



"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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Gladness and Thanksgiving

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with **gladness**; come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.



May our Thanksgiving be our full time work — Lots of Thanks and lots of Giving!

URGENT NEED FOR A MARRIED COUPLE 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 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.
5. A resume is required to be sent with your request for an interview.
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.

8. Additional information concerning duties, salary, insurance and other compensation, can be obtained by writing or calling:

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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
Board Members

3. **The greatest loss came during times of prosperity.**
"And I brought you into a plentiful country to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof..." (vs. 7) The past three or four decades have brought our brethren unprecedented prosperity. We need to examine ourselves with utmost care to see whether we have gained or lost spiritually.
4. **The leadership became weak.**
"... The pastors also transgressed against me..." (vs. 8) Today we have more elders and ministers than ever before. They meet together often to counsel and promote unity, but they cannot hold the Church together by themselves. They need sincere encouragement, the daily prayers of the Church, and kind admonition from the members if they fail to uphold the Truth. Sermons should have strong

COMPROMISE WITH SIN

Bro. Gene I. Lehman, Wolcott, IN

The dictionary describes a compromise as an agreement arrived at by mutual concessions. This means that each party gives up something and therefore loses something it believes in.

Compromises usually take time to negotiate, therefore the changes they bring do not come suddenly, and sometimes are hardly noticed as changes. Exactly the same can be said of compromising our spiritual principles which is really compromising with sin.

Jeremiah chapter two gives seven stages that are involved in compromising sacred principles. It would be helpful to read this chapter before you complete this article.

1. **Israel had something very precious.**

"I remember thee, the love of thine espousals... Israel was holiness to the Lord." (vs. 2, 3) When we repented and came into the Church, we valued our relationship with God as most precious in our lives.

2. **Over a period of time they lost it.**

"What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity...?" (vs. 5) Vanity is fruitless desire or endeavor. It took place slowly over a period of years as each generation gave up a few tenets of faith dear to their fathers. Perhaps none of these by them-

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emphasis on the Pure Word and follow the Faith and belief of those who have gone before. We must keep the Faith pure and the Word undiluted!

5. At any time they returned to Him, God would have accepted them.

"Wherefore I will yet plead with you saith the Lord and with your children's children will I plead." (vs. 9) When we feel ourselves slipping into compromise, let us go back to the day we received peace with God and to the covenant in the baptismal waters. This is the milestone that marks the beginning of our journey in Faith and the cornerstone on which our spiritual house is built. Remember, God always will keep His side of the covenant.

6. They substituted something false for something real and precious.

"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water." (vs. 13) Now comes the real effect of compromise, when we substitute worldly things, goals, and ideals in the place of True Spirituality. This is the final stage in which our life, instead of being transformed by the renewing of our minds, becomes conformed to the world. The evidence is found in our walk of life, our choice of companions, how we spend our leisure time, the places we visit, our outward appearance, our obedience and submission to the will of God, our attendance at church, our fellowship with those of like mind, and so forth. Do we establish and practice good habits in reading the Word and in regular prayer? Are we really living a consecrated life of self-denial? Self-examination and evaluation in the Light of the Word are absolutely essential in the life of a believer. The Holy Spirit will guide us if we seek in faith to find — if we, as Enoch, are truly walking with God.

7. Their own acts convicted them.

"Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall prove thee." (vs. 19) Jesus said we shall be known by our fruits. It is vital that we search our individual hearts to see if we have fallen victim to the gradual process of com-

promise. We will all find areas we need to work on and revert back to the basics of our Faith. If we find that we have indeed experienced some backsliding, this is not fatal. Read Jeremiah 3:12-13. "RETURN thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only ACKNOWLEDGE thine iniquity. . ."

Our God is so great and merciful that He will receive us with open arms, if we RETURN and ACKNOWLEDGE our errors and become willing to walk with Him once again. We must realize that it

is not only for us that we uphold the Faith and resist compromise, but it is also for future generations should the Lord tarry His coming.

*"We see dimly in the darkness what is small and what is great,
Weak of faith how slight a hand may turn the iron helm of fate,
But the Soul is still oracular amid the market din,
List the ominous stern echo from the delphic caves within,
They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin."*

— from *The Present Crisis*
By James Russell Lowell

WHY ME, LORD?

This thought came to my mind last week as I lay in the recovery room of the local hospital. I had previously been given a sedative to prepare me for the trip to the operating room, whereupon I was prepared for surgery.

As I lay on the operating table, waiting for the administration of anesthesia to take place, I was asking the Lord that if it be His will to take me up to be with Him at this time, I would be willing and happy to go as, "There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear, no more sickness or pain, no more parting over there. There will be peace forevermore on that happy golden shore What a day, glorious day that will be."

The anesthesiologist was interrupting my talk with the Lord and, I must admit, I was a bit agitated about this. I felt the anesthesia mix with the saliva in my mouth, and the words of prayer were left drifting into the atmosphere. Awaking in the recovery room, I had the feeling of disappointment at still being left in this "vale of tears". Then, realizing I had requested that His will be done, I rejoiced that He had postponed the taking of my soul up with Him into that Glorious Home on High, feeling that there is still something for me to do here on earth, some "unfinished business" to be done yet. Lord, make me as a tool in Thy hands, to be ever submissive to Thy will. But, "Why Me, Lord?"

His ever presence was felt during my hospital stay, with many blessings coming my way, the closeness of the brotherhood in Colorado; praying also that my roommate could with me feel

the nearness of our Heavenly Father as we discussed the Word during our recovery days.

I'm thankful for the everlasting love of God for sending His Son to bear all of our sins, and leaving the Comforter to be with us through all trials, as well as joys, until we enter His Heavenly Kingdom. He has chosen us, out of the masses of people on this earth, to be His selected few, I know "Why Me, Lord?" as I have the happiness of being His child, I also feel the unworthiness of this honor.

Sis. Vera Jivan

FOOD FOR THE BRETHERN IN ROMANIA

Submitted by Bro. Andy Hunyady
Columbus, OH

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:9-10

Our Nazarene brethren in Eastern Europe have been under constant harassment, suppressions and persecutions from the very beginning of our faith, and despite of it all the church continues to stand! Yes, there are many who do not bend the knees unto Baal. Those of us who have had the occasion to visit with them, worship and fellowship with them, have gained a great deal of inspiration, and encouragement from their living, their endurance and steadfastness of faith.

As reported earlier food supplies and all other daily necessities in

Romania are very scarce. Elderly and young children suffer the most. Food packages are being sent regularly on monthly basis now. New names and addresses are still being received and added to our list. Letters and notes of thanks keep coming to us; an encouraging indication that the shipments are being received.

Your generous contributions and the manner by which the World Relief Committee is handling this undertaking is to be highly commended. Truly a work of the Spirit and demonstration of Christian charity and compassion!

Your gifts to this worthy cause should be so designated and channeled through your local World Relief representative.

As we observe this Thanksgiving Season in our churches or family gathering to give special thanks to Almighty God for His bountiful gifts and the liberties we enjoy, let us also remember to intercede in behalf of our less fortunate and suffering brethren of like faith. Perhaps the Lord will hear our fervent and persevering prayers as He once did the prayers of the early church for Peter.

"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." Heb. 13:3

NOTICE

Bro. S. H. Frolich's library of ten books makes a beautiful gift for the "Christian Home". This is meant as a commentary on the Scripture but by no means replaces the reading of the Scripture.

The set costs only \$53.00. These sets can be ordered from the Apostolic Christian Publications Inc. 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, IL 61530.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring — Jane Stieglitz

Fall, with all her blazing glory is upon us, a picture that no artist ever could paint, a work of the Master's hand. Indeed our God is a God of beauty, majesty and glory. Blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Him. Leaves of nearly every color bedeck the rolling Indiana landscape, giving one a sense of awe and reverence to think we can call the Master Painter and Landscaper "Our Father who art in Heaven". Our mortal eyes can behold the glory of

God in the beauty of His creation here on earth — what must heaven be like where eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man those things God has prepared for those that love Him — the believers hope in glory.

Very recently both houses and some of the Leo congregation were guests of our former houseparents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen Indermuhle, and the Sardis, OH congregation. We were treated to roast pig and the usual extras, including fresh apple butter and cider made that very day. About one hundred and twenty-five people were served supper in the cleaned-up haymow of Bob's barn which is located on a very high ridge (almost a mountain to us). We were afforded a panoramic view of the valleys that were covered with gorgeous leaves on the trees — it was breathtaking. We also had a singing Saturday evening, you guessed it, in the haymow. It was very inspiring. The next day we attended church in Sardis, the church being located atop a very high knoll which offered another breathtaking view. The cemetery is within a few feet of the church, and we saw some markers of the pioneers of our faith in America. After church a few of us crossed the beautiful Ohio River to see the church at New Martinsville, WV, another spot close to the skies. The entire weekend was filled with heavenly blessings. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" Psalm 133:1.

Jay Ice is still in rehabilitation therapy at:

Parkview Hospital
Room 704
2200 Randallia Dr.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46805

At present he is suffering from kidney infection, and has not been to physical or occupational therapy for a week. He can move both arms, but has no use of his fingers. At present, the rest of his body is still paralyzed. A fund has been established for Jay. If you would like to contribute, send contributions to Uriel or Judy Gehring, P. O. Box 151, Leo, IN 46765.

The weekend of Oct. 22 and 23 was a very uplifting one as two cars of our brothers and sisters from Champaign, IL were our guests. We had a wiener roast Saturday evening right in front of the woods behind the home. Between 25 and 30 people enjoyed the cook out until a heavy shower forced us inside.

The evening was spent in the basement of the West House. We had some skit presentations by our children and the guests. Some true to life scenes of life at the Home were brought out by an excellent job of role playing. We also saw some movies and some slides taken at the Home a few years back. Very interesting! We ended the evening by singing hymns, having a Bible reading and a delicious lunch.

The children's first quarter is about finished in school. John has become extremely interested in farming lately. Bertha is busily working on stitchery gifts for Christmas as well as teaching some of the other kids how to do it. Erik and Jerry are doing well with piano lessons. Deb has become a blood donor now and Dawn is looking forward to doing the same soon.

All of the children also put a lot of effort into publishing a monthly newspaper for the Home. They do a great job writing interesting and informative articles.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God." Psalm 147:7, 8

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

Psalm 95:2

The Holy Scripture leaves no room for doubting that our Heavenly Father desires and is pleased with mankind's heartfelt and genuinely-expressed gratitude. An expression of thankfulness for things we are spared or things we enjoy is spontaneous from a heart at peace with God, but we are further instructed to give thanks in everything (I Thess. 5:18) (not for everything, but in everything). No matter what the circumstances are, we can find something about it for which to give thanks.

If it were possible for us to observe the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving and to hear their expression of thanks, would it make our honest prayer of thanks more fervent? Suppose they would have made a pencil-and-paper list of the blessings for which they were grateful, how would it compare with ours? Do we really have the capacity to be grateful enough when God has given us so much? We think of the saying, "Think how thankful we would be if we

lost everything, and then got it all back again." (Source unknown)

Our residents often display a pure form of gratitude in return for a small kindness. How joyously they will chorus, "Now thank we all our God with heart and hand and voices." (Zion's Harp #236), when One Great Day they will experience the joy of being made whole.

Humble gratitude prevails among us here for all the contributions of items for sale, for the time given and for the general support in any way at the time of our annual Benefit Day. May you each experience rich blessings in return.

Probably our last major outing of the summer season took place on Oct. 6, when 61 residents spent the day at Wildlife Prairie Park. The weather was ideal for the picnic lunch, and the many outdoor animals were interesting to observe.

Joining our family here as a resident recently is Diane Baltic, formerly of Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Being the only child of the late Daniel and Nancy Baltic, we welcome her into our family circle and wish for her contentment and happiness. Among her favorite foods are chicken and spaghetti; pastimes she enjoys are working jigsaw puzzles, looking at magazines and watching football. Birthday time for Diane is Dec. 10.

Being grateful for all of you who faithfully help to shoulder our responsibility here, we think of I Chron. 16:34, which says, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good . . ."

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

When we heard the Conference tapes on Oct. 2 and 9, we were reminded of the peace we felt in our hearts and that wonderful relationship to God. Are we ever really thankful enough for the blessings of the Lord?

The weekend of Oct. 15 and 16, we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Todd Ritter and Ted Knochel Jr. We are happy to welcome these two souls into our Brotherhood.

On Sept. 25, we heard two engagements, one of which was Bro. Tim Sutton to Sis. Verene Von Tobel. Their parents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola Von Tobel (Francesville), and Lanette Marshall (Phoenix). The other happy couple is Bro. Herbert Knochel Jr. and Sis. Laurie Zeltwanger. Their parents

are Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn Zeltwanger (Valparaiso) and Bro. Herbert and Sis. Joanne Knochel (Phoenix).

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Lorene and Bro. Earl Roth, on the passing of her father, Bro. Henry Maurer of Fairbury, IL.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Marge Fehr also have our prayers, as his sister, Sis. Frances Fischer (Roanoke, IL) passed away. Both couples flew back for their respective family funerals.

On Sept. 29, Douglas Allen Hodges was born to Sis. Jane and Dave Hodges. Danny and grandparents, Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank, welcome him also.

Our hospital patients were Bro. Dick Beery, Rachael Roth (Bro. Harry), and Sis. Margaret Bradford.

Though in failing health, we are thankful Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara Zollinger can come to church.

Our yearly quota of rain has nearly doubled between last summer's Colorado River floods and our Sept. state wide floods. With all this devastation, one would expect people to turn to the Lord to find their salvation before another disaster comes our way.

Since our autumn weather of warm days and cool nights has arrived, we send you Season's Greetings and Lord willing, will be looking forward to your visits in the coming months.

Blest be the tie that binds.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Sandy Bauer — Lisa Knapp

We thank our Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and his wife Barbara for their visit. May the Lord continue to protect them as they travel in the Lord's service.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Bro. Don Bauer, who fell from a roof and broke his wrist and three ribs. We pray that the Lord will continue to heal him with His almighty power.

Sis. Mary Ann Bertschi and Bro. Steve Zimmerman of Morton have announced their engagement. Parents are Bro. Rudy and Sis. Irene Bertschi of our congregation and Bro. Russell and Sis. Alvina Zimmerman of Morton. Jan. 15 has been set as the wedding date. May God bless this couple as they begin their life together.

Love is the greatest of all forces,
The Bible declares this we know.
It makes us unselfish and forgiving.
We've all felt the warmth of its glow.

Nina Franks

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Mary Beth Klotzle

Let all things now living, A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.
His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a son let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Hymns for the Family of God
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Just as God created all things, all things should praise Him. To think that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above," James. 1:17, is really quite humbling. It makes us realize that any good work we may do is only done through and by the grace of God. Yet when we are commended for those works to whom else would we rather give the honor and glory than our Father in Heaven? Yes, it's against human nature, but each day we've been given, we can start afresh to serve Him more sincerely and to give unending praise and thanks for His blessings. A list cannot be made of those blessings, for there are far too many to even comprehend. Yet one is above all the rest, that of His Son, Jesus Christ. May all those who haven't yet experienced that gift seek the kingdom of God and be counted among the heavenly host which will eternally sing praises and thanks to the Lord God of all.

Don Kaisner (Doris) underwent surgery and is still hospitalized. We pray for God's nearness to both Don and Doris, and that He will grant patience and endurance in this trying time.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Bro. Glenn (Sis. Kay) Hackenjós is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery. May God heal Bro. Glenn and be their source of strength each day.

We thank Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka) for sharing God's Word with us. What a blessing it is to have the opportunity to hear the true Word preached and be fed the nourishment for leading a Christian life. May we never take for granted these times, as there are many who are less fortunate due to illness, persecution, or reasons we may not know of, and are unable to attend.

COLORADO, DENVER
Marlene Leman

This has been a very busy month for our little congregation and because of this busyness, many blessings are ours.

Three sisters have moved in to Denver from the midwest. Sis. Terri Steffen (Cissna Park), Sis. Pam Edelman (Sabetha) and Sis. Charleen Bahler (Remington) have each felt God's spirit directing them to move here. We certainly welcome them into our congregation and pray that as God has been with them thus far, He will be with them and bless them further on.

Sept. 25 was a very blessed day. We heard Kristen Leman (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene) make her covenant with God in the waters of baptism and become our dear sister-in-faith. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont) was here to help our own elder, Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin) with this important work. We could feel God's love so clear and plain as we listened to Kristin's testimony on Saturday evening and again on Sunday as His word was spoken. We are thankful for all that assembled with us that weekend and may God bless the dear brothers for their labors in our behalf.

Our congratulations go to Dana and Patty Enhle who were married in Parshall, CO on Oct. 1. May they rely upon God to direct their lives together.

Oct. 2 was the wedding day for Sis. Deb Hodel (Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene — Roanoke) and Bro. Mike Leman (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene). We are so thankful to have another dear couple setting up a Christian home in our area. May God bless them richly in their life together. Their address is:

15390 E. Evans Ave. Apt. 103
 Aurora, CO 80013

Bro. Nathan was with us for this

blessed Sunday as was Bro. Lenny Meyer (Chicago). God is so good to us! May He bless you both!

Workers from Roanoke came and finished up the staining and varnishing inside our church building. We are so thankful for each one that has helped and pray that God will be their rich rewarder.

Sis. Vera Jivan was hospitalized for surgery. We are thankful that she has felt God's healing power and is home again. We look forward to her being able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Lee Ruegsegger has been chosen as our representative for the Leo Children's Home.

God is yet calling, souls are still answering and we are so thankful! Leroy Wulf (Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona — Lester) has yielded himself unto that tender, prodding voice, calling him unto repentance. Leroy is here in Denver for a few months of training and we are enjoying his being here. We pray for much grace for him as he begins his new life of faith.

Bro. Joe Wagler submitted to minor surgery last week. May God's healing hand touch him that he may be able to be back in church before too long.

Annelies Rahbany has moved from our area for a time to join her husband, Ed, in Saudia Arabia where he is working. We shall miss her, even as we have missed him, and pray for their safety and look forward to their return. Their address is:

Ed & Annelies Rahbany
 c/o CTMLTD
 P.O. Box 34
 Rabigh
 Saudia Arabia

We wish to thank the many brothers, sisters and friends who remembered us on our 25th wedding anniversary with cards, letters, gifts and prayers. It is humbling to feel this great love of God through so many loved ones. May God bless each one!

Bro. Tom & Sis. Marlene Leman

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE
Dorothy Viens

As our nation sets aside a day to reflect upon God's blessings we are reminded of all that He provides for us each day. We should be especially grateful for the gift of salvation and for the great debt that Christ paid for us by giving His life that we could be free. Freedom from the bondage of sin is ours for the asking, if we submit to

God's will, conform to His word and seek salvation with all of our heart. May God continue to provide grace for our daily needs.

We are encouraged when we see that God is troubling the waters, and, as there were in the time of Christ those who stepped into the pool of Bethesda to be healed, there are precious souls now who are seeking the gift of salvation. Cheree Galat (Bro. Dave and Sis. Marlene), Lori Gerber (Bro. Ed and Sis. Beverly), Steve Bahler (Bro. Lee and Sis. Maxine), Bonnie Reutter (Bro. Alden and Marion), Sandy Schneider (Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Verona), Jean Skipper (Bro. Joe and Sis. Alma) and Susan Moser, wife of Chris, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Jane have all made beginnings in working out their salvation, yielding their lives into the hands of God. One of our recent visiting ministers brought out the importance of a good foundation for our spiritual house when he related how Noah followed God's instructions explicitly in the building of the ark. Had he not fit the pieces of gopher wood together correctly, had he not pitched it with pitch inside and out to seal the cracks, we know that the ark would not have been able to float. Likewise, we have to dig deep and build a good foundation so that our house of faith will endure and stand through the tests and many storms of life.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Miriam Reutter have been doubly blessed with the birth of twins, Julie Ann and Jason Dean, born Oct. 11. Grandparents are Bro. Alden and Marion Reutter and Elder Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia Bahler. May God supply their every need even as He has added new responsibilities to their lives.

Our dear Sis. Lena Kupferschmid passed from this life to her eternal reward on Oct. 2. Sis. Lena was in a nursing home for some time, and we know that she had no more pleasure in this life, but was awaiting her heavenly home. We extend our sympathy to the entire Kupferschmid family, especially her daughter, Diane.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Bertha Lanz have been blessed with many years together and are planning to celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20. They enjoy their large family: nine children, 46 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Bro. Paul and Sis. Bertha are both 92 years old and are enjoying

good health. They live in Longview Village, our congregate living facility.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to ministering Bros. Edmund Kloter (Goodfield), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Joe Aberle (Sabetha) and Everett Hari (Bloomington) for taking time to visit us and for their willingness to break the bread of life among us. May God richly reward their efforts.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE
Billie Klopfenstein

With the autumn season arriving, it is always the appropriate time to hold our annual church and fellowship hall cleaning. A good number of people turned out and everything is now shipshape to welcome our winter residents and visitors who are beginning to arrive.

Several from our congregation spent time in New England to see God's handiwork as the leaves turn to red and gold at this time of year.

Everyone in the Ft. Lauderdale church would like to extend sympathy to the relatives of Erwin Schurter, who passed away on Sept. 24. Services were conducted in Deerfield Beach by Bro. Harry Sutter. Mr. Schurter had lived in our area for many years.

As the Thanksgiving season nears, we often contemplate the scriptures (I Thess. 5:18) that tell a Christian to be thankful in everything, not just in the events and items we mortals consider good. God's definite will for the believer is that he shall be a fountain of praise and that his life shall be in thanksgiving to God at all times and in all circumstances.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA
Doris and Diane Rocke

Thanksgiving! We are ever so grateful as the turn of the season is underway, and we thank God for His strength in body and soul through all the tasks. No job is too hard if He is near and we can only say thanks so much to our Heavenly Father for His great almighty love for us.

Bro. Bob Norr's recent surgery has delayed his return here. We wish him a speedy recovery and God's blessings.

Little Christopher Sabo (Bro. Doug and Sis. Linda) has recuperated nicely from a fall which broke his collar bone. His brother, Jeff, recently fell in school, breaking several bones in his arm. He has been a brave soldier, enduring the frustration of a sling and cast. May God watch over him and

keep His loving arms around him.

Some years back, in the Silver Lining, I read, "Babies take us on a special journey into the land of love." Danielle Mary arrived Oct. 7 to add that new dimension of love to her parents, William and Sis. Becky Sauder, three sisters and two brothers. May the Lord guide and watch over His little children throughout each day and bless the happy family.

This has been a joyful month as we complete the finishing touches of our remodeling. The carpet has been laid and the benches will soon arrive. Our Sunday services have not been interrupted, and we feel very blessed to have witnessed the labors of love in action. We wish to thank all of our visitors for their efforts necessary to travel the respective miles to help in so many ways this summer. May God reward you. Our prayers of thanks go to Him for the fellowship of believers in Christ. It is so precious and priceless.

The Port Charlotte church will be meeting at the same place south of Punta Gorda. Take exit #27 off I-75, go west one mile to Route #41 and turn left. Go 1½ miles south to Civic Building Association sign and turn right onto Saymore St. Go to the club house, "our meeting place." Services begin Dec. 4 and continue thru Palm Sunday. There will be two Sunday services. The building opens at 9:30 a.m. and the first service begins at 9:45 a.m. The second service begins at 11:45 a.m.

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GEORGIA, ATLANTA

Nancy Foltz — Charmin Sellers

Our ministering brothers this month were Bro. Roy Sauder and Bro. LeRoy Hartman (Peoria) on September 25 and Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens) on October 9. Our appreciation goes to these ministers as the Lord richly blesses us with food for the spirit.

We have had several visitors this past month and we are thankful to the Lord for all visitors. We remind you that our services are every second and fourth Sunday at the Ramada Inn, I-75, Marietta, Georgia, beginning at 10:30 a.m. For information contact either Don Sellers at 404-923-0721 or Nancy Foltz at 404-451-9191.

ILLINOIS

BLOOMINGTON — NORMAL

Shirley Denick
Charlene Knobloch

As we would pause and think of the events of this past month, we can see God's love for us as a people and as a congregation, for we have truly been blessed.

Our friend, David Huette, has given his life to the Lord in repentance. We pray for continued grace for David, as well as for ourselves.

Oct. 1 and 2 will always be special dates for our new brother and sister in faith. Ben and Mary Daily gave their sincere testimonies and were baptized. We welcome them with the special love that can only come from God.

We congratulate Bro. Al and Sis. Jo Stoller on their 50th wedding anniversary. Being married in the Lord, they are an inspiration to us all, as we see the love they share.

We have been privileged to host the annual ISU day for all new students and newly employed in this area. We would encourage them as well as their parents to visit us often — that we might become a home away from home.

Our church was filled to overflowing as ISU hosted college weekend. We can only give God the praise for the many efforts put forth to coordinate these events.

We thank our visiting ministers for letting God work in our behalf. Special thanks to Bros. Marvin Leman (Bradford), Earl Gerber and Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Phil Stettner (Bluffton N.) and Edwin Bahler (Remington) as well as our Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont). May the Lord ever protect and bless them.

Sis. Dorothy Harsh is in the hospital. We pray for her speedy recovery and look forward to her willing hands and ready smile when she can again assemble with us.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD
Shirley Kieser

The fall season is such a beautiful season it just seems to bring out the "thanks" in us all. So, a good time for Thanksgiving — but maybe we ought to try a little harder to be more thankful always.

Bro. Uriel Gehring and his wife Sis. Judy, Rachel and the children from the Leo Children's Home visited us. Our thanks to Uriel for his inspiring messages and to all for their visit.

Much food for thought was given when Bro. Ken Knapp and his family, (Taylor) spent a Sunday with us. We were reminded of the fact that generally we are our own worst enemy. We often stand in the way of receiving blessings simply by letting our mind gather up all sorts of sad images and unkind thoughts, when actually our heart doesn't feel that way at all. So we must let the Lord work in our mind as well as our heart so the two can coincide and bring forth blessing instead of heartache.

Sis. Bonnie Kieser had surgery and is now home recuperating very nicely.

The Clarence Knobloch family wishes to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy at the time of the loss of their loved one, Carl Knobloch.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

A man had maligned the Lord's name for sixty-some years. He made it a point to speak more vilely in the town minister's hearing than at any other time. But one day he became extremely ill. In the hospital as his soul hovered, he heard the doctor say to his wife, "He can't last more than a few hours." Then he, even he, prayed, "God, help me." And he testified later to the preacher in a very weakened voice, "For sixty long years I turned my back on God and mocked and jeered at His name and His people, but the very first time I called His name, He was there!" That incident is one more example which should remind us that no one is ever too bad to call upon the Lord. On the other hand, neither are we ever too good to call upon Him!

We were blessed by the ministry of visiting brethren, Bros. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT); Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) and Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL). When our ministering brothers consider traveling a distance, knowing that as visitors they will certainly be called upon to preach His Words, and still come, as the Spirit directs them, truly we need to redouble our prayers for their guidance and our thanks for their work.

We are overjoyed at the announcement of the engagement of Bro. Dan Hangartner (Chicago) and Sis. Donna Knapp (Congerville, IL). Bro. Dan and Sis. Donna hope to be married in January, Lord willing. Truly the Lord works His love in wondrous ways in our

lives. We eagerly anticipate their establishment of another Christian home among us.

Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie Lehman have both been blessed for fifty years with the privilege of sharing the life of a special person, each other. They were married Oct. 21, 1933. We are so thankful for the benefits we in Chicago have received from this beloved couple. They have been a father and mother to many of us and a special friend of our children, as well as pillars in the church. "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree . . . They shall still bring forth fruit in old age . . ." Psalm 92:12, 14. I have read that a date palm growing by itself will not produce fruit. Nevertheless, living together, date palms produce clusters of fruit — and live and continue to bear fruit for a lifetime. Thus the fruit of the Spirit produced from this union has refreshed us in the oasis of our Chicago church for many years. May the Lord continue to give them grace and strength.

Thinking back over those fifty years, we are grateful for many who are still with us, though their spouses are gone and they may not have had fifty years together. In the future we wonder who will be allowed fifty years together. In some cases both will be gone; in others one; in other cases both will be able to celebrate with friends and family. There was a large gathering in of souls fifty years ago in one of our churches. At that planned reunion, those who congregate will have had fifty years to serve our Lord. But each of us will have, no matter how short the time may seem from a human perspective, all the time we need to serve our Lord under all the circumstances and in all the ways He asks of us. We are so thankful that He makes all choices wisely, and we are prayerful that all our choices may echo His choices.

May our Thanksgiving be our full-time work — lots of thanks and lots of giving! "Thou crownest the year with the goodness. . ." Psalm 65:11

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Wilma Walder — Joan Waldbeser

Word which God has spoken, Word of peaceful token, Gospel of the Lord!
Fount of benediction, Comfort in affliction, Holy Spirit's sword!
Source of might, Of life and light!

Joyful message of God given, Sent to us from heaven!

Zion's Harp #97

Bringing us the joyful message of the Lord this month was Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse). Sharing the joy of that day were our new brother and sister-in-faith, Curt Knapp, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Gladys, and Julie Weerts, daughter of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Myrna. We welcome them into the fold and wish them the grace and guidance of God.

Baptized into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place though weak and lowly,
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host.
Immersed with Christ, I'm dead to sin;
Thy spirit now shall live within.

Zion's Harp #41

Announcement was also made that day of the engagement of our Bro. Doug Greiner and Sis. Jean Hunziker. Parents sharing their joy are Bro. Howard and Sis. Vi Greiner and Bro. Albert and Sis. Virginia Hunziker.

Often we find a need for seeking refuge and shelter from the burdens and cares of life, and where better can we turn than to our dear Lord who can "lighten the load and level the road and bear us on hands of compassion." Zion's Harp #46. Our dear ones this month who have experienced the cares and pains of this mortal body are Bro. Emil Fisher, Bro. Steve Rinkenberger, Sis. Sophia Funk, Sis. Mary Bauer, Sis. Twylla Beer and Jay Martin. Our Sis. Ollie Feller, wife of our retired Elder Bro. Ezra Feller, has been quite ill. Our prayers go out to them, believing and trusting that God will sustain and provide for His own.

We want to welcome Bro. Tom and Sis. Jan Keeley from the Bloomington church, who are making their home in our area, and Sis. Elsie Peters, who comes from the Fairbury church and assembles with our congregation occasionally.

In 1621 the Pilgrims, in gratitude to God, sat down to a feast of thanksgiving. It was, however, 242 years later before this nation as a whole began a tradition based upon the Pilgrim's observance. It was on Oct. 3, 1863, that President Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring a national holiday of Thanksgiving, finding much for which a

war-torn nation could give thanks. Thanksgiving Day has come to be a time when Americans, in war or peace, affluence or poverty, can join in thanking God for His many blessings. More than hearts can imagine or minds comprehend, God's bountiful gifts are ours without end. Let us be thankful!

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE
Carol Craig — Kay Roth

HARVEST HOME

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last,
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. We are thankful to the brothers who bring us the Holy Word. They were Bros. Joe Stoller (Princeville), Willis Wiegand (Goodfield) and Merle Bucher (La-Crosse, IN).

We wish God's richest blessings to Sis. Donna Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette) and Bro. Dan Hangartner of

Chicago (Bro. Roy and Sis. Norma, Eureka) as their engagement has been announced. Also, may He ever guide the lives of Steve Baer (Ray and Dorothy) and Cindy Crehan (Chicago) as they were united in Holy Matrimony.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN
Ruth Ann Getz

In approaching the beautiful time of Thanksgiving (which has been proclaimed a national holiday in America), we have particular desire to pour out thanks from the heart. Psalm 79:13 says, "We, thy people shew forth thy praise to all generations." What a humbling experience when we begin to thank and praise the Lord for all his goodness! Surely it is a marvelous tool in magnifying His name. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the first fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15.

John and Louise Tolvstad have left the Elgin area and have moved to Rock Rapids, IA. We will miss them and all their kind deeds, but wish them many rich blessings as they assemble with the congregation at Lester, IA.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Sara Foell in the death of her brother-in-law, William Rinne, who passed away Sept. 15.

On Sept. 17, Roger Schurter (son of Harvey and Sis. Ruth) and Teresa Mark (daughter of Sylvia Bovelas, Oak Park) were united in marriage. We wish much happiness for them as they begin their life together in Wichita, KS.

At the age of 97 years and 11 months, our Sis. Nina Huber laid down her armor to pick up her awaiting crown on Oct. 5. Her death came as peacefully as she had lived her life. We are grateful for all the precious memories she has left us and for all the teachings her life taught us. She was born Nov. 4, 1885 in Elgin to Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Rosine Huber. She has one brother, Harry, surviving in Arizona.

Jacob Leuthold, 82, also passed away Oct. 10 and we wish to extend our sympathy to his family for we know he was very dear to them as he was to us all. Surviving are a daughter, Doris Bangert (Algonquin); a son, Donald (Mercer Island, WA); two sisters, Sis. Mary Leuthold and Sis. Lucy Schultz.

Sis. Ida Moser was hospitalized for a time and is again back at Mary Margaret Manor, the nursing care facility

where she resides. The Lord saw fit to restore her health in a measure and yet we know she longs for her heavenly home. May His will be done.

Even though illness that required hospitalization was the portion of Mary Gross and Margaret Gould, they both have been restored health sufficiently to again return home.

Bro. Otto Stettner is presently hospitalized and our prayers go out for him that the Lord may stand mightily by him to keep him both for body and soul.

Bro. Albert Schambach is able again to go in and out with us once more for which we thank the Lord. He especially is grateful for the Christian love expressed to him in so many ways by many brethren across the land and in particularly the "Londonaires" who shared time with Albert in London while in service.

Esther Batt continues to convalesce at her sister's (Sis. Rose Eurich) home. She also thanks the many who have remembered her with expressions of love.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA
Kathy L. Rocke

A sweet little daughter, Jessica Mae, was born Sept. 17 to Ben and Sis. Marianne Link. To welcome her home are Scott, Billy, and Greg. May God bless this little family.

We have been blessed with many visiting ministers again this month. We are thankful that God led Elder Bros. Steve Rinckenberger (Cissna Park) and Roy Grimm (Taylor), and Bros. Jim Byrd, Bill Hodel and Bruce Lemman (Roanoke), Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), and Joe Aberle (Sabetha) to come and speak God's precious Word to us. May He be their rich rewarder.

Believing it is God's will and direction, we heard two engagement announcements! Oct. 2, Bro. Dan Hangartner (Bro. Roy and Sis. Norma) and Sis. Donna Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Jeanette, Congerville) announced their engagement. Oct. 9, we heard the engagement of Bro. Mike Schmidgall and Sis. Dianne Zimmerman. Parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall and Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman, all of Eureka. May God richly bless them and direct them as they make plans for their future together.

Oct. 16 was the beautiful wedding day for Sis. Marilyn Wettstein and Bro.

Craig Martin. Bro. Bob and Sis. Verna Wettstein and Bro. Nelson and Sis. Maryellen Martin are the parents. We wish them God's richest blessings as they walk life's pathway together.

Saturday, Oct. 8, we gathered at the Roanoke Fellowship Hall to see the slides of India when Elder Bro. Roy Grimm traveled with other brethren of the World Relief Committee. I'm sure that all who attended realized how blessed they are living in America. We are thankful Bro. Roy could come and show us the works in foreign lands that World Relief is doing. After services on Sunday, we all enjoyed a church potluck, fellowship and our Family Hymn Sing.

God is found in two places; one of his dwellings is heaven, and the other is in a meek and thankful heart.

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ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

Bro. Henry Maurer, 88, passed away on Sept. 20 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Fannie, and children, Sis. Mary Beth (Fairbury), Eileen Bauer (Cissna Park) Sis. Lorene Roth (Scottsdale, AZ) and Ervin (Phoenix, AZ). Bro. Henry was an electrician and enjoyed recording. He devoted many hours of faithful service doing these things for the church. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Bro. Ezra Miller, 84, passed away on Sept. 30 after being ill for about a year. He is survived by one sister, Sis. Emily, and may she always feel God's presence since she is now the last in her family.

A special thanks to Bros. Jim Hoerr (Peoria), Nathan Stoller (Bradford), Joe Stoller (Princeville) and Bruce Leman (Roanoke) who visited us and shared God's word.

We are again in the season of Thanksgiving Day and the fields are all barren, the harvesting finished. Some areas strongly felt the effect of the severe heat and drought we had this summer, but yet if we:

... Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done . . .

Hymns of Zion #116

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ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold — Kathy Leman

God painted all the autumn leaves
And put to sleep the flowers
And told the birds to find a place
To spend their winter hours.

Charles Bowman

Hospitalized recently were Ben Traub (Sis. Irene), Kristen Kupferschmid (Bro. Alf and Sis. Wanda), Sherrie Schmidgall (Sam) and Minnie Rinkenberger (Ben). We wish to offer our heartfelt prayers in behalf of each one who is in anxiety due to ill health.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Addie Honegger who passed away at the age of 90. We offer our sympathy to her remaining brothers and sisters. Those left behind are Bros. Frank, Sam and Paul and Sisters Perceda, Ella, Kathryn and Nathalia.

We also have joy among us as the engagement of Sis. Marilyn Kupferschmid (Sis. Nettie) was announced to Bro. Fred Ruegsegger (Bay City, MI). May God be their unseen Guest as they make plans for a late November wedding.

Mary Theresa is the new little bundle at the home of Duane and Mary Ifft. Happy grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Ifft.

As Thanksgiving is once again upon us may we each one be reminded of the bounty of God's wonderful love and blessings that He daily bestows upon us.

As we receive Thy bounties, Lord,
Of raiment, shelter, food,
Inspire within our minds and hearts
The grace of gratitude.

All gifts and blessings that we know
Come from Thy gracious hand;
Thy overruling love and power
Encompass sea and land.

The sun that shines, the rains that fall,
The soft blue sky above,
The winds that blow, the clouds that drift
Are tokens of Thy love.

The orchards bearing ripened fruit,
The fields of golden grain,
The trees and flowers everywhere,
Thy mercies, Lord, contain.

Creator of these lives of ours,
With every gift endued,

May all our days and years express
The grace of gratitude.

J. Harold Gwynne

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Pam Wiegand

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

"Twas battered and scarred, and the
auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.
"What am I bidden, good folks," he
cried,
"Who will start bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar" — then, "Two!" "only
two?
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars, once; three dollars,
twice;
Going for three — "But no,
From the room, far back, a gray-haired
man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then, wiping the dust from the old
violin,
And tightening the loose strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As sweet as a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, "What am I bidden for the old
violin?
And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it
two?

Two thousand! And who'll make it
three?
Three thousand, once; three thousand
twice;
And going, and gone!" said he.
The people cheered, but some of them
cried,
"We do not quite understand
What changed its worth?" Swift came
the reply:
"The touch of the master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scattered with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless
crowd,
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;

A game — and he travels on.
He's "going" once, and "going" twice,
He's "going" and "almost gone."

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd
 Never can quite understand
 The worth of a soul, and the change
 that's wrought
 By the touch of the Master's hand.
 Myra Brooks Welch

We are so glad for the "touch of the Master's hand" as three dear souls, Sis. Shirley Debolt, Sis. Eddis, and Bro. Dennis Blunier gave their testimonies and were baptized this past month. We surely enjoyed their testimonies and thank the Lord for all of His wonderful blessings.

Dave and Janet Wiegand have a new baby girl, Lori Ann, born on Sept. 23. At home to welcome her are Corey, Phill and Jill.

Little Brooke Kristine is Bro. Tony and Sis. Deonne Monfres new daughter, born Oct. 17. She has one older sister, Meika.

Those recently hospitalized are Deb Hodel and Sis. Loida Knapp. We're glad to see them both back home again.

Our most recent visiting ministers are Elder Bro. Don Sauder and Bro. Gene Bertsche (both of Roanoke), Bro. Fritz Knapp (Congerville), Bro. Kenny Knapp and Bro. Kent Heimer (both of Taylor) and Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North). Many thanks to all of them.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5

What is meekness? We've heard various definitions: "Meekness means to be humble." "Meekness means to be tranquil, mild and gentle." "Meekness is power under control." "Meekness is to suffer without complaint."

But probably the best examples of true meekness are contained in Matthew's gospel, chapter five, where Jesus said: "Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain . . . Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

When we sing in the beautiful hymn,

"Meekness is the noblest virtue; every Christian's honor bright," we are making a powerful statement. Jesus said, "I am meek and lowly in heart." And indeed He proved His meekness when He didn't answer back to His accusers, but instead was "brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7) Jesus said, "Come unto Me . . . take My yoke upon you and learn of Me." (Matt. 11:28-29) If we can learn to be meek as He was and be lowly in heart, we will also have His promise: "And ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Amanda Jane is the precious new daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Val Funk. She was born Sept. 30 and has a brother, Benjamin, and a sister, Jennifer. Amanda's grandparents are Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violet Funk (Morton) and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brockwell (Flanagan).

Our get-well wishes and prayers are with Sis. Naomi Grusy who has been in the hospital.

We appreciate the visit of ministering Bro. Hartzle Kaisner (Washington) and we were blessed by his words of truth and encouragement.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker

Bro. Henry Binkele wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts and visits while in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless all who were so kind.

Bro. Karl Glueck was called Home after a lengthy illness. His funeral was held on Sept. 30. May God comfort and bless his wife, Sis. Minnie, his family and friends.

Bro. Frank Hofmann was called Home to be with the Lord. His funeral was held on Oct. 3. May God comfort and bless his son, Kenneth, his family and friends.

We are thankful that God has drawn together two dear couples who will become one in Christ Jesus. Sis. Kay Knobloch (Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel) and Bro. Scott Sinn (Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Ellen, Tremont) and Sis. Jean Hunziker (Bro. Al and Sis. Ginny) and Bro. Doug Greiner (Bro. Howard and Sis. Vi, Cissna Park). May God continue to bless them and be the head of their home.

Sis. Ella Geiger wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and gifts of love while in the hospital

and since coming home. May God bless all who were so kind.

We are thankful that seven more dear souls have heeded the Master's call and are now employed in His vineyard. Reuben Krug gave his testimony of faith and was baptized on Oct. 13. Wendy Garber (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lynn), Mary Wuthrich (Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice), Tim Martin (Bro. Bill and Sis. Jane), Mark and Teresa Leman (Bro. Howard and Sis. Gloria) and Shay Nelson (Darryl and Sis. Sandy) gave their testimonies of faith on Oct. 15 and we witnessed their baptisms on Oct. 16. We welcome them as our brothers and sisters-in-faith. May our Heavenly Father continue to lead them as they walk the narrow pathway of life.

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here. May each one of us remember to be thankful in all things. May we remember to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings each day.

We wish to thank Bros. Glenn Hackenjos (Altadena, CA), Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Byron Stoller (Gridley, IL), Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) and Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) for ministering God's Holy Word unto us. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

The Morton Bible Class had the privilege of hosting the Roanoke and Eureka Bible Classes on Sunday, Oct. 9. The young people were with us for our morning worship service and had their Sunday School lesson at our Fellowship Hall in the afternoon. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were started. May God bless our young people for being together.

We have many loved ones who are ill or shut-in. The hours grow long for them. May we continue to remember them in prayer. We who can go in and out oftentimes do not realize how long time can be for these loved ones.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Margo Marx — Susi Herman
 THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

So cold the first Thanksgiving came,
 That they who kneeled on earth and stone

To thank the Lord in freedom's name
 Were nearly frozen to the bone.
 Peril was near, and midnight fear,
 With desolate wind about the door,
 But courage lit a candle flame
 That warmed them to the core.

Candle that burned so staunch and strong,
 Courage that dared so dark a way,
 They light the centuries, clear and strong,
 On each Thanksgiving Day!

So bare the first Thanksgiving fell
 That, counting all the scanty yield,
 They who had sowed and reaped could tell
 Their thanks for scarcely one good field;
 Yet, strangers in a lonely land,
 They thanked God for their harvesting,
 And dreamed a dauntless dream, and planned
 New sowing for the spring.

For candlelight no wind could shake,
 For sowing rooted far and near,
 For men and dreams like these, we make
 Thanksgiving every year!
 Nancy Byrd Turner

When we think of the first Thanksgiving Day, we are reminded of how fortunate we are today to be living in a time of such plenty. As Thanksgiving approaches, may we all remember to thank God for His bountiful love, His countless blessings and especially for His priceless gift of salvation.

We ask God's blessings upon the union of Diane Falls (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Falls, Fullerton, CA) and Brian Hoerr (son of Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora Hoerr) who were married on Oct. 8 at our Fellowship Hall.

Bro. Dan Steiner (Tremont), Bro. Harold Steiner (Princeville) and Bro. Max Hoerr of our congregation led our annual German Singing at the Apostolic Christian Home on Sunday evening, Oct. 9. "Precious memories, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul!"

We enjoyed a blessed evening when the Mortonaires visited Peoria to praise our Lord in song on Oct. 2. How precious are the ties of Christian love and fellowship!

We need to remember in prayer those who have been in the hospital. They are: Sis. Emma Schumacher, Sis. Elsa Hess, Louise Fehr, Evelyn Thomas, Harlan Schafer and Jesse Hostetter. We pray God's will and His guiding hand in their recovery.

We extend our prayers of consolation to the family of Bro. Carl Knepp (Eureka) who passed away recently.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

This month the Lord has blessed our congregation with the following visiting ministering brothers: Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville), Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Washington) and Bro. Dave Weigand (Champaign). May the Lord richly bless our brothers who find it so worthwhile to visit us from far and near to bring us the humble teachings that never grow old.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

God doesn't expect us to be "super-anything". He just wants us to be His.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Joe Aberle and Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS), Mark Bahr (Detroit), Hartzell Kaisner (Washington), Joshua Broquard and Duane Kilgus (Fairbury).

The Detroit choir sang for us at our Fellowship Hall on Sept. 17. A group from Sabetha and Bern, KS, also enjoyed the evening with us. To God be the Glory!

Congratulations to Sis. Jane Leuthold of our congregation and Bro. Jim Rieker (Peoria). Their engagement was announced Sept. 18. Parents are Bro. John and Sis. Leuthold of our congregation and Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker (Peoria).

Congratulations also to Dana Ehnle and Patty Lynch who were married Oct. 1 in Parshall, CO. Parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Buelah Ehnle (Princeville) and Mrs. Eileen and the late Phillip Lynch (Parshall).

Bro. Eugene Siebenthal broke his nose and an arm in a fall on Sept. 23. He is recuperating at his home.

Bro. Dana Regier was a hospital patient and is recuperating.

Sis. Martha Streitmatter, 93, passed away Sept. 13 at the Peoria Apostolic Christian Home. Sympathy is given to her sister, Lydia Nolan (Springfield, TN) and a number of nieces and nephews.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold

Surely the things we are most thankful for are right in our own home — parents, children, our Bible, food, clothing, a warm bed, and the love we share with our family. God's gracious hand has entrusted little Betsy Ann into the care of Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge Braker and they give thanks! She will

bring joy to her brother, Jay and her grandparents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker (Remington) and Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder (Roanoke).

The Heavens must rejoice when they see a new Christian home being established for the home is the strength of the church, community and our country. Bro. Wayne Leman (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rachel) and Sis. Julie Schieler (Bro. Will and Sis. Sue, Milford) were united in marriage on Sept. 18, and will endeavor to keep their vows and allow God to live in their home — the simple requirements for a successful marriage.

Our congregation was deeply moved and saddened at the passing of our Bro. Vince Hodel and Sis. Fran Fischer. Their families feel the loss and so does the church family. We rely on God's love to fill the void left by these souls we respected and loved. Bro. Vince is survived by his wife, Sis. Mae Kay, and a son, Tim of Chicago. Bro. Warren Hodel and Viola Hodel are brother and sister to Vince and reside in Roanoke.

Sis. Fran is survived by her husband, Bro. Dave, 3 sons, James (Salt Lake City), Ken (East Peoria), and Bob at home; 2 daughters, Laurie Ferrero (Roanoke) and Ruthann Fischer (Peoria). Fran enjoyed singing in the Prairie Choiristers — now she sings without restraint.

We are thankful Sis. Anna Bradle and Sis. Lena Martin are home from their hospital stays.

Thanks to Bro. Wendell Gudeman for spending an evening of Bible Study with us. We have improvements to make in our family unit. Keep reminding us, Lord!

For this alone give thanks daily: "... we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3.

It is with very grateful hearts that we say thank you to so many who have done so much for us during Fran's illness and at the time when God called her home. She is very sorely missed by we who are left to complete our earthly pilgrimage, but we rejoice and are thankful that she has completed her tasks and has gone to her rest. We can go to be with her if we remain faithful to our calling.

There have been countless deeds of kindness, prayers, words of encouragement, cards, gifts, flowers and much support that we are not aware of. For each of these deeds there is surely a

blessing sent down from heaven to many of God's children.

To the Prairie Choristers: We hope and pray that you can understand how deeply your efforts are appreciated. We thank God for the blessings received from your efforts and pray that you will continue your works of love that many more can be blest.

How wonderful to be a part of God's family and to receive so much Christian love in so many ways from our brothers and sisters-in-faith.

Let these words, penned by her daughter, be a memorial to our beloved wife and mother.

My mother, a woman —
With such beauty
That wells up from within
And cannot be contained
But touches all around her.

With such strength
That will not be suppressed
With bonds like iron
To hold us together.

With such faith
To believe in God above
And never to doubt
That His will be done.

With such love
Everflowing and unconditional
Gentle as a dove
Rests softly in our hearts.

May God bless us each one.
The Family of Frances Fischer

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Marcia Metz

The weeks slip by and once again we are halfway through another semester. As our school work takes up more and more of our time, we are thankful that we yet have the freedom and opportunity to gather together on Thursday evenings to be renewed and strengthened by God's Word.

We appreciate each of the brothers that were willing to come and share God's Word with us in the past month. Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville) spoke to us on the importance of communication; Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) spoke to us about happiness; Bro. Ralph Garber (Morton) encouraged us to be more careful when he explained the dangers of evil speaking; Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton) spoke on faith; and Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville)

helped us to more fully understand the Fruit of the Spirit. We pray that God will richly bless each of these brothers for their labors of love.

Parent's Day was held on Sept. 25 and hosted once again by Bro. Ray and Sis. Jeanie Haerr. On Oct. 8 and 9, the ISU Young Group was privileged to host College Weekend. The time was well spent and we want to express our thanks and appreciation to the ministering brothers who were willing to come. Surely our special thanks goes to God for it is He that yet provides such times of inspiration and edification. We would also like to thank everyone else who came and helped to make the weekend so special.

We encourage everyone to come and share with us on Thursday evenings. Bible Study is held at 7:30 p.m. in Schroeder 214.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT Dorothy Wagenbach Carolyn Bolliger

"Thank ye the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, For He is gracious, His mercy it endureth evermore."

Hymns of Zion #245

As our thoughts go to this Thanksgiving season, we realize we have much to be thankful for, even in this year of drought.

Sis. Edna Getz had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip. She has been released from the hospital and is recuperating in Morton Health Care Center.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Karl Glueck, Jr. in the passing of his father, Bro. Karl Glueck, Sr. (Morton).

Sis. Ann Beutel has had surgery and is still hospitalized at this time. We pray for God's healing power at this time. Sis. Dorothy Stuber (Bro. Glenn) fell and fractured a bone in her wrist, requiring a cast.

We surely sympathize with Sis. Eunice Beutel (Bro. Dave) and Sis. Carol Beutel (Bro. Alvin), as their sister, Sis. Frances Fischer (Roanoke) recently passed away.

The engagement of Bro. Scott Sinn and Sis. Kay Knobloch (Morton) was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel Knobloch (Morton) and Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Ellen Sinn. We wish them God's grace in their undertaking.

We also offer our sympathy to the family of Doug Burcham. We believe they could feel God's help during his long illness and passing. Our prayer is that God may truly comfort the heavy-hearted and lift them up.

ILLINOIS, URBANA Cheryl Joos

There are many things that we as Christians feel we cannot live without. But the Bible states seven things that are essential to our lives.

"Without shedding of blood is no remission" — Hebrews 9:22.

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him" — Hebrews 11:6.

"Faith without works is dead" — James 2:26.

"And have not charity, I am nothing" — I Cor. 13:2.

"Without chastisement ye are not sons" — Hebrews 12:8.

"Without holiness no man shall see the Lord" — Hebrews 12:14.

"Without me ye can do nothing" — John 15:5.

We thank our faithful ministers who labor in our vineyard every Sunday for bringing us God's Word. We also appreciate the labor of love our Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor), Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton) and Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest) have extended to us.

Neil Banwart, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen, is home recuperating from a tonsilectomy. We're looking forward to having him join our Sunday School group again.

Our fall activities included a wiener roast for the college students and families from our congregation. We enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to get better acquainted. Also our Sunday School class had a hayrack ride to Home Lake where they did some hiking and had a picnic. It's always a wonderful feeling to see and feel God's beauty.

A TIME FOR ALL THINGS

Autumn is the season to harvest
and be proud.

Autumn is the reason the fertile earth
was plowed.

God made a time for planting and time
in which to reap,

So man might learn through labor
that giving is to keep.

He gave us time to study and time
to understand,
And time to ease the pain we see
and lend a helping hand.
We have the time for kindness
and time to plant a smile,
And there is always time enough
to walk the second mile.

God made a world of beauty and
set it in our hand;
He bade us work to tend it as we would
till the land.
Have we made earnest effort? Do we
our duties see?
And in the proper season what will our
harvest be?

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Lily Schick

It's fall again! What a beautiful, refreshing time of year, when we see the wonders of God's handiwork before our very eyes! It seems He takes His artist palette and changes the leaves of the deciduous trees into glorious shades of yellow, red, gold and brown!

Just looking at a tree, one doesn't usually think about how many leaves it takes to give it its shape. But when they fall on the ground and we rake them up, then we wonder how there could possibly have been so many up there. It brings to mind how often we take the blessings that God has bestowed on us for granted. We just expect them to be a part of our lives. We really should stop to enumerate all of them that God has showered upon us. Among His abundant blessings are these that our congregation has experienced:

The blessing of spiritual food brought forth by willing servants — We are thankful that ministering Bros. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley) and Walt Anliker (Eureka) lent themselves in the Lord's service so our souls could be nourished and strengthened.

The blessing of health — Bro. Hartzel Kaisner and Sis. Janet Rauhaus were hospitalized. Both are home again, having returned to their station in everyday life and are assembling with us once more for which we are grateful.

The blessing of the General Conference — Since it is not possible for every brother and sister to attend, it is wonderful that we can sit under the sound of the inspired messages by listening to the tapes. How truly uplifting, and even admonishing (which is to our edification) to hear our dear elders

speak with prayerful hearts! May our Heavenly Father richly bless them and grant them continued grace to fulfill the responsibility laid upon them.

The blessing of a helpmate — As children of God, we all know He has the perfect plan for our lives. When we submit ourselves to His will, He can accomplish that within us. Sis. Lily Schick and Bro. Rob Pfaffmann sincerely believe He has fulfilled that in them as He brought their lives together and showered His blessings upon them. Their engagement was announced, and their wedding date is Dec. 11. Their parents are Henry and Elizabeth Schick (Morton) and Ernst and Sis. Ida Pfaffmann (Washington).

The blessing of having a family be a part of our congregation for a time — Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner and their dear children will be leaving us to return to their home in Detroit, as Bro. Hartzell's work here is finished. Their absence will leave a void as they have truly been an asset to our church.

"Our souls have been united in sweet union

And many precious hours have gone by.
Our thoughts arose to Christ, our Lord
and Savior,

And He our hearts with love did
sanctify." . . .

". . . Ye loved ones, now the parting
hour is nearing,

The farewell greeting sounds in one
accord.

Our hearts are yet in close communion
beating,

In Jesus name we bid the farewell
greeting."

Zion's Harp #114

Truly God blesses each of His children as He sees best. As Thanksgiving approaches, we tend to reflect more about how good He has been to us. He knows our every need and how adequately He provides for them — yes, over and beyond what we could imagine. Just as the autumn leaves are so perfectly "painted", God's blessings are specifically created for each of us, abundantly drifting down upon us at just the right time, in just the right way. Let's keep the Thanksgiving spirit in our hearts year around by praising and thanking our Heavenly Father for sending and sacrificing His only begotten Son, and for all the rest of the marvelous blessings He has bestowed on us.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Linda Kifper — Jan Ringger

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. Psalm 95:2

My heart is filled with thanks, Lord,
For the harvest You bestow,
Not only for the grains and fruits
That You have caused to grow,
But for the harvest of the soul,
The good things that I feel,
The closeness of my family,
The friendships that are real . . .
And thank You, Lord, for planting
These seeds within me too,
A thirst for knowledge, cherished
dreams,
A faith that's deep and true.

Alice Joyce Davidson

Giving all thanks, praise and honor to God who has brought them together, Sis. Jeanette Eisenman and Bro. Nick Ringger (Bro. Gary and Rosetta) have announced their plans to marry on November 27.

Lisa Miller and Marlin Geisel (Bro. Everett and Sis. Alice) were united as husband and wife on October 15. We wish them much happiness as they begin their life together.

Bringing special joy to the home of Bro. Dick and Sis. Rita Everett and their three sons is baby daughter, Breann. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Lucille Kaehr.

How thankful we are for five precious souls who have opened their heart's door and have dedicated their lives to Him: Bro. Doug Gerber (Bro. Lee and Sis. Jenny), Sis. Jodi Gerber (Bro. Arlen and Sis. Susan), Sis. Mary Steffen (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Elizabeth), Sis. Rhonda Gerber (Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois) and Sis. Lisa Gerber (Bro. Bob and Sis. Evelyn).

Adding to the blessedness of the weekend was visiting Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman and his wife Sis. Marcella (Francesville). We thank ministering Bros. Glen Hackenjoes (Alta-dena), Elmer Harter (Milford) and Jim Hoerr (Peoria) for also visiting us this past month.

Loved ones hospitalized included Sis. Rose (LaVern) Ringger, Sis. Gladys (Dan) Lantz, Bro. Bill Pfister, Shelley Gerber (Bro. Bill and Sis. Carolyn), Harold Gerber, Bro. Sam Kaehr and Bro. Charles Kaehr.

Our dear Sis. Mary Gerber, 89, was

called to her heavenly home. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Bro. Lewis and her family: Bro. Russell Moser, Sis. Wanda (Wendell) Gerber, Sis. Joyce (Ken) Troxel (Fort Lauderdale), Bros. Harry Gerber, Frederick Gerber and Wilmer Gerber, Sis. Marie (Joe) Kipfer, and Sis. Devona (Harry) Longenberger; 29 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Peg Fiechter

Kathy Longenberger

On Oct. 2, our congregation observed another beautiful wedding ceremony. Bro. Kent Gerber and Sis. Kim Gerber were united in Holy Matrimony. Bro. Kent is the son of Bro. Harry T. and Sis. Lois Gerber. Sis. Kim is the daughter of Bro. Vic and Sis. Julia Gerber. We wish them a wonderful life together in the Lord.

We have been blessed this past month with four new little arrivals in our midst.

On Sept. 20, Jay Michael Nicholas was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Marsha Nicholas. Grandparents are Max and Betty Nicholas and Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda Gerber. The birth of a first child is a wonderful moment in a Christian couple's life.

On Sept. 21, Bryan Daniel Steffen was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Lori Steffen. Bryan was welcomed home by big brother Nicholas. Grandparents of Bryan are Bro. Sherm and Sis. Luce Steffen and Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise Gerber.

On Sept. 27, Preston Ty Gilgen was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Melinda Gilgen. He was taken home to meet his sister, Natasha. Grandparents are Gene and Carolyn Gilgen and Bro. Wm. Gene and Sis. Edna Moser.

On Oct. 10, Mitchell Anthony Fiechter was born to Bro. Tony and Sis. Peg Fiechter. He went home to meet his sister, Marci. Grandparents of Mitch are Bro. Dale and Sis. Doris Fiechter and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Mary Anne Kaehr.

Lawrence Gerber has spent some time in the hospital. He is the husband of Melvena and father of Bro. Jerry D. Gerber. We hope that he will soon be well.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Bud Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) and Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL). We are very grateful to them for coming to visit us.

We would like to remind our congregation that subscriptions for the Silver Lining are due in November. We will be collecting on the first two Sundays in November or feel free to mail your dues to us.

As each of us enjoy this Thanksgiving, may we take time to reflect on all that our Lord has done for us. May we be especially thankful for the many freedoms that we have in our country. Let us take time to count our blessings and be thankful!

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Arlene Metzger

It truly was an enjoyable evening when Bro. Andrew Hunyady (Columbus, OH) came and showed slides on our European churches and the area. Also, the fellowship was so uplifting as our five area churches were together to enjoy the presentation. A few weeks later, Bro. Harold Witzig (Morton) showed slides of the Work Project in Haiti, sponsored by World Relief.

We're glad to have Bro. Dave Huber back after spending eleven days in Haiti helping Bro. Tim Butikofer (Elgin, IA) assist in a school lunch program, sponsored by World Relief for the very less fortunate.

Our congregation was thrilled to hear the announcement of Sis. Wanda Huber, Phoenix (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred) to Bro. Jacob Hoerr (Phoenix). His parents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Ev Hoerr. Sis. Verene Von Tobel, who is residing in Phoenix, was announced to Bro. Tim Sutton. Her parents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola. We are looking forward to two December weddings. What a blessed way it will be for these two young couples to end the year! "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

The engagement of Tina Denton (Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon) was announced to Greg Heinhold. We also wish them God's blessings and guidance.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Robin Wuethrich (Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola) and Bro. Morris Eshleman. Our prayers are with Bro. Morris as he is still confined to his home after hip surgery, and also with his wife, Sis. Helen, as she is undergoing tests at this time.

We thank Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington) for sharing the Word with us. May God bless all our ministers who so willingly lend themselves in His service.

CHILDREN ARE GOD'S MIRACLES

Children are sweet miracles sent by God above
To fill the world with goodness and the blessings of His love . . .
Children express their feelings with such open honesty,
They greet each day with wonder as a new discovery . . .
They keep their eyes on rainbows and believe in dreams come true
And in their truth and innocence,
there's nothing they can't do.
Amanda Bradley

God has blessed many homes with His little miracles.

Bro. Rodney and Sis. Donna Gutwein along with Stephanie, Patrick and Dustin welcome Cody Matthew. Sis. Mary Gutwein is their grandmother.

Melanie Kay is welcomed by Bro. Roger and Sis. Sue Levy and big brother, Scott. We enjoy their presence when they worship with us.

Bro. Mick and Sis. Coleen Culp along with Shawn, Eric, Benjamin and Jennifer, have little Kyle Christian to join their family. Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Mildred Clauss and great-grandpa is Bro. Ben Anliker.

Born to Fred and Janet Yaggie was a son, Blaine Joseph. Tianne is happy to have a future playmate and Bro. Irvin and Sis. Lois Yaggie are the happy grandparents.

Michael and Corrine Dornhecker welcome their first child, Weston Michael. Bro. Nate and Sis. Adeline are his grandparents and Sis. Mary Gutwein is his great-grandma.

Bro. Elmer Bucher is thankful for another little grandson. Brett Alan has been welcomed into the home of Jeff, Elaine, and Kristen Sanders.

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23. God's faithfulness was evident in Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein's lives by sparing them from a very serious accident. In the car with them were their children, Bro. Nick and Sis. Suzanne, whom they were visiting in Detroit, MI. From it all came the joy of a new little grandson, and the first child. Chet Allen was born to Bro. Nick and Sis. Suzanne. Proud great-grandparents are Sis. Mary Gutwein and Bro. Pierre and Sis. Catherine Neihouser. God is so good!

We welcome back into our midst Bro. Tim and Sis. Mim Gudeman from Indianapolis. We wish them God's blessing as they take up new employment in our area.

With Thanksgiving fastly approach-

ing us, may our lives radiate our thanksgiving by thanksgiving!

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

Judy Dubach — Lynn Winslow

Suppose I own 10,000 acres of land. You come into the market as a purchaser and I sell you 9,999 of these acres, but retain for my own pleasure a plot of one acre in the very center of that holding. I have the right to cross your broad acres to get to my property, and you can't keep me out. The law is on my side. If, when you committed your life to God you retained anything for your pleasure at the center of your best efforts and He purposes to get to his property, you can't keep him out. The law of possession is on his side.

Every child of God ought to be able to look the devil squarely in the face and say: You have nothing in me — no territory over which I acknowledge your dominion, not over my tongue, temper or will. You do not control me by greed, selfishness or worldliness. I am the Lord's property. Be gone, thou seducer and tempter, because: "Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world." I John 4:4

We had a joyful 10 year reunion with beloved brethren who have lived here in the past. It's always a blessing to visit with brethren whom we don't see regularly anymore and catch up on how God has been working in their lives. We thank all who made the effort to come and worship with us on that special day. Ministering brothers were Kent Ringger (Bluffton) and Jack Bollier (Leo). Other visiting ministers during the month were Bros. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) and Elmer Witzig (Gridley).

We wish to extend a belated welcome to Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Fisher and children, Seth and Caleb of Champaign-Urbana, who joined our fellowship this summer. Sis. Joyce is doing a three-year Residency in Pediatrics here. We are glad you are here with us. Steve and Joyce, we are sorry we forgot to mention this sooner.

Bro. Wade and Sis. Pat Stoller left in July to spend a year in Germany, due to Wade's job as a service representative. Their address is:

ERBACHER Str. 8
6200 WIESBADEN
West Germany

I'm sure letters from home would lessen the miles between us for them.

INDIANA, LACROSSE

LuAnn Troxel — Connie Knobloch

This season of the year brings to mind that we are to be thankful to God for all His goodness. What a blessing it is to be able to set aside a day to devote to thanking our Lord! Then perhaps this thanksgiving should continue all through the year, in genuine praise to our God and Savior.

We rejoice with Bro. Roger and Sis. Sue Levy in the arrival of their first daughter, Melanie Kay. She has a brother, Scott. Her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Edith Mayer (Indianapolis) and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Levy.

A recent job change has been the reason for Bro. Jerry and Sis. Tianne Overmyer to change their church home to Francesville. We have enjoyed their fellowship and will miss their regular attendance in our congregation. May God bless them and their little son, Josh, as they begin this endeavor.

It was so nice to have Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington) minister to us. May God bless him for his encouraging message.

"For Thy most wonderful redemption,
For the atonement of our wrong,
For Thy most gracious invitation
And for Thy Word with promise strong;
Yea, for the comfort of Thy Word
Our hearts bring thanks to Thee, O
Lord."

Zion's Harp #75

INDIANA, LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lynne Bucher

"When I think of Thee, Lord, and all you've done and do, I forget all the little disappointments of my day. I'm grateful for the comfort that comes from Thee."

Gail Cunningham

Thanksgiving is such a wonderful time of year. Let's take a moment to think of all the wonderful things that the Lord has done for us. Truly we can't help but praise Him.

The Purdue group was richly blessed by the ministries of Bro. Robert Beebe (South Bend) and Bro. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse) at our Thursday evening church services. We just want to thank them for their willingness to come. It's hard to explain the joy we feel when our little church is

filled to capacity with all our loved ones who care about us so much. Each one of us looks forward to these services. We are so thankful for them.

Our group has been busy lately traveling. Many of us went to College Weekend and learned so much. When we left we were all ready to start the week with a new zeal. God blesses us so much with weekends like that. We want to extend our sincere thanks to the ISU Young Group and the Gridley and Bloomington congregations. We also enjoyed a blessed weekend at Indianapolis. A van-load of us left early Saturday afternoon. We experienced wonderful fellowship all weekend and it was hard to say good-bye. We did feel strengthened spiritually and that's what it's all about. We want to thank Indianapolis for their kind hospitality.

May we all count our many blessings from God's hand this Thanksgiving and always!

INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

Could He have fed 25,000, 50,000 or 100,000? If you believe this, then you've already learned the simple lesson that it's not the amount you have, but what you let God do with it!

Added blessings came our way via the ministry of visiting Bros. Carl Wyss (Washington) and Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski).

Prayers have risen to the great Physician on behalf of recent hospital patients, Sisters Hazel Terrill, Katherine Norr, Julia Simon, Bro Robert Norr and Jay Ice.

Bro. Wade and Sis. Pat Stoller would appreciate hearing from relatives and friends during his work assignment in Germany. Their address is: Erbacher Strasse-8, 6200 Weisbaden, West Germany.

Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring were the recipients of many good wishes and congratulations upon the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20. Read it again. Notice the 'always' and 'all'. Do we find that is not always easy? Let's encourage one another to try.

How fortunate we are to live in a country which has designated a special day for Thanksgiving! Following is an excerpt from a letter written by Louise Winchip, Dessie Scott: "Here is

PRAISE that spells HAPPINESS. Try it. You will find it not only spells happiness, but happiness becomes a reality.

Praise Him for Health. Praise Him for Attention to your needs. Praise Him for inner Peace. Praise Him for the privilege of Prayer. Praise Him for Interceding for you. Praise Him for New life in Him. Praise Him for His Enduring love. Praise Him for Strength for the day. Praise Him for the privilege of Serving Him."

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving, praising Him.

INDIANA, MILFORD

Marcy Haab — Gwen Steffen

Our late Bro. Henry Beer captured thoughts of Thanksgiving in his poem .

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

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

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

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

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

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

Many years have passed and many blessings have been graciously given since that first Thanksgiving Day. We cannot thank the Lord enough or even begin to repay our debt to Him for such love.

Our blessings became more precious to us as we were provided the opportunity to see Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman's (Francesville) slides of India. It was very humbling to observe the great

needs of the natives of India. To have practically nothing materially in life is foreign to us. We must remember our Indian brethren in prayer as well as to share with them our material blessings. This reminds me of the poem "Giving" I ran across years ago. The author is unknown.

"Go, give to the needy, sweet charity's
breed

For giving is living," the angel said.
"Must I keep giving, again and again?"
My peevish, petulant answer ran.

"Oh no!" Said the angel, piercing me
through,
"Just give till the Master stops giving
to you."

We were thankful that Elder Bro. Don Sauder and Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke), along with many guests, were able to be present for the September 18 wedding of Julie Schieler (daughter of Bro. Will and Sis. Sue) and Wayne Leman (son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Rachel, Roanoke). As the Lord has blessed their union, may He likewise bless their life.

Two of our brethren from our congregation have recently spent time in the hospital. Bro. John Lehman has been able to return to church. Bro. Theo Brooks, however, is still recuperating at home.

On Oct. 16 we were privileged to have two visiting ministers. Bro. Harold Emch (Girard) and Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty) and their families shared a wonderful day with us.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Beth Virkler — Annette Bahler

The Lord has blessed us this year with peace and plenty, much more than our forefathers, the pilgrims. Webster defines thanksgiving as "a formal public expression of thanks to God." May we, too, realize again this year the thanks our hearts should feel toward the Lord.

Our hearts are joyful and prayerful here. Bruce Waibel (Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleta) and Tim Bahler (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn) have turned from sin and are searching the Lord's truths and obedience to Him. The Lord's grace is given to those who desire to be a child of His.

As I was working in my kitchen this morning, a thought came to mind that I will share with you. I was trying to knead my bread dough, when I realized

just how important the yeast was to my bread. All the work, no matter how much I did, was in vain, unless the yeast was there working in and throughout the dough. Well, isn't prayer the same in our spiritual work? No matter how many works we have, unless they are bathed in prayer and faith, it is to no spiritual avail. As bread stays flat on the pan, without yeast, so do our works fall flat to the ground. Work without faith is dead.

I was about to tuck away the little spiritual thought, when I realized I had more to learn. You see, the yeast I used was pretty old and didn't have much potency to it. My bread didn't rise to the height it could have at all. We not only need prayer with all our undertakings, it also has to be fervent, not stagnant, dull, ritualistic or memorized without meaning. It must be fresh and alive with fervency to raise our works to the height God meant them to be. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Karen Lehman

THANKSGIVING — It is time to be thankful, as we gather together in the presence of God, to restore the customs of early Thanksgiving fashioned by the pilgrims before. It is time to be thankful for our many blessings . . . abundance of sunshine, snow and rain. Let us give thanks for this wonderful land which yields our bountiful grain. Let us be thankful for the fish in the streams, for the friends who have passed in review. Let us give thanks for the children at play . . . for each morning born anew. Yes, it is time to be thankful for everything, for our picturesque church where we pray, that the air we breathe be kindled with love of God on Thanksgiving Day.

R. W. Eberhardt

We enjoyed seeing Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman's slides of India at Milford, and were blessed to have the Milford and Valparaiso Sunday School classes and their teachers on Sunday. "The Sunday School is our delight. We love it more and more; 'Tis here we learn to do the right and live forever more. We hear the truth, so pure and clear, of Jesus' love so sweet and dear; there we are taught to lift our eyes to Him who lives on high. Sing ye all in one accord; sound forth the praises of the

Lord, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lamb of God." Hymns of Zion #73

We appreciate all the visitors who make special effort to visit us in South Bend. It seems well and good for both young and old.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Al Langhoffer (Wichita, KS), Bro. Strassheim (Milford), Bro. Ken Weertz (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville).
dell Gudeman (Francesville).

My sincere thanks to all dear loved ones for remembering me in their prayers, visits, flowers and cards during my surgery and short stay in the hospital. God bless all of you always.

Bro. John Schuch

INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Vera Nuest — Jill Hitz

After suffering illness and pain, our dear Sis. Esther Nueffer was laid to rest. Our home ministers had the services.

It is always a joy to have company at our little church and we thank Bros. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse), Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Greg Rassi (Chicago) for being with us this month.

Another family has been blessed with a "gift from heaven". Ashlee Marie Nuest was born to Steve and Connie Nuest (Morris, MN). Cory, six, and Chad, four, think she's pretty special. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Mabel Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) and Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera Nuest of our congregation.

When we see our little grandchildren we have memories of tousled heads bowed, pudgy hands folded, quiet voices asking Jesus to please bless mommy and daddy, brothers and sisters and on through the endless list of loved ones. It causes us to smile a bit. I wonder if their child-like unselfish prayers made Jesus smile too. We in turn pray for our children. But our prayers can never be limited to me and mine. Let's pray for each other! What a difference prayer makes in our lives. Each day let us remember each other and soon we will feel His presence throughout the day.

Thought: Jesus, you have set the example, you have prayed for us. Now, Lord, teach US to pray!

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Elaine Bahler — Lorene Furrer

Word of Life, Thou dost enlighten,

And Thy warmth and love we feel.
Sinners in Thee read their portion;
Heaven's joys it does reveal.

Zion's Harp #176

The words of this hymn were so very fitting after hearing the Word expounded upon by Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville). We thank Bro. Joe for giving of himself for our spiritual nourishment.

Our hearts rejoice with our two converts. May God's love and grace that brought them to repentance continue to guide and direct them daily.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Kim Salek — Edith Massner

Sisters Augusta Johnson and Mayme Gerst have again been able to assemble with us. Their faith and courage is an inspiration to us.

Randy Ater had the misfortune of breaking his arm, but he has recovered to the point that he could have the cast removed.

Our friend Alma Jean Savage had surgery. We hope and pray she will have a speedy recovery.

We very much appreciated the visits of Bros. Leland Hirschey (Naumburg) and Edwin Bahler (Remington). Even the Bible Class seemed to understand the simple messages God gave them to speak. May God give grace to obey.

IOWA, ELGIN

Gloria Frieden

THE DAY BEFORE

Sometime some ordinary day will come,
A busy day, like this, filled to the brim
With ordinary tasks — perhaps so full
That we have little care or thought of Him.

And there will be no hint from silent skies,
No sign, no clash of cymbals, roll of drums —
And yet that ordinary day will be
The very day before our Lord returns!

The day before we lay our burdens down,
And learn instead the strange feel of a crown!
The day before all grieving will be past,
And all our tears be wiped away at last!

O child of God, awake and work and pray!

That ordinary day might be — today!
Make ready all thine house —
tomorrow's sun

May dawn upon the Kingdom of God's Son.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Rueben Metzger. Rueben passed away in his sleep, Sept. 27.

I failed to include in last month's issue, that Sis. Ruth Schubach would like to thank all that remembered them with cards and letters, following the death of their sister, Naomi Lehman. The remembrances were very much appreciated.

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Eileen Funk

Loaded with benefits daily.

Sent from the Father above;
Mercies and blessings abounding,
Gifts of His marvelous love.

Daily the Lord is my Keeper,
Daily He's taking my part,
Daily for me interceding,
Bearing my cause on His heart.

Strength for the day He supplieth,
Daily He meets every need;
Bears every burden arising,
He is a Shepherd indeed.

Worthy is He of our worship,
Worthy is He of our praise,
"Magnify Him with thanksgiving,"
Gladly our voices we raise.

Selected

IOWA, IOWA CITY

Joyce Eland

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Bonita Frank are the happy parents of Bonnie Michelle. Bonnie was born October 12 and was welcomed home by her sister, Bethany. We pray for God's wisdom and grace for these parents in the very important tasks of nurturing, guiding and training their children.

We conducted our annual business meeting and elections for Sunday School teachers and other positions this month. We were fortunate to have Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington) and Elder Bros. Ed Lanz (Oakville) and Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) with us for the evening.

Other brothers who visited us and

ministered to us this month were Bert Butikofer (Elgin, IA), John Steiner (Oakville) and Jim Plattner (Princeville). We are thankful the Lord has again provided for our needs.

IOWA, LESTER
Alice Metzger

The Bible mentions often to be thankful and to give thanks. We pray for thankful hearts in this harvest season. Our area was spared the severe drought which covered so much of the midwest and we do have a bountiful harvest this fall. We pray that we will use our blessings as a gift and be thankful.

We are thankful that Carl Knobloch found the strength and grace to repent a few days before he was taken from this life on Oct. 1. He is survived by four sisters, Sis. Freida Gerber and Clara Knobloch (Rock Rapids), Elsie Leuthold (Larchwood) and Nettie Banwart (West Bend). Also three brothers, Bro. Clarence (Bradford, IL), Otto (Larchwood) and Bro. Ezra (Alvord) as well as nieces and nephews and many friends. The family is thankful for all the prayers, gifts, cards and acts of kindness and visits during his illness and for comforting expressions of sympathy, flowers and memorials at the time of his passing. May God bless you. Bros. Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber were with us to share in the funeral service.

We rejoice that a young soul has begun the heavenly race and given up worldly pleasures to follow the Lord. Beth Knobloch, daughter of Sis. Eleanor and Bro. Bill, is seeking her salvation which is available to all.

We appreciate having Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont) for our visiting minister recently.

On Oct. 4, Jennifer Marie was born to Tom and Sheryl Bowman. She has a sister and her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Donna Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowman, Sr.

Those hospitalized were Trevor Knobloch (Bro. Merle and Sis. Shelly), Steve Warner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Esther) and Bro. Henry Kellenberger. Bro. Henry is thankful to all who remembered him in prayer and kindness in his recent illness.

IOWA, OAKVILLE
Debbie Wagenbach

"Of all the joys and blessings in a long and happy life, there's none more

precious than the love between a man and wife." Author Unknown. On Sept. 25, Sis. Jerilyn Wagenbach became the wife of Bro. Joe Yackley (Taylor, MO). Jerilyn's parents are John and Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach and Joe's parents are the late Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley (Taylor, MO). We certainly wish God's blessings upon Jerilyn and Joe for a long and joyful married life. Elder Bro. Roy Grimm and Bro. Kent Heimer (both of Taylor, MO) were with us for Sis. Jerilyn and Bro. Joe's wedding. We wish to thank them for being with us and bringing forth the word of life.

Bryan Keith is the newest addition to Bro. Keith and Sis. Bev Kuntz's family. Bryan was born on October 9 and was welcomed home by two sisters, Erica and Kara. Bryan's grandparents are the late Bro. Roy and late Sis. Ruth Kuntz and Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm.

On Oct. 9, our dear friend, Henry (Hank) Gerst passed from this life. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his dear wife, Eva, and to his three sons and three daughters, Dennis, Ronald, Marion (Hank), Wanda Lee, Eleanor McKern and Naomi Thompson. Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters, Bro. Rich, Bro. Chris, Bro. Leslie, Sis. Bertha Wagenbach and Sis. Emma Gerst. May God comfort the hearts of each and fill the void which will be left in the lives of Hank's family.

Oct. 16, we welcomed Bro. Fred Gerst into the precious fold of Jesus. Fred's parents are the late Bro. Carl and Sis. Hilda Gerst. What a wonderful peace can come upon our hearts when we fully submit our lives to Jesus and can be baptized in His name. We wish God's blessings and support to Bro. Fred and pray that we can all be bright lights and good examples to those living around us. We had several visiting ministers for the baptism including: Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Bro. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO), Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA), Bro. Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA), Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Bro. Leland Hirschey (Naumburg, NY), Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA) and Bro. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA). We trust that each will be blessed for their unflinching service that they perform so willingly.

Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) and Bro. Kenneth Hoerr (Peoria, IL) have also recently been

with us in Oakville.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thes. 5:18. As the weather and the seasons are again changing and the Holidays are soon to be upon us, let us ponder and reflect upon the rich blessings that God has bestowed so abundantly upon us, and give thanks to Him always.

IOWA, PULASKI

Mary Wiegand — DeAnn Wuthrich

Such a beautiful season of the year! The leaves are turning, the crops are harvested and the plowing done. Even with our hot, dry summer, we were blessed abundantly. Surely the Lord takes care of His own!

We welcomed Bro. Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL) and Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA) on different Sundays recently. As always, our cups were filled to overflowing.

Now another day has ended and the sun did disappear;
 God's true love, to us extended; Has
 this day been ever near.
 He this day with grace has blessed us,
 And in love unto us came.
 Where the Lord withholds His blessing
 There all labor is in vain;
 When our trust in Him is anchored,
 Then His goodwill we will gain.
 Also in this evening hour Come we,
 Father, nigh to Thee,
 Praise with heart and tongue Thy
 power; Harken to our childlike plea.
 Zion's Harp #49

One Friday evening, the Lord met us at our house of worship when Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) and Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) came to be with us. Bro. Corbin emphasized the importance of being "instant in prayer". When our "ship" is being tossed to and fro in the storms of life and we pray fervently, the Lord will come "walking on the water" and comfort us with "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid." Mark 6:50.

Danny and Sis. Lynn Townsend are the happy parents of a little boy, Adam Wesley. Adam's brothers, Josh, Jamie, Cory and Cody, and his sister, Katie, all welcomed him home. Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity Scheitlin (Burlington, IA) are his grandparents.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich spent some time in the hospital. She is home and is thankful to be feeling much better.

THANKFULNESS

My God, I thank Thee who has made
the earth so bright;
So full of splendor and of joy, beauty
and light;
So many glorious things are here, noble
and right.

I thank Thee, too, that Thou has made
joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
circling us round,
That in the darkest spot of earth some
love found.

I thank Thee more that all our joy is
touched with pain;
That shadows fall on brightest hours,
that thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be our guide,
and not our chain.

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast
kept the best in store;
We have enough, yet not too much to
long for more;
A yearning for a deeper peace, not
known before.

I thank Thee, Lord, that here our souls,
though amply blest,
Can never find, although they seek, a
perfect rest,
Nor ever shall, until they lean on Jesus'
breast.

Adelaide Anne Procter

IOWA, WEST BEND

Polly Zaugg — Elma Mogler

We are thankful Bro. Clifford Grimm
consented to write a few words about
Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us divide the word Thanks-giv-
ing. We thank You Lord of all for a
bountiful harvest of grain to share and
give to those in need.

We also thank and praise Thee Sav-
iour, for salvation, by the giving of
Yourself so we can give of ourselves to
let Your light shine.

Thanks for family, neighbors and
friends, helping and giving to one
another along life's pathway.

We thank Thee Father for rain, sun-
shine and health, to work and give with
our hands, which most of us take for
granted.

Most of all we thank Thee God for

the giving of Thy Son so we may have
life eternal.

Last of all, help us to always give
thanks and be willing to give of our life
here below.

We thank You,
In Jesus Christ

We have lost a dear brother-in-faith
this past month. These words seemed
so fitting to print at this time.

There is never a life without sadness,
There is never a heart free from pain;
If one seeks in this world for true solace,
He seeks it forever in vain.

So when to your heart comes the sorrow
Of losing some dear one you've known
'Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest
Since He reaps in the fields He has
sown.

Unknown

Bro. Arnold Ludwig, after reaching
the age of 75 years, was relieved from a
lingering illness. Surviving are his wife,
Kate (Banwart) Ludwig and one son,
Randy and his wife, Deanna (Canton,
SD) and their four children. He had
five brothers and one sister. When he
was close to death, it touched our
hearts to hear that he mentioned meet-
ing his young daughter, Jeannie, who
had been called to heaven in 1960.

We appreciate Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa
City) spending a weekend with us and
giving of himself so we all could be fed
from the Spirit.

God is a God of all comfort and when
some trial or suffering overtakes us we
are thankful, we are able to look to our
heavenly Father for this comfort. After
a hospital stay, Dick Schmidt is now
residing in a rest home. Bro. George
Bruellman had eye surgery, Julie
Rongved is recovering from a broken
leg. Bro. Harlan Metzger was hospital-
ized because of a serious accident
which severed all his fingers on one
hand. His surgery consisted of reat-
taching three fingers and his thumb.
His recovery is favorable. Other
hospital patients have been Sis. Flor-
ence Banwart and Sis. Edna Mogler.
Mark Wirtz, from our area, is a hospital
patient in Iowa City recovering from a
bone marrow transplant. Our prayer is
that God will lend His healing hand to
all.

Melinda Fehr, daughter of Bro.
Larry and Sis. Carole Fehr, and Bryon
Traub, son of Bob and Eunice Traub,

were recently married at our fellowship
hall. We wish them God's blessings as
they walk their life together.

Babies are really a gift from God and
special to every one. A new arrival in
the family of Louis and Joni Schneider
is Robert Louis, born Sept. 15. Leslie,
Doug, Traci and Julia welcome him
home. Grandparents are Bro. Law-
rence and Sis. Ella Schneider and Bill
and Florence Mauck (Oregon). Bro.
Chuck and Sis. Beth Mogler are the
parents of Isaac John. He is their first
child and was born Sept. 26. Grand-
parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Donna
Leman (Forrest) and Bro. Ervin and
Sis. Elma Mogler. On Sept. 30, David
and Joan Schneider welcomed into
their home a three-month-old son,
Brian Richard, who was born June 23.
Amy is happy to have a baby brother.
Grandparents are Bro. Lawrence and
Sis. Ella Schneider and Vernon Marine
(Missouri). Bro. Ken and Sis. Marlene
Banwart became the parents of a new
son, Wes Evan, on Oct. 4. Rick, Ken-
dra, LaRae and Twila are happy to
have a new brother. Grandparents are
Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart and
Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger. We
pray all of these children will be a good
support to our future church.

Schedule for Apostolic Christian
Church, Des Moines, Iowa — Rodeway
Inn. Song service is at 1:00 p.m.
Church service is at 1:30 p.m. Services
will be held in the Washington Room of
the Rodeway Inn. Merle Hay Road
Exit — South of Interstate 80 — 4995
Merle Hay Road. We will be able to
continue having finger food and drink
after services.

West Bend — September 11, 1983
Oakville — October 9, 1983
Garden Grove — November 13, 1983
Lester — December 11, 1983
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Lester — April 8, 1984
West Bend — May 6, 1984

JAPAN, TOKYO
Marie Inoue

In this past month were several holi-
days. Our brethren and a precious
friend spent one of them for the " " " " " " " "
annual housecleaning" of our church.
Blessed fellowship was also enjoyed.

We especially enjoyed guests from
Iowa, Sis. Arlene Siegle and Marge and
Ed Streeter, who stopped here over a
weekend on their way to visit China

and other countries. After a blessed day in our assembly, we enjoyed further singing and fellowship at the home of Bro. Hisato and Sis. Kathie Inoue.

Our Fall English Fellowship Meeting was held Oct. 11 at the Mt. Fuji area with Faith of Hebrews 11 as our theme. Our ministers meditated and answered questions such as: how much faith is necessary, weak faith, strong faith, faith brings peace, obedience to faith, without it we cannot serve the Lord, and personal faith must be based on the Holy Scriptures. Being a holiday weekend, expressways returning to Tokyo were extremely crowded, but we were thankful to be refreshed in the spirit and for having a safe journey. We thank those who made plans for the event and for those who taught the two children's classes. May God reward them richly.

Our junior high Sunday School pupil, Yuichi Onoda, son of Tadao and Sis. Haruyo (Suzuki) Onoda, broke his leg during school athletic activities. We pray for the healing power of God and strength for those who care for him. If you care to write him a note, his address is:

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Minami-Ashigara-shi
Kanagawa-Ken, 250-01
Japan

KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

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

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

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

And for this land, America,
Wherein free men are living,
With right to worship as they please,
I render my thanksgiving.

M. Kathleen Haley

It was a blessed weekend, Sept. 24-25, when Craig Plattner (Sis. Waneta and Bro. Eldon) gave his testimony and was united in our brotherhood.

Bro. Wiehelm and Sis. Julia Metzger wish to express their thanks for all the well wishes and kind attention they received for their 50th wedding anniversary. It was very much appreciated. May God bless all of you.

On Oct. 2, we were blessed to have the pulpit occupied by four young ministering brethren. Those who brought God's Word were: Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX) and Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita).

Thought of the Month: If you couldn't get another Bible, what would yours be worth?

KANSAS, FT. SCOTT

Jamie Marti

"And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Matt. 26:27-28

On October 2, we gathered together to partake of Holy Communion. Let us remember His suffering daily and not just once a year. Many thanks are extended to Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) for being with us for this occasion.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Heb. 13:17. We have just finished listening to the Conference tapes. Let us take these exhortations to heart as they are for our own benefit.

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, we should give special thanks for our land of freedom. We should also try to be more thankful all year long and not just at Thanksgiving.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Bahr — Doris Bahr

Thanksgiving is a time to express our thanks to God for national and personal blessings. At least one day each year North Americans observe a day of thankfulness. But the principle of thankfulness should be our style of living, not simply a yearly observance. "The person who has forgotten to be thankful has fallen asleep in life." It is interesting that in the scripture thank-

lessness is listed among such sins as wickedness, covetousness, malice, envy and murder.

The apostle Paul was poor, so poor that he had to accept gifts from his friends at Philippi who had ministered to his necessity. Furthermore he was in a Roman prison chained to a Roman soldier. How could he be thankful and content in these situations? Yet he said "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11. Neither poverty or wealth, neither success or failure, neither the ups or downs of life drove him from his course. Let us strive as the apostle Paul did and learn to be content, obtaining the secret of a quiet heart in thankfulness.

There were many who were able to gather together for our fall cleaning of the Lord's house. How wonderful it is when there are those who work and labor together in the temple of God. May God bless their efforts of love.

The Lamont and Gridley congregations joined together to listen to the tapes of the Elder and Brotherhood Conference on three separate Friday evenings. The instruction, counsel and Godly wisdom we received were innumerable. Another opportunity has been afforded us to show thankfulness unto our Father for His blessings upon His precious flock.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr — Gay Farney

Thanksgiving! What a beautiful word! We, as a people, a nation, a faith, have so many things to be thankful for that it would take every day, all year long, to express our gratitude to our Lord for His many blessings. Nevertheless, I'm thankful Thanksgiving Day is set aside as a special day of remembrance, and pray that we all may have a blessed day and year of, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20.

We would like to express our love and sympathy to the family of Sheryl Farney at the passing of her stepfather, Otto Walker of Oklahoma City, and also to the family of Bro. Larry Frieden at the passing of his father, Joseph B. Frieden, Alva. May the comfort of our Heavenly Father, and the love of friends be a help at this time.

Last month, we wrote that Sis. Edna Reed was a hospital patient. Her surgery was successful, but she is again in

the hospital undergoing treatments this week. She has not, of course, been able to gather with us for church, but we hope she knows how much we love her and miss her presence.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Janice Bahr sponsored a church picnic at their home one afternoon and evening this month. After a 4:00 supper, Bible study and singing were enjoyed by the group. Everything was held out-of-doors. When it came time to sing, our two small classes sang their songs for the adults before the adult singing began. What a light and inspiration our children are in their innocence and perfect trust. Altogether, we had around sixty at the gathering and felt our fellowship was truly blessed.

Recently, I was at the home of my grandparents, Bro. Jeff and Sis. Frieda Frieden. They lived in Winfield and Howard, KS for many years, but now we children and grandchildren have the joy of having them close to us here in Kiowa. As I was visiting them, Grandpa made a statement that I felt should be shared with others. I'll close this month's news with this bit of wisdom: "Every night, I tell the Lord to hold my right hand so the devil can't pull me away with the left!"

KANSAS, LAMONT
 Jill K. Luthi

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with THANKSGIVING, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hands are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills are his also.

The sea is His and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 95:1-7

As the year is drawing to a close, we want to remember the holiday set aside in late November, Thanksgiving. May we not let it go by lightly as we need to count our many blessings daily; whether national, material, personal, physi-

cal or spiritual! We are each a pilgrim on our journey to Zion!

We want to thank Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa) for being in our presence in late September. May the Lord richly bless each minister that stands before us.

The Shepherd has found another lost sheep. Jim Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy) has found the desire to turn away from the worldly lusts and follow Jesus Christ our Saviour. Our prayers are with Jim, particularly the many confrontations he faces at college.

Word of thought: "Think seldom of yourselves, often of your friends and always of Christ."

Anonymous

KANSAS, SABETHA
 Clara Steiner — Judy Hartter

A THANKSGIVING

For summer rain, and winter's sun,
 For autumn breezes crisp and sweet;
 For labors doing, to be done,
 And labors all complete;
 For April, May and lovely June,
 For bud, and bird and berried vine;
 For joys of morning, night and noon,
 My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For loving friends on every side;
 For children full of joyous glee;
 For all the blessed Heavens wide,
 And for the sounding sea;
 For mountains, valleys, forests deep;
 For maple, oak and lofty pine;
 For rivers on their seaward sweep,
 My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For light and air, for sun and shade,
 For merry laughter and for cheer;
 For music and the glad parade
 Of blessings through the year;
 For all the fruitful earth's increase,
 For home, and life and love divine,
 For hope, and faith and perfect peace,
 My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

John Kendrick Bangs

As we approach the Thanksgiving season we realize we have much to be thankful for every day. So, in all things, let us give thanks unto the Lord.

Hospitalized this past month have been Terry Strahm (Bro. Carl and Sis. Sharon), Sis. Ruby Grimm and Sis. Lena Steiner (Miss). May the Lord grant His healing power.

Sis. Pam Edelman has gone to Den-

ver to seek employment. We do miss Sis. Pam but wish her well in her new community.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
 Maria Schrader — Lanette Meyer

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious.

Psalm 66:1-2

On Oct. 3, Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO) came and spoke to us about the way different types of music affect us. Also ministering to us this month was Bro. Joe Aberle (Sabetha). We are grateful to those who come and conduct our Wednesday evening services.

KANSAS, WICHITA
 Laurie Gallatin

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20. "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving." Psalm 116:17. As we observe Thanksgiving, it reminds us of how thankful we are for the free land God gave us to live in, and the freedom of worship we have. But thanksgiving to the Lord is a daily experience. There are so many things to thank Him for. God is so gracious and complete in His giving. He doesn't deny us anything we need, but gives to us in such abundance. Could you possibly list all the things you are thankful for?

How much time do we spend in prayer just thanking the Lord? It is easy to get general and just thank the Lord for "everything", but I think God wants to hear our specific thanks to Him for individual things. It shows we really appreciate these things and are truly grateful. We are exhorted in the Word to give thanks for all things — in all circumstances. Sometimes that may be difficult amid trying situations. We must thank the Lord for these experiences and pray that we may grow through them remembering that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed.

What a joy it is to thank God for answered prayer. It is so special and uplifting to see Him work. I am sure it gives God pleasure to hear our uplifted sincere thanks to Him. How can we possibly thank God enough for giving us His Son? That is truly the most

meaningful thanks we can offer to Him.

“. . . it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.” Genesis 2:18. As the Lord has put in their hearts love for one another, Bro. Jim Bowers (Wichita, KS) and Sis. Marsha Wieland (Bay City, MI) have announced their plans for marriage. May their love grow in the Lord and may their life together glorify Him. Jim is the son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers, and Marsha is the daughter of Bro. Merle and Sis. Elaine Wieland. A May wedding is planned.

Sis. Ruth Yackley is assembling with us again after a long recuperation from surgery. It is good to see her smiling and gentle face again. May the Lord continue to strengthen her. Bro. Phil Bowers was a hospital patient this month. He suffered a broken leg. We thank the Lord that he is able to assemble with us again.

On October 14, our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) played the tapes from the Brotherhood Conference. Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott, KS). May God bless both these men in their work.

MICHIGAN, ALTO Jane Grawburg

Our hearts were warmed and we have been blessed so wonderfully the last couple of months. Bro. Ben Mai-bach (Detroit) joined us a few weeks ago to share in Holy Communion. It was so humbling to be able to receive this beautiful gift of God, especially when one is able to share it with loved ones from afar. Thank you, Bro. Ben, for being here this weekend and for your labors of love.

Other visitors the past few months have been Bro. Phil Stettner and Bro. Ed Schwartz and their families (Bluffton, IN), Bro. Norbert Steiner (Crogan, NY) and Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY). We thank these brothers for their labors of love.

Congratulations to all our new parents and grandparents. Our new babies are: Ernest Marvin Blough, son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Liz; Adam G. Scott Rairigh, son of Sis. Rhonda and husband Greg; Grant Jackson, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Margaret; Bobbie Jean Meyer, daughter of Sally and Don; Matthew Ryan Oesch, son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Michelle; and Veronica Rae Oesch, daughter of Jeff and Karen.

Those in hospitals were Bro. Ferdi-

nand Grawburg (Sis. Jane) and Sis. Loretta Steffen (Bro. Aaron). We have a constant prayer in our hearts that the Lord will bless and that He will help to make life just a little brighter each day, not only for Bro. Ferd and Sis. Loretta, but for their families and loved ones as well.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Pam Wieland

The Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples for their praise of Him and their recognition of Him as a King. Jesus' response was: "I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40) We are thankful for ministering brethren who have become as "lively stones . . . to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (I Pet. 2:5) Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley), Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury) and Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit) have each lent themselves on behalf of spreading the news of Jesus as a King and Saviour.

Sis. Naomi Ramseyer is again able to assemble with us. We thank God for a measure of restored health, and pray for His strength as Sis. Naomi continues her therapy.

Oct. 2, two engagements for marriage were announced. We wish each of the couples God's blessings and an assurance that the Lord's will has been done. Bro. Fred Ruegsegger and Sis. Marilyn Kupferschmid (Forrest) along with Bro. Jim Bowers (Wichita) and Sis. Marsha Wieland announced their engagements. Sis. Marilyn's mother is Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid (Forrest). Bro. Jim and Sis. Marsha's parents are Bro. Milton Bowers (Wichita) and Bro. Merle and Sis. Elaine Wieland.

The scripture exhorts us to have an element of thanksgiving in our prayers: "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6) Despite a host of adverse conditions, the settlers of this continent also found it necessary to include thanksgiving in their prayers. We, too, need to remember to include thanksgiving in our prayer life. May this Thanksgiving season provide an opportunity to spend time in thanks to our Father.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT Dawn Bahr

Once again God has led two souls

together through faith. The engagement of Sis. Marsha Wieland and Bro. Jim Bowers (Wichita, KS) was announced Sept. 25. We rejoice with them in the love they have found through their Lord, and wish them His richest blessings as they plan toward their wedding day. Their parents are Bro. Milton and Sis. Lucille Bowers (Wichita).

Our best wishes also go to David and Mary Kathleen Szilagyi, as they were joined as husband and wife on Oct. 8. Parents of the new couple are Bro. Joe and Sis. Martha Szilagyi and Mr. and Mrs. Larry White.

We have been reminded of the importance of being ready to meet our Lord at all times. We realize how quickly things can happen that can alter our course, or snap us out of this life into eternity. Our dear Bro. Nick and Sis. Suzanne Gutwein were recently involved in a tragic auto accident, along with Nick's parents, Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein, who were visiting them from Francesville. We are so thankful the Lord saw fit to spare our loved ones from death or serious injury. The following day, Oct. 9, Sis. Suzanne gave birth to their first child, a beautiful, healthy son, Chet Allen. The Lord has richly blessed them, and they thankfully welcome their cherished bundle from heaven. Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab (Wolcott, IN) along with Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne, are little Chet's grandparents.

We sincerely welcome two newcomers to our congregation. Sis. Sheri Locke has moved to our area from Sarasota, FL to seek employment. Mike Kosek, previously from the Bluffton congregation, is worshipping with us while he attends General Motors Institute in Flint. We wish both Sheri and Mike God's continued direction for their lives.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

St. John 14:27

We rejoice with Holly Barton, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Vi Barton, who has found peace with God, and looks forward to baptism on Nov. 13.

We are always thankful when we have the opportunity to welcome visiting ministers into our congregation. We thank Bros. Joe Aberle (Sabetha, KS), Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) Gary Anliker

(Elgin, IL) and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN) for allowing the Lord to use them to teach us of His marvelous way.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Rhonda Zeltwanger — Jan Schook
Bro. Jim and Sis. Hildegard Koehl experienced the joy of their first-born, a daughter, Melinda Louise. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys and Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Steffan are her grandparents. Bro. Tony and Sis. Nancy Messner welcome their 4th son, Jonathan Lee, into their hearts and home. Grandparents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia and Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma Dogotch.

Alexis Koehl (Bro. Randy and Sis. Shirley) was very sick with spinal meningitis. God heard and answered many prayers for her and she is doing well. Bro. Don Luthi remains hospitalized and we appreciate his faith and hope for a better home on high.

Many visitors, including Elder Bros. Leo Moser, Ed Lanz, Harold Messner, Wayne Fehr and Sam Huber, and ministering Bros. Don Miller and Dennis Warner were here to participate in the ordination of Bro. Art Nohl. We thank them and all others who came for the occasion.

God is calling souls to seek the better part and our friends Tom and Jill Fuhrer (Bro. Glen and Sis. Eileen) have answered His call. May His Spirit be felt to guide us all upon the Heavenly way.

I look at the cross upon Calvary
And oh, what a wonder divine.
To think of the wealth that it holds
for me
The riches of Heaven are mine.

I find at the cross blessed victory
And grace for each step of my way.
The fount of God's love is flowing free
And sweeter it grows day by day.

The cross is my hope for eternity
No merit have I of my own.
The shed blood of Christ my only plea
My trust is in Jesus alone.

"Keep Your Eyes Upon the Cross"

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Carol Ann Messner
Mary Lou Schmidt**

IN PRAISE OF GOD'S GOODNESS

I will bless the Lord at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:

The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34

Soon we will be observing the day set aside by our government as Thanksgiving Day. Every day should be Thanksgiving Day as far as spiritual blessings are concerned! The greatest of all blessings is salvation through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! May we always remember, and never tire, in giving thanks to God for what He has done for all of us.

We were privileged to have two visiting ministers visit our congregation here at Winthrop; Bro. Clifford Grimm (West Bend) and Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester) and their families. We appreciate their efforts of love and kindness toward us. We heard in the sermons how Jesus Christ is our foundation; the strongest foundation of all! When we start to repent, we start building upon that foundation. We then have to continue to build upon this foundation; so that when the trials and temptations of this life beat upon it, it will stand the tests of time.

That same weekend, we hosted a pork chop supper at our Apostolic Fellowship Center. Many dear brothers and sisters from our neighboring churches were also invited. Thank you, dear Lord, for the beautiful Christian fellowship we share with each other!

Little Lindsay Jean is the new arrival at the home of Bro. Verl and Sis. Jamie Schmidt. Nicholas welcomes his baby sister, as do the grandparents, Gene and Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt.

Jeff and Debbie Messner are also parents of a brand new bundle from Heaven, a little girl, Cassandra (Cassie) Ann. Cassie has a brother, Jesse, who also welcomes her home. Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine Messner are the proud grandparents. Sis. Celina Schmidt is baby Cassie's great-grandmother.

Bro. Walter (Butch) Messner wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks to all those who remembered him with prayers, gifts, cards and visits.

A special thank you note was given to us by Bro. Elmer Schmidt (minister), who recently had a double by-pass surgery in the cities. It reads:

"I would like to thank each of you dear brothers and sisters-in-Christ, friends and my family who remembered me to God in prayer. Thank you too, for the many nice cards with the beautiful verses; they gave me encouragement. Also, the beautiful flowers, plants and gifts of money were greatly appreciated. Your visits at the hospital, and at home, were a real blessing to me! Special thanks to Elder Bro. Harold Messner and co-laborer Bro. Leroy Messner, Bro. Noah Miller and Bro. Don Miller (Minneapolis) for ministering God's word to me, and for praying for me at the hospital. A heartfelt thank you to my wife, Sis. Hazel, my children and spouses, who stood by my bedside holding my hands and praying for me. It gave me the courage and strength to know that God is always at our side. May God bless each and every one of you!"

A Least Bro. In Christ,
Elmer Schmidt

We give to those we hold most dear,
No greater help and care.
Than when we give them to the Lord;
Surrounding them in prayer.

D. J. D.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Sandra Marti — Becky Hohulin

Charity suffereth long, and is kind;
charity envieth not; charity vaunteth
not itself, is not puffed up.

Doth not behave itself unseemly,
seeketh not her own, is not easily
provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth
in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all
things, hopeth all things, endureth all
things.

I Cor. 13:4, 5, 6, 7

With this in mind, two dear souls in our little congregation have been led to take the second most important step in their lives. Bro. Lawrence Luthi and Sis. Sandra Marti's engagement was announced on Sept. 18. Truly when two souls submit themselves unto the leading of God and His perfect will, how richly He will bless and provide for them. May our loving Heavenly Father bind their hearts and minds as they plan their lives together in Him and His service. Their parents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi, and Bro. Charles and Sis. Alice Marti.

Babies are certainly a gift from God and evidence of His precious handiwork, and we are especially happy that Kassidy Kent will be blessing the home of Jim and Mary Probert. Kassidy has an older brother, Kellen Kim to help welcome him home. Happy grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti and Marvin and Betty Probert.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS
Becky Gudeman

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . .
 Deut. 33:27

How thankful we can be for His promises.

Our sincere thanks to Bro. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse, IN) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for their services to us this month. May the Lord bless them.

We want to welcome any who may be living in the St. Louis area to worship with us. We meet at the Ben Franklin Motel, 4645 N. Lindbergh Blvd., the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Because of the Holidays, we will not have services the 4th Sundays of November and December. Call Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227 for more information.

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NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY
Ed Aeschleman

Bro. Al Schneider, his wife, Sis. Gladys, and others from Rockville visited us on Sept. 25. Then on Oct. 16, we welcomed Bro. Phil Stettner, along with several other brethren from Bluffton. We are very appreciative for the minister support provided our little church from larger congregations, and for the Holy Word spoken in power and truth.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN
Alice Virkler

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

All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son and Holy Ghost,
 Who dwell in highest heaven.
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore,
 Who is and shall survive,
 Now and forevermore.
 Zion's Harp #236

As the thanksgiving season of the year approaches, we can think of so many things to be thankful for. We are so thankful that God still blesses each of us in so many ways. Many times we do not take the time to stop and thank Him enough for the many blessings that He gives unto us from day to day. The most important thing in our lives is the gift of salvation which is offered without price to each of us. Again the Word has gone forth during the past month from the mouths of our own "home" ministers and we have been blessed with the visits of ministering Bros. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale) and also Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley). Many words of instruction and warning were spoken to us in love. May we always remember that we are a "Child of the King" and that we live for Him each and every day of our lives. When He makes His final call from heaven may each of us be ready and have our names written in the book of life.

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Wayne and Rhonda Farney who were married on July 23. Their parents are Bro. Clifton and Sis. Bessie Farney, and Duane and Elaine Brouty (Castorland). May they always look to God for guidance and instruction as they have now begun their lives together.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Chester and Sis. Kate O'Brien. His brother, Howard, passed from this life during the past week.

We are thankful that Sis. Olivia Schulz has been able to assemble with us after hospitalization. Sis. Doris Steiner (Bro. Norbert) has also shown much improvement from her fall and can assemble with us again after several weeks at home.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG
Rachel Snyder

We were sorry to hear of the two who were injured from falls this past month. Sis. Barbra Bachman, 105 years old, received some broken ribs when she fell at her home, and Neoma Clare fell

and broke her shoulder. We hope their recoveries may be speedy.

We have been richly blessed this past month with three visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL), Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski) and Bro. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale). We thank each of them for their love shown to us.

We also wish to put in a word of thanks to our home brothers who so willingly give of themselves so that we may be taught and fed of God's good word.

Several families from here went to the open house at Bro. Walter Kumps in St. Johnville, NY.

OHIO, AKRON
Joyce Gasser

After many years of faithful service to our churches, our dear Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf has chosen to retire from active elder duties. We appreciate very much the dedicated service he has rendered to our Akron church and many other churches across the land, as well as assisting in foreign countries. We are thankful that we have a capable and willing brother now to assume these duties. Bro. Eugene Pamer was ordained as our elder Sunday, Oct. 2 during an impressive ceremony conducted by Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Ben Maibach. The brothers impressed upon us all the importance of the office of the elder, the duties of the elder, and the support of the church for the elders. We wish Bro. Eugene God's blessings and our support in his new responsibilities.

Sis. Helen Burr had the mishap of falling and breaking her leg. She has had surgery on it, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

We were blessed the weekend of October 16 to have Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Ann Haab bring retired elder Bro. Theo and Sis. Naoma Beer. We enjoyed the precious Christian fellowship of these guests from Milford. This also happened to be the day of our annual Sunday School picnic, which was a beautiful autumn day. God's magnificent creation was so evident around us with the many colors at this time of the year. We were glad our visitors remained for this event. Bro. Theo's compassion and kind disposition toward all, including our young people at the picnic, was evident. We appreciate the enjoyable fellowship and kind counsel of our retired elder

brethren and we were blessed this weekend to have Bro. Theo with us.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

The word "fellowship" means to have close ties or association-by-adoption to a group, class or brotherhood having common interests, ideas, beliefs, experiences, etc. Christian fellowship or the fellowship of the saints is a very unique group whose members must adhere to and follow the high standards of living as taught by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" John 15:14.

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit" John 15:16.

"As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you. Continue ye in My love" John 15:9.

May God grant us the grace to obey these teachings and to be able to follow the footsteps of Him, who called us, chosen us into this great fellowship, to be true witnesses unto Him in a dark and sinful world.

Sharing God's Word with us recently were Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Homer Reineck (Toledo). May our gracious Lord reward them richly for their service of love. Our thanks to their dear wives and visitors, who brought joy to our hearts.

We welcome back Carlton Schlatter (Junction, OH) who attends O. S. U. College of Vet. Medicine and Laura Ritzman and Christine Ritzman (Akron, OH), cousins, both attending the College of Pharmacy at O.S.U. You have our best wishes and remember, "Knowledge comes from learning but wisdom is a gift of God!"

OHIO, GIRARD

Karen Laparo

Our dear Sis. Ella Dieslinger was hospitalized this month, but we are thankful to report that she is back home again. May God bless her with continued improvement so she can assemble with us again soon.

Bro. Dave Steiner (Rittman) and Bro. Vince Hartzler (Rittman) were our visiting song leaders. Thank you, dear brothers, for your support and help in giving praise to our dear Lord and Savior.

A special thought for Thanksgiving:
An easy thing, O Power Divine,
To thank Thee for these gifts of
Thine:

For summer sunshine, winter's snow,
For hearts that kindle, thoughts that
glow:

But when shall I attain to this —
To thank Thee for the things I miss?
Thomas W. Higginson

OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Having fulfilled the New Testament requirements of repentance and conversion, and having received forgiveness from God and her fellow men for any sins committed in days gone by, our new Sis. Esther Davis was baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. As reported in last month's news, Sis. Esther began attending church with Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz but since beginning her repentance, health has not permitted her to come to church and worship with us. We ask our heavenly Father's blessings and guidance as she continues by His grace to work out her soul's salvation.

We have good news to report also about our friend Kristy Polter who began attending church several months ago. She has now received a peace in her heart because her sins, too, have been forgiven. We are very thankful God is reaching out and sharing His love and calling in our community and in our church. What a joy it would be if many more of our friends and neighbors could enjoy the peace that God has shared with these two new converts.

As a reminder of the many opportunities that we have to show our love for God and also as a reminder of just how evil and crafty our foe is, our Conference tapes are being played for the Junction brethren on Thursday evening. We are so thankful that God does talk to us through His willing servants. No doubt all of us feel as the brethren are expressing their concerns that we really do have need to be thankful that God has shared salvation to us, and where He is showing us ways we need to improve, we just pray for His grace that we can do so.

"A CHILD'S FAITH"

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,"
Little Children ask no more,

For love is all they're looking for.
And in a small child's shining eyes
The Faith of all the ages lies
And tiny hands and tousled heads
That kneel in prayer by little beds
Are closer to the dear Lord's heart
And of His Kingdom more a part
Than we who search, and never find,
The answers to our questioning mind —
Oh, Father, grant once more to men
A simple Childlike Faith again.

Helen Steiner Rice

Little Kevin Jay Manz was born on Sept. 24 to Bro. Les and Sis. Karen. Chad and Kari are delighted to have a new brother in the house. Grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Klopfenstein (Latty) and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz.

OHIO, LATTY

Laurie Stoller — Patty Riggenschach

"... but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. Heeding Christ's teaching, Janel Price (Robert and Aledean) has begun her conversion and repentance. May God richly bless her as she travels this new path of life.

Our congregation partook of the Lord's Supper to remind us of Christ's blood shed for us. Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) assisted in the communion services. On Sunday, ministering Bros. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont) and Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) shared the Lord's day with us.

Also lending his service of ministering this month was Bro. Ben Manz (Junction).

God with us we need not fear. We bid farewell to Bro. Ray, Sis. Corrine and Loral Schlatter as they move to join the Toledo congregation. We wish Ray well in his new employment and pray that God will continue to be with them.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we are not only thankful for our material blessings, but also for the comfort He sends us in time of need.

COMFORT

Dear Lord, I am so comforted
in my great love for Thee.
My worries fall like petals
and my faith burns deep in me.
The thankfulness within my heart,
the comfort that I feel,
Will lighten every burden
as in prayer I humbly kneel.

So thankful I am, my dear Lord,
for each day set apart,
As gratefully my prayers I say,
with comfort in my heart.
So thankful, I am, my dear Lord,
I do believe in Thee,
Like Benediction Incense, Thy love
flows over me.

Charlotte Trevillyan Sheward

Those who felt God's comfort during their hospitalization were Bro. John Stoller (Sis. Martha), Bro. Wayne Stoller (Sis. Dorothy), Sis. Deb Wenninger (Bro. Dave), Sis. Marge Laukhuf (Bro. Ken), Sis. Frieda Kipfer, Sis. Nettie Ringer (Bro. Nat), Tara Laukhuf (Bro. John and Sis. Marcia) and Sis. Mary Stoller.

We were thankful to have Bro. George Sinn (Sis. Clara) assembling with us again after his recent convalescence. He wishes to express his thanks.

I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards, visits and gifts during my illness. It was all appreciated. A special thank you to all the ministers. May God bless you.

Bro. George Sinn

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

The autumn season is upon us again and with it comes Thanksgiving Day. The morning air is now frosty and the chilling winds seem to penetrate even to the innermost parts of our bones. The leaves have gently fallen to mother earth and the trees are barren and seem so lifeless here in the North. Travelers are hurrying home to be with loved ones because it's Thanksgiving Day. There is church in the morning and so often we sing "Now Thank We All Our God". The hymn writer, Martin Rinkart, according to history, was a pleasant man who served the flock of God in his charge. He lived while the Thirty Years' War was fought and the town was overcrowded, ravaged with pestilence. He was the only clergyman and often had 40 funerals a day. During the occupation of the Swedes, he persuaded the commander not to demand more than they could pay. He gave away almost all his own means. He was deeply thankful to God for the food and humble dwelling provided for him. How truly thankful are we this Thanksgiving Day? Has misfortune befallen you this past year; crop failures, wind, flood, fire and storm, loved ones taken out of this life? Can we truly say, "Now

thank we all our God, with hearts and hands, and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom the world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms, Hath blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today?" Zion's Harp #236

Sept. 24 was the joyous wedding day for Gary Sauder and Vicki Lynn Finley. Bro. Richard and Sis. Carolyn Sauder are Gary's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Finley are Vicki's parents. We wish them much happiness.

Little Jesse Aaron Dotterer was born Sept. 29 and brought joy to his new parents Bro. Gaylord and Sis. Betty Dotterer.

News of our shut-ins this past month includes Sis. Dorothy Durkin, Sis. Mary Kemper, Sis. Helen Sferro and Bro. Byron Rice, all who were hospitalized. Bro. Ora Sauder was also a shut-in at home but is now able to assemble with us again.

Our congregation has had many things to be thankful for this past year and month. The weekend of Sept. 17 and 18, our Elder Bros. Rudy Graf (Akron), Joseph Ramsier (Rittman) and Loren Stoller (Latty) served Holy Communion, and on Sunday after a vote was taken, the lot fell upon Bro. Kenneth Sauder to be our deacon. We know this is a great responsibility for him and he will need our prayers and love in order to carry out this important duty. May he take courage and trust in God as Zion's Harp #93 reads. "God my hope and consolation, Ever thou my refuge be, In thy care I'll find protection, Though no other light I see. Oft on rugged road of sadness, I find comfort, joy and gladness, guided by Thy hand alone, Thine and not my will be done."

Life's setting sun came for Sis. Naomi Fuhrer Cordrey on Oct. 8 at the age of 83 years. After a long illness, the Lord called her to her eternal rest. She leaves to mourn her devoted husband, Bro. Donald; two sons, Paul and John (Jack) and one daughter, Enid Miller; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and a sister, Sis. Nellie Groh. We know the Lord will comfort Bro. Donald and his family and help them to bear their great loss.

"O blessed is he when the summer is gone
Who harvests the fruit from good seed
he has sown."

OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

Janette Blough

The Lord blessed us with many teachings from His Word, which was brought to us by visiting ministers. We want to thank the Lord and Bro. Virgil Metzger, Bro. Jim Plattner, Bro. Pete Baltic and Bro. Don Manz, for bringing us the good word.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast . . . Psalm 57:1 . . . Many times in our life we meet with things we do not understand, but we trust in God to help us through these times. Sis. Caroline Emch was hospitalized for a few weeks, but is now able to be home again. Our prayers go out to Michelle Dotterer, six-year-old daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Mardell, who must suffer, too, as others. May they know that many prayers have been sent heaven-ward, and may we continue to pray for the sick and ailing.

We are so happy to have two more dear souls who have surrendered their hearts to the Lord. God has called Steve Maibach and Pam Martin, and they have answered. I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me . . . Psalm 77:1.

Love for each other was given from God to Sis. Luanna Davis and Bro. Dave Dotterer, as they have recently announced their engagement. We pray the Lord will bless them as they make their plans for their future life together. Sept. 24 was the date Russell Mathys and Mary Musser exchanged wedding vows. Sis. Barbara Mathys is the mother of the groom. The engagement of Bro. Mark Ramsier (Sardis) and Sis. Alice Harmon (Toledo) was announced in Rittman, too. We pray the love they have for each other will continue life-long.

New babies born this month were Andrew Jay Dotterer, born to Dale and Sis. Elaine Dotterer. Little Andrew has two sisters to help care for him. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer, Bro. Bob and Sis. Donna Leman (Forrest). Shara Dawn is the name of the third girl born to Bro. Wendell and Sis. Kathy Dotterer. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer, Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn Steidinger (Fairbury). Bro. John and Sis. Janice Rufener have a

new son, Jared Paul. Jared has two sisters to help take care of him. Grandparents, Bro. Chet and Sis. Roma Rufener, and Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank (Phoenix). First-time parents are Frank and Ginny Hilty, with the arrival of Daniel Paul. Grandparents are Sis. Ruth Hilty, and Dale and Sally Marty.

Thanksgiving Day, 1983! Thanksgiving is a day you say, the last week in November? One special day to utter thanks and Pilgrim prayers remember? A day you say, to look around and count the ways I'm blest. Thanksgiving is a holiday, to pray, to feast, to rest. And is there one day blest enough by the Lord above to carry all my gratitude? And must I save my thanks all year, then send them in a heap? No, it cannot be a single day taken from the year . . . Thanksgivings come to me each night, each time I ask in confidence, "Give us our daily bread." I want to say I'm thankful for all blessings, great or small, not only things in large amounts . . . I'm thankful for them all. So many times life hurries on, so often we forget the little blessings God might send that mean so much. Dear God, I'm thankful on this day for blessings from above, the little smiles, the little joys that fill my heart with love. Our pilgrim fathers came long ago, so they might worship as they chose. Let us thank God we still have this privilege today, in 1983! Some day we may not have all the freedoms our forefathers saved for us. He enjoys much who is thankful for little; a grateful mind is both a great and a happy mind.

OHIO, SARDIS
Karen Indermuhle

Here in Sardis, surrounded by hills with trees arrayed in every color, we marvel at the creation and give thanks to a loving Creator.

We appreciate our visitors who come to share God's love and to fellowship with us. Several loved ones from the Leo and Bluffton, IN congregations and the Children's Home came one weekend. We extend our thanks to Bros. Uriel Gehring and Jack Bollier for bringing the word of life in power and truth.

In the sweet fellowship of the saints, bound in love and concern for each other, we rejoice when one has cause to rejoice. So we join together in praise and real joy with Bro. Mark Ramsier (Bro. Bob and Sis. Inez, Rittman, OH)

and Sis. Alice Harmon (Bro. Howard and Sis. Colette, Toledo, OH) in their engagement and forthcoming union and marriage. God is that love that makes two people one.

We know the Lord is blessed when His children sing praises to Him from the heart. The Peoria, IL choir sang such praises when they came to visit us one weekend. Many thanks to ministering Bro. Charles Hemmer, who expounded on the theme "Learning To Lean On Jesus" Saturday evening, and again on Sunday. He so willingly served in bringing us encouragement and spiritual food from God's word.

We pray God will bless all of you who took the time and effort to come so many miles to be with us. May you see the fruits of your labors for the Lord.

OHIO, TOLEDO
Mary Ann Wiegele
Josephine Rehklau

We are so happy to welcome Bro. Ray Schlatter, his wife, Sis. Corrine and young daughter, Loral to our congregation. Bro. Ray has taken a job in our area. Their new address is:

2250 Perrysburg - Holland Road
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Sis. Lydia Schlatter was hospitalized for a few days recently. We are happy to report that she seems to be making a good recovery.

Our dear friend, Paul Rywalski, has turned his back on the world and heeded the Saviour's call to serve Him. We rejoice with him that he has taken this important step.

During our mid-week services we have been listening to the conference tapes. There is much food for thought and we can learn to appreciate more fully the traditions and doctrine of our church.

This is the month that our nation sets aside a day for the giving of thanks. We certainly do have so much to be thankful for in our great nation. As Christians, we should remember to be thankful at all times for our salvation. It is so easy to make our many requests to God, but let's also remember to thank Him for our manifold blessings.

OREGON, PORTLAND
Barbara Moser

NAMES OF THE LORD

Wonderful,

Profoundly significant
Are the names of the Lord.
Simple,
Eloquently fitting and appropriate,
Each is descriptive
Of His character,
His mission,
And His promise.

God called Him "My Beloved Son". Also "the Stone" upon which His house was built. Jesus describes Himself as being the "Way", the "Truth", and the "Life".

Timothy characterizes Him as being the "Mediator" between God and men. "Lamb of God" - means the sacrifice offered for all. "Emmanuel" - God is with us. "Messiah" - the expected King and deliverer. "Bread of Life" - the wonderful provision that God has made in Christ for the spiritual needs of men. "Redeemer" - the ransom paid by the atoning blood of the Lamb. "Prince of Peace" - the blessed fruit of peace and of His wonderful kingdom to come. "Christ" - the anointed one. And "Jesus" - sweetest, simplest, the most commonly known, means our Saviour.

Our dear ones, Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold, have left our area to spend the winter months in Phoenix where the climate is drier. There Bro. Paul can hopefully get some relief from the pain he must endure. Our prayers go with them and we will look forward to seeing them again in the spring.

This Saturday night we hope to travel to Silverton to hear the testimonies of three dear souls. Two of them are Louis and Gloria Kuenzi, who have traveled through life without hearing as we do. We hope that God will truly bless this couple. The other one is Kris Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee).

OREGON, SILVERTON
Rose Lee Kuenzi

" . . . and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . ." Luke 6:38. We could find no better words to describe the joy flooding our hearts this past weekend as we heard the testimony of three dear souls, witnessed their baptisms and partook of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Gladly we welcome Bro. Lewis and Sis. Gloria Kuenzi and Sis. Kris Kuenzi

(Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosa Lee Kuenzi) into the fold. A church supper was served at the church after the baptisms. Many thanks go to all who helped prepare and serve the meal and to each one who joined us in sharing the meal and fellowship.

Truly, all opportunities to hear the testimonies of converts are special but this was a unique experience for us as Lewis and Gloria expressed themselves through interpreters. Childhood diseases left them both profoundly deaf before either of them was one year old. Lip-reading is a benefit to them but sign language is their basic means of communication. They both graduated from the Oregon State School for the Deaf where Bro. Lewis has worked ever since. He plans to retire from O.S.S.D. next summer. They are very thankful for each one who has made the effort to learn to communicate with them in their own language.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dear Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena, CA) who ministered to us throughout the weekend and served Holy Communion to us with the help of our Bro. Clarence Dietrich. We also want to show our appreciation to ministering Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton), Robert Miller (Portland, OR) and Garth Steffen (Portland, OR) for their efforts on our behalf.

We rejoice with Bro. Gus and Sis. Dorothy Dietrich as they now can call little Amy Lynn their very own. Amy, born October 30, 1982, has a sister, Rosie and brother, Sam who love her very much. Grandparents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Millie Dietrich (Silverton) and Sis. Juliet Schlatter (Junction, OH).

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Ed Aeschleman

The weekend of October 15 was one of blessing for us in Philadelphia. Some forty-five brothers and sisters of the Rittman and Rockville young groups came to spend Saturday evening and Sunday with us. After dinner at the church on Saturday, we enjoyed song service. Before departing after Sunday services, a lunch was provided to sustain the brethren on their journey home. Others from Mansfield, Oakville and Toledo were also present. We are thankful to God for this inspiring weekend and for the loving support shown our small congregation in Philadelphia.

THANK YOU FROM THE "SNOWBIRDS"!

The latter part of August a group of forty-six Snow Birds and one bus driver left Goodfield and headed West for Iowa and Minnesota.

You may ask - What is a Snow Bird? That is a rare specie that can be found in and near Sarasota in the wintertime - he gathers with other Snow Birds from East of the Mississippi River from Canada to Florida where he remains for the winter months.

For the past 4 years, once, during the summer a large flock meets to renew our Christian fellowship and friendship - to reflect a bit on our hopes past, present and future. However, the fellowship is enjoyed so much that a bus trip was taken last year to Connecticut and in 1983 we traveled to Iowa and Minnesota.

Our first stop was Amana, Iowa where we enjoyed lunch in an Amish Restaurant - this was a pleasant stop but only a prelude to the German hospitality and cooking we found in West Bend, Iowa and Winthrop and Morris, Minnesota. Here we found the common bond of Faith - we meet as strangers, yet we are not really strangers because of the bonds of Faith, Hope and Love - when we part we find we have become very close in a short while. We found such warmth everywhere we went as they shared hearts and homes with us all.

This is in a small way the feeling our forefathers must have experienced when they arrived in America and found Apostolic Christian brothers awaiting them with open hearts and homes. Perhaps we have become too affluent in our traveling about and our rushing around we lose the art of hospitality. Maybe this is what the Snow Birds enjoy so much in gathering together in a land far from home - we draw closer to "strangers" if you can use that word, in a sense, being far from families you take in strangers and they supply the need of family ties and "roots". Mention was made on the bus that we should be grateful to our ancestors when they made the move from Europe to America they brought with them their "customs" and "traditions" - this truly is our heritage.

West Bend, Winthrop and Morris - this is a warm Thank You from all 46 Snow Birds and the bus driver for your love and warm hospitality.

Silver Threads

ALL IN A WORD

- T for time to be together,
turkey, talk and tangy weather.
H for harvest stored away,
home and hearth, and holiday.
A for autumn's frost art,
and abundance in the heart.
N for neighbors and November,
nice things, new things to
remember.
K for kitchen, kettles' croon,
kith and kin expected soon.
S for sizzles, sights and sounds,
and something special that
abounds.

That spells THANKS - for joy in living and a prayerful blessed Thanksgiving.

Adapted from Aileen Fisher

A GOOD THANKSGIVING

- Said old gentleman Gay on Thanksgiving Day;
"If you want a good time, then give something away."
So he sent a fat turkey to shoemaker Price,
And the shoemaker said; "What a big bird; how nice!
With such a good dinner before me I ought
To give Widow Lee the small chicken I bought."
"This fine chicken, oh see!" said the sweet Widow Lee,
"And the kindness that sent it how precious to me!
I'll give washwoman Bidy my big pumpkin pie."
"And, oh sure," Bidy said, "'tis the queen o' all pies!
Just to look at its yellow face gladdens my eyes!
Now it's my turn, I think, and a sweet ginger cake
For the motherless Finnigan children I'll bake."
Cried the Finnigan children, Rose, Denny and Hugh:
"It smells sweet of spice, and we'll carry a slice
To little lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."
"Oh, I thank you and thank you!" said little lame Jake;
"What a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful cake!
And, oh, such a big slice! I'll save all the crumbs

And give them to each little sparrow
that comes."
And the sparrows, they twittered, as if
they would say,
Like old gentleman Gay: "On Thanks-
giving Day
If you want a good time, then give
something away."

Author Unknown

I SAW A MAN DIE TODAY

I saw a man die today.
'Twas upsetting to see,
As he lay in his bed
In pure agony.

His breaths, they came hard,
He fought to maintain,
His restlessness causing
All strength to be drained.

But the worst of it was
That look on his face;
The sheer terror that shown
In his faraway gaze.

He stared at the corner
As if something were there,
Not moving his eyes
Throughout his despair.

His family was there,
At least at the end.
Their tears flowed so heavy
O'er the bed as they bent.

No sleep came to me
As I thought of that man,
Of the fear in his eyes
And the cold, trembling hand.

I saw a man die today,
'Twas fulfilling to see,
As he lay in his bed
Resting so quietly.

His breathing was easy
His eyes closed in sleep.
Not a thing was he feeling
In a coma so deep.

His family was with him
Since the day it began.
They were waiting and watching
For Death's final hand.

But peace reigned o'er all
As the time became near,
For the man had long since
Known his Savior so dear.

It was known he was ready
To go home to the Lord,
For he believed in the promise
Shown in God's Word.

Sleep came so easy
As I thought of that man,
Of the peace and the joy
And the fear that was banned.

What was the difference
Between those two deaths?
One man sleeping away,
One struggling for breaths.

More difference, though, lies
In what each man was seeing
As he lay there awaiting
His heart's final beating.

On saw visions of heaven
And the peace found therein.
One saw visions of hell fire
And the misery within.

I cannot say surely
That these things were so,
For neither man told me
Where he saw he would go.

But the Spirit within me
Makes me think on these things,
The former; with sadness,
The latter; joy brings.

Oh, the assurance of peace
I know there can be
For those who are Christian
Like that man and like me.

But oh, the foreboding,
The fear and the dread
For those who are lost
And whose faith is now dead.

The Lord will accept
Those who answer His call,
To save you from wrath
And Satan's dread fall.

Say yes to that prodding,
The Lord waits outside.
Take refuge in His love,
In His arms abide.

Denise Romersberger

MESSAGE TO SONG LEADERS Submitted from Congerville, IL

The following song numbers are
melodies that are duplicates in our
Zion's Harp songbooks that we
thought may be helpful to the brothers
who lead the congregations in song.

There may be variations in note sizes,
rests and hold of each song.

Duplicates of melodies:

1 & 210 & 223
3 & 229
4 & 160
5 & 168
7 & 200
8 & 199
12 & 236
13 & 43
15 & 175
18 & 48
20 & 23
22 & 24
25 & 75
28 & 95
39 & 190
40 & 245
42 & 44
45 & 224
50 & 155
57 & 173
60 & 250
61 & 233
76 & 227
83 & 85
84 & 154
90 & 156
93 & 231
94 & 157
96 & 98
97 & 167
99 & 101
100 & 104
105 & 119
108 & 177
111 & 192
113 & 116
120 & 243
125 & 128
146 & 191
174 & 238
186 & 244
222 & 234
228 & 253
220 & 247

THANKSGIVING

Portion of a sermon by
Bro. Paul Eisenmann

"And I believe that this is the secret
to our lives: that if we in all things can
give thanks — sometimes those 'all
things' include a very depressing situa-
tion, or trials or test. Yes, many times
we are blest in this life above measure,
far more than we deserve, from our own
abilities; but the Lord looks at our
entire life. And we must also recognize
that no matter what it is in our lives,
whether it be those wonderful bles-
sings that we experience many times,

or whether it be the things that would cause us to be pressed down in heart and soul and discouraged even to a degree, let us be willing to give thanks. Let us in all things give thanks so that the Lord can be pleased with us, and see that in our hearts that we are not putting our trust in the things that we can see round and about us. We recognize things that cause depression in our lives. Things that weigh heavily upon us, seem not to have a value in and of themselves, but we cannot see beyond as the Lord can and He knows for what good reason these things come upon us. So, if we are willing to give thanks in all things, He can recognize that we are trusting in Him and not in ourselves. If we can give thanks when things are difficult in our lives, He knows that we are trusting in Him to see us through. And He has given so many precious promises that though at times we be tested and tried, those trials will never be so great that we will not be able to escape them or endure them. He will provide a way of escape if we ask Him to be our helper and guide. And it is this thanksgiving that we give for every situation, and the trust that we have in our hearts that the Lord is leading us the way that He knows will be best for us."

Sermon . . .

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we don't want it, beloved, if we become lax in our actions, our thoughts, and our desires. If we become lax in our service to God and in our love toward God, such a spirit can take possession of us. It is a fearful thing. It can make things which are not black or white, but gray, seem to be of God although they do not possess the power of God. This is the danger. Things appear to have a certain characteristic of God, and yet deny the power.

We know the power of God. The power of God permitted us to repent for our sins and to be redeemed. We couldn't repent of ourselves. We cannot do it. We have no power. It is only because God has desired it that we can repent for our sins. It is the same with other things, such as the fruits of the Spirit. These all come by the power of God in a soul through the help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by

grace ye are saved)." Eph. 2:4, 5. Grace. What is it? A gift of God. It is nothing that we deserve, nothing that we earn, nothing that we can purchase. It is of God. When we no longer stand in that grace, beloved, we are in trouble spiritually. We may be going wonderfully in this world. We may have everything "coming our way" in this world. Yet, if we lack the grace of God, we will eventually be extremely miserable.

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:6. Where else would that be, beloved, but in the assembly of the saints? The Scripture tells us not to forsake the assembling of the saints.

Why? Why can't we go out by ourselves and live good lives after we have repented? Because we can't. You have heard it said (I am sure from this pulpit), that at that point you become one person fighting against the devil; and you cannot conquer the devil fighting by yourself.

We need the power of the church, the church of God. You need that power. I need that power. I would be nothing, beloved, without the power of the church. Without the power of the prayers this evening, had we not all prayed, beloved, there could be no word come that would amount to anything, that would have any power in it, that would do any of us any good. Oh, yes, we could learn to be orators and we could learn to be persuasive, but we need God's power.

"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:7, 8, 9. We could build all the churches in the community and nothing be added to our crown unless we have been redeemed, unless we are believers, unless the power of God is in it.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands: That at that time ye were without Christ. . ." Eph. 2:10, 11, 12. We were all without Christ at one

time. A bad example, I was much too long without Christ. I was of the Gentiles. I was of the Uncircumcision, not of the Circumcision. This distinction came from the children of Israel. It was part of the early covenant that they be circumcised physically. Today we are not circumcised physically, but we are circumcised in the heart. That was accomplished by the blood of Christ being shed upon the cross of Calvary.

The Word refers to us as having been Gentiles. Gentiles were looked upon as sinners and unsaved because only the children of Israel were the chosen followers of God. Today, however, God has given the opportunity for all to be saved who come and taste and see.

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, . ." Eph. 2:12. Now we have been adopted into that commonwealth of Israel. We are Gentiles, but we have been circumcised in heart and have been adopted into the commonwealth of Israel, the redeemed of God. This is the highest standing, beloved. Regardless of the kind of job you may have today, you can have no higher standing anywhere in this world than being a child of God.

A humble, lowly child of God has more power within him than is possessed by all of the so-called powerful people in the world today. We are able to stand up against kings and judges and all the rulers of the world. We! We poor mortals here who are nothing in the sight of the world. They like to call us "strange".

Our faith is going to take us to heaven. Our faith in God, our faith that we have been redeemed through Christ's precious blood is going to take us to heaven. Through the Holy Spirit and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can live a life in this world which is worthy of our hope.

Let others do what they will. We should never kneel down before the world, beloved. We have no need of it. We have the power of God. We don't go around shouting it, but we savour and nourish within our hearts and minds that we are children of God. We want to be humble servants of the Almighty God for as long as we live. Because we love Him, we love the household of God. We want to stay with the household of God because we believe through the Holy Word that it has power to help us. Some day the Lord will invite us into His mansions.

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SERMON BY BRO. LEROY HARTMAN OF PEORIA, IL

Text: Ephesians 2

Beloved, after we have been in the faith for some time, perhaps coming to church becomes a habit. Let's not let that happen.

We have read today of one of the main blessings of being a child of God. Having had the opportunity to come to the knowledge of the truth of God, and having realized that we were sinners without hope in the world to come, it was revealed to us that there is a hope through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We should often meditate upon the shedding of His precious blood on the cross at Calvary, and not only upon Christ, but also upon what the Father has done in giving His only begotten Son as a ransom for our sins.

We should never take our faith or anything concerning the heavenly Father and our Saviour for granted. Our redemption was much too costly to God for us to take it lightly. We would not be worthy of God's grace and mercy if we did. Every day that we live and have our being, as the Word says, we should be a thankful people.

Our prayers should not be uttered as a matter of course. I know, beloved, that there are times when we are in a hurry and say a prayer almost mechanically. Then, later on, we realize that it hadn't been much of a prayer. We had just said it "off the top of our head" because we were supposed to say it. The relationship that we have with God should always be vital and important.

When we experience trials or tribulations we realize that we do not bear our burdens and our cross alone. I can look upon the congregation tonight, and see those who have passed through some of these trials and tribulations. Some are young and some are older, but they did not have to endure these things alone without a hope or without a Companion.

Those who stand beside us, our husbands, our wives, our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers can

help up to a point. But in the innermost secret part of ourselves, we need God's help and guidance.

When God breathed into the nostrils of man, he became a living soul. In that soul which your body contains, beloved, are thoughts and desires that never come to the surface in public. They are always subdued. Therein would lie danger for us if we did not have a Companion with whom we could speak and seek help, because there might be something that we would be ashamed to tell someone else. A weakness, perhaps. It need not necessarily be a sin, just a weakness. No other person knows what we are thinking at this moment, but God and the Holy Spirit know. I can look at your face and see your expression, but I cannot see into your heart and I cannot see into your mind.

As we walk in faith, we become totally alone with God. When we have been cleansed through the blood of Christ, making our hearts as white as snow, we have the Holy Spirit within us. God gave us the Holy Spirit so that we can have Someone to talk to. Someone, in the challenge of the hour of misery, is there to comfort and guide us. Then we speak to God. Sometimes God moves us to go and speak to someone else and to rectify something that we have done.

Satan is not sleeping. Satan is always present and he likes nothing better than to invade the mind and to disturb the peace that we have with God. He doesn't want us to have even a moment of satisfaction with God. He would rather confuse us so that we would eventually say, "Well, God is not helping me," and we would seek something else. Then we would really be in trouble.

But we have the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God. God Himself can only be present through the Holy Spirit. As Christ is sitting upon the right hand of

God, He infiltrates our bodies, our minds and our hearts with the Holy Spirit. We can go to that Holy Spirit, and we can be led of that Holy Spirit in whatever direction it may take us.

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Eph. 2:1. He changed us. We no longer want to be involved in sin. We have been quickened in the Spirit, and the Spirit now resides in the hearts of those who have been cleansed and purified. "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Eph. 2:2. We can't help but be disobedient, if we have the spirit of Satan within our hearts.

A few of us were speaking together today of a spirit. I termed it an evil spirit, probably because I have had some experience in this matter. On the surface we may have good desires and go through all the motions of being a true child of God. However, if we have a secret wrong desire, if we have a weak understanding, or if a weakness within us causes us to seek more than God will give us, then we are opening ourselves up to the power of another spirit. That spirit will be only too glad to come in and misdirect us, and take us away from the Truth which we have learned and known. I have seen this happen, beloved. A compulsion from this evil spirit will take over and, although we know better, we do the evil bidding of that spirit.

I'm thinking now, beloved of the man possessed of an evil spirit whom Christ saw as He walked along the road. Christ called the spirit out of him, and He put it into some swine. The swine then ran down a cliff, into the sea, and drowned. Only the power of God can do this. We of ourselves cannot get rid of this evil spirit. We can possess it even if

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