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### *Learn of Me . . .* Matt. 11:29

September has arrived, and once again, young and old alike have resumed their search for knowledge. As Christians, we have an awesome responsibility, or at least the opportunity, to assist in guiding our families and those we come in contact with toward the true source of eternal knowledge and wisdom.

*My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*  
Proverbs 2:1-6

When dealing with youth, especially our children, we must remember that the real learning process does not center around schools and textbooks!



#### CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,  
He learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility,  
He learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule,  
He learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame,  
He learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance,  
He learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement,  
He learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise,  
He learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness,  
He learns justice.  
If a child lives with security,  
He learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval,  
He learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and  
friendship,  
He learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte

*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*  
Ephesians 6:4

# *Giving and Sharing God's Word — the Bible*

## **APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIBLE DISTRIBUTION**

"For I have GIVEN unto them the WORDS which Thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have BELIEVED that Thou didst send me."

John 17:8

### THE WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life, the fountain flowing  
Purely from the throne above,  
Life and strength to him imparting,  
Who accepts the Word in love.  
As a blossom that is blighted  
From the sun's own heat severe,  
Thirsting in the barren valley,  
Stoops to drink its waters clear.

What were earth to be without Thee?  
But a vale in dark despair.  
Heav'n would have no joys to cheer me,  
If I could not find Thee there.  
What were life to live without Thee?  
As a never ending night.  
Death, without Thee, would be  
darkness;  
There would be no dawning light.

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.  
Sinners by the Word are wakened  
From their sleep; They stand  
dismayed.  
Yet the penitent finds mercy;  
Thus his sorrow is repaid.

Through the Word we fear the Master,  
As a judge with righteous pow'r.  
Yet we love the Lord, who carries  
Us in patience ev'ry hour,  
And we love the God who giveth  
His own Son, a ransom true;  
Sin in Him is judged forever,  
And in Him we live anew.

Full redemption is the promise  
Made to him who heeds the Word.  
They, who in their hearts retain Thee,  
Shall receive the great reward.  
In my heart I'll strive to keep Thee,  
Word of truth, and strength, and love.  
Conq'ring as a sword in battle,  
Then I'll wear the crown above.

Zion's Harp, Hymn #176

For several years there has been a lot of discussion in the brotherhood concerning the vast amount of money our faith has contributed to the various Bibles societies and just how effective the results have been in getting the Word distributed to the proper peoples.

On October 16, 1981, there was a joint meeting of the Apostolic Christian Mission Fund and World Relief Committees to further investigate the activities of the Bible societies and to make a recommendation to the elder body that considerations and guidelines should be given to establish our own Bible distribution system.

Bro. Henry Grimm had been very active for about twenty years in monitoring the collections and making a report on how the money was divided among the various Bible societies. From August 1980 to August 1981, fourteen churches reported contributions in excess of \$39,000. Many other individuals and congregations also forwarded funds of which we have no record. But the American Bible Society reported that from January 2 to July 21, 1981, our churches had contributed in excess of \$20,000 which was immediately identifiable, and we're inclined to think that much more than that was donated.

There was further concern as for many years several of our churches had written to the various societies directing them to not use their generous gifts to distribute such translations as "Good News for Modern Man" and other translations which were actually misleading or were an incomplete interpretation of the Word.

Generally, there was favorable response. However, recognizing current trends, it was felt our objectives were not fully being met and that we should seek substitute or alternate methods of distribution which would be more effective.

With growth of our activities, especially in World Relief where they have had direct contact with many people, it was strongly felt that we should exercise as many opportunities as possible to supplement with the Word of God the generous donations of food, cloth-

ing, etc.

We are greatly encouraged to see that some of the local congregations have long had an active program in their own communities of sharing the Holy Scriptures with those in nursing homes, hospitals and other such institutions. It was noticed that many motels and hotels no longer provide Bibles which many of us have used in our travels throughout the world. Here is an opportunity to involve many of our brethren, and particularly our young people, in a most worthwhile pursuit. Some congregations have even gone so far as to advertise in the local media the availability of Bibles upon request. Bibles are then personally delivered by some of our brethren.

Just as an example, on our recent trip to India, the Peoria congregation provided money to buy in India the Word of God printed in the local dialect of the area. The children and loved ones in the homes on the Mission and in the community gladly received these gifts of love.

It is further felt that when our brethren who have been active in World Relief activities have the opportunity, this vehicle should be used to supply the Word of Life and Light. We can see the possibility of many avenues being opened, and also the answer to the many who inquire, "What can I do to further the Lord's work here upon this earth?" Actually the opportunities are unlimited and we want to encourage them through the proper channels.

We are agreed that, wherever possible within the framework of our own brotherhood, we should lend ourselves in further distributing the Holy Scriptures and also in expressing our beloved faith and doctrine.

Contributions can be sent either by congregations or individuals to the Bible Fund so identified. We intend to diligently pursue all avenues possible to provide Scriptures wherever a need is brought to our attention. We hope that in each congregation, under the direction of the shepherd and ministers, brethren will be available to share the teachings of our heavenly Father.

Congregations and individuals who still want to make their contributions

directly to the various Societies have that privilege, but it is hoped that we will be able to establish the proper network within our own brotherhood to see that we get full value for money donated.

Brethren are available from the Mission Fund Committee to visit the various congregations to explain how this work is being accomplished in many areas. When we have once had the privilege of seeing first hand the thrill and the joy with which this Holy Book is received, we have a much better understanding of why we are encouraging better supervision and control of the vast amount of money being forwarded.

Let's all try to work together to share what we have with those who have not been so fortunate.

Humbly submitted,  
Ben Maibach, Secretary-Treasurer  
Apostolic Christian Mission Fund

#### **BIBLE DISTRIBUTION — FROM SEPT. 1983 TO AUG. 1984**

At the 1983 General Conference, the proposed plan for giving the Bible to all who ask was presented to the elder body and was approved. Sources of supply of Bibles and Testaments were available and a place for storage and shipment was set up at the Leo Apostolic Christian Church. The Bible distribution by our churches and brethren has grown far more than we had anticipated. The Lord has blessed and multiplied the work and many precious souls have received a Bible.

During this year, 13,890 Bibles and Testaments were shipped to our churches to be given to all who asked for a Bible. Many Bibles were given upon receiving an individual request or telephone call. Bibles were placed in the prisons, jails, rest homes, hospitals, hotels, motels, doctors and optometrist offices, the rescue missions, and welfare and social aid agencies. As the elders and the church have asked brethren to serve and labor in giving the Bible, many blessings and heart touching experiences were encountered. To see a mother or father receive their first Bible and tears and thanks come, brings a heartfelt longing to continue giving the Word of God as the Lord opens the way. To see the older resident in the rest home hold the large print Testament and say, "I can read again" truly brings the Lord's blessings.

Placing and giving Bibles to the

prisoners in prison and in jail has opened the way for visitation rights for brethren to visit the prisoners, to hear their heavy heart burdens and to share God's Word with them. "I was in prison and ye came unto me" Matthew 25:36.

Often when giving a Bible and visiting a home, other needs are noted where poverty is seen in the need of food, clothing, shelter and medical care and the efforts provided in the World Relief work can be of great help. "For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in;" Matthew 25:35.

An outline for the Bible distribution effort is contained in the Missionary Committee Brochure issued in January, 1983.

#### **BIBLE FUND:**

Each local congregation has a brother appointed to care for and administer the funds donated by the congregation for the distribution of Bibles. These funds are to be used for the purchase and distribution of the King James version of the Bible.

The national missionary committee has reviewed the activities and efforts of various organizations that can be approved by our church.

There is a great need to provide and send Bibles to many precious souls hungry for the truth, both overseas and in our own land.

Contributions to the Bible Fund from August 12, 1983 to August 10, 1984 by our congregation was \$65,686. Disbursements for purchase of Bibles for Bible distribution were \$59,122.09. Contributions were sent to the American Bible Society (\$40,600), the Gideons International (\$13,000) and the Braille Bible Foundation (\$12,600).

#### **AVAILABILITY OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS:**

The storing of inventory and shipping of Bibles to our congregation is being taken care of by the Leo congregation. A listing of Bibles available can be sent upon request and order for Bibles can be sent to:

David Bertsch  
Route 2, Box 157A  
Grabill, IN 46741

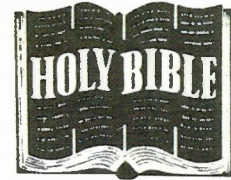
Thanking all for the prayerful support and generous financial contributions to the Bible Fund that make possible this work of giving and sharing

the Bible with all that ask for the Word of God.

Contributions to the Bible Fund can be sent to:

Ben Maibach  
14726 Fox Road  
Detroit, MI 48239

Humbly submitted,  
David Bertsch  
For the Missionary Committee



#### **NOTICE**

Please keep in mind when making plans for 1985 — the 9th Annual Children's Home Sale will be held on the fourth Saturday of August.

— August 24, 1985 —

Thank you very much!

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## NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE

Andy Hunyady

In addition to the severe food shortages in Romania during the past two years, the approaching winter promises to bring additional hardships upon the people. A new law by the state restricts the use of electrical energy, coal and wood by 75% of what has been used the previous year. Homes cannot use more than 15-watt bulbs, most electrical appliances must be disconnected, outside lights prohibited, etc. The reason given by the officials is, that due to below normal rainfall in recent years, there is not enough water to run the generating plants. Power production is severely curtailed. Strangely, there is an adequate source of wood, coal and natural gas in the country. Yet, all must reduce the use of all forms of heating supplies.

This means that more warm clothing and blankets will be needed to keep warm during the coming winter. This will only add to the misery and suffering of these poor people, who already suffer scarcities of food.

Visitors just returned report that there is a closer watch and readiness by the security forces to keep the population from rising up in complaint.

More than you letters are arriving almost every day from those who benefit from your generous gifts thru the food packages. May God continue to help and strengthen those who live in lands where hunger and suffering is their daily lot. Your continued prayer support is needed and appreciated.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring — Jane Stieglitz

Signs of fall's approach are upon us; two of the big signs here at the Home are the Annual Auction and Sale which was held Saturday, August 25, and the children going back to school on August 29.

First, we want to report some tid-bits about the Sale. The weather was beautiful and the Sale was well attended by many brethren and friends. The food was delicious, and a day of rich fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance. It is almost like a reunion or a giant homecoming to meet our loved ones under the big tent where items are being auctioned, where crafts are on display for sale, and where an assortment of baked goods and food can be purchased. We meet familiar and new

faces all because of God's great love for us, and the bond of love in Christ Jesus that binds us together. "Thank you!" to all the volunteers who lent their time and talents for the sale.

Concerning the children and their grade placements for the 84-85 school year: (East House) Thelma - 11, Bertha - 10, Jerry - 9, John and Chuck - 8, Randy - 6, Erik - 5; (West House) Gary - 12, Beth and Robin - 9, Daleen - 7, Kelly - 6; (and all the Babins) Kevin - 6, Kim - 5, Jason - 2 and Jonathan - Kindergarten.

Some of the Home's residents, and part of the Leo congregation spent a most refreshing day in the spirit at the annual Camp Mack meeting. It is so refreshing to see our younger generation enjoying themselves in a Christian oriented atmosphere. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it!" Prov. 22:6.

We have a new resident, Kelly (Birthday: August 20, 1971) from Whitley County. We hope Kelly will like it here, and have many pleasant, profitable experiences. Kelly is living in the West House.

We welcome to our staff Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Schick and Billie, age 4. They will serve as alternate houseparents, and are living in a new apartment complex in Grabill. We are looking forward to many pleasant hours together in our work of faith and labor of love.

Twelve-year-old Randy fell from a tree a few weeks ago and broke his arm. He spent about five days in the hospital, is on his second cast, but he appears to be recovering quite well. He goes back to the doctor on September 11 to possibly get his cast off.

One evening when we were getting in the van to go to church the sky was unusually picturesque. Some of us were standing around looking at the untypically orange glow the entire sky had, wondering what caused it to be so when Randy said, "Maybe Jesus will come!" I replied, "Yes, wouldn't that be neat!" Randy was reminded of his broken arm and said, "Oh, no! Not with me having a broken arm!" I reminded him that his arm would be immediately healed and he said with great excitement, "Let Him come!!" How wonderful to have the promise of Christ's return to heal all the broken pieces and ruined lives. Let us be ready and waiting for that day.

With school starting, along come the extra curricular activities of our students. Beth and John are participating in band this year, Gary and John in football and Daleen has become involved with her school choir.

Bertha was thrilled to have completed sewing two dresses this summer. She glows when she wears them. Many of the kids helped make craft items that were sold at the Auction this year. It was nice to see their participation. We are thankful for all of their individual talents.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Lovely summer is unobtrusively changing into fall. Leaf and soil and sun have labored well, and harvest is at hand. Meditatively we absorb the landscape in all of its beauty and breathe a prayer of thanks to God for loaning us so much. If eventide, when the silhouettes are sketched by the rosy glow of the previously-setting sun, finds one out of doors, the quiescence of the golden scene permeates our soul; for all is quiet. Hardly a leaf moves, and we find ourselves experiencing a deep sense of peace, as if in tune with a glorious Creator.

NOVEMBER 16 is the date to circle on your calendar, so that you will be able to attend our annual Benefit Day at the Morton Fellowship Hall adjacent to our Home. It would be helpful if sale items for this could be brought in ahead of time, if it is conveniently possible. Your past and continuing cooperation reminds us of the following:

For those who live for others  
Without a thought of gain,  
For those who share life's burden,  
Who help us bear our pain,

For those we call upon in need  
Who have that special touch,  
Whose door is always open  
And in giving, give so much,

For those who live for others,  
For those who always see  
Another's need, we thank Thee, God,  
They do it unto Thee.

Ruth F. Hoak

Our prayers have been with our Lois Egli as she underwent major surgery recently, and we are sincerely grateful

for sufficient recovery to enable her to return to our Home.

At the annual Track and Field Day, we were impressed by the attitude of fair sportsmanship which accompanied the residents' desire to excel.

Staff and volunteers made possible a boat trip on the Illinois River on a recent summer afternoon.

A picnic at the farm home of one of our employees is scheduled, and a group tour of a neighboring Farm Park, a small-scale replica of the farms we know, was enjoyed.

Periodic swimming excursions are both enjoyable and therapeutic.

Though preparing bed rolls, clothing, food, meds and plans for games for a goodly number of residents requires much planning and doing, the upcoming overnight camping trip is a highlight of the summer and is worth the effort.

Though the above and other summer activities continue, regular classes and other obligations have priority. The ceramics department keeps very busy as it remembers the upcoming Benefit Day and the holidays ahead, as does the rug loom and other projects.

Though we become very well acquainted with our residents, as we work with them, we often look heavenward and ponder in amazement at the wisdom of God. We see through a glass darkly, but we are confident that what God does is infallibly perfect. Thus we pray, as Solomon prayed, for a continually increasing portion of wisdom that we may think and act for the residents' good. George Matthew Adams emphasized how important thoughts are when he said: "What you think means more than anything else in your life. More than what you earn, more than where you live, more than your social position, and more than what anyone else may think about you."

#### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

**Ronald and Evelyn Hoerr**

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matt. 19:6. On

Several people from Phoenix attended.

On July 25, Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen Feller received a phone call from Illinois telling of the passing of his mother, Sis. Ollie Feller.

On August 12, Richard and Sis. Dorothy Kraft received a call about his mother's failing health, but Sis. Esther Kraft (Gridley, KS) passed away August 13.

On July 25, our monthly church supper was held at a local cafeteria and there was a singing at the church afterward.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN), Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Bro. Noah Herman and Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ).

On July 24, Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Sophie Huber became first-time grandparents. Rebecca Linn was born to Kirk and Lily Huber (Fresno, CA).

Sis. Martha DeMille has returned home after heart surgery and is still unable to attend church. Sis. Dorothy Zollinger was ill at home but is able to be out again. We miss Sis. Sherry Roth and pray she will soon be back to worship with us.

After months of no rain, the month of July broke records of total rainfall.

On August 8, Monica Pulfer became the bride of Ronald Vandelier. Her parents are Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Pulfer.

Grace be with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:2.

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Sandy Bauer — Lisa Knapp**

#### GOD'S DESIGN

Philosophers may reason why  
But I won't take the time,  
I only know that I'm here on earth  
Because of God's design.  
So I will just continue on  
And do the best I can,  
And know that God will do the rest  
Because He made the Plan.

Ed Kane

Sis. Carole Haas and Sis. Tillie Aldrich were hospitalized recently. We are happy to report that they are both back home now and are making a good recovery. Bro. Orville Schmidt remains hospitalized, and we appreciate his faith and patience.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathy Woodruff and their three children, John, Benjamin and Rachal, have moved to Phoenix, where Bro. Bill has found employment after recently graduating from the U. of A. We are thankful that,

although we will miss seeing them on Sundays, they will be close enough to visit often. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new home.

#### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

**Mary Beth Klotzle**

We have been enjoying the fellowship of many visitors and the uplifting hours spent in worship and song. We appreciated having Bro. Leland Hirschey (Naumburg, NY) bring us God's Word.

God blesses us so abundantly each and every day. If we just take time at the end of the day to think over all that it held, we are reminded of the many ways in which He has blessed us. The congregation as a whole shares the blessing of welcoming Bro. Tom and Sis. Carla Schaefer (Morton, IL) and Bro. Mike Drete (Washington, IL) to the area. We trust and pray God will continue to lead and guide them, and use them in His service and honor here in Southern California.

Denes Fulop and Joy Kovacs were united in marriage on August 11. We welcome Joy to America from her homeland in Hungary and pray for God's blessings upon her and Denes in their life together.

With summertime drawing to a close, school will soon be starting. Regardless what age a student may be, there is still exposure to things not found in Christian homes. What an opportunity for believing students to walk as bright lights for God!

How important it is for each of us to keep in mind and heart the most precious and important teachings we have . . . praying for God's grace and strength to learn and follow what His Word teaches.

"Though children may have faith within;

And live no more in former sin,  
Yet they have need of teaching;  
They come into the highest school,  
Where Christ, Himself, doth teach, and rule,  
And guideth by His preaching.  
There His pure love every hour  
Us with power, animateth,  
Faith, love, hope in us createth."

Zion's Harp #210

#### COLORADO, DENVER

**Marlene Leman**

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb His

reward." Psalm 127:3. Bro. Mike and Sis. Deb Leman are first-time parents. Their son, Caleb Michael, was born July 22. Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorine Hodel (Roanoke) and Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman.

Sis. Katherine Ries and Sis. Elizabeth Jivan both spent time in the hospital this month. We are thankful to God that they've both returned home and have been able to attend church again.

We welcome Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane Ebert and their children, Jeremy, Jennifer, Amy and Adam, to our congregation. They have come to Colorado from Elgin, IL. We trust that God will bless them and keep them under His almighty wings.

August 12 was the wedding day for Bro. Keith Kaufman and Sis. Carol Leman. Love of all gifts truly is the greatest and when two can share it with each other and have God as that third strand, it becomes not only the greatest, but the most beautiful of all experiences. With us for this happy occasion were Elder Bros. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) and Richard Schupbach (Phoenix) and ministering Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin) and Jay Rinkenberger (Goodfield).

Other ministering brothers that visited us this month were Bro. Gene Fetter (Toledo, OH), Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar, MO), Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix), Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) and Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL). We are thankful for each one that took time to spend with us and allow himself to be used by God. May God bless and reward each one.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Michelle Virkler

"Is this not a pleasure, Christian, here to be?  
See ye all this treasure, Jesus offers free  
If man knew the blessing, we enjoy in Thee,  
Far more would be willing now to follow Thee."

Zion's Harp #149, vs. 5

On Saturday, July 28, testimonies were heard from four precious souls, Steve Bahler (Bro. Lee and Sis. Maxine), Scott Luginbuhl (Bro. Ed and Sis. Alma), Bob Schneider (Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge) and Sue Moser (Dorothy and Ralph Johnson).

On Sunday, July 29, our four precious souls erected their covenant with their Savior. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL) were here to assist Bro. Corbin. We were also privileged to have Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) with us and we trust the Lord will truly bless them for their inspirational teachings.

For mid-week services, Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) and Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA) were also able to be with us. We trust the Lord will bless these dear brethren and their wives for traveling afar to be in our midst.

Dale Zahner has been in the hands of a physician this past week and we trust he will be restored to health soon.

Richard and Sis. Joanne Eleiott are the proud parents of their baby girl, Annalise. Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Florine Luginbuhl and Vivian Eleiott are the grandparents.

"As a hart for water panteth, so my soul cries, Lord to Thee." Zion's Harp #157. Carole Luginbuhl (Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Florine) has chosen to walk with our Lord and be guided by His footsteps.

### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Billie Klopfenstein

Due to an oversight, we failed to mention that there were four 8th grade graduates this year. Congratulations to Amy Sutter, Shelli Lawson, Paul Fulop and Doug Sauder.

On a recent weekend, about sixty people from Sarasota, including Sunday School children and adults, spent Saturday at Metro Zoo in Miami and Sunday with us here in Ft. Lauderdale. A wonderful day of fellowship ended with an early supper being served to enable them to get an early start on the four-hour drive home. Ministering Bro. Glenn Price accompanied the group and we truly enjoyed his messages.

Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL) ministered to us in the past month also. We appreciate so much each brother who lends himself to the work of the Lord.

Due to a typographical error in the last issue, it was stated that Roger Sutter is a Sunday School teacher. This should read Richard Sutter.

Jesus' parable of the two house builders (Matt. 7:24-27) which ends

the Sermon on the Mount, has been used in many ways to illustrate the Christian life. I recently heard the observation that God does not promise an easy life to the righteous (the wise). The rains came, the floods rose up, the wind blew against the wise builder's house just as they did against the unwise builder's house. The results were different because of the different foundations each one had used. The storms of life will test the righteous and the unrighteous, the Christian and the non-Christian. If our lives are firmly founded on faith and trust in God, we can use the trials of life to grow stronger in our faith.

### FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS Marie Keller — Elsie Troxel

"Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:3 & 4.

It seems our patience has been tried and rewarded, as the construction of the North Fort Myers church has finally begun this month. The filling and the footer has been put in and the slab is being poured this month. Bro. David Eisenmann, Sr. (North Port) is in charge of the construction. We appreciate all the support and the help from our brethren and friends in helping to get our church building started. We shall keep you posted as to the progress of the building.

The thankfulness in our hearts continues to pour out as we reminisce over the miracles that we were able to witness in the hearts of our dear Bro. Roy and Sis. Louise Moser at their testimony and baptism in Sarasota. Though separated from us now by many miles in Morton, IL, they are ever so close in heart and mind.

Eugene and Alice Myer (Bloomington, IL) are building a home in Port Charlotte and plan to spend some time with us this winter. How we delight in each new loved one who increases our precious circle of friends and brethren.

### KEEP LOOKING UP

Have you gone through a testing, temptation or trial?  
If you have, look up;

Yes, I truly believe  
 For God in His  
 n...  
 No...  
 Bel...  
 For...  
 o...  
 Can...  
 th...  
 So...  
 w...  
 All t...  
 All His mercies as well?  
 We can do naught but trust Him,  
 Casting all cares aside,  
 To walk down life's pathway  
 With an all-knowing Guide.  
 It's so much more thrilling  
 To be led by His hand,  
 To just walk day by day  
 To new horizons, new land,  
 To be guided and taught  
 So slowly and steady  
 For that day of victory,  
 when we must be ready.  
 When dark clouds come in and  
 obscure the view,  
 Just remember He's there,  
 And He's watching you,  
 And though at that moment,  
 Your soul cries with grief,  
 Keep looking up, for there's your  
 relief.

Sally Slane

### FLORIDA, SARASOTA Doris and Diane Rocke

Guest speakers this month were Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN) and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI). May their efforts in proclaiming the gospel bring fruit as we have witnessed here in our small church. Bro. Ben returned again this month for the testimony of Roy and Louise Moser who have found peace and were baptized as our dear brother and sister-in-faith.

There was a church supper following the baptism, and on the following Monday they left for Morton, Illinois, where they plan to live with their daughter, Nancy Cotton and family. May they remember our love and prayers as a consolation through the hours of bodily affliction. May the Lord bless and keep them in His care.

### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Shirley Denick — Jan Gudeman

Build a little fence of trust  
 Around today;

Fill the space with loving work  
 And therein stay,  
 Look not through the sheltering oars  
 Upon tomorrow;  
 God will help thee bear what comes  
 Of joy and sorrow.

Mary Butts

May God's healing hand touch Chris Huette, who is in the hospital for surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

August 1 was the wedding of Sis. Alma Schieber and Bro. Frank Wackerle (Bay City, MI). We wish them God's richest blessings as they begin their new life together.

A little boy, Aaron James, born July 22, is welcomed home by his two brothers, Craig and Ryan. Happy parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann Kachelmuss.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Jeanine Mariani were blessed with their second child, a little boy named David Ryan, born August 2.

We neglected to mention our high school graduates. They are Ronda Hodel (Bro. Ron and Sis. Donna), Shawn Maurer (Bro. Howard and Sis. Eileen) and Trent Hish (Bro. Don and Sis. Velda).

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Shirley Kieser

We enjoyed having Bros. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA), Ernest Graf and Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) with us. May God bless these laborers for their efforts.

Joe Ehnle (Bro. Gary and Sis. Carol's youngest son) re-entered the hospital for a skin graft on his hand. He has since returned home and we're thankful to say he's doing fine now. Chris Mueller was hospitalized for a time and is home again. It was good to see him able to be in church again and pray God will restore health and strength as He alone can.

The engagement of Russell Ehnle and Terry Hanning has been made known. We surely wish them God's blessing as they take this important step. Their parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla and Robert and Ellie Hanning (Bradford).

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

We know all about "itching ears" or think we do. I learned from a summer experience about "scratching where it itches". One evening someone threw a ball in the brush at the forest's edge while we were camping. I pushed a-

round with my foot to check for it. We found the ball, but my ankles itched. I thought nothing of it until the itching got worse, and I saw dozens of red spots. I scratched and expected it to spread. Thankfully it wasn't poison ivy and didn't spread, but what was this that still filled my days and nights with irritating itching and desperate scratching?

When a ranger at Effigy Mounds National Monument pointed out poison ivy, I asked about my symptoms. According to him, I had come in contact with stinging nettles. Rangers, he said, know enough not to scratch, and then the itching will go away. Otherwise, a person (me) is in for a siege! I've stopped scratching - it's better, but I still have the spots and some itching almost two weeks later. The experience reminds me of the "stinging nettles" we get into during life. Our peace can be disrupted (just as my sleep was) by Satan's itching: "That shouldn't have happened. You can't let them do this to you. Don't be a doormat. What will everybody say if you let them go this time?" and the more we discuss or think about the situation, the more irritated our emotions become. The itching and unrest of our feelings, followed by more scratching at our real "deal", becomes a never-ending cycle of spiritual restlessness or worse. The only remedy seems to be what the ranger said to do about the stinging nettles: No matter how badly something itches, let it go. Don't scratch. Ignore it, and it will go away. Nothing is worth troubling our spiritual peace. It's hard to recognize some spiritual stinging nettles ahead of time, but we can surely allow God's Word and prayer to soothe the itching instead of adding human scratching and extended trouble.

Our brothers in the ministry, Bros. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL) and Bob Pflederer (Morton, IL) have contributed immeasurably to our spiritual welfare by visiting us and exhorting us to a higher commitment of time and prayer to the only cause that will endure: Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Tom Bozzay (Bro. Tibor and Sis. Pearl) was briefly hospitalized but is home and doing better than before. We are grateful to the Lord that all is well, and our cheerful Tom has recuperated quickly.

Bro. Brad Getz will be attending

graduate school and the Columbus, OH church this fall. Thus we must say farewell, knowing, however, that the Lord has plans and work for him within their smaller flock. To the Lord's work we can only echo, "Amen". May the love and peace of Christ be reflected in Bro. Brad wherever he goes.

Elise Zimmerman's sister died recently, leaving a gap in the lives of those close to her. We grieve with dear Elise in this unexpected, deep loss. May the Spirit of Him who submitted His only Son to death give Elise understanding and peace.

How many times have we been tempted to think, "I'm not my brother's keeper"? Two grade school brothers climbed a shed roof. Both were reminded in no uncertain terms how dangerous an example they were setting for their younger, not-so-agile brothers. One brother nodded his head slowly, thinking with concern of the possible awful consequences, planning to be more thoughtful in the future. The other brother vehemently denied his responsibility, "If they'd climbed up and fallen, that would have been their own fault, not mine!" Which brother are we like? Has the "Me first (me only)" attitude of society warped our thinking? What about our Biblical responsibility to our neighbors and our weaker brothers?

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**ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK**  
**Myrna Weerts — Wilma Walder**

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

Hymns of Zion #196

On July 22 many of us attended the wedding of Bro. Eric Kaeb (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou) and Sis. Lou Ann Schneider (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta, Remington). We welcome Sis. Lou Ann into our Cissna Park congregation.

Bro. Quinn Zehr and Sis. Joan Waldbeser were united in holy matrimony August 12. Parents of the couple are Bro. Warren and Sis. Delores Zehr (Fairbury) and Bro. John and Sis. Carol Waldbeser. We will miss Sis. Joan, but wish her God's blessings as

she leaves to make her new home in Fairbury.

Visiting ministers enjoying the wedding day with us were Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) and Art Bahler (Fairbury), Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury), Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington) and Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN). May God continue to inspire all our ministering brothers to speak His true Word.

Sis. Olive Feller, wife of our retired Elder Bro. Ezra Feller, passed away quietly July 22 at her home in Cissna Park. Surviving besides her husband, Bro. Ezra, are: five daughters, Sis. Loretta Bauer (Kenneth, Cissna Park), Sis. Elna Grimm (Bob, Congerville), Sis. Gerry Neukomm (Alvin, Morton), Sis. Dona Grimm (Roy, Quincy), Sis. Joan Waldbeser (Fred, Loda); four sons, Bro. Lynn (Valparaiso, IN), Bro. Donald (Morton), Bro. Todd (Kouts) and Bro. Dale (Cissna Park); 39 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Bro. Albert Bucher (Francesville), Orville Bucher (Barefoot Bay, FL) and two sisters, Sis. Ann Meyer (Bluffton, IN) and Sis. Louella Jacob (Sarasota, FL). We extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. Ezra and his family. We will greatly miss her presence in our congregation.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Lena Bucher, who passed away August 10 at the home of her daughter.

Sis. Joan Rudin underwent surgery and Bro. Aaron Bauer was hospitalized this month. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The family of Olive Feller wishes to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the flowers, memorials, anonymous gifts, food, cards, prayers and so many other acts of kindness shown them during the illness and passing of their loved one. May God richly bless each of you for your kind deeds.

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**ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE**  
**Kay Roth — Tammy Knapp**

Oh, splendor of the universe  
When spring and summer run their  
course,  
God dips His paintbrush slowly in  
For autumn is the work of Him.

The brilliant sumac, scarlet there,  
The gorgeous sunset, none compare,

The hills are splashed in gold and  
brown.  
While leaves of saffron tumble down.

Oh, world of crimson, golden hue,  
Just nothing can compare with you.  
Most lovely time of all the year,  
When autumn comes to bless us here.

My soul enriched, I watch it all,  
The blessings of a gorgeous fall —  
The rain splashed hills, then golden  
suns,  
A smiling world — when autumn comes.  
Garnet Ann Schultz

Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19. We are very thankful our Lord is still working in hearts and turning souls to repentance. Our two converts this month are Jim Roth (Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline) and Larissa Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary). We pray that they may seek God's help in making a good beginning in their new life for Him.

Our thoughts went out to our elder brothers who met together for our annual conference. We pray they felt God's Holy Spirit working mightily in their midst.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16. We wish to thank Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS) for serving us so well from God's Word.

We want to wish our new couple in Congerville many of God's blessings as they establish their home and life together. Sarah Gschind (Bro. Aaron and Iris, Tremont) and Dale Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette) were united in marriage on August 4. We welcome Sarah to our congregation.

Ree Taufer (Bro. Bob and Sis. Marie, Morton) and Jim Hartman (Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie) have announced their engagement. We wish them God's guidance as they plan their lives together.

Sis. Erma Miller is once again hospitalized at this time. We think of her so often and pray that she will be given grace and courage to endure the infirmities of the body.

Our hearts were saddened when our dear friend, Elmer Miller, was called from this life. May God comfort his



wife, Ruth, son, Duane, and daughter, Linda Coggan, in the loss of their father and husband.

We want to thank all who helped with the lunch and also the ministers who had the service for our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Ruth Miller, Duane Miller,  
Linda and Jabez Coggan,  
Jabez, Myra and Manliff Coggan

### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

**Ruth Ann Getz**

"As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to them that trust in Him." II Samuel 22:31. What an assurance that the way of our God is perfect! How can we do any other thing than to trust completely in a perfect God? It is a peaceful thought indeed to think of God Himself as our buckler. We read, and we comprehend in part; but to consider how many times our God has been our buckler to this day and will continue to be our buckler (providing our trust is sustained) - we become overwhelmed and we humbly confess we understand so little.

Many students will be returning to the classrooms again this fall and how we rely on this omnipotent buckler for each one from the youngest to the oldest. May the holy principles of our God still be valued even in the classroom so that the children can learn to trust.

There have been a number of loved ones who have suffered illness. May they know this buckler to be their divine resource for comfort and healing. Les Heiniger and Sis. DeLores Kellenberger, David Bechtold and Amy Gasser have been able to return home after hospitalization. But, Sis. Rose Goll, John Foell, Nan Stettner and Bro. Otto Stettner presently remain hospitalized. Sis. Mary Spohr was released from the hospital and is presently staying with her daughter, Sis. Lucille Knobloch in Lester, IA.

August 11 marked the wedding day of Kim Metzger (daughter of Sis. Terry) and Laurence Byrne (son of Laurence and Mary Byrne). They will be making their home in Oceanside, CA while Larry is serving in the marines.

We were blessed with the ministry of several visiting brethren from various church communities in this past month. We want to thank each one for their service toward us. May we always

appreciate our ready accessibility to the Word and recognize that it is surely the richness of God's mercy that allows it to be so. Those who visited us were: Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT), Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS), Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA) and Bros. Edwin Bahler and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN).

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

**Kathy L. Roche**

As a trav-'ler home returning  
From some far and distant land,  
Thinks of it with bosom yearning,  
Ere his foot has touched the strand,  
So amid the noisy pleasures,  
Of the world the heart oft sighs  
For the nobler, higher treasures  
Laid up for us in the skies.

Zion's Harp #198

Having recently returned from a beautiful trip to Japan, and seeing the idol worship that millions of people embrace, we can truly say, "Send the Light!". We were thankful, comforted and encouraged by the love and hospitality of our brethren there, and though many miles separate us, we are one in Him. May God richly bless and provide for our loved ones in Japan.

Babies are a gift from God and we are happy to welcome Warren Michael Blunier. Born July 26, he is the son of Bro. Daryl and Sis. Lucy Blunier. Warren's three sisters are Jenny, Abbie and Alexia. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Verna Hartter and Bro. Lewis and Sis. Clara Lou Blunier.

We have had loved ones who have spent some time in the hospital this past month. May God's healing mercy be with Sis. Verda Blunier (Bro. Vernon), Bro. Walter Schumacher and Ira Grusy. "I was sick, and ye visited me." St. Matthew 25:36.

After a month of vacation, the Sunday School reconvened August 5. May He grant grace and courage to the brothers and sisters as the lessons are taught to our Sunday School children, from the youngest class to the Bible Class.

Soon our children and young men and women will be returning to schools and universities. Our prayer for each one is that their learning can lead them to some useful service, but always as unto the Lord.

Anger is just one letter short of Danger.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

**Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr**

Funeral services were held here for Sis. Anna Hertlein, 79, who passed away July 18 in Lamar, MO. She had just recently gone there to stay with relatives. Her husband, Bro. Emil, passed away in April, 1983.

Sis. Minnie Sutter, 83, passed away July 31 at the home of her sister, Sis. Clara Broquard. Sis. Minnie was afflicted with bodily ailments, one of them being the loss of her eyesight. May Sis. Clara be rewarded for her many deeds of kindness towards her sister.

On July 29, Bro. Ted Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice) and Sis. Sara Bahler (Bro. Art and Sis. Suzanne) were united in marriage. Visiting ministers with us that day were Bros. Earl Kilgus and Ken Schneider from Remington, IN.

On August 12, Bro. Quinn Zehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Dolores) and Sis. Joan Waldbeser (Bro. John and Sis. Carol, Cissna Park) were united in marriage. We wish both of these couples God's richest blessings as they establish their homes, and we welcome Sis. Joan to our Fairbury congregation.

We are thankful that Amy Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice) has answered God's call to repentance and we wish her God's grace and help.

Willard and Arlene Walter are grandparents to a boy, Andrew Jacob, born August 11 to Dale and Dorothy Walter (Ft. Wayne, IN). Sis. Ruth Walter is great-grandmother. We are happy for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Carl Kieser and his wife, Sis. Becky. At the time of this writing, he is still hospitalized in Peoria where he is undergoing therapy and tests due to some paralysis in his right arm, following an acute sick spell about ten days ago.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Kathy Leman — Sharon Adams**

We're thankful for the many efforts and labors of our ministering brethren as they bring us God's true Word. Visiting us this month were Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH), Bros. Ernest Graf (Akron, OH), Don Manz (Junction, OH), Don Gudeman (La-Crosse, IN), Everett Gerber (Rock-

ville, CT), Al Schneider (Rockville, CT) and Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH). May we always heed God's teaching that these dear brothers bring us.

We are happy and thankful to report that Sis. Ida Kaisner is out of the hospital and now residing at Fairview Haven in Fairbury. Also afflicted with illness this month were Bros. Paul Honegger and Emil Anliker. Bro. Emil is feeling better and has now returned home.

Bro. Rich and Sis. Jill Wenger have welcomed their first bundle of joy from heaven. Ryan Jay is the grandson of Sis. Nathalia Wenger and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vi Bachtold (Fairbury, IL).

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See on the portals He's waiting and  
watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

Come home, Come home, Ye who are  
weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home.

Gospel Hymns #324

We rejoice with the angels in heaven, as Kent Zimmerman (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn) has heard our Saviour calling and has turned his back to the world. May he surrender his all unto God and build on the solid rock, Jesus Christ.

The engagement of Sis. Sandra Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy) to Bro. Mike Zimmerman (Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen, Gridley) was made known. May God be with them as they plan their future together.

As our elders gathered together once again, may we always remember them in our prayers and support them as they strive to keep this precious faith united.

We wish to express our sympathy to Bro. Sam Zimmerman, Sis. Lillian Zimmerman and Sis. Martha Koehl (all of Fairview Haven) in the passing of their brother, Bro. John Zimmerman. His children are: Sis. Stella Bressler (Peoria, IL), Marilyn Grieff, Phyllis Rich, Norma Johns and Ivan.

With friends on earth we meet in  
gladness,  
While swift the moments fly,  
Yet ever come the tho't of sadness,  
That we must say "Goodbye".

How joyful is the hope that lingers,  
When loved ones cross death's sea,  
That we, when all earth's toils are  
ended,  
With them shall ever be!

No parting words shall e'er be spoken  
In yonder home so fair,  
But songs of joy, and peace, and  
gladness,  
We'll sing forever there.

We'll never say goodbye in heaven,  
We'll never say goodbye . . .  
For in that land of joy and song  
We'll never say goodbye.

Hymns of Zion #122

Our congregation was deeply sorrowed at the sudden loss of our dear Bro. Mark Schlatter. Life is so uncertain. May we always be ready, for we know not when our Saviour will call us home. Bro. Perry held the funeral services on August 5. His wife, Sis. Sherri, survives along with two daughters, Erika and Rachael, at home. May the love of God comfort the hearts of those left behind as only He can.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

#### Pam Wiegand

How wonderful it is to have Bro. Wes and Sis. Joyce Hohulin and their family back home with our congregation. Wes was transferred to Minnesota for a few years and is now home to stay. Welcome back!

There were two visiting ministers present Sunday, August 19, after the week of conference. Many thanks to Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) and Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH).

Sis. Charlotte Bahler was hospitalized for eye surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Elna Grimm in the loss of her mother, Sis. Olive Feller (Cissna Park, IL) Ollie is also my dear grandmother, and holds a special place in my heart. Already I miss her presence, her cheerful attitude, and all the love and care she showed us when we visited Cissna. She gave us a wonderful example to strive to follow as Christian wives and mothers. So often while I'm at home through the day, doing my canning or caring for the children, I think of Grandma and hope I can be more like her in the way I conduct myself at home.

We want to thank our Elder Bro. Ed

Hohulin for his many years of service to our congregation as he has now retired. I remember one piece of advice he gave me as a new convert, having trouble accepting another member of the church. He told me to pray for that person just as hard as I could, and to ask God to be with that person. His advice worked, and I can no longer even remember who it was I prayed for. I wonder how many other pieces of advice he has given to his congregation that have been kept in hearts. I'm sure if we knew them all, we could write a book. Thanks, Bro. Ed! We love you!

I want to thank everyone for the love, prayers, cards, letters, gifts, food and money sent to me. I want to thank Violet Reeser for taking the time to go with me and for being so helpful. I also want to thank Lou and Norma Bauman for their thoughtfulness of coming so far to see me. I especially want to thank Bob Grimm for sending me the recorder and tapes. I truly enjoyed listening to them. It helped pass the time in a very special way and gave me so much comfort and blessings. Everyone was so wonderful and I'm praying, God willing, that I will be able to come to church again soon.

In Christian love,  
Sis. Shirley DeBolt

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

#### Carol Klopfenstein

Jesus said that what we do to one of the least of His brethren, we do to Him. When we think of what this means we realize that there is nothing too great or burdensome that we should refuse to do for His brethren if it is in our power to do it. Every time we neglect an opportunity to serve even the least of His, we are neglecting our Lord. If we are ready for service lowly or great and ready to do His will - we are ready to make sacrifices if necessary and deny ourselves some earthly comforts and pleasures so that a service may be rendered in His behalf.

The more we will give to the Lord by serving His people and all mankind, the more we will receive innumerable blessings of joy and peace.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

How many times when we say, "No, I can't, I'm too busy," could we have rather said, "Yes, maybe I can, I'll change my plans." May the Lord give us grace to have this desire in our hearts: "Let me take more time to do what He wants me to do and less time to do what I want to do." As we show mercy and soften our will, the Lord is then merciful to us and can truly use us as humble instruments in His hand.

We were glad to have ministering Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton) with us. He reminded us that we should accept whatever the Lord wants to say to us, whether we like it or not. There are often some kinds of food that children would rather not eat, but their parents will tell them to eat them anyway because the food is good for them. Likewise as God's children, we may be tempted to refuse some things we don't like to hear. But the brother reminded us that if we are going to be spiritually healthy, we must accept and obey the whole counsel of God.

Seth Charles Campbell was born July 16 and is gladly welcomed by his parents, Bro. Mark and Sis. Marcia. Seth's grandparents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lucy Schmidgall (Morton) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell (Lake Bloomington).

Bob and Connie Campbell are the happy parents of Tracey Lynn who was born July 17. She has a brother, Andrew, and her grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane Gramm (Gridley) and Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Campbell (Mercer, PA).

Sis. Deanna Marti (Bro. Allen and Sis. Delores) was united in marriage with Bro. Richard Isaia (Dorothy, Roanoke) on August 12. We were glad to have ministering Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville) and Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke) with us for the occasion.

Our hospital patients have been Sis. Bertha Funk, Sis. Anna Klopfenstein, Sis. Sandy Maurer and Bro. Alan Steffen.

Bro. Jim and Kathy Gramm and family have moved to Phoenix. We will miss them and wish them God's grace and blessings in their new home.

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker**

The family of Bro. Charles Schwenk wish to express their gratitude and thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits and gifts of love they received while

their loved one was ill and at his passing. May God bless all who were so kind.

John A. Getz was called into eternity. His funeral was held July 23. May God comfort and bless his wife, Ida, his family and friends.

We are rejoicing with Sis. Chris Knobloch (Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel) and Bro. Andy Aberle (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda, Tremont) as the Lord has drawn them together to become one in Christ Jesus. May God bless them.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Sis. Gerry Neukomm and Bro. Don Feller upon the passing of their mother, Sis. Ollie Feller (Cissna Park, IL). May the Lord comfort and bless her family and friends.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Bro. Robert Bertschi upon the passing of his sister and to Sis. Mary Ann Winzeler upon the passing of her granddaughter, Janice Bertschi (Roanoke, IL). May God comfort and bless her family and friends.

Bro. John Kauffman was called Home. His funeral was held August 6. May God comfort and bless his wife, Sis. Loretta, his family and friends.

Sis. Emma Seidel wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, food and gifts of love while in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless each one.

School bells will soon be ringing. May our Heavenly Father be with each teacher and student throughout this new school year.

Let us continue to uphold our loved ones who are ill, shut-in or in the hospital in prayer. May they continue to feel our prayers.

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

**Margo Marx — Susi Herman**

August 19 was the date Sis. Tonya Guingrich and Bro. Scott Wieland (Bay City, MI) were joined in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Larry and Sandy Guingrich and Bro. Don and Sis. Luann Wieland (Bay City, MI). We rejoice with Sis. Tonya and Bro. Scott and wish them God's richest blessings as they make their home in the Bay City area. We will miss having Sis. Tonya in our congregation.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Mary Tanner, Bro. Walt Witzig, Bro. Craig Stickling, Helen Thomas, Michelle Hoerr, Sis. Jamie and Bro. Marten Zimmerman. May the healing

power of our Father in heaven be on them.

We wish to thank the dear brethren and their families who were with us recently. Sharing their time and talents with us were Bro. Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO), Bro. Art Bauer (Princeville), Bro. Roy Ehle (Bradford) and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley).

Our hearts were lifted the weekend of July 29 when two dear couples brought their testimonies before the church and were baptized after making a covenant with God. We rejoice to greet our new brothers and sisters-in-faith: Gary and Nancy Schmidgall and Tex and Mary Streitmatter. We wish them the grace to maintain their peace with God and man.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are once again gathering for the annual conference. May God be in their midst and may His will be recognized in all the decisions.

"We want to say 'Thank you and God bless you!' to all who have so kindly and lovingly showered us with prayers, cards and gifts these past months during Ray's illness, hospital and nursing home stay. He is at home again and hopes he'll soon be able to assemble with loved ones at church!"

Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice Martin "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1. Scripture tells us that God tempts no man. Temptation always comes from the devil. God will test us and allow us to endure the temptation, but the devil does the tempting. How do we overcome it? A little girl once told her method. "When the devil comes knocking at the door, I don't answer it. I send Jesus to the door." And that is exactly the way to take care of it. Send Jesus to the door! Joan Winmill Brown

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Arlene and Arlys Martin**

Prayer not only changes things — it also changes people.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. William Emch (Lamont, KS), John Hartman (Fairbury), Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH), Darrell Stoller (Bern, KS), Elder Bro. Sam Huber and Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS), Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA), Elmer Witzig (Gridley), Bill Hodel (Roanoke), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) and Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT).

We offer congratulations to Bro. Kevin Grimm (Sabetha, KS) and Sis.

Nita Baer who were married July 29. Their parents are Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm (Sabetha, KS) and Otto and Eleanor Baer of our congregation.

We congratulate Bro. Bruce Graham and Sis. Pam Wagenbach also who were married August 5. Their parents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Janette Graham and Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine Wagenbach of our congregation.

We are thankful that the Lord spared the Jordan Feucht family of serious injury when they were involved in a car accident July 21. Bro. Jordan, Sis. Kathy, and their children, Kari, Andy and Elsie, are very thankful for God's mercy.

Those on the sick list have been Bro. Ezra Rumbold, Sis. Emma Asal and Sis. Kay Siebenthal.

### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold

"Thank you for that awesome instant when the whole earth seemed to pause, waiting with me for that first hearty cry.

Thank you for smooth cheeks, a fuzzy head,  
the pulsing of a tiny chest.

Thank you for Thy care of me,  
Thy care of my child,  
and Thy care in sending Your Child  
to us.

Thank you, Lord.  
Thank you.

from Gift in My Arms

Joy has filled many homes this month in the form of a child. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Karen Leman have their first girl and second child. Little Mary Elizabeth's grandparents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge Leman and Bro. Fred and Sis. Marge Knapp (Congerville). Joseph is her brother.

Keri Lee was the third girl born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Cindy Blunier. Her two little sisters, Janell and Jennifer, are waiting for her to grow up. Bro. Walt and Sis. Marion Blunier and Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker are the grandparents.

Bro. Brent and Sis. Marge Hodel now are a family of four. Nathan William is the new addition and Sarah is the big sister. Grandparents of the little guy are Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Hodel and Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardell Aeschleman.

Bro. John and Sis. Peg Sauder have named their little one, Trisha Joy. She has a brother J.R. and grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Esther Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johann (Eureka). May each home feel God's guidance in raising those children.

God's blessings were on the union of Bro. Curt Hodel and Sis. Jenell Leman. They were united in marriage and now are "building" a home whose foundation is the Lord. Parents of the couple are Bro. Jim and Sis. Doris Hodel and Bro. Rich and Sis. Rachel Leman.

Our congregation was deeply saddened at the sudden death of the daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy Bertschi. She was killed in a one-car accident near Roanoke. May the family be given Godly wisdom and divine understanding.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Happy Hodel and Bro. Bill Bucher. When we are weak, He makes us strong.

Thanks to Bro. Eddie Aeschleman for his visit and service to us.

### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach  
Carolyn Bolliger

This month we were blessed with many visiting ministers. Visiting us were Bros. Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA), Earl Gerber (Forrest), Ben Manz (Junction, OH), Marv Stieglitz (Leo, IN), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS), Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH), Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA), Duane Kilgus (Fairbury), Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH), Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH), Willis Wiegand (Goodfield) and Walter Anliker (Eureka). We thank each one for coming and giving of themselves so freely. May God richly reward them.

It was a privilege for our congregation to host two Ft. Sam reunions recently. The blessings were surely ours as we could meet brethren from near and far. It also brought many visiting ministers into our midst.

The engagement was made known of Bro. Andy Aberle and Sis. Christine Knobloch (Morton). Parents of the couple are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda Aberle and Bro. Bob and Sis. Marvel Knobloch (Morton).

Doug Frank and Cheri Davis also announced their engagement. Their parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Miriam Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Don

Davis (Green Valley). We wish both couples God's richest blessings.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Wagenbach are the happy parents of Philip Dale, born July 30. Grandparents are Bro. Curt and Sis. June Zuercher and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach.

August 4 was the wedding day for Sarah Gschwind and Dale Knapp. Their parents are Aaron and Iris Gschwind and Bro. Glen and Sis. Jeanette Knapp (Congerville).

Bro. William Beutel was relieved of his earthly suffering and could go to his long awaited rest. We extend our sympathy to his children and many relatives.

We also extend a word of sympathy to Sis. Esther Musselman in the death of her brother, Elmer Miller (Congerville).

Sis. Miriam Frank had a fall in her home, breaking a bone in her wrist. Also, Bro. Maurice Schaefer and son, Kevin, met with accident on the highway. Both are hospitalized at this time, with Kevin requiring surgery for a broken arm and other lacerations. We are thankful that they are improving and that God was merciful and spared their lives.

We especially want to thank all who remembered our sister, Priscilla Schmid, in prayer, visits, cards, gifts, flowers, etc. while she was hospitalized and since she is at Restmor Nursing Home having treatments for her infirmities. She is showing progress now.

The Schmid family

### ILLINOIS, URBANA

Cheryl Mangers

On July 25 we bid farewell to Bro. Tom and Sis. Carla Schafer as they leave our congregation for employment in San Diego, CA. At the same time, we welcomed newlyweds Dave and Karen Yergler.

The St. Joseph Park was the scene of our annual Sunday School picnic on July 29, an event enjoyed by both young and old. Bro. Dewayne Dill and Sis. Mary Greiner will be joining Bros. K. Hanson and T. Pfloderer and Sis. C. Banwart and P. Furrer in Sunday School when classes resume in September. Our thanks and appreciation go to our outgoing teachers, Bro. Loren Schrenk and Sis. Joan Hanson.

On August 18, Sonya Fischer (Bro. Rich and Sis. Dorothy) was united in marriage to Aaron Buchanan. May God bless their union.

Our thanks go to Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Bob Grimm for their service on July 22.

### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

**Lily Pfaffman — Sally Plattner**

"For I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth . . ." Luke 15:7. Two more precious souls have surrendered their lives to our Lord and Saviour. They are Gina Martin (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Sharon, Washington) and Stan Schick (Henry and Elizabeth, Morton). How it strengthens our faith in the power of prayer! Let's never underestimate its worth.

Sis. Pearlne Streitmatter (Bro. Vernon) was hospitalized awhile but is now home again feeling better. We are so thankful health is again being restored to her.

Another child has been born into this world. Jim and Evie (Heinold) Mitchel are the happy, first-time parents of a little girl, Adriane Nicole. We pray that they will have many joys with her and "bring (her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

This month three visiting ministers came to share the inspired Word of God with us. They were Elder Bros. Roy Sauder (Peoria) and Dan Koch (Tremont) and ministering Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley). We so appreciate their labors of love.

Once again we have had to say good-bye to those who have gone elsewhere to seek employment. Bro. Roger and Sis. Linda Ziegenhorn and their three dear children, David, Tiffany and Sara will be assembling with our believers in Kansas City. Bro. Mike Drete has moved to the Los Angeles area and will be making Altadena his church. Carol and Arlie Crutchley and their daughter, Angie, are moving to Albuquerque, NM. May the blessings of our heavenly Father go with each one as they "pick up stakes" and settle in new places.

Life isn't always as we think it should be. Trials and afflictions must come. Yet we know that there is always a "silver lining" in every cloud. God blesses us in so many ways. But, if we don't keep a positive attitude, letting depression overtake us, we won't see the sun shining through the rain, leaving that rainbow of promise and illuminating the "silver lining" of blessing. If we have the Lord in our hearts and lives, let's keep our chin up with a smile of heavenly confidence on our face and

walk by faith and not by sight. For then life will be as He planned it to be.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

**Etta Steffen**

**Sue Neuenschwander**

#### THERE ARE NINE REQUISITES FOR CONTENTED LIVING

Health enough to make work a pleasure;  
Wealth enough to support your needs;  
Strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them;  
Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them;  
Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished;  
Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor;  
Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others;  
Faith enough to make real the things of God;  
Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is His reward." Psalm 127:3.

Wendy Sue was born July 1 to Steve and Sis. Arlene Stump. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Ida Aschliman. On July 23 Benjamin Everett was born to Bro. Jack and Sis. Carla Girod. Grandparents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Alice Geisel. First-time parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. June Fiechter. They welcome Jason William into their home. Happy grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Maxine Fiechter and Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber. Jason was born July 28. Bro. Jim and Sis. Jan Schwartz have been blessed with their second daughter, Jill Andrea. Jill was born July 30. Grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Leona Schwartz and Bro. Dick and Sis. Lil Yergler. On August 1, Joshua Alan was born to Kent and Sheila Meyer. Bro. Les and Sis. Carolyn Meyer are the grandparents.

Sis. Shari Stoller and Bro. Chris Pfister united hearts and hands in marriage and will now walk the path of life together. Parents are Bro. Rich and Sis. Arlene Stoller (Bluffton North) and Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose Pfister. On August 12 Ronda Reinhard and Jay Grube were united in marriage. Their parents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard (Latty, OH) and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grube.

Our best wishes go to Bro. Courtney

Pfister and Sis. Jodi Gerber who have announced their engagement. Their parents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Rose Pfister and Bro. Arlen and Sis. Susie Gerber. We wish them God's richest blessings as they plan their lives together.

We have been richly blessed with two visiting ministers this month. On August 12 Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis) and Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH) proclaimed the Word. We want to thank these brothers and tell them just how much we appreciate their labors of love.

Those who have recently spent time in the hospital were Sis. Marie Moser, Bro. Dennis Caffee and Sis. Esther (Bro. Olen) Geisel. We pray for God's healing touch.

It is our prayer that God will guide the hearts and minds of the brethren as they meet this month for the annual conference.

### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Virginia Rauch — Cindy Geisel

The time of Jesus return may be closer than we think. One of our young brothers has written the following poem, which gives all much food for thought.

#### NOTICE . . . RAPTURE!

I woke in hopes to find another day of grace before me,  
When picking up the news I find the headlines which inform me,  
That something strange has happened to some people on the sphere;  
The title reads "Here Mass Confusion, Many Disappear!"

What could this be, this strange event which now has taken place;  
Where are my loving parents now? . . .  
I see no Christian face.  
I've heard there'd be a time when Jesus Christ would come again;  
But I was busy with my life that now seems nought but vain.

Oh can I not go with my Dad and be with Mother too?  
Please, God, look down and give me grace, just tell me what to do!  
I do not have a friend down here to whom I now can turn;  
They're taking all the Bibles here — all Godly ways they spurn.

I'm sorry Lord, I really am, for all  
wrong said and done;  
Please, give me just an extra day, from  
Thee no more I'll run.  
I want to spent 'eternity' with Thee,  
O Lord, I pray;  
But there's no grace, what shall I do?  
O Lord what shall I say?

I woke again to find that I had lived  
through just a dream;  
I have a chance to yet be cleansed by  
Jesus' crimson stream.  
And after this I know that I'll be serving  
Christ my Lord;  
No sin, nor death, or Hell for me, the  
loss I can't afford!

Oh will you not think twice, my friend,  
of living out in sin,  
When you could hold great peace and  
joy and happiness within;  
And then some day to meet the Lord  
and rest from earthly strife?  
Please stop, my friend, consider well,  
you've only got one life!

by - jlr

The angels rejoice over one soul that  
repents. How much more rejoicing  
there must be for three dear souls who  
have now made God their choice. They  
are Amy Ringger (Bro. Al and Sis.  
Colleen), Rachel Gerber (Bro. Vernon  
Gerber) and Julie Frauhiger (Bro.  
Doyle and Sis. Jane).

On August 5 Bro. Brad Baumgartner  
(Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce) and Sis.  
Michelle Steffen (Bro. Carl and Sis.  
Myrna, Alto, MI) were united in holy  
matrimony. We wish them God's richest  
blessings.

Those hospitalized last month were  
Bro. Sam Habegger and Tara Byerly  
(Bro. Steve and Sis. Sue). We hope that  
they are feeling much better now and  
are on the road to complete recovery.

We sincerely wish to thank Elder  
Bro. Don Sauder and Bro. Jim Leman  
(Roanoke) for lending their services to  
us this past month. It is always a joy to  
have visiting ministers and their wives  
and families join us in worship.

#### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

**Jacki Huber**

On a recent Sunday the engagement  
of Bro. Matt Gutwein (son of Phil and  
Julie and grandson of Bro. Emil and  
Sis. Mary Gutwein) to Sis. Luz Vernon  
was announced. Matt and Luz both live  
in the Indianapolis area and attend our  
Indianapolis church. We wish them

God's richest blessings in their married  
life.

We welcome Bro. Ben Metz into our  
congregation as he is serving as admin-  
istrator at our Parkview Haven Rest  
Home. Bro. Ben is from the Forrest, IL  
congregation. We look forward to his  
family joining him here in the near  
future.

Due to a change of employment, Bro.  
Mick and Sis. Coleen Culp plan to  
move to the Decatur, IN area and will  
attend the Bluffton North church. We  
will miss them and their five children,  
Shawn, Eric, Ben, Jennifer and Kyle.  
May God go with them all and bless  
them is our prayer.

We were uplifted on a recent Sunday  
when Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL)  
proclaimed God's Word to us. We  
thank him for his willingness to share  
with us.

Hospital patients this past month  
have been Bro. Harold Gutwein, Sis.  
Donna (Bro. Rodney) Gutwein, Rachel  
Huber (Bro. Brian and Sis. Jacki) and  
Bro. Carl Gutwein. We hope they all  
continue in good health as they have so  
far.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Y'Vonne Gutwein  
and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber  
recently visited our brethren in Japan,  
and we're glad to have them home  
again.

#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

**Judy Dubach — Lynn Winslow**

"Taking up one's cross means sim-  
ply that you are to go to the road which  
you see to be the straight one; carrying  
whatever you find is given you to carry,  
as well and stoutly as you can; without  
making faces, or calling people to come  
and look at you. Above all, you are  
neither to load or unload yourself, not  
cut your cross to your own liking. Some  
people think it would be better for  
them to have it large; and many, that  
they could carry it much faster if it were  
small; and even those who like it large  
are usually very particular about its  
being ornamental, and made of the  
best ebony. But all you have really to  
do is keep your back straight and not  
think about what is upon it; above all,  
not to boast of what is upon it.

The congregation was made aware of  
the engagement of Sis. Luz Vernon and  
Bro. Matt Gutwein. Both are currently  
students at Indiana University in  
Bloomington, IN. Sis. Luz's parents  
are from New York City and Bro.  
Matt's parents reside in Francesville.

We wish them God's richest blessings  
as they plan to start their lives to-  
gether. We thank ministering Bro.  
Mike Thomas (Valparaiso) for sharing  
God's precious Word with us.

#### INDIANA, LACROSSE

**Sheryl Bucher — Connie Knobloch**

This is the time of the year when  
many of us are enjoying the bounty of  
lush fruits and vegetables from our  
gardens. We have so much to be thank-  
ful for, for we can sow but God gives the  
increase! We should take time to thank  
and praise God for His goodness to us.  
"Count your many blessings, name  
them one by one, and it will surprise  
you what the Lord has done!"

We surely want to express our deep  
sympathy to Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen  
Feller and Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary  
Ann Feller and their families, on the  
death of their beloved mother and  
grandmother, Sis. Ollie Feller (Bro.  
Ezra, Cissna Park, IL). Sis. Ollie was a  
lovely inspiration to all of us with her  
obvious, sincere walk with her God. It  
seemed she was always smiling and  
always had a twinkle in her eyes. She  
will always be lovingly remembered  
and sadly missed.

How joyful is the hope that lingers,  
When loved ones cross death's sea,  
That we, when all earth's toils are  
ended,  
With them shall ever be!

No parting words shall e'er be spoken  
In yonder home so fair,  
But songs of joy and peace and  
gladness,  
We'll sing forever there.

We'll never say goodbye in heav'n,  
We'll never say goodbye.  
For in that land of joy and song  
We'll never say goodbye.

July 22 was the date of our annual  
Sunday School picnic. A delicious pot-  
luck meal was followed by a short  
meeting of distribution of attendance  
awards to the Sunday School children.  
LaCrosse Sunday School is now in  
recess until the first of September.

Notice: Silver Lining subscription  
fees of \$7.00 are due in September.

#### INDIANA, LEO

**Thelma Schlatter**

A Christian should have a spring in  
his step, a smile on his lips and a song in

his heart. Dear Christian, do you?

Our congregation has been given added blessings through the ministry of visiting Bros. James Rinkenberger (Bluffton), Terry Farney (Wichita, KS) and Ted Witzig (Morton, IL).

We welcome Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan Schick and their son, Billy, who have come to serve the Lord at our Children's Home.

We regret to say farewell to Bro. Lester and Sis. Edna Meister; good wishes go with them to their new home in Florida.

His special blessing of healing is asked for Sis. Kathy Price, Sis. Helen Norr and for Randy Fessenden.

After several years of failing health, Sis. Mina Bertsch, 90, was called Home. Services were held August 18. Surviving are a sister and brother, Frieda and Andrew Bertsch, and many nieces and nephews.

God will sometimes put us into the position of leaning upon Him in faith to find that He never fails.

If you trust in man, you will get what man can do for you. It's only when you trust in God that you will receive what God can do for you. It's not enough to have faith in a church, good as it may be. We must have faith in the Lord Jesus.

"God is still in His Heaven  
And still in command;  
Everything is on schedule . . .  
According to Plan."

Lela Decker

### INDIANA, MILFORD

#### Gwen Steffen — Shelby Beer

We wish to extend a very special welcome to our congregation to Troy and Linda Moser and Russ and Pat (Beer) Mikel and family. Russ and Pat are thankful for the gift of a new little son, Rhett Landrew, born August 2. Lisa, Ryan and Rustin are thrilled along with the grandparents, Bro. Cap and Sis. Mary Ann Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mikel. Pat has found grace unto repentance and now has that perfect peace in God. She is looking forward to sharing her testimony and being baptized.

Bro. Rich and Sis. Andrea Stoller, along with Jerrod, Brittany and Katie, welcome a little bundle from heaven into their hearts and home. Zachary Scott was born August 14. The happy grandparents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman (Bluffton) and

Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Stoller (Gridley, IL).

On August 11 precious marriage vows were exchanged between Jill Haab (Bro. Ray and Sis. Paula) and Brian Brannock (Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brannock, Syracuse). Our love and prayers go with them as they are now residing in Lafayette where Brian is attending Purdue University.

We want to humbly thank Bro. John Isch (Indianapolis) for coming to share God's most precious Word with us on August 19. We appreciate so much our ministers untiring efforts in our behalf.

We always look forward to the visits in the summer of the vacationers who take time to come and worship with us. It is a special blessing to have you among us.

August 19 was the Sunday for our annual Youth Fellowship Day at nearby Camp Mack. A beautiful day of worship, singing and fellowship was spent by all.

Bro. Howard Beer wishes to humbly thank each one for remembering him during his recent surgery.

### INDIANA, REMINGTON

#### Beth Virkler — Annette Bahler

"... The excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it." Eccl. 7:12

The precious knowledge which all the students flock to school for is still void and vain without God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" Prov. 1:7. "If you leave God out, you may learn and learn and the more you learn the unhappier you become." H. G. Wells, one of the most learned and noted men of modern times and an atheist, said in his autobiography, 'I cannot adjust my life to secure any fruitful peace . . . Here I am at sixty-five still seeking for peace . . . That dignified peace . . . is just a hopeless dream.' He had knowledge, tragic knowledge. But it was nothing but intellectualism. And that is not enough." (Leroy Brownlow). What a thankful people we should be, to be able to unlock a flood of peace to our soul through Christ.

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. Calvin Schnieder (Bro. Ken and Sis. Loretta) has made a beginning in faith. We pray for his desire to continue to seek after righteousness in the Lord.

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Sis. Marie Schieler (Bro. Harold) as she was hospitalized again for her heart, and has returned home.

"The universe is God's University. We are here as scholars learning our lessons, and life is too short for us to be slow learners. In this university we are given the sources for study in God's Word, the Bible." (Leroy Brownlow).

### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

#### Pauline Laidig

In the cottage there is joy,  
When there's love at home;  
Hate and envy ne'er annoy,  
When there's love at home.  
Roses blossom 'neath our feet,  
All the earth's a garden sweet,  
Making life a bliss complete,  
When there's love at home.

Kindly heaven smiles above,  
When there's love at home;  
All the earth is filled with love,  
When there's love at home.  
Sweeter sings the brooklet by,  
Brighter beams the azure sky,  
O there's one who smiles on high,  
When there's love at home.

Hymns of Zion #64

As Bro. Brad Baumgartner and Sis. Michelle Steffen were recently married, and will be establishing their first home, it is our prayer that the above words will be very real in their home and lives. May the Lord be their unseen guest. We look forward to having their parents, Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner (Bluffton North) and Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna Steffen (Alto, MI) and their families join us in worship and fellowship as they visit Brad and Michelle.

Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH), Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Jesse Beer (Milford) spent a recent Wednesday night with us. We appreciate their willingness to travel here, and care for our needs. It was a pleasure to have Bro. Dale Strassheim minister to us once again; and, of course, we enjoyed having Sis. Carol and their family with us, too.

We were fortunate to have a lovely day when we had our church outing and picnic. It was also a time of good fellowship.

School days are here again, and we have children and young folks attending from kindergarten up through col-

lege. May our heavenly Father watch over them all.

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**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**

**Elaine Bahler — Lorene Furrer**

I to Christ my life have given,  
 Ever His alone to be;  
 Oh, what peace and blest assurance,  
 That He has a plan for me!

Now I know that He is leading  
 In His love so full and free;  
 I can rest in Him securely,  
 For He has a plan for me.

As I walk along life's pathway,  
 Though the way I cannot see  
 I shall follow in His footsteps,  
 For He has a plan for me.

So I look to Him for guidance,  
 Saviour, Lord and King is He;  
 I can trust Him — aye, forever,  
 Since He has a plan for me!

Trusting Him in full assurance,  
 This would be my only plea —  
 Reveal, Oh Lord, just step by step  
 Thine own perfect plan for me!  
 Rosella Thiesen

We are so thankful to have four souls seeking the Lord in repentance. May the Lord gently guide and direct them towards the day when we can embrace them as sisters and brothers.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Sis. Linda Oberlander and her children as they leave to make their home in Fairbury, IL. They will be sadly missed by our congregation, but we trust this move is a part of God's perfect plan.

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**IOWA, BURLINGTON**

**Dixie Messner — Edith Massner**

What a blessed day we had when Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Al Aberle (Tremont, IL), Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL) and Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) were here to share God's Word and witness the proving of Carolyn Massner (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Edith) on Sunday, July 29. We want to welcome Carolyn into the fold as one of our dear sisters-in-the-faith. Also with us that afternoon were Bro. John Steiner and our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville).

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward in the passing of Bro. Marvin's father, Homer Woodward.

We are glad to see Sis. Leola Heiniger (Bro. Harvey) back in church after a short stay in the hospital.

Due to illness and vacations our own ministers could not be with us one Wednesday evening this month. We thank Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) for lending himself to us.

We have had a few visitors stop through on their way to the conference in Lester. Among them were ministering Bros. Joseph Ramsier and Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH). We thank them for sharing with us on Sunday evening.

Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) was here one Wednesday evening. We always enjoy Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy when they come and visit their families here.

We were sad to see Bro. Allen and Sis. Rosie Massner and their families move to Taylor, MO. In a small congregation you really notice when someone moves. Taylor is small, too, and as the Massner family will be much appreciated, we wish them God's many rich blessings.

One inspirational message brought to us this past month encouraged us to pray that God would help us to see ourselves as He sees us. May God reveal Himself to us in answer to such prayers.

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

Our thanks go to Elder Bro. Paul and Sis. Molly Butikofer for providing their residence again for our annual Sunday School picnic, which was held on the evening of July 29. A blessed evening was shared by all.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Dan and Adeline Lehman in the passing of their brother, Walter.

A surprise gathering was held for Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Caroline Butikofer to wish them the Lord's blessings on their 50th anniversary.

On July 28, Chuck Schupbach (George and Mildred) and Janet Weber (Mrs. Ervin Weber) were united in marriage. We wish them God's blessings.

Hospitalized this past month were Marion Knobloch (Kelly), Sis. Ruth Metzger (Ervin) and Sis. Joy Frieden (Edwin).

We were privileged to be blessed with several visiting ministers this past month. Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL), Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Bro. Floyd Wieland and

Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT). May God richly bless them all. We appreciate their labors in our behalf.

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**IOWA, IOWA CITY**  
**Connie Gerst**

We thank our ministering brothers who have made the effort to worship with us this past month. They were Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield, IL) and Bros. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington) and Bill Gerst (Alto, MI).

As the time draws near that we will be privileged to hear the results of the brotherhood conference, whether it be in person, from tapes or the reading of the letter, may we all pray that our hearts are in a condition to receive the many exhortations that may come our way. Our elders need to feel our support at all times. Let us remember that the shepherds need sheep willing to follow their loving examples, and we can help them in their labors of love by feeding contentedly in the spiritual green pastures they try to provide for us.

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**IOWA, LESTER**  
**Alice Metzger**

We feel we had a glimpse of the joys of heaven the past few days, when we hosted the Brotherhood and Elder Conference for the Apostolic Church. Many beautiful and untold blessings were experienced as we welcomed so many of our faith into our homes and church. We are thankful for the elders who give so much of themselves for us and their concern for our eternal life. Above all, we are thankful to God for being in our midst.

A soldier's reunion was held here on the weekend of July 29. We enjoyed the visitors and appreciated the ministers in this group. They were Bros. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Ron Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal, IL), Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott, KS) and Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ). We were spiritually fed by the messages they brought forth. Another Sunday we were happy to have Bro. Virgil Metzger minister to us.

A baby boy, Kent Leo, was born on July 24 to Bro. Donn and Sis. Joyce Moser. He has one sister and his grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Edith Knobloch and Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and the late Bro. Ken Moser.

Our hospital patient is Morris Metz-



ger, the small son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Joyce Metzger.

As schools and colleges are opening their doors for a new semester, many prayers are offered in the behalf of students and teachers. As the learning process continues, let's also learn more of God and His Holy Word.

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

"Jesus loves the little children . . ." and so do we at Oakville. We have three new babies that have been added to our congregation. Cousins, Marie Ann Schmidgall and Anne Rebecca Steiner were both born July 26. Marie is welcomed home by mom and dad, Bro. Don and Sis. Carol Schmidgall and big brothers, Ben and Jeff. The happy grandparents are Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian Schmidgall and Bro. Jim and Sis. Eunice Wuthrich (Morton, IL). Anne is also welcomed home by Bro. Tom and Sis. JoAnn Steiner and sisters, Karen and Laura, and twin brothers, Randy and Robbie. Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner and Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian Schmidgall are the grandparents. On August 7, Bro. Curt and Sis. Jean Eberhardt were blessed with their first child. Seth Jacob was the name given to the grandson of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ruby Eberhardt and Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA). We also congratulate John and Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach on the arrival of their new grandson, Carson Henry, born to Bro. Joe and Sis. Jerilyn Yackley (Taylor, MO).

August 5 will be a day in the lives of Sis. Brenda Kiefer and Bro. Jeff Thames that they will never forget. On that day, they became united as one in the Lord. May God bless them and may they ever be a light to those round about them as they make their home in Champaign, IL. Parents are Bob and Delores Kiefer and Phil and Sis. Kay Thames (Washington, IL).

Visiting ministers for Sis. Brenda and Bro. Jeff's wedding were Bros. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL) and Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA).

Other visiting ministers have been Elder Bros. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL), Joe Ramsier (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH). We so much appreciate our visiting ministers and especially we appreciate the Word of Life which they so willingly expound upon.

"Seeds of goodness we are sowing in the hearts of men today. Bless it Lord that it may prosper and bear fruit for harvest day." Hymns of Zion #46. Those of us who live in the rural communities can see the harvest time fast approaching. Let us all be prepared for that great Spiritual Harvest when our Great God will be the reaper. Will we have borne fruit worthy of the Kingdom? "He who gathers not at harvest, will a beggar be at last, therefore rise TODAY and labor, gathering golden sheaves with haste! Hasten gladly to the labor, consecrate to God your heart. Say this day unto your Savior, Lord I'll gladly do my part!" Hymns of Zion #46.

NOTE: The Silver Lining dues (\$7.00) can be paid to Sis. Debbie or Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach during the month of September.

#### IOWA, PULASKI Mary Jane Knapp DeAnn Wuthrich

We are especially grateful for our visiting ministers each month. We want to thank Bro. Dale Strassheim (Milford, IN) for ministering God's beautiful Word unto us. What a blessing it is to receive the words of help and encouragement.

Hospitalized patients in the past month have been Sis. Billy Cruikshank and Doug Wiegand. We are very thankful they are both home now and doing well.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND Polly Zaugg — Elma Mogler

We do appreciate our ministers and our visiting ministers. It seems we are so weak and lean so heavily upon them. It brings to mind Psalm 127:14, "Put your hope in the Lord, take courage and be strong." We wish to thank our visiting ministers who were Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester), Bros. Alphonie Strahm and John Lehman (Bern, KS), Dale Moore (Elgin), Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL) and Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis, OH).

Our thoughts and prayers are often with those who lay on hospital beds. Our wish is that God's healing power will grant them full recovery. Those hospitalized this month were Fred Traub, Jr., Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. George Sauder, Conrad Schmidt and Bernadine Jurgens. Also, Sis. Clara

Bruellman and Sis. Emma Luthi had eye surgery.

We welcome Bro. Mark Skogland, whose wife is Sis. Lori, into our fold of believers. Our hearts were so thankful and happy to hear his testimony of faith and witness his vows.

Leo and Tammy Banwart (Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty) have found the need to seek the Lord's help in repentance. We pray that they build their faith on Jesus, the Solid Rock. "And the Lord shall guide thee continually." Isaiah 58:11.

Corbin James Fehr arrived into the family of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy Fehr July 25. Darren, Ann, Jason, Ryan, Brennan and Amber welcome him home as well as Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz and Sis. Nima Fehr. Each child has a special place in our heart and home. May God bless this family.

Melanie, daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lilly Mogler, was married to Ralph, son of Mrs. and the late Lorenze Bormann, August 3. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their home.

We love our youth and as they leave their homes for schools of higher learning it is a concern. May we remember them in thought and prayer and visit them often.

We feel a 90th birthday is a milestone. Sis. Katie Dogotch celebrated her 90th birthday in July. Many of her family spent some time with her and we wish her good health and God's blessings.

A little angel has gone to be with Jesus. Jennifer Marie was born July 18 to Bro. Larry and Sis. Teresa Bruellman. Her stay here on earth was only a few hours. Her parents have this poem that is special to them and they wish to share it with us.

#### LITTLE ANGELS

When God calls little children  
to dwell with Him above,  
We mortals sometimes question  
the wisdom of His love.  
For no heartache compares with  
the death of one small child  
Who does so much to make our world  
seem wonderful and mild.  
Perhaps God tires of calling  
the aged to His fold,  
So He picks a rosebud  
before it can grow old.

God knows how much we need them,  
and so He takes but few  
To make the land of Heaven  
more beautiful to view.  
Believing this is difficult  
still somehow we must try,  
The saddest word mankind knows  
will always be "Goodbye".  
So when a little child departs  
we who are left behind  
Must realize God loves children  
Angels are hard to find.

Unknown

### JAPAN, TOKYO

**Marie Inoue — Yoshio Yamazaki**

On July 29 - 31 we had our fellowship meeting near Mt. Fuji. We had a blessed time there as before. Brethren read the Word and meditated on the following subjects:

1. Committing our life to our Lord and Saviour
2. Keeping the Word in our hearts and memorizing the scriptures
3. Repentance and conversion and sharing of Christian experiences

We were blessed with several American brothers and sisters visiting at that time, and we were reminded that remaining strong in the faith was as important as our beginning in repentance. A local believer added that often in Japan as one remains true to the Lord he must be out of harmony with his family circle which creates a barrier between them and him.

We were happy Bro. Saburo Utsuki was able to be in church again following surgery.

Our visitors for July were Sis. Sheila Moser and Bros. Randy Mogler and Frank Sauder. We welcome them to the Japanese vineyard of the Lord and pray for their spiritual and physical well-being that God will use them and bless them. We remember and thank their families and church circles they left behind and pray that God will fill their place.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein were also welcome visitors from Francesville. Their labors were also appreciated and may God bless them.

### JAPAN, SHIODA

**Margie Heintz**

When God's children join together for the purpose of studying His Word and sharing His love in Christian fellowship, it is certain to be a blessed time. Those were the goals of the annual 3-day summer shuyokai (fel-

lowship meeting) which was held in early August, and the blessings were evident from the start. Brothers, sisters, friends and American guests began gathering on Sunday afternoon. That evening was devoted to a look at our personal commitment to God and how seriously we each are fulfilling that commitment.

During the next two days we were encouraged to study and memorize Bible verses and were reminded of our own conversions while hearing the personal testimony of one of our brothers. At each meeting, comments were encouraged, and it was through this personal sharing that the Spirit worked mightily. The bond of unity and love flowed through each of us as we were able to hear of the struggles and joys of our brothers and sisters. The experience has bound us all together even more closely in Christian love and understanding. It was "... one of those bright precious moments, granted Thy beloved from above." (Zion's Harp #182).

Changes continue in the Shioda fellowship, as visitors and workers come and go and old friends are joined again, while others are parted. Recently Sis. Judy Luginbuhl completed her stay in Japan, and with mixed emotions she has returned to America. Many fond memories and deep ties of friendship have been left behind because she put her whole heart into her work here. Sis. Judy took special interest in each brother and sister as well as the children and parents at SAK. As a result, lives were touched by her love for the Lord and for her fellow men. As she begins the process of readjusting to life in the U.S., our prayer is that she will continue to feel God's nearness and guidance in the many decisions which must be made. May she continue to serve the Lord with earnest zeal. "... be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus ... And the things that thou hast heard of me ... the same commit thou to faithful men ... " II Timothy 2:1-4.

Together with Sis. Judy, Elder Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle left for America, leaving a real void in Shioda. But the Lord has provided by bringing many guests to help us and to share in Christian fellowship. In early August Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein (Francesville, IN) came to Shioda to worship with us and to share in fellowship and singing. God again abundantly blessed us when Elder Bro. Akito

Inoue joined us to share God's Word with us. In addition, Sis. Evie Blunier (former SAK teacher), Sis. Linda Rocke and Sis. Kathy Rocke (all from Eureka, IL) and Sis. Alice Schlipf (Congerville, IL) visited us for several weeks. The fellowship which every one of our visitors has shared with us has been a tremendous source of strength and encouragement to all of us. We humbly thank the Lord for their love and support and pray that they will continue to give freely of themselves in the Lord's name, and that the Lord will continue to lead and bless them.

"... but by love serve one another."  
Gal. 5:13.

### KANSAS, BERN

**Linda Esslinger**

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL), Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI), Bro. Terry Farney (Wichita) and Bro. Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke, IL). We appreciate them coming and ministering God's precious Word.

Due to the addition of our Sunday School, former substitutes Bro. Jim Kaeb, Sis. Heidi Baumgartner and Sis. Arlinda Rokey will be Sunday School teachers. New teachers are Bro. Galen Rokey, Bro. Paul Kaeb, Sis. Kim Meyer and Sis. Glenda Rokey.

Bro. Steve Hartter has replaced Bro. Reuben Moser on Brotherhood Aide.

### AUTUMN BEAUTY

The beauty of the Autumn must be  
difficult to catch;  
That exquisite art of color, brush  
and canvas cannot match.  
Men and women, old and weary,  
plainly show the mark of years,  
But a tree in late October  
in its finest robe appears.

Every lovely thing in nature  
seems delighted old to grow;  
That its task has been accomplished  
it is very proud to show.  
Wind and tempest may have scarred it,  
but the time has come to rest.  
For the last few days permitted,  
in its finest it is dressed.

We grow weary and we show it;  
and our troubles great and small  
many a furrow leave upon us,  
for we cannot hide them all.

But if still the eyes can twinkle  
and our best we've tried to do,  
We may also through life's autumn  
wear a touch of splendor, too.

Edgar A. Guest

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Bahr — Doris Bahr

When the human heart is full of cares  
and crushed by heavy sorrows there is  
no sweeter and surer relief than to fly  
to the presence of our heavenly Father.  
He never fails to lift the load of sorrow  
from the suffering ones. Our dear Sis.  
Esther Kraft, 83, passed from this life  
August 13. Our sincere, loving sym-  
pathy is extended to her beloved hus-  
band, Bro. Sam, and to her dear family.  
Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther faithfully  
attended church together here for  
many years. Their daily walk of faithful  
Christian fellowship has truly been a  
blessing to our little church.

A special Christian thank you is  
extended to our visiting minister, Bro.  
Ben Wysong (Sabetha).

Thought: The Scripture tells us that,  
by our good works we will not be saved.  
But, as believers in Jesus Christ, our  
desire is to do that which is good; that's  
where our reward comes in.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr — Gay Farney

After the clouds the sunshine,  
After the winter the spring,  
After the shower the rainbow,  
For life is a changeable thing.

After the night the morning,  
Bidding the darkness cease,  
After life's cares and sorrows,  
The comfort and sweetness of peace.  
Helen Steiner Rice

Peace! What a beautiful word, and  
something the world has been seeking  
since the beginning of time. The funny  
part is that Peace has been within our  
reach since the beginning; in the per-  
son of God, our Father; Jesus Christ,  
our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, our  
Guide. Peace is knowing and serving  
Them, and until the world realizes it,  
there will be no peace. To those who  
live in God's will, there is a perfect  
Peace that passes all understanding.

We had the blessed privilege of hav-  
ing ministering Bro. Noah Herman  
(Tucson, AZ) and his dear wife in our  
midst one Sunday. We thank him for  
lending himself to teach us from God's

Word. His joy in the Lord was an  
inspiration to all of us.

Well, it's back to school once again,  
and as our precious children walk out  
the door of our love, guidance and  
protection, let us hold them up in  
prayer to a Father who loves them even  
more than we do. He will care for them  
more than we ever could. We must ask,  
and then trust.

Wilmer and Sis. Elizabeth Diel be-  
came proud grandparents this month  
when little Erin Roschell (daughter of  
Linda and Delmar Pentz) came into the  
world. She has two older sisters at  
home, Shannon and Heidi. May God  
richly bless them all.

We would like to extend our deepest  
sympathy to the family and friends of  
Sis. Esther Kraft (Lamont), who  
passed away suddenly this month. May  
God be their comfort in sorrow, and  
give them peace through His Word.

As our dear shepherds meet for the  
Conference this week, it is our fervent  
prayer that God will be in their midst to  
guide them in their undertakings. We  
are so very thankful for all they do to  
keep our precious faith strong and  
unwavering in a very changeable world.  
We pray that God will ever bless them  
and keep them in His care.

### KANSAS, LAMONT

Jill K. Luthi

August is a time to put our talents to  
test — baking, cooking, sewing, handi-  
crafts and animal projects. I cannot say  
I've tried it, but here is a recipe to  
share, that sounds real good.

### SCRIPTURE CAKE

2 c. Proverbs 30:33

2½ c. Exodus 29:2

3 c. Jeremiah 6:20

2 c. I Samuel 30:12

2 c. Nahum 3:12

½ c. Judges 4:19

1 c. Genesis 43:11

6 c. Isaiah 10:14

2 T. I Corinthians 5:6

1 T. I Samuel 14:25

Season with I Kings 10:10, follow  
Leviticus 24:5. Serve with love.

We have quite a few who are return-  
ing to higher education also. They are  
Wayne and Marvin Anliker (Bro. Glen  
and Sis. Loreane), Bro. Jim, Sis. Maria  
and Marla Schrader (Bro. Stephen and  
Sis. Dorothy) and Cheri Frieden (Bro.  
Jeff and Sis. Debbie). May they feel the

Lord's presence as they seek their  
vocations.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Hilda  
Jacobs upon the loss of her grandson.  
May the Lord be of comfort as is  
needed.

### KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner

Visiting ministers were Bro. Mark  
Bahr (Detroit, MI). Bro. Lenard Meyer  
(Chicago, IL) held Wednesday evening  
services at the Apostolic Christian  
Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snodgrass, Jr.  
(Wathena, KS) are the parents of their  
first child, a girl, born July 16. She has  
been named Amanda Sue. Maternal  
grandparents are Bro. Dan and Sis.  
Deloris Reinhard (Cecil, OH).

Lafe Dale Grimm was born to Bro.  
Rodney and Sis. Arlene Grimm on  
August 10. He is welcomed home by  
Wanda, Wayne, Kent, Kara and Lana.  
Maternal grandparents are Bro. Er-  
nest and Sis. Ella Metzger (Lester, IA).  
Paternal grandparents are Bro. Nathan  
and Sis. Lois Grimm (Sabetha, KS).  
Fred Strahm is his paternal great-  
grandfather.

We welcome Sis. Nita Grimm to our  
congregation. Sis. Nita Baer and Bro.  
Kevin Grimm were united in marriage  
July 29 at Princeville. We ask the  
Lord's blessings on their union.

Hospitalized this month were Fred  
Strahm, Don Strahm, Bro. Gene Kel-  
lenberger, Sis. Bertha Metzger and  
Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger. May the  
Lord add His healing power.

### KANSAS, WICHITA

Laurie Gallatin

August 12, Bro. Wally Ramsier  
(Mansfield, OH) visited our congrega-  
tion and preached God's Word to us.

Recently we meditated upon and  
discussed Philippians 4:8 in our Bible  
Study which is so applicable to our  
Christian lives.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever  
things are true, whatsoever things are  
honest, whatsoever things are just,  
whatsoever things are pure, whatso-  
ever things are lovely, whatsoever  
things are of good report; if there be  
virtue, and if there be any praise, think  
on these things."

Any thought we have should be  
checked against this verse, and the  
Spirit will reveal to us if it violates this  
admonishment or not. Even if the  
thought may not have seemed bad, "

could have violated one of these things. How many times do our thoughts not pass this test? How many times do we dwell on the negative of someone, instead of thinking of the good or praying for that person?

If we truly applied this verse, it would stop gossiping, because gossip isn't honest or honorable - most of the time it isn't true! One sister pointed out that if someone came to us and wanted to talk about another person (gossip) that we should refuse to engage in the conversation because it isn't honorable or of a good report, or of any virtue. It seems so easy to think or talk about something negative about someone, rather than something good.

God tells us we are not to raise false reports (Exodus 23:1), and with gossip how can you be certain it is exactly true? It most likely isn't. God tells us not to be talebearer (Leviticus 19:16). God tells us not to take up, or receive a reproach against our neighbor (Psalm 15:3). So if someone wants to tell us a juicy piece of gossip, we shouldn't even listen. Just say, "Don't you know that the Lord condemns gossip?"

"... if there be any praise..." - just think of ways to praise God. Think of all the things you can praise Him for. Think of all the ways you can do something good for someone. Think of a way you can build someone up - not tear someone down.

Our thought life can be a real detriment to our spiritual walk, because it is something we can hide from people. Sometimes we think we can hide our thoughts from God, but we can't. God knows our thoughts before we do. We can hide our negative thoughts about someone and can dwell on these thoughts. Satan takes pleasure in this. He loves to blow things out of perspective. He would love for us to think negatively all of the time.

If we would apply Philippians 4:8, then "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10:5) would become a reality!

### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

**Linda Ramseyer**

Our congregation was pleased to welcome two new brothers-in-faith. On July 21 we heard the testimonies of Clay Ramseyer and Ken Schlatter and the following day we witnessed their baptisms. Their parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Dorothy Ramseyer and Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter.

The Lord has richly blessed us this past month with many visiting ministers. Elder Bros. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY), Bros. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Larry Wenniger (Latty, OH), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN) and Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH) have been with us. We thank these brothers for ministering the Lord's Word to us.

We have had many dear ones in the hospital this past month. Our prayers are with Bros. Victor (Elinor) Knochel and Ed (Sis. Minnie) Freidinger, Albert Wieland, Winsor and Sis. Loretta Mosher and Sis. Helen Wieland. May the Lord continue to place His healing hand upon them.

The engagement of Joan Erismann and Rick Long was recently announced. Our prayers are with them as they plan their life together. Joan's parents are Bro. Erwin and Sis. Della Erismann.

August 1 was the wedding date of Bro. Frank Wackerle and Sis. Alma Schieber. We welcome Sis. Alma to our congregation and wish them the Lord's blessings.

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Dawn Bahr**

What a blessing it was to come together in love and unity to share the Lord's Supper. We thank Bro. Robert Grimm (Goodfield, IL) for coming and sharing this special weekend with us. We were also thankful to have Bro. Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield, OH) come to visit our congregation for a Wednesday evening service.

We sincerely welcome three new faces among our Detroit family. Bro. Ernie and Sis. Marciel Dapper have moved to our area from Winthrop, MN. Bro. Ron Knapp (Eureka, IL) has also found employment here. We are happy to have them with us, and pray that God will be their guide and help them as they make the transition to their new surroundings.

Sis. Martha Szilagyi (Bro. Joe) was hospitalized for a short time. We are grateful that she is feeling better and is able to be home.

On behalf of our Detroit Sunday School, we express our appreciation to the brethren and Sunday Schools from Rittman and Mansfield, OH for all they did to make our Youth Fellowship weekend an enjoyable one. May God bless each one for their kindnesses and hospitality.

Our best wishes are extended to Rodger and Sally Gonzalez who were joined in marriage on August 4. Parents of the new couple are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gonzalez. We wish them many blessings as they begin their new life as husband and wife.

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

**Deb Tilbury**

Bro. Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL) brought us God's Word this month. May God richly bless him for his labors.

Eric Virkler and Bridget Morris were married on June 12 in Denver, CO. Parents of the couple are Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Virkler (Owatonna, MN) and Jerry Morris and Sandi Merritts (both of Denver, CO).

July 29 we had our annual Sunday School picnic. The children enjoyed the games and everyone enjoyed the potluck.

August 5 we held a farewell potluck at church for Bro. Wes and Sis. Joyce Hohulin and family and Chuck and Ella Mae Stoller. The Hohulin's are returning to Goodfield after being in Minnesota for four years. The Stollers are moving to Chicago. They will be greatly missed in Minneapolis but we wish God's blessings for them in their new homes.

Bro. John Wiegand and Bro. Brent and Sis. Juli Klopfenstein are returning to Champaign-Urbana, IL after working in Rochester this summer. We enjoyed having them even if it was only for three months.

We had to have a special meeting since Bro. Wes and Sis. Joyce are leaving. Sis. Leslie Schmidgall was elected Silver Lining correspondent. Bro. Ray Schmidgall is our new trustee.

Bro. Richard Miller has assembled with us a couple of times this summer. It was the first time since his illness over a year ago and since his conversion that he has felt well enough to come to church. Sis. Laura Miller (Bro. Noah) was also able to assemble in church after being ill a month. It was so good to see them.

### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

**Hildegard Koehl**

**Rhonda Zeltwanger**

We have been well fed spiritually this month by our own ministering brothers and also the following visi-

tors: Bros. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Al Aberle (Tremont, IL), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL), Bill Dottterer (Phoenix, AZ), Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN), Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL), Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH), Ken Lawson (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) and Elder Bros. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL). "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" Jeremiah 3:15. We have felt this abundance and have come away with blessing after blessing each time we've taken the time and made the effort to assemble.

Bro. Vernard Brown was a hospital patient and Bro. Ben Greiner has been having tests at Rochester, MN. May we remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

Would you describe your lifestyle as peculiar? Would you be pleased or perturbed if others described you that way? God desires His people to demonstrate a unique quality of life to the world around them. Not strange or odious, but tantalizingly different – like salt turning what would otherwise be bland into a flavorful experience (St. Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50).

Both the Old and New Testaments use the word peculiar (Exodus 19:5; I Peter 2:9) to describe the role of God's people – a word which literally means "unique in character and value". For Israel that uniqueness involved turning from the political and spiritual corruption of their day: injustice, violence, treachery, gluttony, idolatry. Today the assignment is just as staggering. You'll find in Galatians 5:19-23 a description of folly to avoid and fruit to cultivate in order to be peculiar. You have a "peculiar" power to help you in this task – the Holy Spirit. With Him as your companion, begin today to cultivate a neglected Fruit of the Spirit.

### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Wanda Messner  
Mary Lou Schmidt

### COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS

There are always two sides,  
the Good and the Bad,  
The Dark and the Light,  
the Sad and the Glad –  
But in looking back over,  
the Good and the Bad,  
We're aware of the number of  
Good things we've had –

And in counting our blessings,  
we find when we're through,  
We've no reason at all  
to complain or be blue –  
So thank God for Good things,  
He has already done,  
And be grateful to Him  
for the battles you've won.  
And know that the same God  
who helped you before,  
Is ready and willing  
to help you once more –  
Then with faith in your heart,  
reach out for God's hand,  
And accept what He sends,  
though you can't understand –  
For our Father in heaven  
always knows what is best,  
And if you trust in His wisdom  
your life will be blest,  
For always remember,  
that whate'er betide you,  
You are never alone,  
for God is beside you!

Helen Steiner Rice

We are thankful for visitors at any time, and appreciate the efforts they put forth to visit us. Bro. James Rinkenberger and others of Bluffton, IN spent time here in Winthrop. It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 1:3. Prayerfully, this verse should be upon our hearts and minds in these latter days.

At this writing, the Brotherhood Conference is underway. We would like to personally thank the Lester, IA congregation for hosting the annual Conference this year. "Behold I will watch over them" – as the prophet Jeremiah declared. Jer. 44:27. We pray for our dear elders and ministers at this great undertaking, and pray all will go smoothly according to God's will.

Sunday School has started for another season. We pray for God's guidance and direction as we teach these young precious souls, the church of tomorrow.

Kevin and Connie Messner welcome their first baby – a precious son, Jeremy Scot, born August 4. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Millie Messner (Hutchinson, MN). Psalm 127:3, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord."

The family of Bro. Walter Messner wishes to extend their grateful thanks

to each and every one who remembered them with cards, letters, kindnesses, prayers and sympathy during the loss of their dear loved one. May God richly bless you all!

### MISSOURI, LAMAR

Sandra Luthi — Becky Marti

We enjoyed a blessed weekend August 4-5 when we had a Soldier's Reunion. We appreciated all those who came to fellowship and worship with us. We especially thank those who ministered God's Holy Word – Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott, KS) and Bros. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Alpha Moser (Morris, MN) and Darrel Stoller (Bern, KS). May God continue to strengthen and inspire all those dear brothers who are called upon to bring forth His Holy Word.

Kevin and Kathy Marti were blessed with their first baby August 6. Grandparents of Nicole Rachelle are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti and John and Mabel Conners. May they seek God's guidance in their new responsibility as parents.

Our prayers are with Bro. Dean Marti who has recently spent some time in the hospital.

We happily welcome Bro. Kevin and Sis. Denise Kilgus to our congregation. They have recently moved here from Manhattan, KS. We pray that God will bless them in their new home.

### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

Becky Gudeman

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

We thank Bro. Bruce Lemman (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Marvin Lemman (Bradford, IL) and Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL) for speaking the Word of God to us this month. May God bless them for their efforts. We also appreciate the many visitors who have stopped to worship with us while on vacation.

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

**MISSOURI, TAYLOR****Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart**

"Happiness is a butterfly which when pursued is just beyond your grasp — but if you will sit down quietly, may light upon you."

N. Hawthorne

Bro. Joe and Sis. Jerilyn Yackley became first-time parents at the arrival of a little boy, Carson Herry, born July 17. Grandparents are John and Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach (Oakville, IA) and Sis. Clara Yackley of here. Robert, Paula and Adrian Heimer welcome a daughter (and sister), Abbey Leigh, born August 10. Grandparents are Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser (Oakville, IA) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whiston. Babies are "sunbeams" from heaven and those who are given the privilege of bringing them up in a way that is pleasing to God, will receive many blessings according to His promises.

Blake Knapp (Bro. Jon and Sis. Pat), Vicki Knapp (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Phyllis) who is now living in Texas, and Tom Cottrell (Teresa) were hospital medical patients this month. All are home again and hopefully a full recovery is in store. Little Jackie Heimer (Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan) received a painful burn on her foot and had emergency room treatment.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Kenneth Eisenmann (Cissna Park, IL), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Lenny Meyer (Chicago, IL).

"We often take for granted —

The Servants of the Lord,  
Forgetting that God called them  
To teach and preach His Word"

D.J.D.

This also applies for our local brothers who, Sunday after Sunday, bring His Word to us, in season and out of season. Our sincere thanks to "one and all".

May God direct all our elder brothers who are meeting the week of August 13. May we "Remember them who have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God." Hebrews 13:7.

A warm and sincere "welcome" to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Louanne (Hoerr) Gramm, formerly from the Gridley, IL, area. This was "home" to Louanne before she and Jeff were married and we're happy to welcome them as part of our "Little White Church on the Levee".

**MAY MEMORIES COMFORT YOU**

"The tide recedes, but leaves behind  
bright seashells on the sand,  
The sun goes down, but gentle warmth  
still lingers on the land.  
The music stops, and yet it echoes on  
in sweet refrains —  
For every joy that passes,  
something beautiful remains."

Hughes

We extend our sympathy to Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm and family at the passing of Dona's mother, Sis. Ollie Feller (Cissna Park, IL). It is difficult to say "goodbye" but a joy when we can feel it is more a "good night here and good morning up there". Sis. Ollie was "special" to all of us who knew her. May God fill the void with His love and care that her passing has brought and may the warmth and sunshine of God's love unite us closer to Him and mold us into faithful servants.

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

We thank our dear Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler for his visit and God inspired Word of Truth. A day of blessings was enjoyed by all.

During the period from 1962 to the present, a number of brethren and friends were located in the Union City area with their work and made Union City their church home. On August 11, which was Bro. John Diggelman's 90th birthday, a reunion of these brethren and Bro. John's family members was held, which was a blessed day for all. Bro. John was alone in the ministry in Union City during most of his 30 years of service and remains active today. We thank God for the haven we found at the church and we will always remember the sincere and cheerful welcome that Bro. John extended each Sunday.

The weekend offered a double blessing in that Bro. John's wife, Sis. Mary, was able to attend church for the first time since she underwent surgery for a hip fracture several months ago. God has surely heard and answered the prayers of many.

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

On Saturday evening, July 21, we enjoyed a covered dish supper and evening of fellowship and song.

On Saturday evening, August 4,

many enjoyed a covered dish picnic and singing at Singing Waters Picnic area, as several visiting families were with us for the weekend. On Sunday, August 5, we gathered with the Naumburg congregation and were taught from God's Word by visiting minister Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT). Our thanks go to Bro. Kevin, his family and the many others who spent the weekend here.

We were also taught by a visiting minister on Sunday, August 12, when Bro. James Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) and his family visited in our area. We thank them for their visit and Bro. Jim's messages to us.

On Sunday, August 19, we gathered together with the Naumburg congregation while most of our ministering brothers and elder brothers were visiting in other congregations.

Our annual meeting was held on July 31. May each one elected to perform a duty look to God for their help and guidance throughout the next year.

Our children, parents, teachers, grandparents and friends enjoyed our annual Sunday School picnic held at Happy Hollow Campgrounds on Saturday, August 11.

**NEW YORK, NAUMBURG****Rachel Snyder**

We have been enjoying the blessings of two ministering brethren who have come to visit us here at Naumburg and Croghan. On Sunday, August 5, the Croghan congregation assembled with us to hear Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT). On August 12, we assembled with the Croghan congregation to hear Bro. James Ramseyer (Bay City, MI). We wish to thank them for coming to us and hope they can soon come again.

John Schulz, son of Norman and Mary, had to have surgery done on his knee due to an accident.

Sis. Rosella Schulz has now gone from the Lowville Hospital into an adult home. Her address is East Road Adult Home, R.F.D., Lowville. We are glad she is feeling some better.

**OHIO, AKRON****Joyce Gasser**

We welcome Bro. Daniel and Kathryn Kurchev to Akron and to assemble with us. They had moved to Florida and been residing in Sun City and we are happy to have them back again.

Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman and a few from Francesville spent a weekend

with us and we were inspired by his loving messages.

Elder Bro. Ed Lanz blessed us with a sermon Thursday evening as they stopped here on their way home from abroad.

We were blessed with visiting ministers: Bro. William Gerst, Bro. Merrill Laukhuf, Bro. Henry Dotterer and Bro. Ben Hartzler.

Sis. Edith Graf has returned from a safe trip to Alaska, blessed with fellowship with the others on the tour while seeing the sights.

Bro. Noah (Ned) Baumgartner, 83, passed away August 5. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Mary; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Evelyn; and grandchildren, Cheryl, Richard, Larry, Jeff and Greg.

Sis. Rose Pamer, 87, passed away August 8. She was born in Hungary and lived in the Akron area most of her life. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Paul; a son, Bro. Eugene and his wife, Sis. Eleanor; a daughter, Alice and her husband, Elmer Graf; and 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Marjorie Collins will be having a 25th wedding anniversary September 19. They have five children, Bro. Duane and his wife, Sis. Cheryl, Mark, Christine and her husband, Loren Rufener, Cindy, Carole and Caryn at home.

### OHIO, COLUMBUS Andy Hunyady

The joy of Christian love and fellowship fills our hearts when brethren and friends gather together. We thank our dear brothers, Bros. Ben Hartzler (Rittman, OH) and Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN) for bringing the good and wholesome Word of God to us. We also thank their dear wives and those who accompanied them. May God reward you all richly for your love and kindness.

### CHRISTIAN EXAMPLES

ONESIMUS (Col. 4:9) The name means "useful, helpful and profitable". Bro. Onesimus then means the "useful or profitable brother". From Apostle Paul we learn that Onesimus formerly was NOT profitable, but by the grace of God, now he had become very profitable to him and to Philemon. Each, at his, or her situation, should become as Onesimus, who, having previously been unserviceable, (Phil. verse 11) had now thru the grace of God become

useful in all kinds of good things. Yes, the Lord needs and can use many faithful and useful helpers and servants in His church today!

### OHIO, JUNCTION Les Manz

On Tuesday evening, August 14, we were blessed with three visiting ministers en route to the conference in Lester, IA. They were Bro. Eugene Fetter (Toledo), Bros. Fred Domka and Ken Sauder (Mansfield). Also visiting us this month and ministering God's Word were Bro. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA) and Bro. Loren Stoller.

Needing God's healing powers were Mike Manz (Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn) from foot surgery and Bro. Alvin Manz (Sis. Betty) from a severe burn.

"When we see a precious blossom what we tended with such care rudely taken from our bosom, how our aching hearts despair" (Hymns of Zion) Similar thoughts to those expressed by the hymn writer must have crossed the mind of our dear Sis. Juliet Schlatter whose son, Bro. Mark (Sis. Sherri, Forrest, IL) died at the tender age of 27. Our thoughts and prayers have sure been with those in sorrow.

### OHIO, LATTY

#### Patty Gerber — Laurie Stoller

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." II Tim. 4:2. Several ministers from other congregations visited us and "preached the Word". Those serving us were Bros. Steve Martin (Eureka, IL), Ed Swartz (Bluffton, IN), Earl Banwart (West Bend, IA), Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA) and Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN). We are thankful that God will bless those who minister His truth.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord." Prov. 18:22. Larry McCoy has found favor of the Lord as he has chosen Mary Beth Grant (Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores) to be his wife. They were united in marriage August 11. We pray that their home may ever be blessed with the Holy Spirit's presence.

Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Eisenmann have experienced sorrow in the parting of two of their loved ones. Sis. Mary's father, Bro. William Beutel (Tremont, IL) passed from this life to eternity. Also leaving the Eisenmanns was Sis. Micky Nolte who returned to her home

in Germany. Sis. Micky had been visiting in the United States for a few weeks. Although parting gives us inward pain, we trust that they are still joined in heart and hope to meet again.

We rejoice with Bro. Henry and Sis. Katie Breitwieser in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. How good to know that when God joins people together in marriage, the three-fold cord is not to be rent.

Several from the Latty congregation were hospitalized recently. They were Sis. Esther Schlatter, Sis. Vera Laukhuf (Bro. Lester), Carma Stoller (Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet), Sis. Irma Stoller (Bro. Millard) and Bro. Dan Sinn. God again has shown His mercy and healing power through these loved ones.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD Lucille Groh

They who tread the path of labor  
Follow where My feet have trod  
They who work without complaining  
Do the Holy will of God.

H. VanDyke

Our nation has just recently celebrated Labor Day and many of us had a time of relaxation and resting from our earthly labors for a few hours. In the Lord's vineyard the laborer should never rest from his labors. Someone has said, "There are those who patiently climb the hills of life doing their duty with only God knowing the heroic quality of their work, but God keeps a blessed 'Book of Remembrances' and will someday open it. Then every faithful workman who labored conscientiously to obtain the praise of heaven will receive a crown!" Let's not slack off from serving the Lord, it will be worth it all on that great day.

The other day, my mother, Nellie Fuhrer Groh, who has been laboring in the Lord's vineyard for over 61 years, and I were reminiscing. She told me of the wonderful experience she had witnessed as a young member while living in Leo.

That year in Leo there was a great call for laborers into the Lord's vineyard and as she remembers there were about 40 or 60 souls who were willing to answer the call. The time came for about 10 or 12 of that group to be baptized. The St. Joseph River flows not far from the little church in Leo and there the converts were to be baptized. As the congregation gathered together

along the banks of the river, Elder Bro. Eli Dotterer put on hip boots and with a long stick in his hand, he and another brother walked out into the river. There he tested the depth of the river to find an appropriate spot to baptize these dear souls. After some time, he found a spot deep enough. The singing began with the beautiful hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River" and then the marvelous event took place as one by one these dear souls were led out into the water and were baptized. The day was cold and as each one left the water, they stood on the bank and watched until all were baptized. Because the air was cold, their clothes froze on their bodies, but God in His great love even prevented these dear ones from catching a cold or becoming ill. How wonderful and kind is our dear Heavenly Father.

Today the call is still going out for laborers to work in His vineyard and how wonderful to report that Becky Beer Vent (Bro. Dave and Sis. Lena) has been announced for baptism. Becky will not be baptized in the river like those mentioned above, but will step into the baptismal tank inside our church and will receive the same promise and renewing of soul and spirit.

There are also other dear souls who have made a beginning to serve the Lord; Dan Tucker (Sis. Barbara), Chuck Beer (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue) and Robin Washington (Bro. Barney and Sis. Bev). We pray they will find encouragement and strength to continue on and finish the work they have begun.

Ohio-Michigan Youth Day was held July 29. We thank all who labored that day. We especially thank our ministering brothers, both visitors and those of our local congregation, who shared God's precious Word. Bro. Joseph Ramsier, our dear elder, and Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH), Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH) were those who ministered to us.

Chuck and Lauri Went are the parents of a new baby girl named Megan Louise born July 22. Sis. Emilie and Harold Went are the happy grandparents.

Bro. Martin Kleshinski celebrated his 80th birthday July 20. His daughter, Sis. Mary (Sarasota, FL) was able to fly home for the occasion.

Hospitalized this past month and needing our prayers are: Sis. Freda

Beer (heart surgery), Sis. Christine Dotterer (surgery), Sis. Mary Stanoyevic and Bro. Byron Rice (surgery). May God reach down and heal where it is His will.

Loving belated sympathy is extended to Bro. Ora Sauder in the passing of his brother, Lewis Sauder, some months ago and to Sis. Wilma Sauder who lost her step-brother.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held August 12 at the home of Bro. Gaylor and Sis. Betty Dotterer. All who were able to attend enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and a big thank you is extended to Bro. Gaylor and Sis. Betty.

Wedding bells rang recently for Don Sauder and Faye Badger. Their new address is 2059 Timberwood, Nashville, TN 37215. We wish them much happiness as they walk life's pathway together, and we welcome Faye into our fellowship when they are home.

#### OHIO, RITTMAN

##### Judy Stoller — Verla Stoller

Ring the bells of heaven! there is joy today,

For a soul, returning from the wild;  
See! the Father meets him out upon  
the way,

Welcoming His weary, wandr'ing child.  
"Ring the Bells of Heaven"  
Gospel Hymns # 622

We are thankful for two more souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Lois Stoller (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joyce) and Alan Blough (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille). We wish them God's richest blessings, and His grace and strength as they learn to walk this pathway with Him. May they also come to know the peace that passes all understanding.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3. Aaron Wayne is the first little son of Bro. Vic and Sis. Brenda Bauman. Welcoming home their new brother are sisters, Kim, Kara and Korie. Grandparents are Bro. Herbert and Sis. Bernice Bauman, and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estella Winkler. Bro. Alpha, Jr. and Sis. Denise Maibach rejoice with the birth of their daughter, Joanne Kay. Little Amos is glad for a playmate. Grandparents are Bro. Alpha, Sr. and Sis. Helen Maibach, and Bro. Rudy and Sis. Brenda Zollinger. First-time parents are Eugene and Debbie Winkler with the

birth of their daughter, Peggy Louise. Sis. Betty Winkler is the happy grandmother. "Little children, little children, who love their Redeemer, Are the jewels, precious jewels, His loved and His own." "Jewels" Gospel Hymns #638.

"... For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh." Matt. 19:5. Believing God has drawn them together, Bro. Tom Gerber and Sis. Laura Widmer announced their engagement August 12. Parents are Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber, and Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Widmer. May God bless them as they walk this path of life together.

We are thankful for many visitors this month, and realize it truly is a blessed privilege to travel many miles, and be with those of like mind and faith. We are especially thankful for visiting ministers, Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), Ray Sinn (Latty), Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA), Paul Gasser (Akron) and Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis). May God richly bless them for their willingness to bring God's Word to us.

Also, Bro. Perry Klopfenstein spent a Saturday evening telling us about a few of the many trials our forefathers went through to bring us the faith and church we have. It truly makes us appreciate our wonderful heritage, and gives us a zeal to strive harder to keep the faith as it is for our children. At the end of the evening, we sang together the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers".

Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Hymns of Zions #85

Today, we still have trials to go through, and must continue to encourage one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been hospitalized this month, due to sickness or accident. They are Sis. Elizabeth Musser, Sis. Nina Gasser (Bro. Joe), Scott Stoller (Bro. Everett and Sis. Marge), Judy Hartzler (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie), Sis. Betty Steiner (Bro. Bob) and Ryan Gasser (Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary). We are thankful when they can assemble with us again.

Also, we offer our sincere sympathy to Sis. Jan (Schlatter) Hartzler (Bro. Dean) and Sis. Nancy (Ifft) Dotterer



(Bro. Marvin) in the passing away of their brother and brother-in-law, Bro. Mark Schlatter (Forrest, IL). May they feel the Lord's nearness in times of trouble.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
**Josephine Rehlau**  
**Frances Laidig**

The Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6

Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his wife, Sis. Lorene, spent a Thursday evening with us.

As brethren gathered for the annual conference, may God have revealed His will in the way which will lead to the preservation of our precious faith.

The passing of time brought happiness to our congregation. Bro. Walter Rager is no longer confined to long hours of work. The strike at his place of employment is over.

Warren Newman (Sis. Lois) has had eye surgery. Sis. Katherine Stevens is home from the hospital. She has had major surgery. We wish them both a good recovery.

Brian and Kristi Warham have a baby boy named Justin Douglas. His grandparents are Bro. Al and Sis. Mary Ann Weigele.

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**OREGON, SILVERTON**  
**Rosa Lee Kuenzi**

The Lord has brought two of His servants into our midst this past month. They were ministering Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville, IA). We appreciate them more than they'll ever know. May our heavenly Father be their rich rewarder for lending themselves in His service! We enjoyed having their wives and fellow travelers with us also.

We welcome David and Shelly Kyburz (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat) formerly of Wolcott, IN, to our community and congregation. We hope they will feel at home here in Oregon and wish them God's richest blessings on their marriage.

Tasha Kuenzi (Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda) has been a hospital patient for the past week and a half. She is recovering from second degree burns on her back from an accident at home involving hot water. We hope she will soon be home again and trust that her recov-

ery will be hastened by the prayers and love of those around her.

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**PENNSYLVANIA,**  
**PHILADELPHIA**

**Ann Gasser**

Last month it was reported that we added a second Sunday School class. To better group our children according to age, we now have divided into three classes. With growth in the Sunday School, we felt it beneficial to have one person oversee its operation. Bro. David Roberts has been selected as Superintendent of Sunday School.

**A GODLY MOTHER'S LAST WORDS OF INSTRUCTION**

A Testament of Soetgen Van Den Houte, 1560

(Written to her children: David, Betgen and Tanneken on the eve of her death)

... MY DEAR CHILDREN, since it pleases the Lord to take me out of this world, I will leave you a memorial, not of silver or gold; for such jewels are perishable: but I should like to write a jewel into your heart, if it were possible, which is the word of truth, in which I want to instruct you a little for the best with the Word of the Lord, according to the little gift I have received from Him and according to my simplicity.

In the first place, I admonish you, my most beloved, always to suffer yourself to be instructed by those who fear the Lord; then you will please God, and as long as you obey good admonition and instruction, and fear the Lord, He will be your Father and not leave you orphans . . .

My most beloved, grieve not when you are corrected, and speak not crossly to those who correct you. A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. If you are crossly spoken to, learn to answer kindly, and you will be loved by all men; for humility and meekness are acceptable to both God and men.

Furthermore, my dear children, I admonish you, to beware of lying; for liars have no part in the kingdom of God. It is also written, "He whose mouth lieth, his soul shall die." Therefore, my dear children, beware of it, for he that deals in lies is loved by no one.

My dear children, keep this in your hearts. My dear lambs, guard your tongue that it speak no evil, neither practice deceit with your lips. Nor be guilty of backbiting, for thereby come

Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman are first-time grandparents. Timothy Michael was born to Janice (Aeschleman) and Don Witt. Sis. Nancy traveled to California to spend time with them shortly after Timothy's birth. She returned with happy memories and darling pictures.

Bro Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) was our visiting minister. We so much appreciate his willing service and are thankful to God that He directs His people in ways that meet the needs of one another.

contention and strife. But Paul teaches us to live peaceably with all men if it be possible. (Romans 12:18).

My most beloved, keep this sent you from your mother, and obey your parents and those whose bread you eat, and all who admonish you to virtue. Always be diligent to do your work, wherever you be, for Paul says that if any will not work, neither shall he eat . . . (II Thess. 3:10).

Let no impure thoughts remain in your hearts, but engage yourselves with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, and evil thoughts will have no room. (Col. 3:16). Neither let filthiness proceed out of your mouth, for of this an account will have to be given. (Matt. 12:36).

Furthermore, my most beloved, wherever you be esteem yourselves as the least, and be not wise in your own conceit, but always suffer yourselves to be instructed by those who are above you, and always be silent when others speak. Humble yourself beneath all men, for whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, but he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. (Matt. 23:12). For Christ, who is the greatest, made Himself the least, for an example unto us . . .

My children, be just in all your dealings; for in the way of the just there is life, and in the beaten path there is no death. It is joy to the righteous to do that which is right, but fear to the evildoers. Futher, choose to earn your bread by the labor of your hands, and to eat your bread with peace. Seek not to be anxious for great gain. Better is little with the fear of God, than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dry morsel, and quietness, than a

house full of sacrifices with strife. (Prov. 15:16 and 17:1).

My children, love not dainties (something delicious or pleasing to the taste), nor wine. He that desires costly feasts will not become rich; but be content with the labor of your hands. Overtax no one, but be satisfied with what is reasonable, as you have seen of me. Be burdensome to no one, as long as you can obtain the things needful. It is more blessed to give than to receive. And Paul says, "If ye have food and raiment, be therewith content." (I Tim. 6:8).

... O my lambs, you are still in your youth, in your infancy. You have yet your part in your Father's kingdom; see that you keep it well and do not as Esau did, who gave his inheritance for a mess of pottage; not regarding his father's blessing, he gave it away for perishable food. But Jacob chose the better part, and was obedient to God and his father, walking the ways of the Lord with all righteousness.

My most beloved, seek instruction, so that you may be taught, and know which is the true way; for you may now choose life or death, good or evil; whichever you desire shall be given you. If you delight in evil, so that you choose the pleasures of the world (from which springs all unrighteousness), namely lying, cheating, gambling, playing, swearing, cursing, backbiting, hatred, envy, drunkenness, banqueting, excess, idolatry, covetousness, las-

civiousness, vanity, filthy conversation, dancing and so forth; which things, though the world does not consider them sins, but amusements, are nevertheless abominations in the eyes of the Lord.

... O my dear children, I have written this in tears, admonishing you out of love, praying for you with a fervent heart that, if possible, you might be of this number (of the righteous). For when your father was taken from me, I did not spare myself day or night to bring you up, and my prayer and solicitude was constantly for your salvation, and even while in bonds my greatest care has always been that my prudence did not enable me to make better provision for you. For when it was told me, that you had been taken to Oudenarde, and thence to Bruges, it was a hard blow for me, so that I never had a greater sorrow.

But when I thought that my coming or providing couldn't help the matter, and that for Christ's sake we must separate from all that we love in this world I committed all to the will of the Lord, and I still hope and pray constantly that He in His mercy will preserve you as He preserved Joseph, Moses and Daniel in the midst of wicked men. And He will do this, if you give diligence to follow truth; then the angel of the Lord will be with you . . .

(This article will be continued in a future issue.)

They are going to realize God's peace, God's salvation and God's blessings in their lives. That is why He is calling and exhorting us.

Jesus called to the little children and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16. We can see that He loves little children. Who of us did not start out as a little child? But we departed from that state of innocence when we became older and accountable for our actions. Then it was up to us to seek God's mercy, and to ask for His forgiveness and for His help in our lives as the publican did. The state of childhood innocence is then restored to us. The Lord wants us to have that state of innocence so that we can be as the little children who have a part in the kingdom of heaven.

A certain ruler asked the Lord, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 18:18. Jesus reminded him of the commandments. Notice that He said, "Thou knowest the commandments." Luke 18:20.

Sometimes we may think, "I wonder what the Lord wants me to do? I wonder what He wants me to do in this particular circumstance?" Especially, the unconverted man may wonder, "What am I supposed to do?" It might be as the Lord said, "Thou knowest!"

What do you know? What do you understand from the Word of God that you are supposed to do? With the capability for reasoning that God has given to you, what do you understand from God's Word? He might ask you to tell Him.

He said, "Thou knowest the commandments," and He enumerated them, "Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal . . ." and so on. Luke 18:20. He was referring mainly to the commandments that concern our relationship with our fellow men.

There are other commandments, when we consider the ten commandments. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . . Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," and so on, which pertain more to our relationship with our Lord. Exodus 20:3, 4, 7.

The commandments that Jesus enumerated related to the young man's association with his fellow men. The ruler could say, "All these have I kept from my youth up." Luke 18:21. He

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will be exalted.

We should strive for exaltation in God's way. When we attempt to gain it for ourselves, we fail. The Lord tells us that those who are humble have exaltation awaiting. The reverse is true; those who are proud have an abasement awaiting.

If we can see ourselves exactly as we are, and keep the proper perspective as to our situation and position in life, it goes so much better for us. We should qualify here. This does not mean that we are to consider ourselves worthless. We do not want to give the impression that people are not worth anything. Quite the opposite. People are very valuable. People are very precious in the sight of the Lord, and He loves everyone dearly.

He does not want us to give up hope. He does not want us to despair and to

feel that there is no help. In fact, that was one of the messages of His preceding parable, that God will "avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him." He loves them. Surely He is going to help them, but He wants us to realize our dependence on Him. He wants us to be a partaker of His mercy, of His compassion, and of His benefits.

These blessings flow much more freely to those who are humble, to those who are willing to say, "God, be merciful to me because I need You." This is also true for the unconverted. They should say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," as the publican did.

If we come to Him with that attitude, the Lord is able to fill us. He is able to help us. He is able to exemplify in our lives His saving grace and the joy of His salvation. That is, after all, what He wants to do. That is the exaltation that He speaks of here. Those who humble themselves are going to be exalted.

seemed to be a kindly person who was easy to live with, the kind of person we would like to have as a neighbor or as a friend. Jesus did not contest that.

Then Jesus reminded him that he still lacked one thing. He said, "... sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me." Luke 18:22. Even though this man had kept many of the commandments, Jesus saw that there was a restriction in his life. There was something that his heart hung upon more than it should, and that was his earthly treasures, his earthly riches. Jesus reminded him that he lacked one thing, the ability to divest himself of that whereon his heart hung.

When the man heard what the Lord asked of him, he was sorrowful because he was very rich. Jesus reminded him (and us), "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" Luke 18:24.

In another place, it is expressed, "... how hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God." Mark 10:24. Jesus was telling us that salvation is hard to attain if we hang our hearts on earthly treasures and love riches to the extent that we cannot distribute to the poor, to the extent that we hoard them to ourselves and want more, and more, and more.

We can become possessed by our earthly possessions. We can, in effect, become slaves to that over which we should be masters. We ought not to become slaves to our earthly possessions, to our earthly goods. When we realize that they are gifts from God, lent to us to be used as good stewards would use them for the praise of God, it behooves us to maintain the mastery over them. When we become slaves to our earthly possessions, we are on dangerous ground, as this certain ruler was. We need to guard against that. We need to be careful that we don't become snared by the wrong attitude.

We all have a certain amount of earthly goods which the Lord has entrusted to us. Let us thank Him for it, but let us ask Him how we are to use it. Let us willingly be useful in His service with that which He has entrusted to us, and then we won't come into the same snare that this ruler found himself in. What a commendable life the ruler would have displayed if he had submitted in that one thing. It is a sobering

lesson for us. We may be serving the Lord in most areas of our lives. Beloved, it is a sobering responsibility when we consider, "Is there one area in which I am not serving the Lord? Is there one thing that I yet lack? Is there one particle of my life that I have not fully surrendered to the Lord?"

There are mainly two who know the answer to that question. Those two are the individual and the Lord. Others may observe it. Others may draw their own conclusions, rightly or wrongly, but the individual and the Lord know whether there is one thing that is preventing complete submission and total self-sacrifice to the will of God.

It is our duty, beloved, to try to overcome such a thing. First, we must identify it, if such a condition exists, and then, by the grace of God, overcome it. Part of what is necessary is self-sacrifice, of which we sang. If we succeed, beloved, we will not come into condemnation.

After listening to the parable, Peter said that they have left all and followed Him, and Jesus commended them for that. He said that those who do that will "... receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Luke 18:30. The Lord does not necessarily want us to be deprived.

Jesus says here that those who serve him, those who are willing to leave house, parents, brethren, wife or so on, in other words, those who are willing to put the Lord first, will receive more in this present time and in the world to come, life everlasting. We see that the Lord desires to bless those who are willing to sacrifice for Him.

"Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated," and so on. Luke 18:31, 32. They didn't understand that. It was a new idea for them. They couldn't understand how that would come to their Master, their Lord; and yet, it was fulfilled. We know that Jesus willingly submitted so that He might fulfill the mission for which He was sent to this earth.

We see that the Son of God exemplified total self-sacrifice. It was different from what He asks of you and me. He asked something much less of this

young ruler who came to Him. He didn't ask the ruler to be crucified on a cross and give his life for the sins of the world. He asked something of the ruler which would have been within the power and the capacity of that ruler to give, if he truly wanted to be reconciled with the Lord.

Jesus Himself had a different mission. Still, it is the same self-sacrifice that was exemplified in Him which He requests from us. Again, total submission to Him is the answer.

We also read about a blind man who cried when he heard the multitude passing by. He said, "Jesus Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Luke 18:38. He was persistent in his crying to the extent that some there "... rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Luke 18:39.

Jesus asked him what he wanted. "And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people ... gave praise unto God (when they saw this blessing)." Luke 18:41, 42, 43. There again was an example of persistence. This chapter begins and ends with an exhortation to perseverance, to persistence. Keep on! Don't give up! Keep on! Strive! If we do that, beloved, according to God's Word, we will receive the promised blessing.

It would do us no good to stand up and promise something that was not substantiated in God's Word. We couldn't fulfill it. We couldn't back up such promises and claims. We are powerless to do that. But what is in God's Word? What has been inspired by the Lord to be preserved and to be brought to us as His inspired Holy Word of life? We may claim power and strength for our lives and everlasting life as a reward for doing His will. Perseverance in doing His will is what He wants from us. Dedication, zeal, self-sacrifice, humility, willingness to give is what He asks. That is what we have been taught in this chapter.

May God give us the grace, as we go about our daily duties, to examine ourselves, and to ask Him for the light and the help to live in such a way that He will see in us humility, faith and dedication. May God give us grace to that end.

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Text: Luke 18

Evidently the Lord saw a need to exhort people to not become weary in well doing, for He said that "... men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

It is easy for us to identify with that need, because it is typical to try for awhile and then, when things don't go our way, to give up or to become apathetic. Jesus is exhorting us here: Don't be that way. Try to avoid that reaction. Be persistent. Persevere in your prayer life, in your spiritual endeavors, and in your Christian activities.

What the Lord is saying is that we are going to be tested sometimes. We are going to be tried. He said here, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

For what endeavors in life, beloved, do we need faith? Faith is required for what we don't see. Anything that is evident before our eyes, physically speaking, doesn't really require any faith. It doesn't require faith to look at the person next to you and admit that you are both here in the same room. What requires faith is to trust in something that hasn't yet happened, and to believe assuredly that it will happen.

The Lord asked the question, "When I come back again, will I find faith on the earth?" Notice the way that this is written. It is an unanswered question. I think that it is up to each of us to answer the Lord as to whether or not He is going to find us faithful. That is what each of us should be concerned about. We need to ask ourselves, "Is the Lord going to find faith in me? Not only when He comes back, but before He comes back, and while I am still on this earth and attempting to serve Him, is He going to find me faithful?" We need to prove faithful to our Lord.

The Lord is going to "avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them." He

even says, "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily." Luke 18:7, 8. We have to remember that "speedily" in God's time frame may not be the same as "speedily" is understood by us. We have to be aware that the Lord does things in His own way and in His own time.

To receive the greatest benefit and blessing will require faith on our part. It is going to require implicit trust that the Lord is in control. He knows everything that is happening, and He has complete power and He has complete control. He will do what He sees is good, and He will take care of those who serve Him and trust Him even though that may not always be in the way that they would expect.

If we can trust our Lord, if we can submit to what He sees is good for us and serve Him faithfully, then we can answer affirmatively, "Yes, Lord, You will find faith in me." That is what He wants, and that is what we encourage one another to do.

It does take encouragement. It does require help, both from one another and from the Lord. How very important it is that we work with and help one another, that we work together in the responsibilities that the Lord places at our doorstep, we might say. We need the support that we get from each other.

It is a blessing that we don't all have our loads at exactly the same time. When we are "down", somebody else can see a little more clearly, and has a better perspective to help us and to encourage us along life's way. Others can give assistance and support that we need at difficult times.

Perhaps at other times the situation is reversed, and we are expected to give the support, the comfort and the assistance. May we be willing either to give or to receive support, assistance or advice, whatever the condition may be.

In so doing, we can walk together cooperatively, in sweet fellowship and communion one with another.

The Lord tells us here about two men who went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other, a publican. The Pharisee prayed "with himself" and he thanked the Lord that he was not as other men are. Then he listed some things which others were, "... extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican." Luke 18:11. He praised himself because he fasted and gave tithes.

The publican, on the other hand, stood "afar off". He did not "lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke 18:13.

We can see their opposite attitudes. We might say that the Pharisee was an exemplary individual. Wouldn't it be nice if there were more people free from extortion, from unjustness and from adultery, people who would be willing to fast and to give tithes, and so on? Wouldn't that be commendable?

Well, that may be commendable, but what was not commendable was the Pharisee's own attitude about himself. What was not commendable was his arrogance, his pride. You see, he might as well have said, "God, I'm proud that I am as good as I am." He didn't say it, but that's what came through.

The Lord reminded those who listened to him, and He reminds us, that it was the publican who said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The publican might as well have said, "Lord, I am unworthy. I'm down and out. Help me!"

The Lord looked at the humble attitude much more favorably than He did at the proud one. He said that the publican went down to his house justified rather than the Pharisee, because every one who exalts himself will be abased and he who humbles himself

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