



"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." — St. John 16:33.

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings." — Psalms 36:7.

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## GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER . . .

II COR. 9:7

*Giving! At a time when we're hearing about business losses, bankruptcy, crop failures, lay-offs and wage cuts, this sure doesn't seem like an appropriate topic. But let's take a second look.*

*God **LOVES** a cheerful giver. That's a promise! In II Cor. 9:8 we discover that God is able to make all grace abound toward us, that we, having **ALL** sufficiency in **ALL** things, may abound to **EVERY***



*good work. In the tenth verse we find that our God not only ministers (supplies) bread for our food, but He also multiplies the seed that we sow and increases our fruits of righteousness. Our giving not only meets needs, but most of all it brings God thanks, praise and glory.*

*But what about when times are "tough". "Tough times" can offer us more opportunity for blessing than times of plenty. In Luke 21, Jesus commended the widow who, of her penury (or poverty), had cast in all she had. Her two mites were probably a far cry in comparison to the gifts of the rich men, but she received the greater blessing. Let's ask ourselves, is it a true sacrificial gift to give only out of our abundance? There is a saying that says, "Give until it hurts, then keep on giving till it feels good!" "Tough times" may be discouraging, but let's use these trials to strengthen our faith (James 1:2-4). God challenges us to place our trust in him. In Mal. 3:10 He commanded His people to "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and **PROVE** me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

*So we see that our opportunity to give cheerfully is not limited in any way by what we have or how hard the times are. Let us throw off any inhibitions in this area and allow our God to use us and multiply that which we sacrificially offer to Him.*

# WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT GIVING?

*Humbly submitted by Bro. Ed Bahler — Remington, IN*

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: **AND OF ALL THAT THOU SHALT GIVE ME I WILL SURELY GIVE A TENTH UNTO THEE.** Gen. 28:20-22

Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

**HONOUR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE, AND WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL THINE INCREASE.**

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Prov. 3:7-10

Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return?

**WILL A MAN ROB GOD?** Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, **WHEREIN HAVE WE ROBBED THEE? IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS.**

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and **PROVE ME HEREWITH,** saith the Lord of hosts, **IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT.** Mal. 3:7-10

**BLESSED IS HE THAT CONSIDERETH THE POOR:** the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. Ps. 41:1-2

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **FOR I WAS AN HUNGERED,** and ye gave me meat: **I WAS THIRSTY,** and ye gave me drink: **I WAS A STRANGER,** and ye took me

**in: NAKED, AND YE CLOTHED ME: I WAS SICK,** and ye visited me: **I WAS IN PRISON,** and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink: when saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.** Matt. 25:34-40

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

**UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK LET EVERY ONE OF YOU LAY BY HIMSELF IN STORE, AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM,** that there be no gathering when I come.

And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. I Cor. 16:1-3

But this I say, **HE WHICH SOWETH SPARINGLY SHALL REAP ALSO SPARINGLY, AND HE WHICH SOWETH BOUNTIFULLY SHALL REAP ALSO BOUNTIFULLY.**

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, **SO LET HIM GIVE;** not grudgingly or of necessity: **FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.**

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

As it is written, **HE HATH DISPERSED ABROAD: HE HATH GIVEN TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS REMAINETH FOREVER.** II Cor. 9:6-9

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?

**EVEN SO FAITH, IF IT HATH**

**NOT WORKS IS DEAD, BEING ALONE.**

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Thou believest that there is one God: thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble.

But wilt thou know O vain man, **THAT FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD.** James 2:14-20

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that.

But now ye rejoice in your boasting; all such rejoicing is evil.

**THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD, AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.**

James 4:14-17

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

**BUT WHOSO HATH HIS WORLD'S GOODS, AND SEETH HIS BROTHER HAVE NEED, AND SHUTTETH UP HIS BOWELS OF COMPASSION FROM HIM, HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN HIM?** I John 3:16-17

Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the King himself is served by the field,

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity.

When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, **SAVING THE BEHOLDING OF THEM WITH THEIR EYES?**

The sleep of a labouring man is sweet whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Ecc. 5:9-12

And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much:

And there came in a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

And he called unto him his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto

**What Do The Scriptures Say . . .**  
you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

FOR ALL THEY DID CAST IN OF THEIR ABUNDANCE: But SHE OF HER WANT DID CAST IN ALL

THAT SHE HAD, even all her living.  
Mark 12:41-44

So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. Luke 17:10

## URGENT NEED FOR TWO MARRIED COUPLES AND A SINGLE SISTER AT CHILDREN'S HOME

To be able to continue the operation of the Children's Home, there is an urgent need for a married couple to serve as houseparents, a married couple to serve as alternate houseparents and a single sister to serve as an assistant houseparent at the Children's Home at Leo, Indiana.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for our brothers and sisters to put to use their God-given talents in working with young people and bringing out the best in them.

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

The qualification requirements for the alternate houseparents and assistant houseparent are:

1. Must be a brother and/or sister sound in faith, upholding church doctrine and order.
2. Must have the support of his/her home church elder.
3. Must be able to command respect of children, as well as adults.
4. Desirable age between 21 and 60 years. Consideration will be given to all applicants.
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6. This position is full-time.
7. Training or studies in child care, social work, nursing profession, counseling or teaching would be helpful. We

have a staff development program and "on the job" training to help you carry out your duties.

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All requests and resumes will be promptly and prayerfully answered.

"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.

The Children's Home  
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## THOUGHTS ON SHARING

Many times we think of giving as a one-way street. We give to others in order to help or even sometimes for reasons of self-gratification, (it makes us "feel good" when we help others). Ideally we share out of a spirit of thankfulness for what God has given to us and the realization that all in this world do not share equally in God's bounty.

In my work I have learned some valuable lessons about sharing with others. I have learned that those with

whom we share our resources also have much to give to us if we will only be receptive to what they have to offer. Our Christian friends, in developing parts of the world, may not have much in the way of material resources to share but they can teach us some very important lessons about life.

They remind us that the freedom and justice which we sometimes take for granted is not normal or standard for all people of the world.

They can teach us about living with scarcity at a time when that word is just beginning to have meaning for some of us.

They can remind us of how valuable life really is in places where 50% of the children die before they are 5 years old.

They teach us of the importance of faith in God as they struggle against all kinds of adversity and still are able to say, "I believe".

They sometimes even make us feel ashamed when they are able to smile and sing in the midst of their struggle while we frown and complain in the midst of our wealth.

I have found that some of the poorest and most destitute people of the world are also some of the most loving, happy, courageous and faithful people I have ever met.

Perhaps it is because they are poor, that they appreciate what they do have.

Perhaps because they have found life so hard that they cling to God's promise of a better tomorrow.

Perhaps because they have suffered so much, they live today to its fullest

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instead of always looking ahead to the future.

Yes, we have much to learn from those with whom we share. It just might be that the future of our whole civilization might rest on our ability to learn the lessons which those people can teach us. May we truly share our wealth with each other and in so doing build bridges of peace, understanding and brotherhood among people.

Can sharing be called a sacrifice when it simply pays back a small part of a great debt we owe God?

Is anything a sacrifice when it brings its own blessed reward of healthful activity, consciousness of doing good, peace of mind and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? It's not a sacrifice, it's a privilege to share.

Written by Bro. Wm. "Nick" Knobloch

## FOOD PARCELS FOR BRETHERN IN ROMANIA

Andy Hunyady

Our program to provide aid to many of our needy brethren in Romania is progressing very well. At our meeting in Gridley, IL a detailed report was presented to the World Relief Committee. Thus far, nearly 140 individual packages were ordered and we are pleased to report, that all are being received by the recipients or beneficiaries in good order. The Romanian postal service has been delivering these parcels to the homes of the brethren and a signed receipt is returned to us bearing the postmark and date of delivery. During the past few months 57 letters were received from various places, of brethren who received the food packages. It is very heart warming to hear their expressions of gratitude and thanks to our Almighty God and to the brethren in America, who are moved by divine love and compassion and fail not to remember them in their needs.

Orders are delivered approximately 5 - 6 weeks from the date the orders are mailed in. Each package contains 10 kg. (22 lb.) of food. A typical package contains flour, powdered milk, rice, cooking oil, canned meats (ham, pork and beef), hard salami and dried, smoked sausages, coffee, sugar and chocolate.

Anyone wishing to help in this noble cause, may make a contribution through your local World Relief representative and designate it so it will be forwarded to the Food for the Romanian brethren. Let us remember the words of our Saviour and do it in faith in His name.

Here are a few excerpts from the brethren in Romania, translated from German, Hungarian and Romanian: EXCERPTS:

"We greet you in the name of Christ our Lord, and greet all the brethren in all the churches in America. We re-

ceived your gift packages, Luke 14:13-14. May Christ our Lord be with you there and with us here, and I wish to add Psalm 20. Amen."

Catita Iancu

"In the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the help of God our Father, I am writing to you to let you know that the gifts of your love have arrived and also your letter. We thank our Lord Jesus and the Heavenly Father for your love toward us. May the flame of love continue to shine. We greet every brother and sister."

Bordeanu Vilma

"Dearly Beloved Brother . . . and your house! . . . I hope you can read my writing as I am very weak and shaky . . . A very dear sister-in-faith in our neighboring village with whom we shared some of your gifts, lost their home. The lightning struck the straw roofed house and everything burned to the ground . . . Would you be so kind to send some help thru Elder Bro. Sz. . . so they can buy some lumber and roofing tile. I am enclosing her name and address.

"Beloved I feel that the time of my departure is very near. The doctor ordered me in to the clinic and I feel if I have any more days here on earth, I shall abide by the will of my Lord. May He keep us all on the straight and narrow road, so that we can receive the crown that will NEVER WILT. The Lord bless you all. I greet you all in love."

Old Elder Bro. Balog Janos

"Beloved brethren and congregations: . . . We received you letter of June 13 and the food package. We thank you for your kindness in remembering us. We thank you for sending the gifts with all expenses prepaid as we are too old

and not able to handle such matters."

Sister Cures M.

"A great surprise of joy as we received your letter and the third package. We are all very thankful for your love and goodness toward us and to know that you are with us! This is a true demonstration of love, with God's help. Blessed be our great Creator together with His holy Son and may He be forever with those who sincerely love Him. We greet you all with much love."

Sister Szabo I.

"Beloved Brother in the Lord: Please be informed that we received the food parcel in good condition. We thank God and you for it and to all who shared in giving this fine gift. We believe, that with this deed you have fulfilled a duty of which Paul the apostle wrote in II. Cor. 9:11-15. As your most humble sister,"

Magiu Florika

## THE BLISS OF HEAVEN

Willis R. Ehnle

"Why Emma, I didn't know you were here?" These words were spoken by a brother in our church as he closed his eyes in death after having suffered a fatal fall from an apple tree a good number of years ago. I remember reading of that account in the Silver Lining some years after it had occurred.

A number of days had elapsed between this brother's fall and the time of his death, during which time his sister, Emma, had died. Because of his serious condition, he was not informed of her death. Hence, he expressed surprise unto meeting her in the spirit world in heaven as he left the body.

I called at the home of one of our kindergarten children where the grandmother had died. The grandfather met me and expressed himself in Japanese, "I don't know why my wife has left us but she has gone to heaven." Actually, Buddhism teaches that human beings become Hotoke Sama, or gods, upon dying, and that the family can get a better name for the departed one by paying more money to the Buddhist temple, if the information I have is correct. Nevertheless, they speak of heaven.

I have never gone to a home where someone has died and been told, "Please come in. Our loved one has gone to hell." The thought of hell is too much for us to concede to, but the

thought of heaven, in contrast, is comforting and reassuring.

An American friend of mine here in Japan told me that he was a Marine on one of the Pacific Islands during World War II. He and his buddies were stranded without supplies and one by one they died. One day he and one of his buddies, a Jewish Marine, were sitting outdoors when his seriously weakened friend said he didn't think he could live much longer. This friend then prayed this prayer, in all seriousness, "Dear God, if you help me out of this jam I promise I'll never bother you again." He died the next day and my friend told me that in a museum somewhere in California is written his prayer, entitled, "The Prayer of a Dying Marine". A very common phrase during World War II was, "There are no atheists in the fox holes." The thought was that everybody prayed there and such was the case of the dying marine who was not in the practice of praying or of exercising faith in God but who did muster one prayer in his desperation. His prayer is in stark contrast to the prayer that so many prayed during that war, "Dear God, if you get me out of this and let me live, I promise that I will live for you the rest of my life." The latter prayer is easier prayed than carried out but with God all things are possible.

In any case, we long to live, especially when we face death, and when death becomes inevitable, we long to think of and speak of going to heaven, an obscure place, not clearly defined even in the Scriptures. In fact, the Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 2:9, "But as it is written, 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." It appears to be quite impossible to clearly define heaven in our present languages. However, the Scriptures give us many hints as to what it is like.

In John, Chapter 14, the Lord Jesus Christ is speaking to his disciples in verse 2, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." We understand from this that there are mansions in heaven but we don't really know if they are at all the kind of mansions we see here on earth. I was once told by a university professor that a wealthy man is a man who owns a big house or mansion, filled with servants. He himself has little

time to be there. That has always made me a bit apprehensive about mansions but I believe they must have a better system in heaven.

One time many years ago I was reprimanded by a young seminary student in Portland, Oregon, for speaking of the new Jerusalem mentioned in Revelation 21, as heaven. He said that was not heaven but the new Jerusalem so I held my peace, but after careful reflection and the passing of many years, I will again venture to speak of the new Jerusalem as heaven. It is written in verse 2, "And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Since it came down from God out of heaven, I assume it was and is to be, at least an extension of heaven. I can imagine heaven including a whole universe, or whatever would make it better.

The conditions there shall be pretty good according to the 4th verse, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." The very things which cause us considerable discomfort and annoyance here on earth are to be done away with in that heavenly city, which is a cube, four-square. "And the city lieth foursquare . . . The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal." Verse 16. Those living in the center of the cube will evidently have no trouble getting ventilation, or better yet, no ventilation will be necessary for complete comfort.

In verse 21 we read, ". . . And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass." How would you like to walk on a street of pure gold? It is an invigorating thought but here again it may be a different kind of gold, much better than what we have, or hear about, here on earth.

Verse 23 tells us, "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." This is really what completes the bliss of heaven where we will have many wonderful and interesting times. I speak of the glory of God and the very presence of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. That, I am certain, will be beyond ecstasy. I hope to meet you there with a cheerful greeting.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring — Jane Stieglitz

With a most unusually hot, humid and dry summer past, the Master is reminding us of His infinite hand as we look at the woods behind the Children's Home. A deep green background indicates that many of the leaves have not yet turned to their glorious array of colors; however, interspersed among the green background are golden colored leaves tumbling aimlessly to the somewhat barren ground.

Could the barren ground be compared to the world we live in and the aimlessly tumbling leaves to people without a purpose in this life? We believe there is a realistic parallel. Without Christ in our life we, too, would be aimlessly drifting without a hope in this world or in the world to come. THANKS BE TO GOD WHICH GIVETH US THE HOPE AND THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! As there is a time and a season for the budding of the leaves, their colors changing, and finally their fall to the ground, so there is a time and season in our life to bud into new life in Christ, live victorious life in Him and meet our Maker.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." I John 3:1-3

Our God works in mysterious ways, but His ways are perfect. One of our boys, Jay Ice met with an unusual accident while swimming at a farm pond. He fell off the pier into shallow water and broke his neck. Jay is paralyzed from his shoulders down. He is presently on the rehabilitation floor at Parkview Hospital receiving therapy and progressing favorably. Jay will be starting tutoring to keep up on two of his school subjects. You can write Jay at this address:

Jay Ice — Parkview Hospital  
Room 704  
2200 Randallia Drive  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46805

Jay and all the people associated with the Home will appreciate your prayers.

The weekend of September 24 and 25 both houses, along with our administrator and his family, journeyed to Bradford, IL. Saturday evening we had a weiner roast at Bro. Don Duckworth's farm home. With the burning embers surrounded by bales of straw, a real "comfy" scene was presented. Some of the children and young members sat on the bales of straw to eat their evening meal. There were about 80 people present that evening. We all attended the Bradford church Sunday. On Sunday evening our meal was served at Bro. Loris Kieser's. We will long cherish the memories of the love and hospitality of the Bradford congregation.

One of our residents, Robin F., has gone back to Fairbury, IL, after four months with us. We wish Robin and her family the best and hope she has pleasant memories of her time here.

Two of our girls, Thelma W. and Debbie L. serve one night a week as volunteer nurses at Parkview Hospital. They look so pretty and professional in their candy striper outfits.

Gary H. is enjoying the extra-curricular activities at Leo High School this year.

Our administrator, Bro. Uriel Gehring, and his wife, Judy, are joyously celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. We appreciate them and their commitment here.

#### ----- APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

November 18 — The time for our annual Benefit Day is close at hand. If you wish to volunteer your services for the day, please phone 266-9781, giving your name, address, spouse's name and phone number. In this way, you can be contacted about working. Remember, we do need your items to sell.

October is anniversary month here at the Home for the Handicapped. With the Psalmist we say, "O Give thanks unto the Lord. Make known his deeds among the people." (Ps. 105:1). Truly it has been the Lord's work here, and we want to "make known to all people" that so many have shared in this far-reaching responsibility. Only our Heavenly Father can know the sacrifice and the love which were the motivation. Often when we receive gifts of money, we wonder what it is the donors may have denied themselves to

make the gift possible; and we can only utter humble thanks to our Heavenly Father who can again "fill their cups". And when we make known a need for physical help, the response is there, though we realize that perhaps personal plans had to be sacrificed. Then we think of the example of a dear, elderly one who, though in failing health, grew a large garden so that he could bring its fruits to the Home, while at the same time apologizing that he could not bring more because of the unusual heat and drought. His love was undeniable. We at the Home are merely the instruments to express thanks in behalf of the residents. A rich reward will surely follow some wonderful day.

A walking tour of the Home must, of course, include the all-important nursing department. But where is it? Is it at the nurses' stations? Is it those in uniform who are scattered throughout the facility? Is it those who administer meds at the appointed hour? It is all of these around the clock, but it is more — much more. They are "mothers" to the young, encouraging them with a good morning hug and kiss; they are comforters and consolers in times of discouragement as well as sources of physical care. Though the intangible aspects of care are the responsibility of all staff working as a team, yet the nursing staff is the first source of hands-on, loving care.

Because love is of prime importance to our residents, we need to examine what it really is. Based on a right relationship with God, it has been defined as the forgetting of oneself for the good of another. Only in this way can love truly reach those of our "family". A walking tour of the Home does not reveal the many extra acts of kindness rendered by the staff. (Aides and other staff members often take residents for an outing on their time off or go shopping for them, also on their time off. When there is an organized, planned outing, many times staff members volunteer time for the benefit of residents.) Being motivated by wanting to help residents to some diversion, we are reminded of what is written in Zion's Harp hymn number 90, "Only love leads through this world to Thee."

Today we welcome newcomer, Lois Egli, to our "family." Having previously lived at the Hopedale Medical Complex, she is the daughter of Rosie M. Egli and the late John Egli.

Brothers are Arthur, Ivan, Lester, Glen and Joe. Sisters are Gladys Zehr and Florence Egli. There are fifteen nieces and ten nephews. Lois' favorite food is chicken. She enjoys writing letters, riding bike and listening to her tape recorder. Birthday time for Lois is Sept. 19. We hope for many happy times together.

A large number of our residents attended an overnight stay at Little Galilee Christian camp near Clinton recently. The sizable project of packing bedrolls, food for three meals, meds, clothing, as well as games and projects was well worth the effort, if weighed against the residents' expression of enjoyment.

It seems appropriate to reiterate with the psalmist who wrote "let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice." Ps. 5:11.

#### ----- ARIZONA, PHOENIX

##### Ron and Ev Hoerr

Labor day weekend, our Sunday School and young folks journeyed to CA, and really enjoyed the fellowship.

On Sept. 3, Roger and Marcia Banks became parents of Roderick Andrew. Little Rod's grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart.

We miss Kristen and Michael French in Sunday School, but are thankful they are attending Tucson Church with their parents Larry and Sheryl.

We heard inspiring messages from visiting ministers, Bro. Len Meyer (Chicago) and Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville).

We welcome convert Randy Meyer into our midst. He is a student at Arizona State University.

Our sympathy is extended to Jerry, Rounak, and Nicole Richardson. Her father died in Iran. Mother and daughter had just spent 3 months there and were returning to the States when he expired. Jerry was unable to travel with his family.

Hospital patients were Sis. Ora Schrenk for surgery in Illinois, Kristy Dotterer for studies, Rachael Roth (Bro. Harry) for studies, Bro. Earl Sanders for heart and studies.

On Sept. 18, we heard the betrothal announcement of Bro. R. Jacob Hoerr and Sis. Wanda Sue Huber. Their parents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Millie Huber of Francesville, IN and Bro. Ron and Sis. Ev Hoerr of Phoenix.

We also learned of two dear ones

who have peace and are awaiting baptism. Todd Ritter and Ted Knochel Jr. look forward to giving their testimonies and being baptized.

Sis. Ora and Bro. Henry Schrenk wish to extend their special thanks to all the dear ones for prayers, cards, gifts, and visits while in Carle Hospital and recuperating at the home of their son, Bro. Loren in Champaign, IL. May the Lord bless each one for their kindness and love.

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Lisa Knapp — Sandy Bauer**

With summer over we have resumed our monthly Fellowship Suppers, Young People's Bible Study and Sunday School classes.

Many in our congregation traveled to various places this summer on vacation and we are so thankful for their safe return. Some of those who traveled journeyed to Peoria, IL for the 50th wedding anniversary of our deacon, Bro. Noah Herman and his wife, Sis. Lorraine. Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine wish to thank all the family and dear friends who remembered them with beautiful cards and gifts of love, and a special thanks also to all those who joined them at the reception to help them celebrate their 50 years together in the Lord. It was all deeply appreciated.

Over the Labor Day Weekend, our Sunday School and young members visited Altadena, CA. The Phoenix youth group and Sunday Schools were also there and enjoyed the many blessings. As always, everyone had a blessed weekend of fellowship and we thank the Altadena congregation for all their efforts in making this possible.

Our Elder Bro. Richard Schupach and his wife, Sis. Barbara, visited us recently. We always appreciate their efforts to be with us, and we ask the Lord to richly bless them.

We have two new friends in our congregation. Tim and Susan Moriarty have moved to Tucson from Hays, KS. We welcome Tim and Susan and thank our heavenly Father for remembering us here in Tucson with two very welcome additions to our congregation. Susan's sister, Anne Thenhaus, Anne's husband, Marty, and their two girls live in Tucson and congregate with us.

**CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA**  
**Mary Beth Klotzle**

The Bible Classes from Phoenix and

Tucson came to be with us over the Labor Day weekend. How cherished these times are when friendships grow and we can be together for fellowship with others who know of God and His wonderful gifts. Our prayer is that He will work in each heart and that many will not only hear and have knowledge of His gift of salvation, but that they will accept it and let Him reign in their hearts. I'm certain that if every child of God could give any one thing to all of their friends, it would be the gift of salvation they have found in Jesus Christ the Lord. How much more then would God's desire be to give it to each lost soul? For the love He has is far beyond any we are capable of. We thank God and all of those who make these fellowship weekends possible.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4. What joy we felt to welcome Jeff Luthi as a brother-in-Christ. Bro. Jeff's parents, Bro. Reuben and Sis. Crystal (Morris, MN) and many others from Minnesota, Iowa and Arizona were able to be here and share in this most important step of his life. We thank Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris) for willingly sharing God's Holy and inspired Word with us. God bless all the visitors we've had!

We miss Sis. Anna Jevremov (Bro. Victor) assembling with us as she's been absent due to illness. We trust our merciful Father will help Sis. Anna and her family to endure and keep strong in faith during this time of trial.

God's love is so overwhelming that we cannot help but wonder at the magnitude of it! If only we could keep that amount of love in our hearts for all mankind every day. We appreciated hearing the tapes of the recent Brotherhood Conference and learning yet more of God's Love and how to apply it in our lives and service to Him. The Lord has surely blessed us by providing advice, counsel and admonishment that we as humans always need. How giving is our Lord!

#### COLORADO, DENVER

**Marlene Leman**

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." (St. John 14:27) How thankful we are when a dear friend can

tell us that she has been a recipient of that peace of which our Lord was speaking. Kristin Leman, daughter of Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene, will give her testimony Sept. 24, (Lord willing). May she continue to walk in God's ways and depend upon Him all the days of her life.

We were privileged to attend the General Conference at Gridley, IL and in our absence Bro. John Lehmann (Bern) came to take charge of services. We trust God will reward Bro. John and Sis. Connie and their family for helping in a time of need. Also visiting that Sunday was Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria). May God bless you both!

We welcome Sis. Sharolyn Metzger (Iowa City) and Sis. Lois Metzger (West Bend) to our congregation. They are both daughters of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger (West Bend). While I'm sure they will be missed in Iowa City and West Bend, we are happy to have them with us and pray that God will bless them and care for them out here.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Doug Hohulin in the death of his grandfather, Bro. Si. Hohulin (Gridley, IL).

Sis. Barb Unsicker has been chosen to teach Sunday School. May God give her the wisdom and understanding to teach these little children. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18) Thus believing God's Word, Bro. Mike Leman and Sis. Deb Hodel have promised to enter in to marriage together. Sis. Deb's parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene (Roanoke) and Bro. Mike's parents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene (Denver). The wedding is planned for Oct. 2. We pray for God's blessings upon them.

Gradually the finishing touches are being done in our church building. This month some brothers from Phoenix spent several days here doing some electrical work. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed to all the brothers and friends that have helped so diligently. May God be their rich rewarder.

#### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

**Dorothy Viens**

On the weekend of Sept. 11, we gathered on Saturday evening to hear

the testimony of two dear souls, Deb and Susan Stomberg (Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy). Then on Sunday, we joyfully witnessed their baptisms as they erected a covenant with their God to serve Him lifelong. Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) was here to assist in this work. We thank him for coming to help and for the many good teachings and instructions that he, inspired by the Holy Spirit, brought forth from God's word.

"Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Ps. 51:9-10. We also rejoice that others are still finding a need to seek God, looking to Him for the cleansing of their souls. Lynn and Jane Gerber (Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis) and Linda (Lanz) Galligan (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Anna) have expressed a desire to forsake the ways of sin and serve God. May His grace and help be with them in abundant measure.

We thank Bro. Russell Weuthrich (Pulaski) for visiting us and bringing many timely warnings and good instructions to us from God's Word.

Sis. Mildred Gerber (Bro. Melvin) was hospitalized, but we are thankful that she is able to be home again.

Why things happen as they do  
 We do not always know,  
 And we cannot always fathom  
 Why our spirits sink so low . . .  
 For though we are incapable  
 God's powerful and great,  
 And there's no darkness or distress  
 That God can't penetrate . . .  
 And all that is required of us  
 Whenever things go wrong  
 Is to trust in God implicitly  
 With a faith that's deep and strong  
 And in His time, if we have faith,  
 He will gradually restore  
 The brightness to our spirit  
 That we've been longing for . . .  
 So remember, there's no cloud too  
 dark  
 For God's light to penetrate  
 If we keep on believing  
 And have faith enough to wait!

Helen Steiner Rice

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Sandy Schneider and Sis. Sally Zahner, as well as the entire Schlatter family, in the death of their loved one, Bro. Ron Schlatter. We know that his presence is greatly missed, but we are

confident that God can fill the void in their lives.

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**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE**  
**Billie Klopfenstein**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Vic Beer. His father, Bro. Henry, will be missed by all of us. Bro. Henry had a very deep concern for the unsaved. Years ago, he was visiting Ft. Lauderdale and phoned me before his departure to tell me he would have me in his prayers. I was unconverted at that time and didn't really know Bro. Henry very well. I felt so thankful that he took time to make me aware of his caring.

Recently made known to our congregation was the engagement of Sis. Faye Gerber (Bro. Ed and Sis. Vi) to Bro. Mike Hohulin (Bro. Bob and Sis. Marie, Roanoke). They are planning a January wedding and our small church will be filled to overflowing as our hearts were when we heard the announcement of their forthcoming marriage.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon Lawson have a darling little daughter, Tricia Kay, born August 24. Big sister, Shelli, and big brother, Tim, are helping take good care of her. Sis. Madonna Moser (Morris, MN) is the maternal grandmother.

We are all so delighted to welcome Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Kuntz to our congregation. They have moved here from Peoria.

Each Wednesday evening for four weeks we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to listen to tapes of the recent church conference.

Thought For The Day: Faith is not a shield from trouble; faith is a help in trouble.

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**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**  
**Doris and Diane Rocke**

It was announced that another soul has found peace with God and man. Our friend Jeff Streitmatter III has taken advantage of the "blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine." May he ever cling near to the shepherd in his youthful years and grow to the likeness of his maker.

Sis. Maria Bartoni has journeyed to Yugoslavia to see her aged mother. May she feel the prayers of those she loves during the forty-five day visit. We trust God to bless and keep her safe in His care.

Bro. John Heiniger sustained an eye injury from an accident. They have removed all stitches and he is recovering nicely.

Sis. Sylvia Marioncu has returned from a long visit with her family in Canada.

A baby boy, Scott James, arrived to bless the home of Jim and Mary Kruger Aug. 12. Little Scott was welcomed by his grandmother, Sis. Libbie, who visited over the time of his arrival. Grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Libbie Moser and Ken and Orva May Kruger, all from Elgin, IL.

As the congregation continues to grow here in Sarasota, we feel the addition has been his will to have room for worshipping. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life and inquire in His temple." Ps. 27:4. The enthusiasm as the building progress nears completion has been tremendous. We wish to thank all those who contributed hours of labor for the finishing work. We are able to hold classes in the new rooms now. The delighted children will long remember their wait and the many walks to Bro. Fred and Sis. Elizabeth Knapp's house for classes. We thank the Knapps for the use of their home and ask God to reward them.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit), and family over several weekends as well as Bro. Homer and Sis. Dorothy Reineck (Toledo).

May God richly bless all of our precious gospel messengers who give so kindly of themselves.

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**GEORGIA, ATLANTA**  
**Nancy Foltz — Charmin Sellers**

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Colossians 1:16, 17

As we approach the beginning of the fall season and the changing of our surroundings, let us be reminded that all the beautiful scenery we enjoy was created by God to whom we owe our thanks.



Our appreciation is extended to the following brothers for traveling many miles to teach and share the word of God with us: Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington), Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor), Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott) and Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford). We know that God will surely bless them for their ministry.

We are grateful for all visitors who have stopped here in Atlanta to worship with us and we invite anyone traveling in the area to please stop and join in our small congregation. Our meeting dates are every 2nd and 4th Sunday at the Ramada Inn, Int. 75, Marietta, GA. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact either Don Sellers at 404-923-0721 or Nancy Foltz at 404-451-9191.

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

Carmen and Kory welcome a new brother in their home. Morgan J. was born Aug. 28 to Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy Langhofer. Grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber (Francesville, IN) and Bro. Al and Sis. Irene Langhofer (Wichita, KS).

Bro. Danny Kieser and Sis. Lora Meyer were married on Sept. 11 in Bluffton North, IN. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn Meyer and Lewis and Jean Kieser. We wish them the Lord's guidance as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

We were privileged to hear God's Word spoken by several visiting ministers this month. Special thanks to Bros. Michael Thomas (Valparaiso, IN), Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO), Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH), Walter Anliker (Eureka, IL), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) and our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont).

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

Our young people back in school need our prayers everyday that they can stand firm on what they have been taught pertaining to God. Modern educators have an "open mind" theory. Yet, it is said it was the men who were college and university trained in having "an open mind" who broke down the soonest under Communist brainwashing. Not being sure of anything, they had nothing to live or die for. Though others are confused, you need not be —

you have something solid — the rock of Jesus to stand on. Though others may wonder what to believe, you make sure you know in whom you believe.

We give thanks to visiting ministers, Bro. Dale Moore, (Elgin, IA) and Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), and their families.

The engagement of Sis. Lynn Elsasser and Bro. Keith Pflederer was made known. We wish them God's blessings and guidance as they experience this special time in their lives. Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser and Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer (Tremont) are their parents.

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

What mental jumping jacks should I do to get started writing? Prayer, of course, seems to be the best answer. Brought to mind are the young couple in charge of one of our newest tiny church gatherings, with its extra responsibilities and the oft-felt fears of being inadequate. A teacher friend is recovering from an accident and her leg seems somewhat slow in calcifying; thus she cannot yet come back to her life of teaching. A farmer has returned to combine the earth with two broken legs and a soaring, heavenly attitude. There is a young man experiencing a combination of kidney failure and encephalitis and his beloved wife who travels the forty-some miles in to the hospital daily to be with him. And there's Jay Ice from the Children's Home, only 15, never far from our prayers, who has a broken neck. When we visited, his feet seemed encased in winged shoes — but he cannot move them. We claim the Lord's promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God . . ." (Romans 8:28) and pray for miracles, especially for these our dearly beloved, but also for all who are in need of healing, spiritually, mentally and physically!

Visitors add to the zest of our fellowship and spiritual nourishment. We were so happy to have Elder Bro. Nate Steffen (Elgin, IL) and Bros. Dave Weigand (Champaign, IL) and Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) share with us the Lord's Spirit and words.

Perhaps that is part of the joy of being at the conference, that blessing of meeting brethren from far and near, as opposed to just listening to the tapes. Yet those tapes, which we have heard the four Wednesday evenings in

September, provide a tremendous lift, reminding us and renewing us in the depths of God's love. A brother who had been to the conference and lives a good hour (one way) from church, has still come to the "tape sessions", saying sincerely, "It's so well worth it to hear the messages again." (Another brother wanted so much to attend the brotherhood conference in Gridley this year, but he had only recently started a new job and had already had a week or so of vacation with his family this past summer. On the day before the conference — Thursday, he hadn't even known whether to ask for the day off. His wife felt moved to pray earnestly that day — and the brother did ask. Was he ever surprised when his boss said, "I guess you told me when I interviewed you that your church came first, your family next and work third," which astounded the brother, for he had made the statement nine months before. He got the day off. The Lord again had provided!

We appreciate our brethren who serve in so many capacities within the church. That one is needed and learns many spiritual lessons is partial reward for the time involved, but we also need to support those in church offices with our prayers and verbal gratitude. We thank Bro. John Schrenk and Bro. Phil Feldman for accepting the positions of World Relief representative and Sunday School teacher, respectively.

New faces are appearing in Chicago, and we're delighted. Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lisa Kaiser Schoenbein, married in Morton in August, are one couple. Bro. Bruce is attending John Marshall Law School (and has been since spring), and Sis. Lisa is working in the Prudential Building. Married Labor Day Sunday in Roanoke, Bro. Andy (Morton) and Sis. Kathy Diggle Pflederer are also making their first home in our area. Sis. Kathy continues in her nursing degree program while Bro. Andy is in education also at the University of Illinois, Chicago, combined campus. Dave Mangold, too, is working in our area. May we reach out in love and grace that each one may consider Chicago church a second home. This fall there's a pink bundle in the Lau family. Jodi Ann was born September 20 to Bro. Steve and Sis. Marlene Lau. Brothers Chris (3½) and Dan (2½) will be so excited to have a sister. Jodi's grandparents are Ed and Sis. Mary Ann Plattner (Forrest, IL) and Mrs. Kathleen Chu (Vancouver, British Col-

umbia). We, her church family, also welcome her with open arms.

Beloved sisters have been hospitalized: Marie Kulyan, Sara Adam and Marge Young. We pray for their recovery, according to His will. All three bear the sweetness of patience in their countenances. May they be given strength and grace in these trials. For Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Knepp and family, we wish the Lord's healing balm for grief, as they mourn the death of Gary's dad, Bro. Carl Knepp (Eureka). In accepting His will, may they feel His peace of heart.

We were fortunate to visit an original prairie site very near our Chicago church (near 31st Street and along Wolf Road). A very knowledgeable tour guide gave us much detailed information. There is a need that the prairie be managed, lest the forest encroach upon its territory. This includes controlled burning. Weeds and trees die when burnt, yet the prairie is renewed. Prairie plants also need the sun. That's why overshadowing forest plants cause the prairie plants to die out. Prairie plants develop tremendous root systems as well. Should we not, as the prairie plants, extend our roots deep into the Word, always search for the Son, our light and sustenance, and be renewed by His chastisement (burning), trusting that through it, the waste in our lives will be removed.

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**ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK**  
**Wilma Walder — Joan Waldbeser**

For a little glimpse of heaven  
 For proof of God's dear love  
 For joy and inspiration  
 And for sunshine from above  
 Look upon your little one  
 So precious and so new —  
 The sweetest and most perfect gift  
 That God could give to you.

Welcoming a son, Jason William, into their hearts and home on August 19 are parents, Bro. Keith and Sis. Kay Knapp and sisters, Jennifer and Jackie. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Verena Knapp and Bro. Dale and Sis. Dorothy Walder.

We appreciate the visits and timely messages of our dear brothers who gave of themselves on our behalf, Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington), Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa), Bro. Kenny Schneider (Remington), Bro. Earl Ger-

ber (Forrest) and Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse).

Our sincere sympathy is given to Sis. Katherine Rudin in the passing of her father, Bro. Carl Weiss.

At the present time we are listening to the tapes of the conference held in Gridley. We appreciate the love, encouragement and concern our dear elder brethren have for us all and trust we may strive to walk worthy of our high calling.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
 In every change He faithful will remain.  
 Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly  
 Friend,

Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.  
 Hymns of Zion #191

Many have been the afflictions and trials of our dear brethren this past month. Hospital patients have been Sis. Gladys Kaufman, Sis. Priscilla Knapp, Sis. Lil Feller, Phyllis Enz, Sis. Ollie Feller, Bro. Ken Bauer, Bro. George Gudeman, Bro. Ray Eisenmann and Tony Young. Escaping serious injury in accidents were our Sis. Esther Steiner and Bro. Tom Stock. They both received a broken arm besides other minor injuries. Our Sis. Twylla Beer has been afflicted with a strange and rare disease which will require hospitalization for a long period of time. She and her husband, Bro. Bill, have need of our prayers. May they feel God's nearness and helping hand during this time of great need.

Our Sis. Anna Hari is presently making her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Greg and Thelma Webster, Fleming, OH 45729. As she will be there a few months, she would appreciate mail or phone calls (614) 678-2433.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Mattie Bauer and family wish to thank all their friends and brethren for the prayers, cards, memorials, foods, flowers and all expressions of sympathy shown during the death of their beloved son, Leslie. They also wish to thank for all the cards, visits and prayers for Sis. Mattie while she was in the hospital and since at home. Every expression of kindness is gratefully remembered.

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**ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE**  
**Carol Craig — Kay Roth**  
 With love in their hearts for God and

or each other, Bro. Dennis Wettstein (Bro. Art and Sis. Donna, Eureka) and Sis. Emily Schlipf (Clarence and Lorene) were united together in holy matrimony. May the Lord bless their lives as they walk hand in hand here on earth. We welcome the newly married couple into our congregation.

Peter Maurer (Bro. Heinz and Sis. Trudie) and Martha Gentry (Bloomington) have announced their engagement. We wish them God's blessings and guidance as they plan their October 28 wedding.

We are thankful that Maylon Zimmerman is home after being in the hospital. Bro. Joe Schrock is also able to be with us after having eye surgery. May the Lord heal those who are sick or ill with His Almighty healing power.

We are thankful for the many ministering brethren who were willing to bring unto us the Holy Word of God. They were: Elder Bros. Joe Waibel (Bay City, MI), Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS), Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Bros. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Vernon Leman (Eureka), Don Wagenbach (Washington), Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA) and Edmund Kloter (Goodfield). May the Lord bless these brothers for their labors of love.

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**ILLINOIS, ELGIN**  
**Ruth Ann Getz**

Have you ever found yourself in a semi-darkened room and from that perspective thought it to be quite clean and orderly? Then have you found that same setting suddenly flooded with intense light and immediately you become conscience of imperfections all about you — even the very air laden with dust particles? We know our vision is thus limited. Figuratively speaking then can we not see how imperfect our spiritual vision can become if we do not constantly keep ourselves in the light of God's Word. The word itself uses "Light" as an analogy to spiritual direction. David said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." (Ps. 27:1), and "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Ps. 119:105) Isaiah prophesied, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isa. 9:2) And finally

Jesus plainly told them all, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Certainly it is an inspiration to us to seek out the "light" that we can clearly interpret the path in which we walk, that we stumble not, and that we do not permit even the particles of dust to settle on us.

We gladly welcome David Weertz (son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Myrna, Cissna Park) to the Elgin Church. Dave is a student at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. We trust that he will find the spiritual fellowship he seeks among the believers here.

Likewise, we are happy to learn that Glen Braker (son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, Remington) has moved to the Grays Lake area and will be assembling with us. Glen has recently turned his heart to the Lord in repentance, and that brings rejoicing among the brethren. We pray that he will have exceeding grace to overcome Satan and his wiles as the conversion process takes place.

Carl Weiss, 87, a dearly beloved brother in the Lord was called to rest August 23. His ready smile and loving, uncomplaining nature are in part the legacy he leaves with his family and with us all. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary Merkle Weiss; four daughters, Sis. Lucille Kellenberger, Sis. Gladys Weiss, Sis. Pat Schifferer, all of Elgin, and Sis. Kathryn Rudin of Clinton, IL; six sons, Bros. Calvin and Paul of Elgin, Oliver of Mendota, Theodore of Valparaiso, IN, Robert of East Dundee, and Bro. Morey of Hanover Park. The family has expressed deep appreciation for the many expressions of love to them during their bereavement.

We also would like to express our sympathy to Sis. Marie Hugh in the death of her uncle, Bill Hugh, from Mission, TX.

Martha Lohbauer recently was discharged from the hospital to be admitted to Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton, IL. We wish to encourage her as she learns to walk with her new prosthesis.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger have spent a few weeks in the Elgin area while Tillie was hospitalized for knee surgery. We are happy that she is out of the hospital again and is convalescing with family here.

Sis. Lenora Steffen and Sis. Louise Schifferer have both undergone sur-

gery and we are thankful to God that they too can be home again where they are convalescing.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

#### Kathy L. Rocke

The Word of Life was brought to us by ministering Bros. Harold Emch (Girard, OH), Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS), Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) and Carl Wyss (Washington). Also, we appreciated the visits of our beloved elder Bros. Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY), Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Roy Sauder (Peoria). We thank them for sharing the Word with us and pray that God will be their rich rewarder.

Sis. Amy Stoller was in the hospital for tests. We are thankful her stay was short and of good report.

Bro. Neil and Sis. Leesa Gerber welcomed their new son, Matthew, on September 10. Joshua and Andrew are anxious to meet their new brother. Grandparents are Roger and Sis. Eunice Gerber (Latty).

Many of us traveled to Congerville on August 28 to witness the wedding vows of Sis. Emily Schlipf (Clarence and Lorene) and Bro. Dennis Wettstein (Bro. Art and Sis. Donna). May God's richest blessings be theirs as they establish their home and assemble with the Congerville brethren.

"In my heart there rings a melody." Tabernacle Hymns #91. Sis. Deb Saathoff and Bro. Bruce Fischer (Roanoke) announced their engagement September 4. Parents are Bro. George and Sis. Thelma Saathoff and Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Clara Fischer. We wish them God's blessings and guidance. A November wedding is planned.

My heavenly home is bright and fair,  
Nor pain nor death can enter there;

Its glittering towers the sun outshines;  
That heavenly mansion shall be mine.

Hymns of Zion #247

Our dear brother-in-faith, Carl Knepp, has gone to those heavenly mansions. He passed away September 3 at the "Home". He leaves his beloved wife, Sis. Freda; four sons, Donald (Barrington), Walter (Bayton, TX), Wayne (Morton) and Bro. Gary (Country Club Hills); and one daughter, Sis. Shirley Leman (Eureka). Also, two brothers, Edward (Winter Haven, FL),

and Bro. Ralph (El Paso); and two sisters, Sis. Anna Wettstein and Sis. Edna Blunier, both of Eureka, survive. Services were held September 6. May God comfort these dear ones with His gentle love and compassion. Won't it be wonderful to meet all the loved ones in Heaven who have gone on before, where there will be no more pain or sorrow, no parting, but only joy and bliss forever for those who have remained true and faithful to God's precious Word.

We have been gathering on Wednesday evenings to hear the tapes from the Elder Conference. Hearing the loving concerns from our elder brothers gives us much to think about and a new zeal to follow in the path that they have outlined.

The flower that follows the sun does so even in cloudy days.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

#### Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

The hand of death has reached into our congregation this past month. On August 30, Lucas Kilgus, four month old son of Jeff and Lisa Kilgus, was taken unexpectedly. We extend our sympathy to this dear family as they take comfort in knowing that their little one is safe in the arms of Jesus. Surviving in addition to his parents is a brother, Matthew, his grandparents, Mrs. Toni Munz, Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and great-grandmother, Sis. Marie Kilgus.

Dear Bro. Sam Steffen was called to rest August 31, after a two month illness. Bro. Sam, 79, has walked with the Lord for 61 years and has experienced joy as well as sorrow. We sympathize with his wife, Sis. Anna, as well as the family who survives: Sis. Louise Furrer and Bro. Earl (Fairbury); Bro. Richard (Forrest); seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons. The family expresses their thanks for all gifts that were sent in his name to the Dougi Steffen benefit — The Trainable Mentally Handicapped Program. They also appreciate the many deeds of kindness shown to them during his illness and at the time of his death. Funeral services were held by Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL).

We have enjoyed visiting ministers this month as we heard Bros. Pete Baltic and Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis) and Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT). We

thank each one for bringing to us God's word.

John and Mary Jane Traub (Tulsa, OK) have a new daughter, Mary Amanda, born August 13. She is welcomed by a sister, Tina. Grandparents are Harvey and Barbara Traub and Bro. Ben and Sis. Marguerite Lorch.

### KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

Submitted by the family of  
Bro. Ed Huber

Bro. Edward Huber was our oldest brother in the Fairbury congregation for many years until our Heavenly Father called him on July 4 and liberated him from this earthly strife to eternal life. He died at the age of 91 years, 9 months and 10 days. Bro. Edward and his beloved wife, Sis. Lydia (Fehr), were blessed with almost 62 years together. When Sis. Lydia went to her eternal rest, Bro. Edward said the Lord gave him a clear vision of a clock with the hand pointing to 4. The Lord impressed it upon him to mean that he was to live with us 4 more years. As it turned out, he lived 4 years, 4 months and 4 days, passing peacefully away July 4 with his 4 daughters at his bedside at home.

Bro. Edward loved to speak of teachings and examples in the Bible, even with numbers. Seven is a number of completion. His time on earth was completed with his burial on the 7th day of the 7th month. Bro. Edward and Sis. Lydia were blessed with 5 children, making their family complete with 7. Their children are Katharine Fehr and Velma Jean Ifft, both of Fairbury; Virginia Blunier, Forrest; Joyce Gasser, Akron, OH; and Melvin Huber of Brazil, South America.

Just before Sis. Lydia went to be with Jesus, he had a vision of an entrance way made of beautiful precious stones and it was dark at the other end. Just after Sis. Lydia passed away, the Lord gave him a vision of the same entrance of precious stones, but a bright and shining light sparkled at the other end instead of darkness. These examples of God's revelations to those who walk close to Him are precious in that they also help to uplift and strengthen our faith in our endeavors in serving our Heavenly Father.

"I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men

shall dream dreams." Acts 2:17 and Joel 2:28. Bro. Edward had other visions and dreams. His priorities were with God and with the Bible. He was born at Fairbury, and Fairbury was his church for his almost 92 years.

Bro. Edward and Sis. Lydia rejoiced to see all their children converted and baptized. He believed the many promises in the Bible and God made them a reality to him. He and some of his family enjoyed the blessing of a trip to the Holy Land in 1960. As he spoke of Jesus' teachings, his prayer was that he could apply them to his life. His life portrayed much love, humility and patience.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold — Kathy Leman

We thank Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) for sharing the Word of Life with us. May God ever encourage these brothers to bring forth the Word in all its truth and pureness.

Hospital patients this month have been Candy Stoller (Bro. John and Sis. Patsy), Bro. Wayne Honegger, Danisa Hamilton (Tom and Sis. Earlene) and Bro. David Metz, who now resides at the Home of the Handicapped. He had the misfortune of breaking his leg. May God be with him as he waits for His healing.

We have had several new additions this month. Brenton Douglass joined the family of Doug and Kim Benway. He has two brothers at home, Tyson and Dustin. Grandparents are Dale and Harriet Farney.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Donna Bachman were blessed with a little boy, Nathan Joel. Brothers Eric and Adrien welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Bachman (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman.

Bro. Craig and Sis. Trudy Rudin welcome little Joseph Paul into their home. Scott, Andy, T. Anne, Kenton and Heidi are his brothers and sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Willard and Sis. Tillie Rudin (Cissna Park) and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman.

Tom and Pam Kilgus are happy parents of a precious little girl, Haley Jo. She has one brother, Dayton, to welcome her at home. Grandparents are John and Barb Kilgus.

Our congregation rejoices that Kaylene Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Laura) has come to the Lord in repent-

ance. May God be with her and help her build a firm foundation.

Funeral services were held for our Bro. Ray Wenger on Sept. 13. We extend our sympathy to his daughters, Sis. Mattie and Sis. Anne (Forrest) and Sis. Dorothy Virkler (Bro. Dan, Rockville, CT). Also surviving are a brother, Bro. Clarence (Eureka) and four sisters, Sis. Aldine Wackerle, Sis. Laura Wenger, Sis. Edna Wiegand, all of Forrest, and Sis. Wilma Fisher (Roanoke). May God grant His comfort in this time of sorrow and loss.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Bev Joos

It's that time of year again. HARVEST! — What a wonderful word! What special images dawn. We envision gardens plump with ripe produce, fields of tall, rustling, dry grain awaiting the hum of the combines, and trees bending low from the weight of their fruit. Autumn bursts forth upon us giving relief from the summer's heat and humidity. An exciting display of God's artistry is visible everywhere in the reds, golds, oranges, and browns of fall foliage. Harvest is our reward for our labor. Whether harvest is bounteous or meager, we remain ever thankful to God as He knows what is best for us.

Harvest is referred to often in the Bible and in our beautiful hymns. The Golden Harvest reads:

Seeds of goodness we are sowing —  
in the hearts of man today.  
Bless it, Lord, that it may prosper,  
and bear fruit on harvest day.

Hasten gladly to the labor.

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

Three new souls have turned their lives over to God and are eager to labor for Him. They are Shirley Debolt (Deer Creek) and Dennis and Eddis Blunier (Danvers). We are anxious to hear their testimonies on Oct. 1 and to witness their baptisms on Oct. 2. Jesus tells us, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." St. John 4:35, 36.

As we worship each Sunday, our

vessels are filled with goodness and food for thought. Do we harvest this bounty on each weekday or do we neglect our gift and let it rot? A warning is issued to all mankind in the words of the hymn, *Almost Persuaded*. "Almost persuaded, Harvest is past!" We must strive each day anew to be worthy of God's final harvest.

Our prayers have been with our hospital patients, Martha Knapp and Babe Knapp. We wish them renewed health and many blessings.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

#### Carol Klopfenstein

We recently heard a profound message of truth in the words of Jesus to Saul when he was on the road to Damascus. When Saul asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" Jesus replied, "I am Jesus whom Thou persecuteth." Saul thought he was harming just the Christians — other people. But in doing so, he was hurting the Lord Himself.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. And inasmuch as ye have not done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have not done it unto me." The minister asked the question we all would do well to consider: "What are we doing or not doing to Jesus?" We can answer it by considering the question, "What are we doing or not doing to our brethren or to all mankind?" Are we helpful, courteous and kind? Or do we forget about the cares and concerns of our brother? Are we self-centered? Or out of a heart of love do we cherish the dear ones in faith and appreciate every opportunity we have for fellowship, worshipping together, and giving of our time and talents to help even the least of "these My brethren?"

Bro. Silas Hohulin, 80, departed this life Aug. 28. His funeral was in Peoria where he was laid to rest. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Marie, his sons, Bro. Martin (Lamar); Al, (Tremont); Bro. Melvin (Roanoke); Bro. Vernon and Ben (Peoria); his stepson, Daryl Anliker (North Pekin); and his three daughters, Sis. Ruth Huthmann (Morton), Sis. Edith Knobloch (Lester) and Mary Haynes (Peoria); his three stepdaughters, Karel Righter (Decatur), Sis. Earlene Hamilton (Fairbury), Sis. Elaine Mueller (Sibley); two brothers, Bro. Ezra (Peoria) and John (Morton); his three

sisters, Sis. Julia Sauder (Tremont) and Sis. Ella Musselman and Sis. Dorothy Hohulin, both of Peoria.

The family of Bro. Si wishes to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts of money, flowers, food and prayers they have received since the departure of their loved one. They greatly appreciate these kindnesses and wish for God to bless and reward each one.

The marriage engagement of Sis. Carol Gramm (Bro. John and Sis. Mary) of Gridley to Bro. Robert Schrenk (Bro. Tom and Sis. Joan) of Athens, Al, was announced. We wish them much grace and favor from on high as they make plans for their wedding and their new life together as husband and wife in the Lord.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Phyllis Farnley — JoAnn Roecker

Bro. Doug and Sis. Lisa Schafer welcome Steven Douglas into their hearts and home. He was born on August 19. His happy grandparents are Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alice Schafer and George and Linda Selburg.

Michael and Julie Shafer welcome into their hearts and home, Andrew Michael, born on August 20. His grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Mavis Kaiser and Gary and Nova Shafer.

Sis. Eliza Ackerman was called Home to be "Forever With The Lord". Her funeral service was held on August 22. May our Heavenly Father comfort and bless her family and friends.

Our congregation enjoyed a church potluck on Sunday, August 28, at our Morton Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall. We enjoyed precious fellowship and delicious food. We were indeed filled in Spirit and body.

Frank, Sis. Marlene and Marie Milazzo wish to thank everyone for their prayers, love and deeds of kindness shown unto them. May the Lord bless all who were so kind.

We witnessed the marriage vows of Bro. Harold Zimmerman and Sis. Eleanor Zimmer on September 7. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them as they will now walk life's pathway together.

Bro. Rick and Sis. Cindy Schmidgall welcome into their hearts and home, Audrey Lee. She was born on September 9. Matthew also helped to welcome her home. Her grandparents are Jean Schmidgall (Morton, IL), Ken Schmidgall (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf (Morris, MN).

We want to thank Bros. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), John Klotzle (Altadena, CA), Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) and Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) for ministering God's Holy Word unto us. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

We have had the following loved ones who have recently spent some time in the hospital: Art Hauter, Bro. Henry Binkley, Sis. Hannah Strunk, Ben Kaufman, Henry Huette, Gilbert Struck, Sis. Anna Rassi, Bro. Noah Zobrist, Bro. William Roecker and Sis. Eliza Belsley. May our Heavenly Father continue to be with them and all those who are shut-in or ill. May we uphold all these loved ones in our prayers.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

#### Susi Herman — Margo Marx

Bro. Rick and Sis. MaryAnn Plattner have been blessed with their first child, Joel Richard. They are enjoying this bundle of joy God has given them. The elated grandparents are Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Elsa Hartman and Bro. Pete and Sis. Ella Plattner.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Becky Hoerr welcome their first new edition, Thomas Dean III. The grandparents are Bro. Walter Feucht and Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette Hoerr.

We share much happiness with these young families and pray God's blessings upon them.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman wish to thank all the loved ones who so kindly remembered them with beautiful cards, flowers and gifts of love on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Those hospitalized this month were Bros. Les Wagenbach, Sis. Lena Reiman, Pauline Little and Joel Plattner, son of Bro. Rick and Sis. MaryAnn Plattner. We humbly ask that God will grant a good measure of added grace and strength, and we pray that all will be well with these loved ones.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Bro. Si Hohulin. We pray that they can all feel the comfort of our dear Lord in the loss of their loved one.

Our visiting ministers this month were Elder Bros. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan), Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Bros. Elmer Schrenk (Alto, MI), Jim Funk (Tucson, AZ) and Don Wagenbach (Washington). We appreciate the

loving and living Word they shared with us.

We were saddened to hear that Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Kuntz will be moving to Plantation, FL and assembling with the Fort Lauderdale congregation. We will miss them, but we wish them God's blessings. Their absence will be deeply felt by all.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Arlene and Arlys Martin

Our response to Jesus Christ decides our eternal destiny. Visiting ministers who spoke of God's gracious offer to us have been Bros. Duane Farney and Floyd Graves (Croghan, NY), Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA), James Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) and Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS).

Bros. Ed Baurer, Harry Herrmann and Nick Knobloch have been chosen to serve on our Bible Committee. The Bible Committee will distribute free Bibles to the people in our community who ask for them.

Robert Mellford Herrmann was born on Aug. 25 to Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann. His family of two brothers and seven sisters welcome him home.

We will miss Bro. Jay and Sis. Kathy Grimm and their son, Gabriel Jay. We wish them God's blessings in their new home in Detroit, MI.

We also wish the very best to Marlise Streitmatter and Annette Gerst. They moved to Nashville, TN. Their address is Nob Hill Villa, Apt. B-16, 18 Wallace Rd., Nashville, TN 37211.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Fred Schafer, Doug Blunier (son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce), Sis. Esther Kieser (wife of Bro. George) and Robert Herrmann (son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann).

On Sunday evening, Sept. 4, we participated in a congregational singing and listened to the men's choir at our fellowship hall. The purpose of the men's choir is to praise God, and it consisted of brothers from 17 congregations. Our thanks to Bro. Al Hartzler for directing this group. The evening was inspiring and spirit-filled. We praise the Lord for this.

A woman's raincoat was left at our fellowship hall. The label is Etienne Aigner, and it is approximately a size 10, light tan with dark brown genuine leather trim, double-breasted with belt

at waist and on sleeves. A green chiffon scarf is with the coat. If this coat belongs to you, you can pick it up at the fellowship hall, or contact someone from our congregation who can send it to you.

### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold

We share the joy of those who look forward to being married in the Lord. Bro. Mike Hohulin and Sis. Faye Gerber, children of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marie Hohulin (Roanoke) and Bro. Ed and Sis. Vi Gerber (Ft. Lauderdale) are planning a winter wedding.

Our Sis. Deb Hodel and Bro. Mike Lemman (both of Denver) will walk the path of life together. We join their parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Hodel (Roanoke) and Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Lemman (Denver) in thanking God for this rich blessing.

August 28 was the day Sis. Rita Pfister and Bro. Denny Schwind became one in the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary Schwind (Roanoke). As we wish them happiness in serving their God together, we also offer them our apology for inadvertently overlooking their engagement in our newsletter.

Our Sis. Kathy Diggle and Bro. Andy Pflederer united their hearts in the Lord September 4. May their union be a blessing to their respective families, John and Sis. Sarah Diggle and Bro. Bob and Sis. Eleanor Pflederer (Morton), and may they give and receive the love of God as they assemble in the Chicago church.

Confined to the hospital this month were Bro. Vince Hodel, Sis. Fran (Bro. Dave) Fischer, Alicia Rechkemmer (Norm and Jan) and Jerry Beer. Alicia is enjoying good health again, but we shall continue to remember the others in our prayers.

We have been blessed so richly by ministering brothers who are willing to travel to minister to us: Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit), David Bertsch (Leo), Ray Roth (Kiowa), Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia), Kent Heimer (Taylor), Joe Braker and Bob Pflederer (Morton). We are also thankful to God for the willingness of Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) to come to teach us of "Spiritual Growth" at our Bible Study. We see now that we show our spiritual maturity in the way we handle situations that life brings our way. We are richer for the efforts of these broth-

ers and our thanks go to God for such a spiritual feast.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Marcia Metz

Time continues to run its swift course toward eternity, and once again God has permitted us to begin a new school year. As we seek to gain knowledge that will prepare us for our future occupations, we need to be ever mindful of the true purpose of our lives. May we ever look to God for guidance and make time to read, pray and fellowship.

### A STUDENT'S PRAYER

God, the all-wise and Creator  
Of the human intellect,  
Guide our search for truth and knowledge,  
All our tho'ts and ways direct.  
Help us build the tow'rs of learning  
That would make us wise astute,  
On the rock of Holy Scripture:  
Truth revealed and absolute.

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

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

John W. Peterson

We extend a special welcome to all new ISU students. They include Terri Blumenshine (Peoria), Brian Fehr (Roanoke), Jeff Fehr (Fairbury), Paul Sauder (Tremont), Bethany Steffen (Forrest), Mark Steiner (Tremont), Sis. Cindy Herrmann (Princeville), Sis. Kathy Kaufman (Cissna Park), Sis. Kathy Kieser (Bradford), Sis. Dawn Lemman (Bradford), Sis. Cindi Vogel (Bloomington-Normal), Sis. Gale Hari (Bloomington-Normal), Sis. Deanna Marti (Gridley), Bro. Tal Kaufmann (Cissna Park) and Bro. Lee Klopffenstein (Latty).

In the past month we have been very inspired by God's Word brought to us

through His servants. Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal) spoke to us about the background of the Twelve Apostles. Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria), exhorted us to go that extra mile for those around us when he spoke on the topic, "For Your Camels Also". Bro. Don Wagenbach (Washington), helped us to look at our own lives and to realize that we have work to do, when he spoke to us about overcoming resentment. We pray that God will grant His blessings to them for their deeds of kindness.

Lord willing, ISU will be hosting College Weekend on October 8 and 9. Bible Study is held every Thursday evening in Schroeder 214 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and we appreciate all who will come and worship with us.

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**ILLINOIS, TREMONT**  
**Dorothy Wagenbach**  
**Carolyn Bollinger**

We are always happy to welcome our visiting ministers. This month we were blessed with visits from Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville) and Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville).

August 28 was the wedding day of Bro. Dale Wagenbach and Sis. Mary Zuercher. Their parents are Bro. Curtis and Sis. June Zuercher and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach. We wish them God's richest blessings as they establish a new home together.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bro. Ed and Sis. Jewel Sauder in the passing of Sis. Jewel's brother, Bro. Si Hohulin (Gridley, IL).

Bro. Bill Huette suffered a head injury in a recent farm accident. We are thankful Bro. Bill was spared more serious injuries.

Sis. Kathy Rocke submitted to foot surgery and we are glad she is able to assemble with us.

Larry and Ida Bolliger are the proud parents of their first child, a dear little son, Gregory Karl, born Sept. 3. Excited first-time grandparents are Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda Glueck and Gale and Joann Bolliger.

For the past four Wednesday evenings our congregation has assembled together to listen to the tapes of the recent Elder's Conference held in Gridley, IL. It is both humbling and uplifting to listen to our dear elders as they pour out their love and concern for the church and God's children.

The engagement of Bro. Keith Pflederer and Sis. Lynne Elsasser was recently announced to our congregation. Parents of the couple are Bro. Chris, Jr. and Sis. Ruth Pflederer and Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser (Bradford). We wish them the Lord's blessings as they plan their life together.

We wish to thank all those who helped clean up after our fire, brought in food and gave gifts of money. Words cannot express how much we appreciate all that was done for us. May God bless each of you!

Si and LaVonne Wagenbach  
 and Family

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**ILLINOIS, URBANA**  
**Cheryl Joos**

**JOY OF UNSELFISH GIVING**

Time is not measured  
 by the years that you live  
 But by the deeds that you do  
 and the joy that you give —  
 And each day as it comes  
 brings a chance to each one  
 To love to the fullest  
 leaving nothing undone  
 That would brighten the life  
 or lighten the load  
 Of some weary traveler  
 lost on Life's Road —  
 So what does it matter  
 how long we may live  
 If as long as we live  
 we unselfishly give.

Helen Steiner Rice

We want to thank everyone who unselfishly gave of their time to make our annual church cleaning efforts more than worthwhile. The students so willingly helped us make light work of everything and finish in record time. The verse "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men." Col. 3:23, perfectly describes our day.

Aug. 28, was the new student welcome picnic. We have 28 new students and already God has called some of them to live in His service. We feel blessed to have new converts assemble with us.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Arnie Gerst and Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor) and Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria). We thank them for sharing God's word with us. Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) was here for our first Bible Study and

we appreciate him sharing with us his precious memories while here at the U of I and his timely warnings.

Bob Wiegand, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel, has recovered from knee surgery. We're thankful for God's healing power.

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**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**  
**Lily Schick**

One of the richest men who ever lived was Solomon. In the beginning of his reign as King, his life was totally surrendered to God, and how he was blessed! Yet Solomon was a mortal being as we are. Despite God's warning that if he turned from Him, He would remove his blessing, Solomon, in all his comfort and glory, fell into Satan's trap. He allowed his eyes to look away from God as his source of strength and looked to himself, living to satisfy his earthly desires. Solomon's life began as an honor and glory to God, and how unholy and shameful it became. How sad, and what a lesson to mankind.

Then we look at ourselves. Before we could find peace following our repentance, we had to "lay our all on the altar". Gospel Hymns #810. How richly God blesses our lives! As we walk down life's pathway year after year, does our love for the Lord really stay as fervent as in the beginning? Satan cunningly places distractions along the way. How destructive the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life can be! We also know what our outcome will be if we turn aside from the straight and narrow way. Certainly the devil is fiercely trying to deceive God's precious children, so we must ever be alert and on guard.

"Watch and pray, the tempter may be near us; Keep the heart with jealous care, Lest, the door a moment left unguarded, Evil thoughts may enter there." Hymns of Zion #121

If we never take our eyes off of Jesus, our perfect example our footsteps will never go astray.

We have been blessed this month with four of God's humble servants to minister His Holy Word. They were our own dear Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria), Bro. Joe Aberle (Sabetha), Bro. Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield) and Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson). May they ever remain submissive instruments of His, and always feel our prayers.

Washington is hosting ACYF the 18th and 25th of September. It is a joy to see and hear our future church sing

praises to the Saviour. And though they haven't met Him at the foot of the cross yet, it is our fervent prayer that they will.

Faith, Melody and Grace Klaus have returned home from spending the summer in Japan with their family. It's nice to have them back again.

Yes, a whole year has past; and it's collection month again in Washington. So write yourselves a memo to pay your dues to your Silver Lining correspondent. Thanks.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

#### Jan Ringger — Linda Kipfer

On August 27 we were privileged to hear the testimonies of six dear souls: Walter and Mary Speheger, Joe and Julie (Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine Ringger) Stroup, and James (Bro. Oscar and Sis. Sylvia) and Christy Bertsch. On Sunday, we welcomed them into the fold of believers. Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis) shared in bringing us the Word on this day.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo), Bro. Ben Manz (Junction) and Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington). May God bless them and their families for being with us.

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

Zion's Harp #237

Bro. Dave Fiechter (Bro. Charles and Sis. Maxine) and Sis. June Gerber (Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo) were married Sept. 4. As they walk life's pathway, may God always be the center of their union.

Those hospitalized this month were Bro. John Yergler, Bro. Derryl Aschliman, Bro. Charles Meyer and Sis. Pat Wall. May we always remember these dear ones in our prayers, as their needs are special during their times of illness.

Five homes in our congregation have been blessed with new babies.

Tanya Marie was born to Bro. Kris and Sis. Ann Frauhiger. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Frauhiger, and Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Fiechter.

Bro. Kevin and Sis. Beth Aschliman are the parents of their second son, Corey Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Ida Aschliman and Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty Steffen.

Brandon Charles is the name of the son of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marcia Geisel. Bro. Harold and Sis. Ellen Geisel and Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander are the grandparents.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Kathy Gerber welcomed home their new daughter, Rachel Joan. Her grandparents are Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille Gerber.

Bringing joy to the home of Bro. Terry and Sis. Jean Neuenschwander is their new son, Alex William. His grandparents include Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander and Bro. Don and Sis. Justine Gerber.

Bro. Joe Steffen was called to his heavenly home at the age of 84. We extend our sympathy to his daughters, Sis. Ellen (Harold) Geisel, Dorothy Terhune and Eileen Williams, his grandchildren, brother and sisters. May God's love comfort them in the days ahead.

Our congregation was deeply saddened by the death of Bro. Roger "Bud" Kaehr, 61. What an inspiration it was to all of us to see him in the front pews. Even as his physical state was deteriorating, he continued to show his love for the Lord and support for the church. Our love and prayers are with his wife, Sis. Pauline, his father, Bro. Sam, his children, Steve, Mary Raber, Becky Maggart and Bro. Jon, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters.

Please Note: Silver Lining dues (\$6.00) will be collected in November.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

#### Peg Fiechter

#### Kathy Longenberger

It is through Godly faith, hope and charity that Bro. Brent Nussbaum and Sis. Cheryl Honegger have become engaged. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Keith and Nancy Honegger and Sis. Tilly of Bloomington-Normal. They are planning an Oct. 30 wedding.

Bluffton North witnessed the wedding of Bro. Dan Keiser and Sis. Lora Meyer on Sept. 11. Parents of the couple are Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn Meyer and Louis and Jean Keiser of Bloomington, IL. This day was also the 50th wedding anniversary of Lora's grandparents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Edna Neuenschwander. We will miss Sis. Lora in our congregation but know that Bloomington will welcome her.

The fellowship hall was the scene on Sept. 17 of the wedding of Tim Habegger and Teresa Baughman. Tim's par-

ents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene, and Teresa's parents are Jim and Nancy Baughman. May God bless their lives together.

Our midweek services are being spent listening to the conference tapes. This year's theme was the "Love of God". Special attention was spent on marriage and its possible problems. The concept was brought out on the tapes of today's "disposable spouses". May we all take our marriages seriously and never let this apply to our lives.

We'd like to thank our visiting ministers for this month, Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis) and Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington). May these brothers be blessed for their efforts.

On Sept. 18, Bluffton and Bluffton North's Sunday School's kindergarten through 4th grade, had their annual picnic. The children enjoyed the meal and the games afterward. May we remember to rear our children in the ways of our Lord, that they may one day give their lives to Him.

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

#### Jackie Huber

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."  
Psalm 133:1

How true these words are. We can testify of this, having shared with many brothers and sisters from different areas the unity God's spirit brings us. It has truly been good and pleasant being together.

Of the brethren visiting us, we felt blessed to have the following ministering brothers: Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN), Lester Huber (Lexington, KY) and Elder Bros. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO).

Lazarus Padale of India also spent some time here in Francesville and it was a joy to have him with us.

Bros. Walt Steffen and Dale Strassheim (Milford, IN), Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Ray Sinn (Latty, OH) and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN) were here on Sept. 4, the wedding date of Sis. Marla Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb) to Bro. Tim Steffen (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy, Milford). Bro. Tim's father, Bro. Walt, assisted our Elder Bro. Wendell in the wedding ceremony.

Two other couples were united in holy matrimony within the past month. On Aug. 27, Beth Gutwein (Bro. Glen



and Sis. Mary Ann) was married to David Timmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Timmons. On Sept. 11, Bro. Randy Gudeman (Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella) was married to Sis. Becky Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene, Wolcott, IN). May God bless these unions.

Russell Leman, son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Pam, was hospitalized but is home again, for which we're thankful.

We were saddened by the death of Aldine Tanner. Aldine is the mother of Sis. Sharon Huber (Bro. Chris). May the peace of God continue to be their comfort.

Hearts were knit together in love as we gathered to listen to the conference tapes on successive Wednesday evenings. Bro. Carl Westfall shared with us in a sermon recently what a touching experience it was to be at the Brotherhood Conference and hear the voices of so many united believers praising God. Experiencing such precious times here on earth must be a foretaste of the joys of heaven, the believer's ultimate goal.

#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Judy Dubach — Lynn Winslow

God Himself became a man, to give mankind a concrete, definite idea of what kind of person to think of when we think of God. God is like Jesus. Jesus was God incarnate in human form. His appearance on the earth is the central event of all history. The Old Testament describes it. As a man, He lived the most strangely beautiful life ever known. He was the kindest, tenderest, gentlest, most patient, most sympathetic man that ever lived. He loved people. He hated to see people in trouble. He loved to forgive and to help. He wrought marvelous miracles to feed hungry people. For relieving the suffering He forgot to take food for Himself. Multitudes, weary, pain-ridden and heart sick, came to Him and found healing and relief. It is said of Him and of no other, that if all the deeds of kindness that He did were written, the world could not contain the books. That is the kind of person God is. Then: He died, on the cross, to take away the sin of the world, to become the Redeemer and Savior of men.

Then: He rose from the dead: is alive now: not merely an historical character, but a loving person, the most important fact of history, and most vital force in the world today.

We extend deepest sympathy to the

family of Bro. Roger (Bud) Kaehr, who was hospitalized here until his death. May God uplift the broken hearts of the family and give them courage to go on down life's pathway.

We appreciate our visiting ministers, Bros. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Jack Bollier (Leo). Our congratulations to both Sis. Marla Wuethrich and Bro. Tim Steffen (Milford) as they begin their new life together. We will miss Marla in our assembly but she will be an added joy to Milford.

Second-time parents, Bro. Steve and Bonnie Huber, have been blessed with another child, Andrew William, born August 22. We rejoice with them and little Nathaniel, who now has a special playmate.

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder" applies to welcoming Bob and Sis. Diane Horn and their daughter, Kim, into our Indianapolis fellowship. We pray God's continued directions for their lives as they establish their residence here.

September 18, our Sunday School classes held their annual picnic to mark the ending and beginning of another school year. We pray that those little mustard seeds will in time bring forth fruit meet for repentance unto their salvation.

#### INDIANA, LACROSSE Lu Ann Troxel — Connie Knobloch

The season is beginning to change once again, and those crisp, cool mornings help to get our thoughts clear and on things above. Autumn is such a blessed time of year!

We were so happy to hear our dear friends Ralph and Jeanette Yergler have confessed peace with God and man and now are looking forward to bringing their testimony before the congregation.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie Heinold are rejoicing in the safe arrival of their new child, Kayla Jean. Kayla has five older sisters, and her grandparents are Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold.

We were blessed to hear the words of several visiting ministers. Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL), Dale Frank (Oakville, IA), and Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH) fellowshipped with us.

Bro. Virgil Heinold (Sis. Ruth) and Jim Bucher (Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois) both spent time in the hospital this month. It was so good to see them back in church again!

#### INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

"A unique display of beauty comes every autumn. Leaves which were green during the summer change into a variety of beautiful colors. It is a decreased supply of sap brought on by dryness or frost which brings out this beauty in nature. God's creation responds to the hardships which come upon it.

People also become beautiful through hardships . . . Great beauty is often possessed by those whose sufferings and struggles are many. Such hardships are the fruitful seeds of future glories, like autumn leaves splendid in their beauty."

Julius J. VandenHoek

One of the many who have come through trials and found joy in the Lord is Bro. Dean Allen, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Dean Stoller. He is very ill at this time.

Hearts have been saddened and many prayers have also arisen for Jay Ice from the Children's Home. An accident has left him severely paralyzed; but God is able to give the necessary grace and love to cope with this situation, and even to restore if this is within His all-wise will.

Bro. Otto Bertsch was also a recent hospital patient. The good report is that he is at home recuperating.

We welcomed visiting ministers, Bros. Carl Wyss (Washington), Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke) and Roy Weiland (Bay City) and were blessed by the messages.

Several evenings have been profitably devoted to hearing the Conference deliberations.

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Leonda Stieglitz will be enjoying baby smiles and baby wiles. Amanda Joy was born Sept. 5. Happy first-time grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose Pfister (Bluffton) and Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joan Stieglitz.

Someone compared some Christians to wheelbarrows — no good unless they are pushed. Some are like canoes, they need to be paddled. Some are like kites — if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away. Others are like footballs; you can't tell which way they will bounce next. A few are like balloons, ready to blow up, and some are like trailers, they have to be pulled along. Some people are like

neon lights, they keep going on and off. And then, for which we thank the Lord, some Christians are like good watches: open-faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works. Or as the Bible says, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Psalm 1:3

Each of us needs to check whether we are carrying our share of the load. If we don't support and work in the church, there's danger that we may just sit, soak and sour. Work for the night is coming!

### INDIANA, MILFORD

**Marcy Haab — Gwen Steffen**

We are thankful for our visiting ministers this month who were Bros. Bob Meyer and Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North).

Bro. Philip and Sis. Millie Beer are experiencing a new joy in their lives. They are the pleased grandparents of Brent Philip, son of Kent and Cristi (Beer) Doty. May God richly bless Kent and Cristi and may they look to Him for guidance and wisdom in rearing Brent.

We rejoice with Bro. Tim and Sis. Marla Steffen as they begin their married life. Bro. Tim (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy) and Sis. Marla (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich, Francesville) have as the basis of their marriage mutual faith in Christ. As they share their lives may each have his own expectations but attribute everything to the love of God!

### INDIANA, REMINGTON

**Beth Virkler — Annette Bahler**

It was once announced that the devil was going out of business and would offer all tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad-looking lot they were. Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, Deceit and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them. Someone asked the devil what it was. "That's Discouragement," was the reply. "Why do you have it priced so high?" "Because" replied he, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry

open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others; and when once inside, I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly needs to be added that the devil's price of Discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He is still using it.

Author Unknown

"History seems to show that the powers of evil have won their greatest triumphs by capturing the organizations (the church) which were formed to defeat them and that when the devil has thus changed the contents of the bottles, he never alters the labels. The fort may have been captured by the enemy, but it still flies the flag of its defenders."

D. Inge

"A living fish can swim against the current; a dead fish will be carried with the rapids downstream. A living Christian opposes the evil in the world. He is not caught by it. But his opposition is calm, peaceable, clothed with humility and bathed with fervent love for the lost."

Wurmbrand

May our prayer ascend unto Christ in humble pleadings for his Grace to discern the subtle realms of darkness.

### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Karen Lehman**

Sometimes we may not realize that everything we do  
Affects not only our lives but touches others, too.  
A single happy smile can always brighten up the day  
For anyone who happens to be passing by your way,  
And a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care  
Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.

K. Ravn

Let us strive to bring sunshine to the lives of others in our daily walk of life.

We are thankful for the visiting ministers this month who were Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) and Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL).

Recent members of our congregation who were hospitalized this month but have since returned home are Bro. John Schuch and Bro. Mike Mangold.

God again has shown his majestic healing hand.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Jill Hitz — Vera Nuest**

Sometime ago a friend gave me a book of a mother's view of spiritual insights. That task of being a parent is often a frustrating and thankless job. yet we all know the joys and rewards of it.

### NO-STRINGS-ATTACHED KIND OF LOVE

"... the greatest of these is love."

I Cor. 13:13

In a recent column, Ann Landers asked her readers, "If you had it to do over again, would you have children?" An overwhelming 70% of those readers who responded, said "No".

For myself, I would unhesitantly say that the joys of being a parent far outweigh the hardships. I have a hard time understanding why so many responded as they did, unless their motivation for becoming a parent in the first place was wrong. Even though there are many rewards in parenting, a person should never become a parent simply for those rewards. The motivation must be, "I have something of myself to give, a special, no-strings-attached kind of love, and I can best give it by being a parent."

The Greeks used the word *agape* for this kind of love "willing another's highest good". It's the kind of love God is, and demonstrates. Paul, in I Corinthians 13 gives us a beautiful definition of it.

Every time I read this chapter, I am slapped in the face with how far short I really come. So I submit my "amplified version" of I Cor. 13:1-8, not as a description of what I've attained, but rather as a goal toward which I'm working. This is not intended to be a substitute for the actual text; please read the Scripture along with my word.

Though I speak with the tongues of Haim Ginott and Dr. Spock, and have not God's kind of love, the sound of my words has as much value as a dripping faucet, or a squeaking oven door.

If, because of my age and experience, my knowledge exceeds that of my children; but I do not in love recognize that sometimes they must experience and discover things by themselves, that knowledge is worth nothing.

ing. If I had that faith which can move mountains, and tried to force it on my children in an unloving way, it would amount to nothing.

If I give up that new dress so my son can have the football equipment that means so much to him; even if I were to give my own life to save my child's life, and did it without God's kind of love, I would achieve precisely nothing.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience — even when asked, "Mom, why —?" for the seventeenth time that day. It looks for a way of being constructive . . . if my child brings home a spelling paper with every word wrong. I can praise him for the care with which he printed his name in the corner, and, one at a time, we'll work together at learning to spell those words. Love is not possessive; even when my child chooses to confide in an adult other than myself. Love doesn't allow me to be anxious to impress friends and acquaintances with the athletic prowess or academic achievements of my children. Nor does love permit cherishing an unrealistic picture of my children.

Love has good manners; even when no one's home but the children. Love is not touchy; even after a very short night. Love does not keep account of evil; "Is that that naughty Timmy Smith who trampled all over my flowers last Spring?" Love doesn't gloat over the wickedness of other people's children: "MY Kristin would never do a thing like that!"

Love knows no limit to its endurance; even if a daughter has been sick, cleaned up, and put back to bed four times already that night. Love knows no end to its trust; that diary is private, even if the key is accessible. Love knows no fading of its hope; even after the last ballot from the Student Council election is tallied, and my son's opponent has won; There's always next year! God's kind of love can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

Our visiting minister this past month was Bro. Alfred Bahler. We appreciate his faithfulness in bringing us the true Word of God.

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**INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE**  
**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**Lynne Bucher**

Our hearts have been overflowing with joy since our Purdue young group has almost doubled in size this fall.

Twenty-two new students have moved into the Lafayette area. It doesn't seem possible that we're starting a new school year already. Truly the Lord has richly blessed us with wonderful fellowship.

Purdue Church services are always a blessing to us. We want to thank all those who visit us as we listen to God's Word. Our recent services were hosted by Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville) and Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton). We thank God for the willingness these ministers have to come. Prior to our first Purdue Service this school year, a dinner was held in honor of our new students. Everyone was introduced and it was a blessing to see the group all together.

College Weekend has been scheduled for October 8 and 9 with ISU in Bloomington, IL serving as the host school. We're all looking forward to learning more about our Lord.

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**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**  
**Elaine Bahler — Lorene Furrer**

"Thy word have I hid in my heart,  
 that I might not sin against thee."

Psalm 119:11

We need only to read the 119th Psalm to understand how important it is to know God's Word. We give special thanks to the following elder brothers and ministers who have shared it with us: Corbin Bahler (Rockville), Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop), Wendell Gudeman (Francesville), Wayne Anliker (Forrest), Edwin Bahler (Remington) and Henry Dotterer (Rittman).

On August 27 a sweet baby girl was added to the home of Bro. Duane and Sis. Suz Schieler. Amy Michelle has a brother, Chad, and grandparents, Sis. Marilyn Schieler and Bro. Otto and Sis. Donna Wuethrich (Francesville), to give her lots of love and attention.

Beautiful singing filled our church as many people gathered to witness the vows of Sis. Becky Schwab and Bro. Randy Gudeman September 11. Parents of the couple are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab and Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman (Francesville). Other ministers sharing the day were Bros. Roy Wernli (Lamont) and Steve Gutwein (Francesville).

Once again the Brotherhood Conference was brought to our congrega-

tion through tapes. It was a blessing to hear them.

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**IOWA, BURLINGTON**  
**Edith Massner — Kim Salek**

Death, the first, is now forever  
 Conquered and his might laid low,  
 For the Hero broke that scepter  
 When He to the grave did go.  
 Bonds are broken, dungeon's might;  
 Liberty is brought to light!

Zion's Harp #183

Our dear friend, Martha Beuhler (Bro. Ken) has been announced as having peace and is now awaiting baptism. How encouraging it is for all of us when another child is added to the kingdom.

Sis. Gustie Frank was back in the hospital due to some complications from her recent surgery but is home now. Also, Sis. Mayme Gerst has been in the hospital with some back trouble. Both of these sisters have been experiencing a lot of pain and we pray that God will be near them with his loving and healing hand. We heard just recently of God's nearness to us at all times and in all trials. Even though His presence doesn't mean immediate respite from all our troubles, we still have the comfort and hope of eternal peace and joy. Our ministering brother read from St. John 14 where verse 1 reads: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." We truly are a fortunate people to have a Saviour with such deep and abiding love for us.

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**IOWA, ELGIN**  
**Gloria Frieden**

"I'd shape up right now." This is one of the answers I received when I asked my Sunday School class of five-year-olds what they would do if Jesus came to their house. How true it is! No doubt many of us would make some changes in our daily lives if we could actually see our Lord in our midst. Let us remember His promise, "Lo, I am with you always . . ." Matt. 28:20.

There is a calm beyond life's fitful  
 fever,  
 A deep repose, an everlasting rest;  
 Where white-robed angels welcome  
 the believer  
 Among the blest, among the blest.

Gospel Hymns #383

These words were recently sung at the graveside of Naomi Lehman. It is a comfort to know that she was a believer and we have confidence that she is, now, "among the blest", enjoying that everlasting rest. Our sincere sympathy goes to her family and her sister, Sis. Ruth Schupbach, her brother, George Schupbach, and her aged aunt, Sis. Lena Schupbach.

Hospital patients this past month have been Bro. Ed Pulfer and Sis. Edna Gehring (both medical).

We have just received word of the birth of Abigail Lynn Schupbach. She is the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Janet. Jill, Greg, Nathan, Kent and Darla will help welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville) and George and Mildred Schupbach.

Also born the same day as Abigail was Jeremiah Jacob Moore, son of Gene and Sis. Julie. Jeremiah has two sisters and two brothers, Heather, Wesley, Jessica and Joshua.

#### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

##### Eileen Funk

I Corinthians Chapter 8 speaks of being careful not to offend our brother. I always wondered what offending our brother meant. Our ministering Bro. Glen Funk explained that it means not to be a stumbling block, which would cause our brother to sin and fall away from God. May we all be careful not to be a stumbling block to our brother.

We received a special blessing in hearing the testimony of Brad Funk (ministering Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle) and witnessing his baptism into the fold Sept. 18. It renews our faith in God when a soul turns to Him for salvation.

We love and appreciate our Elder Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha) and Ed Lanz (Oakville) and their wives for their labors of love.

We sure enjoyed all of our loved ones who came to share this weekend with us.

We thank Thee for the beauty of the  
 sunset  
 the smiles of friends we meet  
 the evening stars so bright  
 the song of birds in flight  
 The oceans soft white foam  
 The lights I see from home.  
 The feel of gentle rain  
 Loved one's steps I hear again  
 The feel of work well done  
 For leisure we have won

For all the simple things we thank  
 Thee.

Ethel Ballard Terry

#### IOWA, IOWA CITY

##### Joyce Eland

We were fortunate to again have ministering brothers travel here during the last month. Ministering unto us were Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and Ed Lanz (Oakville) and Bros. Duane Metzger (West Bend), Leroy Hartman (Peoria) and Jon Schmidgall (Oakville). We appreciate the love shown by the brothers and the efforts they expended for us.

Sis. Sharolyn Metzger has left our area to work in Denver, CO. May God give her much grace and watch over her as she starts a new chapter in her life.

Reminder: Please Pay Iowa City dues in October.

#### IOWA, LESTER

##### Alice Metzger

Our congregation received special blessings by the visits of visiting ministers recently. Those who gave of their time for us were Bros. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton), Duane Metzger (West Bend), Nate Stoller (Bradford), Ervin Knecht (Lamar) and Virgil Metzger (Champaign). Bro. Virgil was here, along with all his brothers and sisters, to help observe the Golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella Metzger. They appreciate all who remembered them on their special day and are thankful to God for good health and many blessings in their walk of life with Him.

Little Amy Bauman suffered a broken leg in a car accident while riding with her mother, Sheryl. We are thankful there were no other serious injuries. Our hospital patients were Bro. Henry Kellenberger, Bro. Herman Stickling and Doug Messner. We pray for God's healing touch for those who suffer illness.

Several new babies have been added to our church family. On Aug. 20, Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Metzger welcomed James Elmer Jr. into their family. His grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont). He has three brothers and two sisters. Carl and Deb Leuthold became the parents of Jamie Ranae on Sept. 12. Her grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emilie Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hoff. Colin Lee was born on Sept. 16 to Bro.

Rick and Sis. Laurie Moser. His grandparents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna Moser and Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi (Lamar).

Bro. Dennis Warner conducted the wedding service for Donna Knobloch (Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva) and Mike Barber (Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber) at the home of her parents on Aug. 21. The newlyweds are making their home at Ames where he is a student.

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE

##### Debbie Wagenbach

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) We were recently reminded of the importance of faith and obedience to God's Holy Word.

August 18, Amy Dawn blessed the lives of her parents, Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Donna Massner. Her sister, Nichole was there to welcome Amy to the family. Amy's grandparents are Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma Massner and Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice Wuthrich (Morton, IL).

Bros. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA), Danny Stoller (Rockville, CT), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL) and Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott, KS) have recently brought forth the word in our congregation. We wish to express our deep appreciation to each of these brothers and their families who made the effort to be with us.

On August 21, Oakville and Burlington had our monthly singing at the fellowship center. What a wonderful blessing it is to raise our voices with praise to our Lord!

Our young group spent Labor Day weekend in Eureka, IL. It was truly a most joyful and blessed weekend of fellowship and unity. It is so comforting to know that we have brothers and sisters of like faith and mind to worship with even when we are many miles from home.

Many young couples from Morris, MN spent Labor Day weekend in Oakville. We thank all our visitors for travelling and being with us.

A reminder to the brothers and sisters and friends in Oakville that the services in Johnston, IA have resumed for the school year. The services are being held in a meeting room at the Rodeway Inn on Merle Hay Road, south of I-80. The song service is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. with church services following at 1:30 p.m. They will continue to be held the se-

cond Sunday of each month during the school year unless announced differently. We would like to encourage anyone who feels the desire to attend to please come and help support the gathering.

#### IOWA, PULASKI

##### Mary Wiegand — DeAnn Wuthrich

We always want to say a special "thank you" to our visiting ministers for their efforts of love in ministering God's Word unto us. We'd like to thank Bro. Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena, CA) for bringing us words of encouragement this past month. It's been a hard summer for most of us; especially the farmers, due to the long, dry spell leading to a drought. May it not discourage us, but only bring us closer to our Lord and Savior. We know that he will supply our every need.

On Sept. 8, a son, Adam Wesley, was born to Sis. Lynn and Danny Townsend. He is welcomed home by Jamie, Josh, Cory, Cody and Katie. I'm sure they will have many happy hours with their new little brother.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

##### Elma Mogler — Polly Zaugg

The spirit has been among us as we sat together and listened to the conference tapes. We felt the precious love which flows among the elder body, and we appreciate their love and concern for us. Now let us prayerfully be obedient.

Bro. Alphi Strahm (Bern) was among the many visitors who spent Labor Day weekend with us. May God bless his labors of love. It seems we always need to be reminded of God's great sacrifice for mankind. We extend special thanks to Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin) for bringing the Word to us this month.

We miss Bro. Arnie Ludwig. Our prayers are with him since he has been hospitalized for sometime. The bench seems so empty where he and Bro. Joe Benninger sat together. Bro. Joe is residing in a rest home at this time. May God's love and compassion be their strength. Bernadine Jurgens is home again after a short hospital stay.

Our best wishes go to Reuban and Louisa Anliker on their 60th wedding anniversary. God has granted them reasonable health and many years together.

We read in Deuteronomy 31:8 "And the Lord, he it is that doth go before

thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." We think of these words as the duty of Sunday School teaching has been layed on Bro. Dave Bruellman, Bro. Dennis Fehr, Sis. Carol Gress and Sis. Karol Banwart at a recent meeting.

We rejoice with Bro. Manuel and Sis. Mary Gerber who recently have become the adoptive parents of an infant daughter, Luann Marie. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma Mogler and Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber, all of our congregation. The Lord surely has blessed this home.

We are happy to have Trela Marti, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary Marti (Lamar) assemble with us. She has found employment in our area. Sis. Lois Metzger (Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice) has moved to Denver, CO. We pray the Lord will continue to watch over them.

#### JAPAN, SHIODA

##### Margie Heintz

We wish to thank all of our loved ones at "home" for your prayers of support. It is the power of these prayers which is strengthening and encouraging us here in Japan.

At Shioda American Kindergarten the children returned to school on Sept. 1. In all of our teaching, we pray that the seed of God's Love will be planted in the hearts of our children and their parents, causing them to seek to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Living Lord.

We are happy that Bro. Uchida is able to worship with us again. He has recovered from head injuries suffered in a motorbike accident. Our prayers for his recovery have been answered.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, a memorial service was held in the Shioda Church for Sis. Ito. She passed away a few weeks earlier after several months illness.

A small group of us were together recently on a Sunday evening, when Bro. Willis read in Joshua 1:16, "And they answered Joshua, saying, all that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go." Bro. Willis commented that this would be an appropriate verse for anyone in our brotherhood to use when talking to the Missionary Committee about being of more service to our church and to the Lord. Then he added these sobering and convicting words:

"It's natural for us who really believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to surrender unconditionally to the Lord."

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

##### Marie Inoue

We feel the fall season upon us with cooler weather, typhoons in the air, and the return of school bells. We remember all students, teachers and parents in our prayers as many adjustments are being made. May God help each one to do his part. We warmly welcome Shioda's new kindergarten teacher, Sis. Margie Heintz of Champaign and Rockville. We look forward to her monthly visits to our assembly and pray that God will be with her also in the months of adjustment to a new environment. May God also use her to encourage the hearts of our brethren and friends.

Through the Word, (Acts 16:9), ministry, Brotherhood Conference and Silver Lining, we are often encouraged to visit those in need and the smaller assemblies and even relocate there if the Lord directs us. Just by being present among them and adding to their numbers is a great blessing we are told. One such family as mentioned in last month's news has recently joined our church circle and we have found out how true the above really is. To have just one more family participate in the services, singing, serving lunch and another home to have fellowship in brings real meaning to the encouragement given by our brethren. We thank the Lord above all.

Our family recently returned from the U.S. and thank many for a very blessed stay. While there we were privileged to attend the annual Brotherhood Conference, a chance to gather "spiritual oil", and also the former Japanese teacher's reunion held this year at Leo, IN with Sisters Sue (Schock) Kellenberger and Jane (Weiss) Stieglitz as hostesses. We enjoyed blessed hours of visiting, singing and lunch together. May God bless the tie that binds us.

#### KANSAS, BERN

##### Linda Esslinger

A reception was held for Sis. Julia and Bro. Wilhelm Metzger on Sept. 4 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Visiting ministers for this special occasion were Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski,

IA), Bro. Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS) and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha).

Craig Plattner (son of Sis. Wanita and Bro. Eldon) testifies of peace with his Lord and mankind, and is awaiting baptism. Plans are to carry out this work on Sept. 24-25.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

**Julie Bahr — Doris Bahr**

On Aug. 22 a precious baby girl, Mandy Leigh, as born to Randy and Vicki Paxson. Mandy has a big sister, Melissa, 3, who welcomed her home. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer.

At this writing our fall weather here in Kansas is just beginning to peek out at us in all its glory. We are basking in lovely temperatures and visualizing beautiful prairie sunsets. Some of the fall leaves are just beginning to touch our world with their color and beauty. How truly awesome to us as human beings, and especially to us who yet have our precious eyesight; to behold such glorious magnificence! Praise be to our almighty God in heaven!

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

**Gay Lee Farney — Janice Bahr**

With school beginning another year, let us remember our children in our prayers as they leave each day to attend school. We are thankful for our schools, but we also have to remember that not all things the children learn there are beneficial to a Christian. Keep the communication channels open with your child — no matter how young or old they may be. There are things we teach at home that children begin to question once they are in school. We need to be listening to and talking with our children to support the principles and values we have tried to teach them. Also, I have noticed schools are keeping our older youth so busy with school activities that there is not time left for church activities. We as parents have to encourage our children to keep their priorities straight. I believe the devil is intentionally keeping them so busy that they will not have any quiet time to think of God or to devote to Christian activities.

For those parents who have children leaving for college may this scripture comfort and uphold you: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. May God bless each of our children.

Our hospital patients this past month have been Sis. Myrtle Rathgeber, Sis. Edna Reed and Matthew Tucker (Stan and Judy Tucker). We pray for God's healing hand over them.

Danny and Pam Frieden and Cody Dan are happy to welcome their new baby boy, Kelly Don, into their home. Kelly was born Sept. 3. Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden are proud grandparents and Bro. Jeff and Sis. Frieda Frieden are proud great-grandparents. We are happy for them and wish them God's blessing.

#### KANSAS, LAMONT

**Jill Luthi**

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right.

The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.

Proverbs 20:11-12

Adding more to this verse is one in the following book of Ecclesiastes, which is so true in many ways:

The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

Ecclesiastes 1:8

Time has gone by swiftly, and I accidentally forgot to mention in the last writing those who have gone to higher schools of learning. Those going to Kansas State University (Manhattan) are Wayne Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean), Jim Schrader and first-year students Marla and Sis. Maria Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy). We want to remember them in our prayers, as they are so often surrounded by Satan and his army.

Even if some of us were privileged to attend the Brotherhood Conference, we await listening to the tapes. Truly the Lord was ever present at the Conference and with us traveling these many miles. We are in great debt to the Gridley, IL congregation and wish them God's richest blessings for their many duties they had hosting the Conference.

Alas, the crisp, cool evenings are finally here, as Autumn has set in. We have even been blessed with some rain after a long, hot summer.

"The thirsty earth soaks up the rain, And drinks, and gapes for drink again. The plant suck in the earth, and are With constant drinking fresh and fair."

Abraham Cowley

#### KANSAS, SABETHA

**Clara Steiner — Judy Hartter**

Visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Kent Heimer and Arnold Gerst (both from Taylor) and Bros. Harvey Grimm and John Lehman (Bern). We appreciate the efforts put forth by the brethren to bring us the Word of Life. May God richly bless them in all things.

A son was born Aug. 19 to Ellen and Gerry Hertz. He has been named Mark Jacob and was welcomed home by his brother, Erik.

Sis. Marie Kellenberger was hospitalized this past month but has again returned to her home.

A reception was held Sunday, Sept. 4 at the Fellowship Hall in honor of Sis. Irene and Bro. Andy Lehman's 40th wedding anniversary. It was well attended by many friends and brethren. We wish them many more years together.

#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Lanette Meyer — Maria Schrader**

On August 24, the students at Kansas State held their first gathering for the fall term at the home of Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise Kilgus. New students in attendance were Todd Nelson (Bro. Ron and Sis. Shirley, Kiowa), Angela Plattner (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta, Bern), Marla and Sis. Maria Schrader (Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy, Lamont) and Sis. Lanette Meyer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois, Sabetha).

The following week we held our fall picnic at Tuttle Creek Reservoir. We appreciated the many visitors from Bern, Sabetha and Lamont who came to fellowship with us. Also this month, Bro. Lester Hartter (Bern) ministered words of truth to us and a singing was held at the residence of Sis. Maria Schrader, Marla Schrader, Angela Plattner and Sis. Lanette Meyer.

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

**Laurie Gallatin**

Sis. Melinda and Bro. Rocky Giltner have experienced the birth of their first child. Brooke Jeanine was born into their world August 25 and brings much joy to her parents.

The weekend of September 9-10, the Kansas Sunday Schools (including Lamar, MO and Kansas City, MO) journeyed to Wichita. Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) was the speaker for the weekend. The Spirit directed him to speak on the race of life that

each one of us runs. He compared the Christian life to a race. There is a starting point when we believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. From then on we have that goal or prize in mind — and we strive to reach it. We “press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14. That race isn’t always easy. There are a lot of obstacles along the way and Satan may try to get us off the track. But we must look to Jesus and His Word and He will see us through to the end of the journey. And we will be with Him forever in glory — What a precious prize!

### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Pam Wieland

I’m a lamb of Jesus’ flock; untold blessings are my lot . . . (Joy in the Saviour; Zion’s Harp #17). We welcome Bro. Scott Kent as a new lamb in the fold. We wish him the untold blessings of a life dedicated to the service of our Saviour. Visiting ministers who were with us for Scott’s baptism were Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto) and Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit).

“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.” II Cor. 4:8,9. We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Bro. Ron Schlatter. In a time of deep sorrow, we rely on God to provide the necessary strength to carry us through the situation. Such were, and continue to be, our prayers for his family as they adjust to his death. The following note was submitted by his family.

We wish to express our sincere and humble thanks to the brethren throughout the country for the many acts of love and kindness shown in the loss of our dear Ron.

It’s difficult to put into words all the heart feels. We just didn’t know it could hurt so much. We have been deeply moved through the many cards and comforting words, phone calls, gifts and God alone knows the prayers that ascended to the Heavenly Father.

May our overwhelming appreciation and God bless you all for sharing our sorrow.

The following verse of Hymn #751 (Gospel Hymns) shares with you our feeling of heart in this time of heart-ache and tears.

Does Jesus care when I’ve said “good-bye”

To the dearest on earth to me,  
And my sad heart aches ’til it nearly breaks;

Is it aught to Him? Does He care?

Oh yes, He cares; I know He cares.

His heart is touched with my grief . . .

When the days are weary,

The long night dreary,

I know my Saviour cares.

The Bay City Annual Sunday School Picnic was held August 27. We trust these hours of fellowship will be times that the children will look back on as cherished memories. We too, as adults, glean a blessing from spending time with the children. They teach us of childlike faith, and fill us with a bright hope of a future church.

The Londoner Soldiers gathered in Bay City for their reunion on Aug. 27. It was evident that the Christian friendships that were established so many years ago on foreign soil are very precious to these brothers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their visit, as well as the time they spent in service to our nation. Included in the group were ministering brothers, Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL).

Sis. Naomi Ramseyer would like to thank everyone who has remembered her with prayers, visits, and cards during her illness. Unlike Job who referred to his friends as “miserable comforters”, how thankful we can be for brethren who encourage us in our faith during times of affliction.

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Dawn Bahr

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

Psalm 66:2

What an overwhelming joy it is when we travel across the many miles to another congregation, and there, in renewing old acquaintances and greeting those whom we’ve never before met, we feel in each one a love and kindness that is deeper than that which comes from man alone. It is a true blessing that God bestows upon those who love and serve Him. Our choir enjoyed a beautiful and uplifting weekend in Princeville, Sept. 17 and 18. There we met brethren and friends from several congregations, including a

large group from Sabetha, KS. As we all raised our voices to our Lord in praise, we were reminded that such moments are just a glimpse of what heaven will be. For there we will come together in true fellowship around the throne of God, and will sing a new song. We thank the Princeville congregation, praying that God will bless you a hundred fold for your love and kindness toward us.

Sis. Lucille Maibach recently moved from our area to Bluffton, IN where she is living with her daughter, Sis. Fran Bertsch. We miss Lucille’s face among our congregation. She was one of those who moved to Detroit with her husband and family even before a church had been established here. We pray that she can be comfortable and content in her new home, knowing that God is with her wherever she goes.

We once again have the privilege of welcoming some new faces into our Detroit family. Sis. Marsha Wieland has moved to the area from Bay City to attend Wayne State University in Detroit. We also welcome Bro. Jay and Sis. Kathy Grimm and little Gabriel, previously from Princeville. Bro. Jay is working in one of the northern Detroit suburbs. We pray for each one of them, wishing them God’s continued guidance and direction.

Tom and Kay Moilanen and their sons, Todd and Karl, are the hosting family for Timo Koivumaki, a foreign exchange student from Finland. We welcome Timo, and hope his stay in the United States is an enjoyable one.

Louise (Polk) Tyler has been hospitalized in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. May she look up to a loving Savior for strength and comfort in times of pain and distress.

We would like to express our sympathy to Bro. Dana and Sis. Beth Knochel in the death of Beth’s brother, Bro. Ron Schlatter (Rockville). May all of Ron’s family find comfort in the words of the hymn:

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

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Deb Tilbury

We would like to welcome Bro. Gary and Sis. Leslie Schmidgall and Jacob to our church. They are from the Morris congregation. Their new address is 15707 Griffon Path, Apple

Valley, MN 55124. Sandra Ohland is our new convert. We are happy that she has decided to give her life to God. We pray that she will let God lead her as she begins her new life.

It was a privilege to have Bros. Nat Stoller (Bradford) and Vernon Leman (Eureka) worship with us this past month. We trust God will richly bless them for their labors of love.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Rhonda Zeltwanger — Jan Schock

We have been listening to the tapes of the conference and it really touched me how often the word love has been mentioned. We have been commanded, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12) Another Bible verse says "(Charity) beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." May we each try to practice this kind of love a little more. A visiting minister mentioned that if something bad is said about our children or someone very close to us, we are very hesitant to believe it. We want proof and still try to think the best in them. He said this is how we should be about our brothers and sisters-in-faith, too.

Everett and Debbie Fehr have a baby girl in their home. She is Misty Lee. Grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Judy Fehr. Big brother, Derek, is happy for a playmate. Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie Nuest are happy for their first daughter, Ashlee Marie. Grandparents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera Nuest (Valparaiso, IN) and Bro. John and Sis. Mabel Zeltwanger. Corey and Chad are happy to have a sister, too. May God lead and direct all parents to raise their children in His will and way.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Charlene Messner have moved to Lester, IA. We will miss them very much, but pray that God is leading them and blessing them as Bro. Henry begins a new job and Sis. Charlene works on their home.

Sis. Tillie Kellenberger (Bro. Ernest) had surgery this month. We pray God's healing powers are strengthening her.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Carol Ann Messner  
Mary Lou Schmidt

#### GOD IS ALWAYS NEAR

One thing can always cheer me  
When I'm feeling sad and low,

When I tire of daily trials that I have to undergo,

When those who should seem closest  
Seem like people I don't know,  
One thing can always cheer me —  
I know that God is near me.

One thing can always cheer me  
When I do not understand  
How pain and sadness in our lives  
Can get so out of hand,  
When the best of human efforts  
Doesn't meet the day's demands,  
One thing can always cheer me —  
I know that God is near me.

One thing can always cheer me  
More than anything I've known,  
And show me I will never have to  
struggle on my own,  
For no matter what might happen, I will  
never be alone —  
The thing that always cheers me,  
Is just knowing God Is Near Me!  
Amanda Bradley

We were privileged to have a busload of dear brothers and sisters stop in and visit us one weekend from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. They call themselves The Snowbirds. We truly had a wonderful time, and cherish the Christian friendship we meet along life's way! May God richly bless each and everyone who was able to take part in that special weekend of love and fellowship!

Bro. Raymond Messner was hospitalized for extensive tests at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester. He is thankful to be home once again. Sam Miller was also hospitalized for a week of tests in Minneapolis. Bro. George Messner had ear surgery in the cities this past month also.

Ministering Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Lafayette) recently underwent a double-by-pass heart surgery in September. Many prayers were given on his behalf. We are so thankful our prayers have been answered and he is now home and doing as well as to be expected. We certainly pray God will add his strength and blessings unto all our precious loved ones! "I am Thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee." Isaiah 41:10.

Two weddings this past month were Scott and Kris Nelson, son of Al and Donnabell Nelson (Winthrop); and Sam Miller, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Sophia, to Sandy Quast (Gaylord, MN). We wish them God's blessings.

Once again we are listening to the tapes of the Brotherhood Conference. We can really feel and hear in our elder brothers the love and concern they have for the churches throughout the land. Jude reminds us: Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

The Winthrop Bible Class students and teachers truly thank the Elgin, IL Bible Class students and teachers for the love and fellowship shown to us on the weekend of Sept. 10-11. Without question, we all reaped a Spiritual Blessing from it! May God bless each one for their labors.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

##### Sandra Marti — Becky Hohulin

We are thankful that Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS) could be with us to bring forth God's Holy Word. We have been blessed spiritually and materially, as just the past few weeks have brought us several showers of light rain to refresh the earth.

In the hospital for a short stay was our dear Bro. Leonard Braker. He has returned home and seems to be feeling better.

Our Bible class and teachers wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Wichita, KS congregation for hosting the youth fellowship gathering in September.

#### A BLESSING ON US ALL

When joys abound or clouds we see,  
When pleasures come or grief and loss,  
God send His grace to you and me  
Within the shelter of the Cross.  
God light our lives from day to day,  
When sunshine glows or shadows fall,  
God guide our loved ones far away;  
God bless and keep and guard us all.

Brian O'Higgins

#### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

##### Becky Gudeman

"Ah, Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Jeremiah 32:17

We thank Bros. Hartzell Kaisner (Washington) and Robert Walder



(Congerville) for sharing the Word of God with us this month. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

Services are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the Ben Franklin Motel; 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd. For more information call Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227.

Reminder: We will not hold services on Sunday, November 27 and December 25 because of the holidays.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

#### DISCOVERY

Today I smiled, and all at once  
 Things didn't look so bad.  
 Today I shared with someone else,  
 A bit of hope I had.  
 Today I sang a little song,  
 And felt my heart grow light,  
 And walked a happy mile,  
 With not a cloud in sight.  
 Today I worked with what I had,  
 Nor longed for anymore,  
 And what had seemed like only weeds,  
 Were flowers at my door.  
 Today I loved a little more,  
 Complained a little less,  
 And in the giving of myself,  
 Forgot my weariness.

Grace E. Easley

We thank Bros. Garth Steffen (Portland, OR) and William Brake (Sardis, OH) for their services. We are glad we have those who "will give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Don, Sis. Janelle, Tod and Tonya Scott in the death of Don's aged grandmother. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

We welcome Sis. Sue Wieland (Bay City, MI) as she continues her education at Blessing Hospital School of Surgical Technology. We hope the nine months she spends as part of "The Little White Church on the Levee" will be a happy, memorable and blessed time for all of us.

Hospital patients were Maribeth (Heimer) Hastings (Greg) medical; Ted Hoerr (Bro. Robert and Sis. Em) and Connie Plank (Buddy and Barb) accident "outpatients". "If you see someone without a smile, give him one of yours."

Our fall business meeting was held

Sept. 8 with Elder Bro. Roy in charge. New Sunday School teachers are Bros. Norman Haerr (Bible Class), Joe Yackley (5th and 6th grade) and Sis. Pam Kiefaber (Kindergarten). We appreciate Bros. Paul Haab, Steve Sutter and Sis. Ruthie Hoerr for their two years of service. We know from past experiences that the seed planted in Sunday School goes very deep and at times lies dormant for awhile. But thanks be to God, who, in due time can revive that seed and cause a beautiful plant to grow to His praise and honor. Our meeting was closed by singing the song, #237 in the Zion's Harp.

#### UNITY

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

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

Ed Aeschleman

We were richly blessed on Sunday, September 3, with two visiting ministers. Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo) and Bro. Glen Hackenjoes (Altadena) brought us the Holy Word inspired of God. Much good fellowship was also enjoyed with these brothers, their wives and other visitors from Illinois and Connecticut

Our dear friend, Dave Mangold (Roanoke), who is employed in our area, was recently hospitalized. We just learned that Dave will be transferred to Chicago and we'll miss his frequent visits to our congregation. May God grant Dave good health and success in his new location.

Sis. Louise Buhler spent several days in the hospital but has now returned to her home. Sis. Louise is in high age and is for the most part a shut-in. May God grant courage and strength in her hour of need.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN

Alice Virkler

Sis. Leona Farney was called from this life after several months of illness and hospitalization. How thankful we are that our great God has provided a home on high for each of those who are true and faithful unto Him, and that He takes our loved ones out of this life unto that better home where there will be no more pain or suffering. Her funeral services were conducted by Bro. Norbert Steiner and Bro. Leland

Hirschey on Friday, Aug. 26. Surviving her are one son, Ralph (Beaver Falls); four daughters, Mrs. Rita Monnat and Mrs. Jeannette Campany (Croghan), Mrs. Marjorie Hewett (Camillus), and Mrs. Ruth Hirschey (Crystal Lake, IL); one brother, Fred Widmeyer (Cana-joharie); 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy is extended to each one of her family.

At this writing Sis. Doris (Bro. Norbert) Steiner has been confined to bed rest as the result of an injury to her back from a fall. Sis. Antoinette Schulz was a hospital patient. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of those who are unable to fellowship with us because of illness or infirmities.

### OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

We had a blessed weekend with the testimonies and baptisms of Brian Pamer, son of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Pamer; and Duane and Cheryl Collins, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Hank Collins. Each one declared a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation and their dependency upon the Holy Spirit. Our visitor assistant was Bro. Henry Dotterer.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Arliss Pamer were blessed with a baby girl and they named her Beth Ann. She has a brother, Daniel. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eugene Pamer and Bro. and Sis. Donald Walder.

Bro. Glenn Greenbank has returned from Philadelphia, where his employer, The Burroughs Company, granted him to take 6 weeks advanced training with computers at the Burroughs Training Center.

Bro. and Sis. Floyd Graves and Bro. and Sis. Duane Farney (New York); and Bro. and Sis. Glenn Hackenjoy (CA), visited us and the sermons of the brothers were a blessing to us.

### OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

We are always grateful to the ministering brothers and their families, who often travel many miles, to visit us and share God's precious word with us. We thank brothers Ron Steiner, (Rittman, OH) and Fred Domka, (Mansfield, OH) for their service of love. Our thanks to the many visitors also, who expressed their love with words of comfort and encouragement.

During the summer months we also

experienced the blessings of fellowship in other churches as we attended the annual memorial services at New Martinsville, WV and Sardis, OH and worship services in Mansfield, Toledo, and Akron, OH and Wolcott, IN churches. We experienced wonderful fellowship in true Christian love! Of course, the highlight of this experience is the annual brotherhood meeting. This year I attended both the World Relief Committee meeting and the General Conference and I must confess, both have impressed me beyond words as I witnessed the application of Christian love by many dedicated and faithful brothers assembled from all parts of our great land.

God willing, we shall continue to hold our worship services on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. The place is:

The Worthington Seventh-Day Adventist School,  
860 Griswold St., Worthington, OH  
Located about ¾ mile north of SR 161 (Dublin-Granville Road). For more information, please contact:

Andrew L. Hunyady  
4800 Moreland Drive W.  
Columbus, OH 43220  
Phone 614-459-9713  
Please pray for us!

### OHIO, GIRARD Karen Laparo

"Music is love in search of a word"  
Sidney Lanier

Our visiting song leaders this month were: Bro. Ben Blough (Rittman), Bro. Dale Hartzler (Rittman), and Bro. Bob Indermuhle (Sardis). Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron) blessed us with his exhortations from God's word.

### THE HEART'S SONG

Keep a song in your heart! It will  
lighten

The duty you hold in your hand;  
Its music will graciously brighten  
The work your high purpose has  
planned;

Your notes in the lives that are  
saddened  
May make them hopefully yearn,  
And earth shall be wondrously  
gladdened

By songs they shall sing in return.  
Words of Life

Let us sing our precious hymns with true meaning, let us not sing: "O For a Thousand Tongues" and not use the one we have. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" then let little misunderstandings cut it. "Throw Out the Lifeline" and be content to throw out the fishing line. "I Love To Tell the Story" and yet never tell it. "Make Me A Blessing" and pray "Give me a blessing." "All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus" and seek worldly pleasures. "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary" and make an appointment with a psychiatrist. "O Say, But I'm Glad" and walk around frowning. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and put our trust in our bank account.

Newsletter from The Rescue Mission  
of Youngstown

### OHIO, JUNCTION Les Manz

Now that school has begun and summer is over, vacation season for the most part is also over. What a real blessing it has been that so many of our brethren have planned their vacations so that they could be assembled with brethren around God's Word when Sunday rolled around. We in Junction have enjoyed the brethren who worshipped with us on their vacations.

Stop and think about it, if you hadn't planned your vacation such that you could be around the Word of God, there would have been two losers. First, we would have lost out on the fellowship you brought to us and second, you would have missed an opportunity to hear God's Word. Let's remember this as we think about where to spend next year's vacation. Can we really afford to spend a Sunday without being under the sound of God's Word? Special thanks are extended to Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis) and Bro. Roy Ehnle (Bradford) whose vacation stops brought them into our presence to teach us about God's Word. Also bringing us His Word was Bro. Loren Stoller.

For the past few years, Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz have been bringing Sis. Betty's aunt, Esther Naveau to church with them. Esther has rarely missed a Sunday since she started coming to church until recently when she spent several weeks in local hospitals. With her health failing, she could have become discouraged and felt God was forsaking her. Instead, she has found a healing power in His Son,

not that healing which soothes the body, but far more precious healing which soothes the soul. We are all thankful, as no doubt Esther is too, that God has forgiven her and placed His precious peace in her heart. Esther is now out of the hospital and has moved to the Total Care Nursing Home, Rt. 2, Paulding, OH 45879.

Bro. Russell and Sis. Vera Manz and young Randy are working to make a pleasant, God-fearing home for newborn Patricia Lynn who was born Sept. 16. Grandparents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Joanne Vargo (Detroit) and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz. First-time parents are Kevin and Judy McKay with a new little son. His name is Kyle Stephen. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz. Children are no doubt a blessing from God above. Like all blessings, children bring associated responsibilities. We all want very much for our children to grow up and be God's children. For this to become a reality we need God's blessing upon our efforts.

### OHIO, LATTY

#### Laurie Stoller — Patty Riggerbach

First-time parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol Eisenmann, were full of joy Aug. 27 at the birth of Carmen May. Also thrilled about the new arrival were paternal grandparents Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Eisenmann, and maternal grandparents Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite Stoller. May God bless Bill and Carol as they teach their little girl in the ways of the Lord.

Several visiting ministers gave of their time for the preaching of the Word to our congregation. We were happy to have Bro. Roy Ehnle (Bradford), Bro. Don Manz (Junction), Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis), and Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton) share with us.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Deb Wenninger (Bro. Dave) and Sis. Anna Rager. We hope these loved ones are feeling better.

At the time of this writing our congregation is preparing for Holy Communion. It is often too easy for us to look at others and find fault. Now is a time we should look seriously at our own lives, purifying our hearts in anticipation of our Lord's Supper.

### JUDGING

Everyone has failings, Lord.  
Why is it then that I,

Viewing my own so tolerantly,  
 Pounce so quickly on the faults of  
 others?  
 Finding this one prejudiced, that one  
 vain,  
 This one not-too-bright, that one  
 self-obsessed,  
 And on and on, turning the idle hours  
 Into little gleeful judgment days  
 Despite the Bible verse that says so  
 quietly:  
 JUDGE NOT.  
 Give me the wisdom, gently Lord,  
 To know that judging others, in the  
 end,  
 Hurts the judger far more than the  
 judged.  
 Remind me somehow, each and  
 every day,  
 That no one ever really has the facts  
 To make a balanced, honest judgment  
 Except the One Who has them all . . .  
 You.

Daily Guideposts, 1981

OHIO, MANSFIELD  
 Lucille Groh

The Lord is my light and my salva-  
 tion: Whom shall I fear? The Lord is  
 the strength of my life: Of whom shall I  
 be afraid?

Ps. 27:1

These words brought me much com-  
 fort and peace as I read these before  
 my recent surgeries. The Lord seemed  
 so very near and as I underwent the  
 anesthesia, those words were the last I  
 remember going through my mind.  
 What a consolation to know without a  
 doubt that the Lord is by our side.

Someone recently wrote me that he  
 once had the privilege to be on a large  
 ocean liner, the Queen Mary. These big  
 ships fight off the waves and the tur-  
 moils of the sea but when the shore is  
 reached, the little tug boat must come  
 along side and guide the large vessel  
 into port, it is unable of itself. Our lives  
 on the sea of life are often tossed to and  
 fro but there is always someone as the  
 little tug who is ready to assist us and  
 guide us. When it is our turn to be on  
 the rough sea waters we are so thankful  
 for those little "tugs" that are so willing  
 to help. I do thank the Lord for His  
 piloting my ship and for all those of you  
 who sent me so many beautiful cards,  
 gifts, flowers, the many prayers and  
 visits. You were all so wonderful.

Others who were also hospitalized  
 this past month were Bro. Byron Rice

(Sis. Sarah), Sis. Lena Beer (Bro.  
 Dave), Sis. Elda Riggenbach (Bro.  
 Alvin), little Jenny Banks (Bro. Larry  
 and Sis. Nancy), and Frank Graszl, Jr.  
 We pray the Lord will continue to  
 stand by each one of you. Our dear Sis.  
 Helen Bricker continues to be in and  
 out of the hospital and we ask a special  
 blessing for her and ask God's nearness  
 and strength.

We were happy to be able to visit  
 with Sis. Mary Kleshinski (Sarasota)  
 when she was home over Labor Day to  
 visit her father, Bro. Martin.

Upon life's boundless ocean where  
 mighty billows roll,  
 I've fixed my hope in Jesus, blest  
 anchor of my soul;  
 When trials fierce assail me as storms  
 are gathering o'er,  
 I rest upon His mercy and trust Him  
 more.

He is my friend and Savior, in Him  
 my anchor's cast,  
 He drives away my sorrows and shields  
 me from the blast,  
 By faith I'm looking upward, beyond  
 life's troubled sea,  
 There I behold a haven prepared for  
 me.

L. E. Jones

OHIO, RITTMAN  
 Janette Blough  
 Florence Hartzler

We are so glad to report that another  
 soul has turned to the Lord in repent-  
 ance. We wish God's grace and bless-  
 ings for Tom Vierheller.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Mardell Dotterer  
 are the parents of a new little girl,  
 Bethany Carol. Bethany's sisters  
 Michelle, Jennifer and April welcome  
 her home as do grandparents Bro.  
 Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer and  
 Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite  
 Stoller (Latty).

Debbie and Dan Long are the par-  
 ents of a new little girl, Amanda  
 Christine. Amanda is the grand-  
 daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel  
 Maibach.

David Alan is the new little son of  
 Bro. Virgil and Sis. Lois Gasser. David  
 has two sisters, Gail and Darlene, and  
 two brothers, Aaron and Stephen. His  
 grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis.  
 Martha Walder and Bro. Glen and Sis.  
 Liz Gasser.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Luan Musser are  
 the parents of a little girl, Jessica Ann.

Jason is Jessica's brother and her  
 grandparents are Sis. Donna and Bill  
 Young.

Sunday, the wedding engagement of  
 Bro. Bob Riggenbach and Sis. Lori  
 Acker was announced. We wish them  
 many blessings. Bro. Bob's parents are  
 Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Riggenbach and  
 Sis. Lori's parents are Boyd and Barb  
 Acker.

Funeral services were held for Bro.  
 Forest Hartzler who was taken sud-  
 denly from this life into eternity. Sur-  
 viving are his wife, Sis. Helen,  
 daughters, Sis. Martha Lou Marty and  
 Sue Nichols; brother, Bro. Rueben,  
 Bro. Ben, Bro. Homer, and Bro.  
 Vernon Hartzler and sisters, Sis.  
 Bertha Gasser and Sis. Minnie  
 Hartzler. May our Lord comfort the  
 hearts of the bereaved.

On Sept. 11 funeral services were  
 held for David Blough, son of Bro.  
 Elmer and Sis. Lorene Blough. He is  
 survived by his parents, one brother,  
 Dan, and three sisters, Ruthann, Ellen,  
 and Margaret. Also surviving are his  
 grandparents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara  
 Hartzler and Sis. Anna Blough. May  
 our Lord lay His comforting hand on  
 the sorrowing family. David suffered  
 from muscular dystrophy and the fol-  
 lowing poem, written as a tribute to  
 David by his grandfather, was read at  
 the funeral services.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID

A baby came to a home one day  
 Innocent and helpless, with a body of  
 clay;  
 But within this body was a spirit divine;  
 As the good book says in the beginning  
 of time.

The Lord God knew from it's very birth  
 That a special child had come to this  
 earth;  
 That needed so much a mother's love,  
 And a father to care, with gifts from  
 above.

This child grew, and they soon could  
 see  
 That he was not quite like you and me.  
 His mind was sharp, but his muscles  
 weak,  
 He could not run, but was lame on his  
 feet.

His parents cared for him day and  
 night,  
 And taught him the way of truth and  
 right.

He could not accomplish what some  
others could,  
But he left an example of patience  
and love.

He achieved some goals that very few  
do,  
In the few short years that his life  
passed through;  
He won the acclaim of young and old,  
And the loving respect of numbers  
untold.

But the time has come when his spirit  
sublime  
Was again called away to it's giver  
divine.  
So we say farewell to our David dear,  
And hope to be with you again up there.

You will need no crutches and braces  
and things  
In that beautiful place of eternal spring.  
You have suffered much in these few  
short years,  
But our loving Master will remove all  
your tears.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**

**Mary Ann Weigele  
Josephine Rehklau**

On Sunday, Sept. 11, we had our  
annual Sunday School picnic at a near  
by park. A group of young people from  
Mansfield were with us to help make  
the day more enjoyable. Christian  
fellowship is a wonderful privilege we  
can enjoy.

Sis. Margaret Bradford (Phoenix,  
AZ) has spent some time among us  
recently while visiting her family here.  
We've enjoyed having her be a part of  
our congregation during this time.

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**OREGON, PORTLAND**

**Barbara Moser**

The legend of the raindrops  
Has a lesson for us all,  
As it trembled in the heavens . . .  
Questioning whether it should fall —  
For the glistening raindrop argued  
To the genie of the sky  
"I am beautiful and lovely  
As I sparkle here on high,  
And hanging here I will become  
Part of the rainbow's hue  
And I'll shimmer like a diamond  
For all the world to view."  
But the genie told the raindrop,  
"Do not hesitate to go,  
For you will be more beautiful  
If you fall to earth below,  
For you will sink into the soil

And be lost a while from sight,  
But when you reappear on earth,  
You'll be looked on with delight,  
For you will be the raindrop  
That quenched the thirsty ground  
And helped the lovely flowers  
To blossom all around,  
And in your resurrection  
You'll appear in queenly clothes  
With the beauty of the lily  
And the fragrance of the rose;  
Then, when you wilt and wither,  
You'll become part of the earth  
And make the soil more fertile  
And give new flowers birth."  
For there is nothing ever lost  
Or eternally neglected,  
For everything God ever made  
Is always resurrected;  
So trust God's all-wise wisdom  
And doubt the Father never,  
For in His Heavenly Kingdom  
There is nothing lost forever.

It was such a blessing to be able to  
gather together on Sun. evening Sept.  
11 to hear our Elder Bro. Sam Anlinker  
(Lamont, KS) bring a very timely  
message to us. Bro. Sam and Sis. Clara  
were in the area for a few days.

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**OREGON, SILVERTON**

**Rosa Lee Kuenzi**

We were especially thankful this  
month to have two very dear visiting  
ministers. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker  
(Lamont, KS) and Bro. Walter Anliker  
(Eureka, IL) were here to serve us on  
two different weekends in September.  
Bro. Sam and Sis. Clara were here  
several days and we enjoyed the oppor-  
tunity of fellowshiping with them at  
church in Silverton on Sunday, at a  
potluck supper at Portland church  
Sunday evening and at a singing at the  
home of Bro. Gus and Sis. Dorothy  
Dietrich on Monday evening. Bro.  
Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina were in Sil-  
verton Sunday morning and in Port-  
land in the afternoon. Several families  
from Silverton joined the Portland  
congregation for a potluck supper to-  
gether in the church basement. Ser-  
vices were held in the evening. These  
blessed times are long remembered  
and these loved ones and our other  
visiting brethren and friends quickly  
find a place in our hearts.

Ben A. Bolliger, (Bro. Ben and Sis.  
Carolyn) has completed Tech School  
and is now stationed at Travis Air  
Force Base near San Francisco, CA.  
Ben will also be attending Fairfield Jr.

College evenings. Surely he would  
enjoy mail. Write: Ben A. Bolliger; PSC  
3, Box 5194, Travis AFB, CA 94535.

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**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA**

**Ed Aeschleman**

We were grateful for the visit from  
Bro. Glen Hackenjoes and his wife  
Kathryn on Sunday, Sept. 10. We  
appreciate the Gospel in its simple  
power and the hours of good fellow-  
ship. A dinner was served at the church  
after services and before the departure  
of our guests.

The summer of 1983 was a busy one  
for the Philadelphia church. We  
receive and enjoyed visitors every Sun-  
day of the summer. We invite all  
readers to spend a Sunday in Philadel-  
phia if they travel through or near our  
area in the future.

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**Silver Threads**

**AUTUMN**

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

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

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

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

Before the winds of autumn  
Have blown the leaves to earth,  
We see their golden virtues,  
Their beauty and their worth.

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

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

## THE TREES OF AUTUMN

The trees are on  
A dress parade.  
Their garments all  
By nature made.

The maple trees  
In scarlet dressed,  
In red and gold,  
Lead all the rest.

The sugar trees,  
A kindred kind,  
In scarlet follow  
Close behind.

The sturdy elm,  
So broad and tall,  
Wears green and yellow  
In the fall.

The tulip tree  
Of stately mien  
In golden yellow  
Joins the train.

Vermilion, bright,  
The gum tree fair;  
A lovely garment  
She does wear.

The ash tree wears  
This autumn day  
A purple robe  
Of leaden gray.

The yellow, brown  
Of sycamore  
In whitened bark  
We do adore.

The beech still wears  
A dark-green gown,  
But winter turns  
It rustic brown.

A coat more fair  
I've never seen  
Than sassafras  
In red and green.

The weeping birch  
In laciness  
Still wears a green  
And yellow dress.

In pink and scarlet  
Dogwood small  
Adorns the woodland  
In the fall.

The oak is loath  
Its cloak to change.

From red to brown  
Its colors range.

In pensive mood  
The willow tree,  
Content in light-  
Green robes is she.

In rustic brown  
The hickory  
Joins in the autumn  
Revelry.

Midst dark green leaves  
How fair to see  
The reddened fruit  
Of apple tree.

My theme would be  
All colorless  
If its true moral  
We should miss.

The hand that makes  
Displays so fine  
Is nothing but  
A power divine.

This painter does  
His hand conceal;  
But all His art  
In works reveal.

'Twere sacrilege  
To shroud His fame  
Beneath the power  
Of nature's name.

In red and gold  
His power we see  
For it is autumn's  
Revelry.

## SIGNS OF AUTUMN

Golden pumpkins,  
Shocks of corn,  
Smokey eyes  
And frosty morn;  
Ripened apples  
Bending down,  
Milkweed pods  
Of silken down;  
How fair to see  
The forest trees  
Arrayed so bright  
With gorgeous leaves;  
Chrysanthemums  
In grand display,  
And bittersweet  
Along the way —  
All these and more  
Make Autumn.

## THE FRINGED GENTIAN

Today, out in a marshy vale,  
I saw a lovely sight.  
'Tis there the fringed gentian grows,  
All beautiful and bright.  
There is a charm in gentians fair,  
The poets join in praise;  
Their lovely blooms reflect the blue  
Of mild September days.  
Reflected in the flowers we see  
The deep blue lake near by.  
We see upon the gentian fair  
The blue, ethereal sky.  
The fringed gentian is quite rare.  
They turn their faces up  
As if to drink the heavenly dew  
Within each chalice cup.  
The busy throng will pass them by,  
They deem it foolishness;  
I never count it waste of time  
To view such loveliness.  
As gentians do the skies reflect,  
So may His life divine,  
In words, and deeds and truthfulness,  
Reflect His life in mine.

## GOOD AND BAD FRUIT

So many things in nature  
Which human eyes can see  
Oft teach a moral lesson  
Of truth and purity.

Today out in the orchard  
While picking apples fair  
I thought how trees in fruiting  
With human life compare.

The unsound fruit had fallen —  
And lay upon the ground  
All gnarled and worm infested  
Corrupt within were found.

The good fruit clings securely  
When storm and tempest beat  
And ripens sweet and mellow  
Through summer's glowing heat.

And when the good fruit ripens  
Upon a bearing tree,  
It falls — by touch or breezes  
To earth quite easily.

A virtuous man resembles  
The fruit on bending tree,  
Who walks before his Maker  
In true humility.

The good fruit shall be gathered,  
The bad is cast aside.  
When men in Christ are branches  
Their fruit shall e'er abide.

## THE BREAKING PLOW

The breaking plow was often used  
By pioneers of old  
To break the rugged, virgin soil,  
And plow the turfy mold.  
The breaking plow was built quite  
strong  
And cut a furrow wide.  
The shear and mole-board made of  
steel  
Were tempered, true and tried.

By means of a similitude  
In verse I would unfold  
How much some ministers compare  
To breaking plows of old.  
These messengers are fearless  
God's counsel to impart.  
And like a plow make furrows  
Through cold and sinful hearts.

The plants of pride and self-esteem  
Have evil roots, you know;  
And when the breaking plow goes  
through,  
They really cease to grow.  
The human heart like dormant seed  
Is stirred from sinful sleep,  
When God through man proclaims the  
Word,  
It cuts both wide and deep.  
Hypocrisy and evil works  
Have roots like tares concealed,  
And by the preaching of God's word  
They plainly are revealed.  
God help the true evangelist  
His message to proclaim,  
And seek without respect of man  
The honor of His name.

A prophet, righteous though he be,  
Respect will not command;  
Nor will he from his friends and kin  
Find honor in his land.  
To teach God's will in word and truth,  
To do thy will I vow;  
But when it comes to winning souls,  
We need the breaking plow.

## OCTOBER

October — loveliest month of all,  
When come the pleasant days of fall,  
When trees are on a dress parade  
With garments all by nature made.  
The woodland trees in grand array  
Their lovely garments do display.  
A lovelier sight one rarely sees  
Than maple and the sugar trees,  
The sassafras and dogwood, too,

In pink and scarlet we may view.  
The elm tree and the tulip tall  
The reddened fruit of apple trees  
Is swaying in the autumn breeze.  
The red Delicious, Jonathan,  
The Greening and the Northern Spy,  
We see upon the bending bough,  
Appealing to both heart and eye.  
The corn gathered in and stored,  
It is the farmer's wintry hoard;  
With such supply no want he'll know,  
Though snow may drift and winds may  
blow.

Along the roadway there one sees,  
Amid the colored leaves and trees,  
The silken down of milkweed pods,  
The bittersweet and goldenrods.  
In youth or age it is a thrill,  
When clouds hang low and winds are  
chill,  
To gather nuts beneath the leaves  
Of walnut and the hickory trees.  
October, with each lovely scene,  
We would retain in thought and dream;  
So come with me, once more look  
'round —  
Where is such splendor to be found,  
Save in the hand of God, all-wise,  
Whose glory fills the earth and skies?

## THE OLD ORCHARDS

I love the old-time orchards,  
Though planted long ago,  
Where grew the fine old apples  
Our fathers cherished so.

A sentiment quite tender  
Surrounds each gnarled old tree,  
Which bore good fruit for father  
And still bears fruit for me.

I like the common apples  
That in old orchards grew;  
The Northern Spy and Greening,  
The Tolpahokin too.

And our forefathers planted  
The Pippin and the King,  
The Baldwin and Ben Davis,  
Which tasted best in spring.

With cellars filled with Rambos,  
And Rusty Coats of old,  
Our fathers felt contented,  
Let winds blow long and cold.

Though living in the present,  
Our thoughts drift to the past.  
And all that's good and lovely  
We'll cherish to the last.

## Sermon . . .

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ourselves in godliness and shy away from those things which work for the devil. Paul spoke of other things also. He spoke of brotherly love. It is a positive approach, dear ones. He said that we should love our brother. We have been taught that the greatest commandment of all is that we should have love for our brother. What are some things, dear ones, that aren't considered acts of love? What are some of the things that we might do that would indicate a lack of love for our brother?

We see our brethren in church. We love to come to church and greet each other. We also have occasion to see our brethren in our daily walk of life. I am sure that in a large congregation such as you have here, you do many things with each other. I think that is wonderful. But here is the warning: "That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God had not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." I Thess. 4:6, 7. In our dealings with our brethren (or with everyone as we read further) there is no place for fraud or to defraud.

Paul also reminds us that "God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." I Thess. 4:7. We prize our calling. It is very precious to us that we have been called, called to come out from the world and from those things which are not right in the sight of God. Let us embrace those things which are holy. God says: "Be ye holy; for I am holy." Lev. 11:4 and I Peter 1:16.

We might think concerning our failings, "Well, it's just myself; I am the only one who knows." Or, we might say to ourselves, "My brother and I are the only two who know about this thing." Or, "I'm only hurting my brother." That is not what this Word tells us, is it? "He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." I Thess. 4:8. Think of that, dear ones. Whenever we fail, we fail against God. We disappoint Him. We don't want to be a disappointment to God.

"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another." I Thess. 4:9. Isn't it a blessing that we can go to the Word of God and find many examples of brotherly love. . . We don't have to dwell on those things which we should not do. We can dwell on those things which we should do, and those times in which we find that we can help each other.

We recall the example of loving our neighbor. A lawyer, tempting Jesus, asked Him, "Who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29. Then we have one of the most beautiful parables in the Bible given concerning the question of who our neighbor is. I know you know it well and I do not need to repeat it, but it certainly is a lesson to us. It is certainly a blessing for us when we read those words together and clearly see our duties before God and for our fellow men.

Continuing with today's Scripture, Paul beseeched the Thessalonians again. Isn't it wonderful that the apostle loved them so much that he beseeched them? I think it means more than just, "Now, I'm telling you these things." He is exhorting them . . . he is beseeching . . . he is pleading with them to do these things. I think that is a sign of real love to be that earnest in our speech. ". . . but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more." I Thess. 4:10. We find that it is like abounding more and more.

"That ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing." I Thess. 4:11, 12. Here we see that blessings follow when we are willing to be obedient to God. We know that many people in this world are dishonest. We know that many people gain because they are dishonest. But the Lord has given us a greater promise than that. He has promised us right here, through the apostle, that if we mind our own business, work with our own hands, and are honest with everyone we will lack nothing!

I believe that that is indeed something that we ought to con-

sider. I believe that many of us, all of us, can say, "It is so true." Although we don't have all of the luxuries that the world offers, and cannot afford them, yet we find that we are content. We have enough to live a very good life, a better life than our ancestors ever dreamed of. Let us not take it for granted. Let us give God the praise and the thanks.

Now, as we find ourselves becoming better prepared to meet the Lord through these exhortations, we dare lay hold of His promise and trust in His coming. How wonderful it is to be reminded of those things which are to come to pass in the future. "But I would not have your to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope." I Thess. 4:13. Dear ones, when a loved one passes from time into eternity, even though we have the precious hope that that soul lived for the Lord, it is difficult to say that there really is no need for sorrow. At least we do not sorrow as do those who had no hope.

There must be deep grief when souls who were not prepared pass from time into eternity. However, we dare not or must not judge. We do not "play God." We do not know the destiny of a soul, but we can't help but think about it. We must encourage everyone who is gathered here today to make preparation because all of us will someday depart this life. We want to know that we are prepared, we also want to know that those whom we leave behind are comforted. No doubt they will sorrow, but not as they would sorrow for one who had no hope. Such a difference, dear ones, such a difference in the manner in which we leave this life!

What the Lord Jesus said, and what the apostle has repeated here, is that when the Lord comes again we who walk with Him in faith will be caught up in the air to meet Him. We know that. But what about those who have already died? Will they be given that opportunity also to be with the Lord? Here are the precious words: ". . . that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep." I

Thess. 4:15. "Will not prevent them." I think I heard someone say, ". . . will not precede them." We will be caught up together to be with the Lord.

There will be a glorious reunion and the reunion is going to take place when the Lord returns. At that time we are going to hear various things. It is going to happen very quickly.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thess. 4:16, 17.

That is going to be the end. That is what we are striving for today while we still have the breath of life. Why do we speak these words, dear ones? We speak them because we believe through faith that the Lord opened this Word to us. Is anyone sad because we read these words? I hope not, because that is not what the apostle intended them for. He said, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." I Thess. 4:18. Are they a comfort to us? I believe, dear ones, that if they are not a comfort to us, we are not quite right with the Lord. I believe that if they are not a comfort to us, the Lord is still calling us. He is still beckoning to our friends so that they might prepare themselves for His coming. If any feel a burden in their hearts, they can come to Him and He can remove that burden so that these words will be a comfort.

May it be that these words of exhortation to holiness might have been a blessing to each of us. May we not just accept the fact that Christ has died for us and continue on through life as if we are unconcerned, but rather heed the words that we read and be willing to abound more and more and to increase more and more.

Again, I don't want to leave the impression that this can be done of ourselves. It can be done with willingness on our part through prayer and through grace of God. May the Lord bless you.

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Text: I Thessalonians 4

The caption under the chapter number in this particular Bible says: "Holiness and the Lord's Coming." That is what we read about, dear ones. Someone might now be thinking, "the message is going to be that we should become holy so that we are ready for the Lord's coming."

But first, I don't believe that we could preach a sermon or speak on a subject like this without considering the great price that has been paid that we might become holy. By our own power we could read these words or even study every word in this chapter and be no better off at all. We cannot of ourselves become holy.

However, you and I know that the Lord Jesus was crucified for our sins, and that we, through faith in His death, can have a converted mind and spirit. With this beginning (which many of us have made, and we exhort all who have not, to please make it) and with the privilege that the Lord gives us to share His Spirit, we can look at these words as a help to us. We can further prepare ourselves for the great day when the Lord comes again.

To repeat, we cannot do it of ourselves; but, after beginning our walk with the Lord, such teachings as we have here can help us, as the Word says, to "make . . . our calling and election sure." II Peter 1:10. That is what we need, dear ones; we need comfort.

When we have doubts in our minds and wonder, "Will we be permitted to enter into those heavenly mansions . . .", then we search ourselves with the Spirit of God and ask ourselves, "Are we going to be ready . . ." All that we can do is pray to God, asking Him to reveal to us whether or not we still stand in His

grace and whether or not we are ready to meet Him. He can reveal our needs to us, perhaps even some of the things of which we have heard today. He can show us through His Living Word what is necessary.

When we compare our lives with this Word, if we measure up and if we have faith to believe, then we still stand in His grace and indeed we are ready. I believe that we should go through this process daily so that we can cleanse ourselves and can say each day, "Yes, I am ready."

I notice in the reading, the word "abound." Paul told the Thessalonians that, through himself, they had been given the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ: ". . . that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God . . ." But now he beseeches them to "abound more and more." I Thess. 4:1. We can see that we do not have a stopping point in our spiritual growth. We cannot have a point at which we reach the height of pleasing God. As a matter of fact, most of us would agree that though we feel we are ready, we feel very insignificant before God. We strongly wish that we could do more. We deeply wish that we could have our vessel in better order.

It is as we have read. We should abound more and more. We should strive every day to live better. "For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus." I Thess. 4:2. We have a record of those commandments and we know what He expects of us. The apostle was specific and perhaps we should be also. When we consider our standing before the Lord, we should ask ourselves, "Where do we fail? Where do we fall short of His

teachings? Where do we err? Where do we sin?"

We were reminded this morning in a prayer that everything which we do that is not right in the sight of God might be classified as sin. We believe some of the things are failings, but God does not like us to fail. Paul became specific in this chapter, dear ones, in talking with them of their needs and problems. I think that all mankind ought to take a look at these words because the great sin of fornication is rampant. I believe that we need to remind ourselves of God's directives so that we never give the enemy an opportunity to enter into our lives in this way. Paul said, ". . . everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God." I Thess. 4:4, 5.

Think of the situation in the city of Corinth. The Apostle Paul came there and saw a disastrous thing. Where the Gentile people dwelt a that time, fornication was common among the people. They habitually did things which God reserved for married life, as is still commanded today.

It is a warning to us. I do not stand in judgment or in fear that we have this sin, but I believe that the warning is to remind us how to possess our vessels. I think that is probably our message today. I think that we should examine ourselves. We may think that it does not matter, dear ones, how we look, or act, or conduct ourselves, but I believe that it does matter. If we cause a soul to fail, if we cause a weak soul to be overcome by temptation, we will be held accountable.

Let us heed the warning to keep  
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