has moved back to Princeville. We will certainly

miss her here but pray that God will guide her in her decisions regarding the future.

IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

We are thankful for two dear souls who have recently answered the kind invitation by Jesus to “Come, follow Me.” Nola Wulf, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice, and Sheila Roeman, daughter of Bro. Eddie and Sis. Amelia have turned their backs on Satan and his worldly attractions and now wish to live for God.

On Oct. 10 the wedding of Sis. Charlene Knoblock and Bro. Henry Messner, Morris was solemnized by Elder Bro. Leo Moser. Although Sis. Charlene will be attending church in Morris, we feel sure she will feel the same fellowship and hear the same true Word. We will miss her friendly smile. May God be an ever present guest as they establish their home. Among the many guests with us for the wedding were Elder Bro. Sam Huber, Bros. Roger Aberle, Jon Schmidgall, Art Nohl, and their wives.

Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris, was with us Oct. 17 and gave his farewell sermons to the Lester church as he is retiring from the pulpit. We appreciate the stirring and timely message he left with us. Through the years, he has been with us many times to share our joys as well as our griefs. We pray that he may enjoy many years with his family in his well deserved retirement.

Roger Myrlie was hospitalized briefly and is again able to assemble with us.

May I share with you this thought on kindness by Grellet:

I shall pass through this world but once.

If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

IOWA, OAKVILLE

Jerilyn Wagenbach

We have enjoyed the opportunity to listen to the tapes of our annual Brotherhood Conference. We are reminded of God’s love for us, and our duty to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith (we) are called.” Ephesians 4:1. May the Lord ever bless our elders and ministers, and may we support them in this work.

Ministering Bros. Byron Stoller (Gridley, IL) and Glenn Funk (Garden Grove, IA) have been in our midst recently. We appreciate all our visitors and the fellowship we can enjoy.

The time of harvest and the approach of Thanksgiving once again remind us how bountifully God has blessed us, in both material and spiritual things. We wonder, when the Lord thrusts in His sickle to reap the harvest of the earth, will we be found to have brought forth fruit — thirty, sixty, or a hundred-fold?

We are all so thankful for the many acts of love and kindness shown to us, especially to Randy, at the time of his accident and during his long stay in the hospital. The love and prayers of many have truly been felt, and we still need them. The families of Don and Sharon Allen and Bro. Al and Sis. Martha Wiegand.

Our friend Randy Allen (husband of Brenda Wiegand) is home from the hospital after five months. He is paralyzed from the shoulders down as a result of an accident when he was thrown out of the car in which he was riding. Randy operates his electric wheelchair by mouth. He is well able to have visitors and appreciates mail. His address is Route 1, Box 262, Columbus Junction, Iowa 52738.

Thanksgiving brings a grateful thought
Of all the joys the year has brought.
A little surprise that’s unexpected,
A call that reminds us we’re not neglected,
A kind little deed that makes a load lighter,
A warm little message that makes a day brighter,
A hand that comforts with a gentle touch,
A word or a smile that mean so much...
The special little joys of living
Are year-round reasons for thanksgiving!

Helen Farries

IOWA, PULASKI

Mary Wiegand — DeAnn Wuthrich

Harvest is always a wonderful time of the year! We reap the crops with which God has blessed us, and are thankful for the bountifulness! It makes it all the more pleasant when we have the beautiful weather like we’ve been having. Our hearts are filled to

overflowing with thanks and praise to God for his many rich blessings.

We have happy news. Our friends, Paul and Charlotte Teubel, have peace with God and man and hope to be taken into the fold soon. May they ever feel God's nearness.

What a blessed Lord's day we spent when Bro. Kenny and Sis. Phyllis Knapp, from Taylor, MO, came to spend the day with us. After hearing his messages we wonder how anyone could not heed the call.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich spent a few days in the hospital, but is home again. We are thankful to see her in church again.

Jeff and Janny Warning are the happy parents of their third little girl, Whitney Nicole. Whitney's big sisters are Messina and Casey, and her grandparents are Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger.

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

The good, green earth beneath our feet,
The air we breathe, the food we eat,
Some work to do, a goal to win,
A hidden longing deep within
That spurs us on to bigger things
And helps us meet what each day brings,
All these things and many more
Are things we should be thankful for...
And most of all our thankful prayers
Should rise to God because He cares!
Helen Steiner Rice

IOWA, WEST BEND

Judy Fehr - Elma Mogler

Visiting us this month were Elder Bro. Leo Moser, retired Elder Bro. Eugene Bertschi and Bro. Gene Metzger. Our elder brother greeted us by saying "May His grace be over us as a warm cover." What a warm greeting. We appreciated hearing the Word as it was spoken to us in all sincerity by these brothers. We wish to thank them for lending themselves.

As we listen to our conference tapes this month, may our days be filled with just a little more thankfulness and love toward our God, our Church and our elder brethren.

Every good and perfect gift is from above and two homes have been richly blessed with precious "gifts" from Heaven. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy Fehr received Autumn Joy into their family on Sept. 12. Her grandparents

are Sis. Nima Fehr, Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz. Shelby William arrived on Sept. 22 to bless the home of Bro. Merlyn and Sis. Judy Metzger. His grandparents are Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger and Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger of Morris. May God continue to bestow His blessings upon each one.

Bro. Philip Fisher, Sis. Florence Banwart and the infant son of Bro. Merlyn and Sis. Judy Metzger have all returned home after a hospital stay. Sis. Florence will return for surgery in the near future. Sis. Emma Luthi is doing well after cataract surgery. Agnes Anliker, wife of Elmer is hospitalized at this time, as is Doug Schneider (Louis and Joni) who remains in the hospital with pneumonia. Little Charles Anliker had the misfortune of breaking a leg. He is the son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Helen. May God's healing power reach out to each one of them.

After a lingering illness, Eddie Anliker passed away Oct. 2. He was a brother of Rueben and Elmer Anliker and Esther Rolfson. We extend our sympathy to the family.

JAPAN, SHIODA

Kathy Klotzle

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4. With salvation and life in our Lord Jesus Christ, it seems that rejoicing always should be a natural part of our being. And yet, this isn't always so. Thus, "Joy in the Lord:" the theme for our Fall Fellowship Meeting, led to strength, encouragement and inspiration to live more joyously for our God. As brethren from Tokyo, our congregation and our American guests gathered together, we were reminded that our joy can be full by abiding in love, keeping our Lord's commandments, and talking to our brethren and friends about the hope that is within us. Our joy can be such a light to the world.

It's difficult to be writing about joy right now, because it usually isn't part of farewells. Tonight we must say goodbye to Sis. Shirley and Sue Witzig as they return to America after spending a wonderful blessed two weeks together in Japan. God has granted us experiences that have left us strengthened, and we can carry this with us as we go our separate ways. Times and friendships, new and old, are special when they're shared in the love of God.

God has again worked definitely and according to His own will and timing in leading another sister to come to Japan. We rejoice with Sis. Judy Luginbuhl that she has been chosen and guided by God to become a part of the work here. As those of us who have had this privilege in our lives have found, it will be a life-changing experience and a special gift from God to not only Sis. Judy, and those whom her life will touch in Japan, but also for her family, friends and those who support her. We joyfully welcome her in the love of Christ, and wish her the blessings of God.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Marie Inoue - Yoshio Yamazaki

We had regular church cleaning on September 15, a Japanese national holiday. We thought that also we should clean our soul more often, not only the buildings. Of course, we had already cleaned our sins through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, we always have to clean our hearts through His mercy, love and grace.

The Sunday after we cleaned our church, Wendy Takara and her husband visited our Tokyo Church. Wendy went to college in Iowa, and one of her language professors was a brother of our faith. She was able to attend our Chicago Church once and received the address of our brethren here. She met her husband in college, and they have decided to reside in Japan. It warms our hearts to hear of faithful witnesses of our American brethren. We hope and pray Wendy and her husband can often gather with us.

Other visitors to our assembly were Sis. Shirley and Susie Witzig of Altadena, and Fred and Marge Hess and Sis. Minerva Wuethrich. It was a special joy to meet each one as we fellowshiped around the table. Then came sadness as we received a phone call that Marge and Minerva's older brother, Bro. Herman Wuethrich of Francesville, had passed away suddenly. The ladies returned home for funeral services, and Mr. Hess has remained here for 2 weeks. Their stay here was very short with many unfulfilled plans, but God had His hand in it and whatever He does is well done. Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue's phone

number was changed from Sept. 28, 1982 and their new phone number is 0424-81-3455 of Tokyo. If you can note above number it is appreciated.

KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

On the weekend of Oct. 2 and 3 we enjoyed having the junior and senior Bible classes of Kiowa, Wichita, Ft. Scott, Lamont, Gridley, Sabetha and Lamar (MO).

Bro. Rodney and Sis. Cynthia Strahm are the parents of a son, Vance Rodney. He was born Oct. 1. Grandparents are Sis. Mamie and Bro. Alpha Strahm, Jr., and Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer (Sabetha).

We appreciate having Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, IA) and Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont) visit us.

KANSAS, FT. SCOTT

Jamie Marti

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

The weekend of October 17 was a very blessed weekend as we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of our new sister-in-faith, Cheryl Miller (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl). We thank Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha) and Bro. John Lehman (Bern) for being with us for this occasion.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr - Gay Farney

Take nothing for granted,
 for whenever you do
 The "joy of enjoying"
 is lessened for you—
 For we rob our own lives
 much more than we know
 When we fail to respond
 or in any way show
 Our thanks for the blessings
 that daily are ours . . .
 The warmth of the sun,
 the fragrance of flowers,
 The beauty of twilight,
 the freshness of dawn,
 The coolness of dew
 on a green velvet lawn,
 The kind little deeds
 so thoughtfully done,

The favors of friends
 and the love that someone
 Unselfishly gives us
 in a myriad of ways,
 Expecting no payment
 and no words of praise—
 Oh, great is our loss
 when we no longer find
 A thankful response
 to things of this kind,
 For the JOY of ENJOYING
 and the FULLNESS of LIVING
 Are found in the heart
 that is filled with
THANKSGIVING.

Helen Steiner Rice

Such a beautiful poem, and so true; for if we sat down and made a list of all the blessings we have, I'm sure that list would be unending, for the gifts God gives to His children are unending as is His love, His mercy and His grace. May we never forget what a blessed people we are, and truly make every day a "Thanksgiving Day" to our God.

Our hospital patients this past month included: Sis. Dorothy Brown who is still suffering from the stroke she had earlier; Sis. Gay Farney who underwent tests; and Linndy Frieden, son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Millie Frieden, who underwent knee surgery for a torn cartilage. We are truly thankful that they are all, at the present time, able to be in our midst again.

We enjoyed a truly blessed weekend this past month when the Bern Sunday School sponsored our Youth Fellowship. Ministering Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, IA was the speaker for the weekend, and we are deeply thankful to him for his words of faith and also to Bern for the labor of love we were shown. May God richly bless them for everything.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Esther Hodel were honored by their family this month to celebrate 45 years of marriage. In a time when divorce is so common, it is truly beautiful to see two people make it last for 45 years. Their secret? "God" is the head of their home, their lives, their marriage. May God, if it be His will, bless them with many more years together.

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 to Your Reporter.

KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

Thank God For Little Things

Thank you, God, for little things
 that often come our way—
 The things we take for granted
 but don't mention when we pray—
 The unexpected courtesy,
 the thoughtful kindly deed—
 A hand reached out to help us
 in the time of sudden need—
 Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
 of little daily graces
 That come to us with sweet surprise
 from never dreamed of places.

Helen Steiner Rice

Blessed be the Lord, who daily
 loadeth us with benefits.

Psalms 68:19

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at the home of Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane Isch on Sunday, Sept. 19. A blessed time was enjoyed by all.

Bertha Huber suffered a light stroke and was a hospital patient this month. We are happy to report she is able to be out again.

Bro. Fred Luthi, who will be 96 in Dec., is now making his home at the Madison Manor. He attends church regularly and enjoys reasonable health for his age.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

The good, green earth beneath our feet.
 The air we breathe, the food we eat.
 Some work to do, a goal to win,
 A hidden longing deep within
 That spurs us on to bigger things
 And helps us meet what each day brings.
 All these things and many more
 Are things we should be thankful for . . .
 And most of all our thankful prayers
 Should rise to God because He cares!

Helen Steiner Rice

We appreciate the visits of ministering brothers, Bro. Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott; Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott; Bro. John Lehman, Bern; and Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, IA. May the Lord bless each one as they labor in His

vineyard.

We offer our sympathy to Sis. Evelyn Wysong on the death of her brother, William Stavenik of Fort Wayne.

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Joe Menold and Bro. Ben Aberle.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Priscilla Frank

As October settles into Wichita, our days are cooling off and a few of our leaves are starting to turn, and once again Autumn is upon us. With Autumn comes Harvest and with Harvest our thankfulness to God for once again providing for our needs. For some maybe not as much as they would have liked; for others more than expected. Yet God knows each of our needs and he has promised to provide. For some it maybe for a lesson on learning to receive, for yet others, it may be the time for giving. Nonetheless, both parties received a blessing. For in giving we receive and in receiving we give. As E. A. Robinson so adequately stated,

"Two kinds of gratitude—
The sudden kind, we feel
for what we take.

The larger kind, we feel
for what we give.

We'd like to thank two ministering brothers for their giving this month; Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Ron Allenbach—for truly we received a blessing.

Please continue praying for Sis. Ungela Strahm as she remains in the hospital. Thank you!

MICHIGAN, ALTO

Jane Grawburg

The time of Thanksgiving is now at hand and we are grateful for everything our Lord has done for us. This week, we shared in the love feast He provided for us. Bro. Andrew Verkler of Bay City, MI, joined us for Holy Communion. We thank Bro. Andy for his labors of love. Our weekend was just extra-special.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Sis. Ellen Oesch, wife of our late Bro. Ernest Oesch, who passed away just a few weeks ago. Sis. Ellen will certainly be missed by all of us.

Martin and Michelle Blough, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite Blough, have

just brought home their very first bundle of joy! Little Regina Sue has been warmly welcomed by her entire family.

Sis. Judy Gerst, wife of Bro. Bill, was hospitalized for surgery this week. We pray for her speedy recovery and that she will be home with her family very soon.

Jim and Julie Blough, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise Blough, have answered our Lord's call to repentance. May they be most richly blessed.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Linda Ramseyer

Our congregation was saddened by the death of Sis. Emma Wackerle. Sis. Emma had served the Lord for many years and we pray that she will be richly rewarded. She is survived by one son, Clyde (Mildred) Wackerle; two daughters, Sis. Alice (Chris) Mehl and Sis. Lula (Clinton) Meier; two sisters, Sis. Eula Maibach and Sis. Lydia Wieland; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with these dear ones who have lost their loved one.

We are always sorry to hear of those who have been hospitalized. Bro. Glenn (Sis. Margaret) Ruesegger was in the hospital for a short time and we are glad he is able to assemble with us once again. Sis. Winifred (Bro. Frederick) Ruegsegger has been hospitalized for a few weeks and our prayers are with her during her illness.

Bro. Mark Bahr from Detroit ministered God's word to us in this past month. We are glad that Bro. Mark and his family could come to spend a day with us.

We are once again looking forward to the day that our country has set aside as Thanksgiving. Our prayers are that we might not only give thanks on this day, but that we would be "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Helen and Bonnie Popp

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Psalm 103:1.

A most blessed weekend was October 16-17 as four souls were added to the flock. We are happy for Walt and Hilda Bauer, Manuela Denes and Candi Knochel as they are now baptized and can follow the Lord's way on their earthly journey. Our prayers and heart's desire is that God will remain close to their side and that their daily walk will be in strict obedience to God's will and way.

We were grateful to have many visitors with us at this most special time. Several Elder and ministering brethren were able to be here, including Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Bro. Dale Frank, Bro. Don Gudeman, Bro. Hartzell Kaisner and Bro. Homer Reineck. We are grateful for their visit and support.

It was a privilege at other times this past month to have visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Andy Virkler, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall and Bro. Larry Wenninger with us. Their visits and lending themselves in bringing forth the true Word is very much appreciated.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

Deb Tilbury

It has been a very pretty ride to church the past month, since the leaves have been turning. Now the trees are mostly rust colored. Winter sure feels near.

Beginning this month, song service starts at 7:00 p.m. and is held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. We also decided to have one potluck group which would meet the third Sunday of the month.

It was announced that Ken Mogler had found peace and would be baptized on Oct. 24 in Lester, Iowa.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Rhonda Zeltwanger - Jan Schock

Two precious souls gave their testimony of faith and were added to the fold on Sept. 19. We welcome as brothers, Tim Feuchtenberger (Bro. Wallis and Sis. Diane) and Jim Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi). Bros. Leo Moser, Leroy Huber, Noah Gerber and Dennis Warner spent the weekend with us.

Other visitors this month were Bros. Don Miller (Minneapolis), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest) and

Edwin Bahler (Remington). May God's Word, which they preach, be hid in our hearts that we might not sin against Him.

The engagement was made known of our converts Shane Jones and Ruth Koehl (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys). As they begin their lives together on Nov. 26, may God bless them.

Dennis and Michelle Feuchtenberger are parents of a son, Anthony Lee. Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane share in their joy as they become grandparents.

Bro. Don Luthi made a real effort to attend his nephew's baptism and then suffered a broken arm. We are thankful he is improving in a Minneapolis hospital following surgery and hope he can soon return to Morris.

Bro. Henry Beer wrote these words about the "First Thanksgiving Day":

The pilgrims left a foreign land
And sailed across the main,
And landed on New England's
shore,
That faith they might retain.

Some say the first Thanksgiving day
The pilgrims did ordain
Was when they offered thanks and
praise
For life and food and grain.

It was a day of gratitude
When stormy voyage was o'er,
When they had landed safely there
On cold New England's shore.

The rolling sea behind them lay,
Before them, trees of pine.
With thankful hearts they knelt in
prayer
And praised God's help divine.

The pilgrims marked the Plymouth
Rock
Where they had knelt to pray,
And still it stands memorial of
That first Thanksgiving Day.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Ann Messner
Mary Lou Schmidt

With the season of Thanksgiving upon us, this poem seemed to express a special tribute to our Lord and Maker.

PRAYER

Prayer is the glad heart's hymn of
praise

To Him who brightens all our days,
Whom all the universe obeys,
Who loves His children still.

Prayer is the anxious heart's
request

For added strength to face a test,
For wisdom to see that God knows
best

And to understand His will.

Worldly cares and problems leave
us,

Doubts and fears no longer grieve
us,

His arms are open to receive us
When we pause to pray.

For prayer is the hope of the human
race

That God will lead us in His grace
To the time we see His blessed face
In Heaven and home one day.

Robin St. John

"Be ye steadfast and immovable as your labors are not in vain in the Lord!" Bro. Floyd Schmidgall and family of Morris, and Bro. Wayne Fehr and family of West Bend were visiting ministers this past month. We thank these dear brethren for remembering our small congregation.

We have listened to the conference tapes this past month. Many good teachings are gleaned by listening. May God richly bless our dear elder brethren for being faithful watchman on the wall.

Whatever you write on the heart of
a child—

A story of gladness or care,
That Heaven has blessed, or that
earth has defiled;

'Twill linger unchangingly there.

Anonymous

The junior and senior Bible Classes of Morris and Minneapolis, and Sunday School teachers, spent a weekend with our Sunday School class. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and thank each and every one for coming.

The engagement of Joe Messner, (Bro. Marlyn and Sis. Lois) to Kim Doorneweerd, daughter of Dick and Leah Doorneweerd of Hills. Minnesota was made known. A Decem-

ber 11 wedding is being planned.

Bro. Walter Messner and Bro. George Messner wish to sincerely thank each and everyone for remembering them with flowers, gifts, cards and prayers during their recent hospital stays. May God richly bless you all.

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Janice Lehman

We welcome Bro. Stan and Sis. Judy Sauder into our congregation. They moved here from Columbus, Ohio and recently became proud parents of a baby girl, Kathryn Louise.

Bro. Bill Rogers is able to assemble with us again after spending a few weeks in the hospital.

We thank all the ministers who have come to worship with us. The Kansas churches and Lamar, MO provide us with a minister each Sunday and we are grateful for their willingness to come. Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville, IL was also here to share the message of salvation.

Another new addition to our small group is Martha Grimm who recently moved to Kansas City after graduating from Kansas State University.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Sandra Marti - Becky Hohulin

FAITH IS THE KEY

There is power in prayer;
Your Faith is the key,
And God's good gifts
You long to receive
Are possible now—
If you will but dare
To take Him at His word
... and Believe!

—Jon Gilbert

Our hearts were warmed on Oct. 17 with the testimony and following baptism of a dear and precious soul, Beverly Mayfield. Beverly is the daughter of Howard and Jane Mayfield. We do rejoice with her as she begins her life of faith. She has found that there indeed is power in prayer, and her faith is the key. Now she can go on through life believing and knowing that God will supply her with His spirit to face every test and trial she may meet.

Sharing and serving us in this blessed weekend was Elder Bro.

Corbin Bahler and his wife Sis. Virginia from Rockville, CT. He, with our Elder Bro. Gene Marti, shared the recent conference letter with us, and many loving and timely admonitions were expounded to us.

Also, this month, we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Leroy Huber and his wife, Sis. Clara from Eureka, IL with us. May God richly bless both of these visiting elder brothers for their labors on our behalf.

Spending time in the hospital this month was our dear Sis. Marie Stewart. Our love and prayers go out to her. She is home now, and we pray that God's love and strength will continue to sustain her in the days ahead.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS
Becky Gudeman

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." I Peter 3:15

We were privileged to have with us a group from Indianapolis on Sept. 26; and a group from Taylor on Oct. 10. May the Lord bless the ministers who shared the Word with us — Bro. Art Ringger from Indianapolis and Bro. Arnie Gerst from Taylor. We sincerely appreciate these meetings.

Services are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the Ben Franklin Motor Hotel, 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd. However, because of the holidays, there will be no services on Nov. 28 and Dec. 26. Please contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314/275-2227 for more information.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR
Loida Hodel

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

A son, William Carl, was born Sept. 16 to Jim and Ginger Moser. He has two brothers, Boyd and Jason, and grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Janette Moser of Elgin, IL. A daughter was born Sept. 27 to ministering Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan Heimer. Jackie Marie has a sister Amber and grandparents are Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser (Wapello, IA) and Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Ann Hodel (Roanoke). May

God bless these families and may they enjoy their little sunbeams and bring them up in a way that would be pleasing to Him.

Renee Grimm (Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona) had the misfortune of breaking her wrist in a bicycle mishap. Outside of the discomfort of a cast, Renee is doing fine.

May God bless Elder Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marilyn Steffen, Elgin, IL, and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Marie Grimm of Bern, KS, for their visits and sharing His word with us on Oct. 17.

"In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalm 90:5,12. We have the faith to believe that it was God's permissive will to take a young man, Bro. Richard Sutter, 48, from our midst though his sudden death, due to a massive heart attack came as a shock to all of us. "Dick" was the youngest of the late Bro. Eli and Sis. Elizabeth (Grimm) Sutter and is survived by his wife Sis. Charlene (Winfield), a daughter Jody (Mrs. Danny Meyers), a son Roger and two grandchildren, Dana and Cory Meyers. Two brothers, Bros. James and Gerald of here, two sisters, Sis. Naomi Moser, Wapello, IA, Joyce Pohl, Burlington, IA, and a foster brother, Bob Frieden of California also survive. May Charlene and her little family cling to the hope of meeting their loved one again and may God's love and comfort, and the happy memories of their lives together, see them through the days ahead. Dick had the ability to live in harmony with others and it is a consolation to know that the quality if not the quantity of his life was special to all of us.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Sutter at the passing of Marge's father, Everett Weneker, 82, who had spent the twilight years of his life in a mobile home adjacent to the Sutter's. "Grandpa Weneker" will be missed especially by Sis. Marj and her family who cared for him so faithfully and may God fill the void in their hearts that is so prevalent at this time.

You'll Never Walk Alone

When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high,
 And don't be afraid of the dark,
 At the end of the storm there's a golden sky
 And the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind, walk on
 through the rain
 Though your dreams be tossed and
 blown,
 Walk on, walk on with hope in your
 heart
 And you'll never walk alone.

Oscar Hammerstein II

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY
Ed Aeschleman

Visiting ministers were Bros. Dan Stoller and Lee Bahler from Rockville along with other brethren from Rockville and from Indiana and Illinois. We are thankful for all who lend themselves in support of our small church.

We were saddened by the death of our dear Sis. Minnie Cook, 78, but after spending many months in a nursing home and more recently in the hospital, we know that she was blessed by our merciful God to be relieved of her mortal afflictions in return for eternal and heavenly bliss. Her husband, Bro. Arthur, preceded her in death several years ago. May God's consoling grace rest upon the loved ones left behind.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN
Alice Virkler

Lord God, we honor Thee
 And praise Thy mild compassion,
 That Thou so gracefully
 Dost hear our supplication!
 Thy love is truly great;
 Thy mercies are untold;
 Thou givest food and drink
 for Spirit, flesh and soul.

Zion's Harp No. 13

As this is the time of year we celebrate the thanksgiving season, we have many things to be thankful for in our country. The one thing that should enter our mind is to be thankful for God's word which goes out in its purity and our salvation which is free for the asking.

We have been privileged to listen to the tapes of the recent Brotherhood Conference on the last three Sunday evenings. We are truly thankful that we have elder brothers who show so much love and concern for our spiritual food and drink and welfare of our souls. May they be given the strength and courage to carry out their duties and may we be given grace to adhere to their words.

We are thankful that God is still calling and that there are souls willing to turn their lives over to God. May

each of them be encouraged and strengthened in their calling.

Sis. Cora Farney and Bro. Gerald Grau were hospitalized a few days as medical patients. We are glad they can again assemble with us. Also, Grace Mattoon was unable to be with us for a short time after injuring her knee in a fall at home.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Bernard and Sis. Elvera Matin and their family. Sis. Elvera's father, Vernon Martin, was called out of this life.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

Rachel Snyder

Bro. Frank Brothers, Skaneateles, died Sept. 30. He formerly lived here in Naumburg. Surviving are five sons, Warren, Japan; William, Rochester; Richard, Elbridge, Arthur and Earl of Skaneateles; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Albers, Marcellus and Sis. Rosella Schulz, Lowville. Services were held here in Naumburg church by Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Leland Hirschey. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Sis. Clara Merz, Castorland died Oct. 11. Funeral services were held in Naumburg church by Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Leland Hirschey. She is survived by two sons and a daughter. Paul, Castorland; Milton, Newburg and Anna (Mrs. James) Luckner of Mass.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Ann Schulz, now living in Bluffton, IN. She formerly lived with her folks in Croghan, NY, and attended the Naumburg church. She is the daughter of Norman and Mary. She is engaged to Bro. Brent Gerber, son of Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise from Bluffton.

We had a birthday gathering at Greenbriar Nursing Home for Sis. Minnie Rauke. Some of the residents were able to enjoy it with her.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ida Hirschey of CT. She is survived by her husband, Malcomb. They had at one time lived in this vicinity.

We have a few who are not feeling so well, but we are glad they are improving. Sis. Linda Beyer has been able to assemble with us some.

Bro. Everett Virkler and Sis. Edna Sturtz are now at home after having surgery.

Sis. Corine Virkler, who has been in

an accident has been able to return to her home in Lowville after spending some time with her son, Barry. She was on her way to visit Barry when she became involved in the accident.

This past Sunday evening we completed the conference tapes. Listening to the tapes here at home is very inspiring since many of us were not able to attend the conference.

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

Testimonies of a new life in Christ Jesus were given by two of Bro. and Sis. Sandor Bako's daughters: Esther Zsoldos, and Erika Bako. Joy and peace has come into the hearts of the girls and they were baptized and received the Holy Spirit. Helping Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Gene Pamer for the event were Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Henry Dotterer.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Diann Bucher and children, Stephanie and David, plan to move to Connecticut the end of October. Bro. Dennis has a prestigious sales position with Firestone and will continue with Firestone out of their East Hartford office. We will miss them and are sorry they are moving from our area, but the Lord Jesus has good things planned for them. They have expressed their love for our church and that they hope many will go out to visit them. Their new address is: 13 Crestview Drive, Somers, CT 06071. They will be at home with the Rockville church.

Bro. Sandor Bako had a mishap in which his wrist was broken. Gene and Diane Bako's little girl, Sarah, very unfortunately got part of her finger cut off. We pray that the Lord will be with both in their misfortune.

Visiting ministers recently were Bro. Carroll Gerber, Bro. Walt Steffen, Bro. James Ramseyer, and Bro. Simon Wagonbach. We thank them for their messages.

Know Each Other Better

Our Beloved Elder Bro. Rudy Graf

Rudolph Graf was born Oct. 21, 1902 in Akron, Ohio. The son of Ernest Graf, Sr. and Mary VonGuten, he is the third of 12 children, 10 of whom grew to mature age. This large family moved from the city to a vegetable farm in march 1911. This farm was the Graf home for 62 years.

Rudolph was converted in 1918. He married Bethi Studer in 1933. She emigrated to the United States in 1929

and was converted in 1931. To them were born 4 children: John, Arthur, Rudy Jr., and Margaret. Bethi is a devoted and faithful wife and mother. For 38 years from 1933 to 1971, this family lived on a small vegetable farm on the west side of Akron. This little home had few modern conveniences, but Bethi met each challenge with fortitude. Improvements were hard to come by, yet many visitors were housed and fed in their home. Bro. Rudy tells us that this brought their family rich blessings and fond memories which are still a blessing to both the parents and the children, despite a struggle mixed with tears and toil, and not a few anxieties through which the good Lord has never forsaken them. They have experienced the truth of Psalm 37:25: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Rudolph's father, Ernest Graf, Sr., was installed into the ministry in 1901 and was ordained Elder in 1922. Bro. Ernest passed away in May of 1946 after an extensive and faithful service for the Lord and His church. Rudolph was installed as a minister in 1939, and ordained as an Elder in 1946. He has been serving Akron faithfully ever since as well as many other churches across the land. At various times he has served as Elder for Girard, Sardis, Rittman, Mansfield, Toledo, Detroit, Alto, and Francesville. He has served on the Elder Committee as well as the Mission Committee. In addition to giving assistance in many of our U.S. churches over the past 36 years, Rudolph made several trips abroad on church missions.

Church duties, beside seeking to provide for their family, cast immense responsibilities upon his dear wife, Bethi. The Lord Jesus granted her moderate health and genuine willingness to support her husband. Often in most remarkable ways, she was granted strength equal to her assignment. They feel that the Lord Jesus Christ has faithfully provided for soul and body. They now have 13 strong and energetic grandchildren. Since 1971 Rudy and Bethi have retired to a comfortable home. That Eternal Home is ever their goal.

Bro. Rudolph's life reminds us of the verse in I Cor. 4:15, where the Apostle wrote: "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye

not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." Many who know our dear Elder can also recognize that fatherly and compassionate trait which endears him to our hearts. Although he has weathered many a storm, and has assisted with many and various duties in our churches, Bro. Rudy still has that special love and tenderness that is so very much appreciated by someone who is in trouble. His very presence seems to give assurance that somehow the Lord will provide. We truly appreciate having this faithful soldier of the cross as the leader in our Akron congregation.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of THANKS, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." I Tim. 2:1,2.

As we observe the traditional Day of Thanksgiving, we Americans, the most richly blessed people on earth, must not fail to give THANKS to God for the many freedoms and bounteous harvests of grain and food. Also the protection of a good and benevolent government. What a contrast to know that millions of people, young and old, suffer hunger and thirst physically and spiritually in many areas of the world.

Our heartfelt thanks to ministering brothers who exhorted us out of God's word: Brothers Ronald Steiner, Rittman, Ben Manz and Bill Schlatter of Junction and Eugene Pamer of Akron. Also the Brothers Leon Graf and John Rufener as song leaders. May God bless these dear ones and all who came to bring a blessing into our small circle of fellowship.

We are happy to have Carlton Schlatter, Junction, OH back. He continues his studies at Ohio State.

We also thank Bro. Leon Graf, Akron, for sharing his travel experiences in eastern Europe and showing the slides. His visit was mainly to meet some of the brethren there connected to World Relief activities.

Due to severe food shortages in Romania, several parcels of food were sent by way of an agency in Zurich, Switzerland, to families living in outlying areas. I am happy to report that

all the shipments have arrived and in "fairly good" condition. Most recently we received an official brochure, with full information, from an agency of the Romanian government that will enable us to send such food shipments to needy families tax and duty free. This information is being turned over to the World Relief Committee for their prayerful study and consideration.

OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

On alternate Thursday nights, we in Junction have listened to the tapes of the 1982 Conference. As we listen to the exhortations we are encouraged to try harder to reach Heaven's gate and are humbled to realize how human we really are and how much we depend on His grace to live a God fearing life.

Noah Sauder was released from the hospital and is now making his home at the Total Care Nursing Home. No doubt, he would appreciate your prayers, visits and cards at RFD 2, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Brent Erick Schlatter was born Sept. 23 to Bro. Tim and Sis. Becky. Gretl and Heidi both welcome their new brother as do the grandparents, Sis. Juliet and Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther Stoller (Latty).

In addition to the sermons which our home Brothers brought to us, we were ministered to by our Elder, Bro. Loren Stoller. Both Bro. Loren and our servants at home have been given the charge of expounding to us the Word of Life. Although we seldom thank our servants for the service they perform, I am certain we do appreciate the labors of all our servants. I know of a brother who once expressed a desire to his elder to do some things to let him know his appreciation for the job his elder was performing. His elder simply replied that by being obedient, he could show his appreciation. Isn't this the same way we show God our appreciation for what he has done for us?

OHIO, LATTY

Patty Rigenbach
Cheryl Weninger

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he comes." I Corinthians 11:26. On Sept. 25 we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. May we ever be so thankful for what our Lord and Savior has done for us. With

us for this solemn occasion was Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francisville).

Hospital patients this month were Lola Laukhuf (Eli), and Jerry Klopfenstein (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine). We are thankful that God has sent His healing power to our loved ones.

On Sept. 26, the engagement was made know of Bro. Leon Klopfenstein and Sis. Debbie Baer. Parents of the couple are Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein and Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer (Princeville). May the Lord be with them in their planning and may they feel His nearness.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife . . ." Ephesians 5:31. Oct. 17, was the beautiful wedding day of Bro. Jerry Rager (Bill and Sis. Elsie), and Sis. Julie Stoller (Bro. Glen and Sis. Edie). We pray that God will ever bless their married life and be the unseen guest in their home. With us for this joyous occasion was Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis); Bro. Walter Rehklau and Bro. Walter Rager (Toledo) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington). May the Lord richly bless these Bros. for their efforts.

The Christian's Goal

What is your goal in life on earth,
Much money or much wealth?
Oh, do you live to glorify
The Lord, or just yourself?

The goal of everyone in life
Should be to serve the Lord;
To serve Him with more earnestness;
Our guide will be the Word.

And if we serve Him here below
In this strange, pilgrim land,
He will prepare for us above
A home not made with hands.

Not all who say, "Lord, Lord," to Him
Shall enter into rest;
But only they who do His will
Find peace and happiness.

So in this country here below,
Let's do His holy will;
And then, in that fair land above,
We'll serve and love Him still.

As we embark on this Thanksgiving season, we truly have many reasons to thank our Heavenly Father for the many rich blessings He has given us. May we never take these blessings for granted, but ever strive to be more

humble and sincere and to serve our God more faithfully. May we seek to share with those who are less fortunate, from the abundance He has given us.

December is the month for Latty subscribers to pay their dues. Please pay your reporters.

OHIO, MANSFIELD
Lucille Groh

At this season of the year, we can all join with David of old and truly say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:2. We have so many blessings showered upon us from day to day, we cannot begin to name and number them.

Our dear sister, Katie Sauder, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday and whenever you meet her and greet her on Sunday and ask her how she is, she is always so thankful to her Lord for helping her each day.

We are thankful for faithful brothers and sisters who are lights and examples to us. Our dear elder brother, Rudy Graf, recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He has been our shepherd in Mansfield since 1948 and has guided many of us through storm and sunshine and how thankful we are that he has tried with the Lord's help to preserve and keep the faith. Our shepherds need our prayers and support and encouragement as they toil and labor for the Lord. He recently held the funeral services of our beloved sister, Alma Beer, who was born July 27, 1910 and went to be with the Lord Oct. 12.

Sis. Alma loved her Lord. Two days before her death, we visited her at the hospital and in her very weak condition beside her on the bed was the Zion's Harp and the Bible, two of her most precious possessions. She said it was so very hard for her to see and to read them and yet she loved to read them. Alma often shared her experiences with me and always said how thankful she was that the Lord had called her and protected her throughout her life. She was converted and then baptized May 1, 1938. Earlier in her Christian life she taught Sunday school and the children loved her and could always see the light of the Lord in her. We have all lost a loving sister and thank the Lord for granting us the privilege to know and love her. She is survived by two sisters, Sis. Hermine and Sis. Francelia and four brothers, Bro. Frank of Milford, IN and Bro. Robert, Bro. Ed, Bro. Dave and Bro. Ben, all of

Mansfield. The family wishes to thank all of their many friends who shared in their sorrow and helped in any way.

The following poem is sent in her memory:

Her sun went down in the morning
 While all was fair and bright
 But 'twas not an eclipse of darkness
 That hid her from our sight.
 For the valley of death was brighter
 Than the hills of life she trod
 And the peace that fell on her spirit
 Was the calm, deep peace of God.

She knew in whom she trusted
 She counted all things loss
 And clung with the arms of faith and
 love
 To the Christ and to His Cross.
 Her sun went down in the morning
 While all was fair and bright
 But it shines today on the far away hills
 In the land that knows no night.

Author Unknown

We are thankful that Bro. Robert and Sis. Katherine Beer could celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary together Sept. 23. They want to thank all of their many friends and relatives who remembered them with beautiful cards and gifts.

Starting out on the pathway of life together are Melissa (Matuck) Sulzener and Dudley Sulzener who were married Oct. 9, 1982. Melissa is the daughter of Jerry and Helen Matuck. We certainly wish them much happiness as they walk as one in love.

We are saddened to report that Sis. Matilda Schauwecker has been readmitted to the hospital as well as Bro. Hank Armstrong. Little Jennifer Kovack (Carol (Went) Kovack and Bill Kovack) was hospitalized for a few days with pneumonia.

We want to thank Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman) and family for sharing a Sunday with us on Oct. 10, 1982. Truly we can say, "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices", for the beautiful teachings and blessings received on that day.

OHIO, RITTMAN
Janette Blough
Florence Hartzler

"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for
 Psalms 62:7-8. God is a refuge for

those that suffer illness, and we are glad Sis. Pearl Marty, Bro. Dave Hartzler, and Willard Steiner are home following their hospital stay. Curt Steiner (Bro. Dave and Sis. Carole) is still a patient, recovering from a football injury.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together . . . And together we received many blessings as Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, gave us many good teachings. We thank him for his love shown to us all, and pray the Lord will bless him as he brings the Word of God to many listeners.

Two families were blessed with little girls. Rhea Stephanie is the name given to the daughter of Connie and Mike Balas. Little Zebulun is glad for a little sister, and the grandparents are also happy for a new granddaughter, which are Ted and Sis. Rhea Beery. First time parents are Bro. Darrel and Sis. Alice Widmer, with the arrival of Ann Marie. Grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz, Paulding, and first-time grandparents Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Widmer. May the Lord bless these families with their precious little bundles.

Explanation of Knupp Church, by Bro. Ben Hartzler:

No doubt many may have wondered, when you have read of friends being married by Rittman or Akron brothers in a church outside of our Apostolic Christian Churches, in a church called Knupp Church.

This is an old church building at Rittman, Ohio that was built about 150 years ago when the town was young or perhaps before there was a town. I am not sure which denomination built it or who built it and used it as one of the Protestant houses of worship. When it became too small or inconvenient a new church house was built and the Knupp Church was abandoned. It stood a good many years and it deteriorated and fell into a state of decay. Finally a few men in town conceived the idea that it should be restored as a historical landmark. So money was collected and donated and labor was donated and the building was restored similar to its original condition. It is now the property of the Rittman Historical Society and any one can use it for purposes of a religious nature, probably for a small donation. We have had singing in it different times and a good many marriages of friends. This eliminates the need of having the

wedding at the home of the minister or the bride's parents. There is an organ in the church and some friends desire music before their wedding ceremony. The church is small, so the reception needs to be held somewhere else. A marriage is a nice time, and one can hardly blame the bride and groom for wanting a wedding that they can remember with fondness and happiness.

OHIO, SARDIS
Joyce Indermuhle

"Roll back the curtain of memory now and then. Show me where you brought me from, and where I could have been." Remind Me, Dear Lord, Country and Western Hymnal No. 103

In coming closer to the time of year when giving thanks and praise to God is nationwide, it makes me think how wonderful it would be if all would and could give thanks for God's plan of salvation. Reflecting back in time to an unconverted state brings to mind that awful deserted and lonely feeling of a lost soul. To think that there are many still having those feelings makes one extremely glad and thankful that God made it possible that we need not stay lost in sin.

We have been blessed again this fall with a beautiful display of God's handiwork. We are so thankful that many brethren could come and behold His glorious creation and share with us a fellowship divine. We rejoiced to have Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen Indermuhle back for a weekend with their beautiful family from the Leo Children's Home. We miss Bob and Karen, but rejoice that they are answering a God given call. May they ever feel our prayers lifting them up to the throne of Grace.

We also had those come who were willing to teach us in God's Word. Our Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier spent a weekend with us, teaching us about our rich heritage both in history and in spirit. We were glad to make welcome Bro. Don Sauder from Roanoke, IL. May God richly bless him in all his labors and for sharing himself in teaching us.

Sis. Pearl Gehring (Bro. Issac) remains in the Monroe County Nursing Home. May God be with her and those who care so untiringly for her. Let us never fail to keep those less fortunate in our thoughts and prayers.

Della Witchey was baptized in her

room on Oct. 19. About 20 witnesses including Bros. Joe Ramsier, Rudolph Graf, and Henry Dotterer were present for the happy occasion.

Her address is Wetzel County Nursing Home, New Martinsville, W.V. 26155.

OREGON, PORTLAND
Barbara Moser

On Sunday, Oct. 10, some of the brethren from Silverton traveled to Portland for a pot-luck supper and to visit with our loved ones who will be leaving to go to Phoenix for the winter months. Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold will be missed by our small congregation, but we feel that God's Holy love will go with them. We pray that Bro. Paul will find relief from the pain that he has.

Also on that Sunday we were able to help celebrate the 80th birthday of our dear Bro. Ray Banwart. We also bid farewell to a short while to our dear ones, Bro. Bob and Sis. Pearl Miller, as they will fly to Hawaii for their 35th anniversary.

OREGON, SILVERTON
Rosa Lee Kuenzi

With the fall season we have begun our monthly Sunday night Hymn Singings. These are held on the first Sunday night of each month at the church and everyone is welcome. The starting time is 6:30 p.m. "... speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19.

Many of us made the hour trip to Portland on a recent Sunday afternoon to join the Portland congregation for a potluck supper. We enjoyed the supper and the fellowship and the opportunity to wish Bro. Ray Banwart a happy 80th birthday and to also wish a happy 35th wedding anniversary to Min. Bro. Robt. and Sis. Pearl Miller.

As Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold were soon leaving to spend the winter in Sun City, Arizona this gathering gave many of us a time to wish them well and bid them farewell until we meet again. We shared the evening singing hymns together. Young and old alike were eager listeners as Bro. Ray Banwart shared with us informally, some of his experiences as a young man and as a young Christian. Our dear older Brothers and Sisters can be a light and an inspiration to us if we will

but take the time to listen.

We just want to mention how nice the church grounds look and thank all who participated in the outdoor clean-up last Sat. morning.

Bro. Garth Steffen, Portland, was a visiting minister to us this month and we thank him for bringing the Word to us.

When this is published Christmas time will be here. Let us all pray that we will keep Christ in our Christmas preparations, in our hearts, and in our homes this year. We will be surrounded by commercial attempts to crowd Him out — by the shopping malls, stores, newspapers, neighbors, schools and even in the air. Let's weigh each thing we do for Christmas... Is it to Christ's honor? Does it have real merit? ... Value to our family? ... Or is it just a worldly custom that robs us of time better spent with our families or in fellowship with our beloved Brethren? Let's keep Christ in Christmas!

PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA
Ed Aeschleman

Bro. Howard and Sis. Deloris Rapp moved to Pennsylvania from Morton about two years ago and worshipped with us in Philadelphia. We reluctantly received the sad news that they would move back to Illinois and live in the Chicago area. Their home in Pennsylvania was several hours from the church but they faithfully traveled the long distance each Sunday in support of our small flock. Sis. Dee taught Sunday school and the children will miss her patient and kind attention. We are grateful to God for "lending" them to us for a season and we pray that His blessing will be continually upon them in their new home.

As if to remind us that He had not abandoned us, God sent our dear friend, Scott Gerber, to us from Bluffton. Scott has taken employment with Bro. David Roberts here and he is a welcome addition to our congregation.

We are also pleased to have Bro. Craig and Sis. Jenny Wieland of Bay City spending several weeks in our area. Sis. Jenny is filling in as Sunday school teacher while here.

Our small church was almost filled on the first weekend in October when about 50 brethren came to Philadelphia from Bluffton, Rittman and Rockville. A dinner was served on Saturday evening at the church followed by song

service. On Sunday after services we enjoyed another dinner together before departure. We thank God for hearing our prayers for a blessed weekend and for safe passage for all who traveled the long distance to come to us.

TEXAS, ZAPATA

Margery Koehl

We are happy that Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia Bahler included Zapata in their travels through the South. We enjoyed Bro. Corbin bringing us the message of our Dear Saviour.

All present gathered later at Bro. John and Sis. Vi Perdlewitz for a potluck dinner, except Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Wagler. Sis. Esther hasn't been feeling well, but we hope she will be able to join us again soon.

We wish to express our deep sympathy to Bro. Walter and Sis. Dolly Stoller in the loss of Sis. Dolly's brother, Loren Williams of Davenport, Iowa.

WEST VIRGINIA, NEW MARTINSVILLE

Minnie Aeltz - Della Witschey

For the annual All-Day Meeting at the Country Church, the usual service was held with Elder Bro. Dale Eisenman of Chicago as the main speaker. Attendance was not as large as in former years, but an abundance of fellowship was enjoyed by every one who was there. The Sardis group was in charge of the day and did a marvelous job.

Our weather at this time is quite chilly with heavy frost and light freezing at many points. With the very dry weather of the summer, the forests and woodlands did not produce the usual beauty we usually have.

Miss Della Witschey has been a patient in the local hospital. We visited with her on October 13 in the nursing home and she is one of the many residents of the Home that will be moved to the new New Martinsville Health Care Center on October 28. This is a very lovely Center within the city limits.

W. E. Riggenbach, who has been living with a daughter in Canton, OH, is now living in an Old Folks Home at another point in Ohio, still able to get around and very alert for one of his age.

On October 12 several folks from the Apostolic Home in Rittman, OH, drove here for a day of visitation at the country church, the nursing home and with relatives and friends. They also visited with friends in Sardis, OH. The group included Martha Zollinger, Director of Nursing, Pat Emig, activity coordinator, Fred Widmer, Minnie Hubacher Bodager, Esther Bachman, Esther Emch Saylor and Eva Van Nostran.

Frank Barth spent two weeks with friends in Canada recently. He has improved very much but may never recover completely from his injuries. He uses a small riding mower to care for his large lawn and also to visit nearby neighbors.

James Wade of Cleveland, OH, son of Lillie Wade and the late Chauncey Wade had by-pass surgery in Cleveland on October 11 and at this time seems to be doing very well. His mother is spending some time with the family in Cleveland.

103:13.

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." I Cor. 12:1. God wishes to make known to each one of us His perfect and holy will. Not one comes into the household of God whom He cannot use. Sometimes in our earthly labors a manager does not always have something useful for each one to do. Sometimes we spend part of the day "spinning our wheels" we might say. In the household of God, it is not that way. God has work for each and every one. Not, beloved, that we could earn our salvation, not that we could enter heaven's gate because of our own goodness, but we are called to good works through Jesus Christ our Lord, that it may be manifest that the Spirit of God is living in us.

The spiritual work of man in accord with our heavenly calling is to show forth the faith that we have in our God so that it may be seen and known. We want others to know that there is a way of truth, light and salvation. Those living in sin and darkness may become aware of their condition when they see the children of God walk as a light in this world.

We cannot do this by our own strength or power, so we must turn daily to the source of heavenly refuge. This spiritual power comes only from God. He is the source of our power, and it is He who operates within the hearts and lives of the children of men. We rejoice, beloved, that we can be delivered as were the Gentiles of old.

"Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: . . ." I Cor. 12:2, 3.

Even those who were bound by the chains of darkness and seemed to be under a special power of the enemy had to confess when they saw Jesus, that He was the Son of God. Sometimes they seemed to feel the power of God more than others who were going on, we might say, in an unconcerned way. Our Saviour often spoke to them and bade the evil spirits to come out. The apostles oft-times encountered this same spirit of darkness, and the evil spirits

Silver Threads

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is more than a word to me,

It means that I worship thankfully;
Grateful to God for the gift of His Son;
Grateful to Him for the harvest done;
Grateful to Him for home, country, and friend;

Grateful for slumber at evenings end;
Grateful to waken to mornings song;
Grateful to serve God all day long.

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derful Spiritual Gifts and Blessings of life. He gives, not because we are worthy, beloved, but because He loves us, and because we have recognized our soul's deep need and turned to Him in the acceptable time, in the day of Grace. He is willing to receive us. He has mercy and compassion. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Psalm

acknowledged that these were men of God.

He says further that "... no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." I Cor. 12:3. It is clear beloved, that we cannot really know the Lord until we have found His abundant grace unto repentance. We then turn to life and light and "... do works meet for repentance." Acts 26:20. Then we can truly say that "Jesus is the Lord."

Until that time we may say we believe it, that we believe that Jesus is the Lord, but we cannot really know until we have experienced His presence within our own hearts.

We can read also in the second chapter of the book of James that the "... devils also believe, and tremble." They know that their day is coming.

It is not wise to only be able to say that we believe God's Word, that we believe there is a God, and that we believe that Jesus walked upon this earth. It is not wise, beloved, to be able only to go this far. It is wonderful and beautiful and the calling of God to do more than that. We should show that we do, indeed, believe by the working of faith within our lives.

Faith brings us to the cross where we can feel how sinful and unworthy we are of the grace and goodness of God. Then, there at the foot of the cross, we can recognize that our Saviour died and gave His life and His blood so that we can have a hope of eternal life. A living faith causes us to do more than simply believe. We receive the wonderful power of God to guide and sustain us.

The prodigal son in the old story experienced such a change. When the prodigal son left his father's house and went out on the highways of life, he became so destitute that "... he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat..." Luke 15:16. He had to turn himself about and come back to the father's house. He had to recognize that though he had done everything that he could do for himself, it was not enough. He had to turn and go back to his father. It was wonderful that while he was still a great way off, his father beheld him and went out to meet him in love, and wept upon his neck.

It is thus with our Father's love.

Mankind must recognize that there is nothing good in themselves, only that they need a Saviour. Not one can earn his own way, or pay his own way, or do enough of the works of this life to enter into heaven's gates. We must come through Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me." John 14:6. This is the only way, and this is the only foundation. After we have found this wonderful way, God is willing and glad to share with us the spiritual gifts and blessings.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." I Cor. 12:4. We know that it is not given to all the same; each one of us is a little bit different. The Lord sees and recognizes this, and He gives each one a different work to do. The apostle asked the Lord, "... and what shall this man do?" John 21:21. The Lord said to him that he should not be concerned with what another should do, but said, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." John 21:22.

So it is for each one of us. We should not be so concerned about the Lord's purpose for this one or that one, what this one will do or that one will do. The Lord has duties and work for each one of us. Perhaps a sister or brother takes a quiet place in the household of God, and through all appearances might not be laboring at all. Yet, beloved, how do we know what is accomplished by such a one? Someone who is living a quiet and peaceful life is a wonderful help to the church in keeping us together in love and peace and harmony. Who knows the concern upon the heart and mind of one who never says very much? In the quietness, in the evening hours, he may fall upon his knees before his God. Or perhaps sends a letter, a card, or whatever it might be. Perhaps he speaks a word in an hour of need to some dear soul. Who knows of another's worth before the throne of God? God would have each one of us take up our cross and follow Him, doing that which is right and pleasing in His sight.

"And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." I Cor. 12:5, 6. When we think of these things within the church, we believe,

beloved, that it is God's intent that all of these diversities and differences are for our spiritual growth so that our lives might become more fruitful.

What would our lives be like, beloved, if we were all physically perfect? What would it be like if our children and loved ones never suffered from affliction (whether they were born with them or whether they came as they journeyed through life)? If there were never such adversities as we face daily, what would we be like? God allowed these things, beloved, to bring forth within our hearts a proper concern for those who are around us and about us, and a deep and abiding thankfulness for the grace and goodness of God. He has allowed these things so that we might appreciate health and strength and all His wonderful works, and so that we might grow together as a holy body unto the Lord. It is for His honor and glory.

The apostle Paul pointed out that the body has various useful members. "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" I Cor. 12:15. No, it could not say that. Or, "... if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" I Cor. 12:16.

It is wonderful that God has a place for each one in His household. Some day we will marvel when we are able to perceive how God has led us through this life, how He has fitted and prepared our hearts and our minds for eternity, how it has been His will to use each one in such a way that in that glorious day we will be fitted together in perfect harmony and union, one with another, as a holy bride of Christ. It is a glorious calling. It is a wonderful thing that God has called us to come and taste and see, to partake of the love, grace and goodness that He has to give to each and every one.

The beauty of this life will be as nothing compared with the wonders of heaven.

God is preparing such a wonderful place that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." I Cor. 2:9.

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SERMON BY ELDER BRO. DONALD SAUDER OF ROANOKE, IL

Text: Psalm 87; I Cor. 12:1-19

We have read together in this Psalm that "His foundation is in the holy mountains." As we view the wonder of God's earthly creation, we see the majesty of the mountains and recognize His great power and might. But a foundation is laid in the holy mountain of God that is far more secure and which has far more power and importance in the life of men than any mountain that we can view with our mortal eye.

We can read in I Cor. 3:11 that "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ," our Lord. He who builds upon this foundation is building a house that shall stand throughout the endless ages. Therefore, how good and how wonderful it is that we can be established upon this foundation, which is in the holy mountain, and can walk in the way that our Lord and God leads us.

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob," Psalm 87:2. We know that Jacob's dwelling place where he led his flocks and herds, was oft-times glorious and wonderful. But the Lord has declared through the psalmist that "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."

Likewise, we can read in God's Holy Word that the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents and that the wonders and glory of eternity are far more than these of this whole world. This present world cannot be compared with the glory that will be revealed in Christ Jesus.

There will come a day when Jesus will appear and take to Himself those who love Him, those who have become His own through His precious blood which He shed on Calvary's cross. Not that you or I

would glorify ourselves or have anything that we might boast about, for all praise and honor and glory belong to our God.

As it says here, "Glorious things are spoken of Thee, O city of God." Psalm 87:3.

How wonderful it is to have our course in life begun upon this heavenly highway, for we know that we cannot reach the heavenly goal unless we make a beginning. We must make a beginning in Christ Jesus our Lord. We must be born again out of water and Spirit. We must be led, guided and directed by His Spirit throughout this lifetime so that we may run our course in faith. We want to finish the course that is given to us, and bring forth those fruits that are an honor and glory to our God. Then He will be pleased with us, and planting us in the household of God shall not have been in vain.

"I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there." Psalm 87:4.

So it is with each one of us. We have been born into this world, a world of sin, darkness, and unbelief. Sometimes the glories of Babylon are wondrous to our mortal eyes. Sometimes the cities of this earth, the pleasures and lusts and passions of life look good to us. As the psalmist said, "... this man was born there." Has it not been the same for each one of us, beloved? We have been born, to so speak, in the city of sin, but God is calling us to come to the city of God.

"And of Zion it shall be said, This, and that man was born in her and the highest himself shall establish her." Psalm 87:5. How wonderful if we can be one of those spoken of

here: "This and that man was born in her . . ." Born in Zion, the city of God, the church of God. This is what we should all long for and desire.

If any stand without the fold, may it be God's holy will to create in the heart and mind of each one a longing and desire to be born again into the church and household of God. May He work and operate within hearts and lives so that all might be established, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, and find new life through the reading of the Word of Truth and Life. May we build this beautiful city of God through His goodness and grace given to us.

"The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psalm 87:6.

To have our names written in the Book of Life! This is what must take place, for it will do no good to have wonderful intentions, our names will not be written there. It is recorded here: "He writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psalm 87:6.

Don't we all long and desire to have our names written there? We want it to be recorded in the books of heaven that this soul was born in the city of God. That this soul was born again out of water and Spirit. That this soul had the precious blood of Christ applied to his heart and mind, and had been redeemed from the city of sin. We want to walk in the church, the new and glorious church of Christ.

"As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee." Psalm 87:7. Is it true, is it not, beloved, that we come to Christ as a fountain of living water? It refreshes our hearts and minds and souls when He gives us the won-

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